



Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

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To: Mr. Charles McNeely, Chairperson, Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated
The Honourable Shane Thompson, Minister of Lands, Government of the Northwest Territories
The Honourable Dan Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs Canada

RE: Adoption of 5-Year Review Amendment of the Sahtu Land Use Plan and Submission for Approval

Dear Sirs,

The initial Sahtu Land Use Plan (SLUP) was approved and came into effect on August 8, 2013. The Sahtu Land Use Planning Board (SLUPB or “the “Board”) concluded its first comprehensive review of the SLUP as per Section 50 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA)* on January 23, 2018. The Board concluded that amendments to the SLUP were needed, and sought input on the scope of amendments.

The SLUPB has worked collaboratively with the approving parties (the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated (SSI), the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and the department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)), Sahtu communities, and other planning partners since then on the scope and details of the amendment application. Public notice for a draft amendment application was published on December 9, 2019 as per subsection 42(1) of the *MVRMA*, providing 60 days for public review and comment. The Board then worked to address the comments received and revised the amendment application accordingly.

I am pleased to announce that the Board formally adopted the amendment application by a motion on April 30, 2020, in compliance with subsection 48(1) of the *MVRMA*. The SLUPB now formally submits its 5-Year Review Amendment Application, as adopted, to the SSI, the GNWT and CIRNAC for your review and approval, as per subsections 48 (2) and 43 (1) to (4) of the *MVRMA*.

The Adopted Amendment Application consists of two volumes where Volume 1 is the main body of the SLUP, including Appendices 1 and 2; and Volume 2 is “Appendix 3: GIS Protocols, Methodology, and Physical Limits Zone Descriptions”. As Appendix 3 is a part of the SLUP, the Board is seeking approval from the Parties on both volumes. It is the Board’s intent that these volumes will be kept separate in the final approved plan. The Adopted Amendment Application is available on the Board’s website at:

- Volume 1: https://sahtulanduseplan.org/sites/default/files/slup_amendment_application_may1_2020.pdf
- Volume 2: https://sahtulanduseplan.org/sites/default/files/metes_bounds_methodology_0.pdf



All amendment-related correspondence and meeting materials are also available on our public registry, to assist with your review: <https://sahtulanduseplan.org/registry/category/5-year-slup-review>

Should you have any questions about this amendment application please contact Heidi Wiebe, Project Manager, at (867) 447-0961 or Heidi.wiebe@gmail.com. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have to facilitate your timely review and approval of this amendment application.

Mahsi,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heather Bourassa".

Heather Bourassa
Board Chair