



# Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

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To: Sahtu Land Use Planning Board General Distribution List

Re: *Background Report: Amending the Sahtu Land Use Plan's Zone 65 PCI (Proposed Conservation Initiative) Following the Creation of Ts'udé Nijlíné Tuyeta Protected Area*

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The Ts'udé Nijlíné Tuyeta Protected Area is the first protected area established in the Sahtu Settlement Area (SSA) under the *NWT Protected Areas Act*. With the establishment agreement signed by the K'asho Got'ine and the GNWT in September 2019, the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board (SLUPB) needs to amend the Sahtu Land Use Plan (SLUP) to revise the zoning of the new protected area itself to "Established Protected Area", and the remnants of lands within SLUP Zone 65 Proposed Conservation Initiative (PCI) that were left outside the boundaries of the Ts'udé Nijlíné Tuyeta Protected Area. This process will run parallel to the development of regulations for the Ts'udé Nijlíné Tuyeta Protected Area under the *NWT Protected Areas Act*.

As part of this process, the SLUPB is releasing a report that provides:

- Background information and history of the protected area's development;
- Current status of Zone 65 and land use planning considerations; and
- Timeline and description of the SLUP amendment process.

For the next 60-days, the Board invites written comments from planning partners on the content of the Background Report to inform the process. The SLUPB will also conduct a first round of community engagement with the K'asho Got'ine District, as well as community organizations within Tulita, Norman Wells and Mayo, Yukon during this time to present the background information, answer questions and discuss options for rezoning and other plan direction needed in the areas left out of the final protected area. It is the SLUPB's aim to gather relevant information and public input by early October 2020 on the Background Report.

The SLUPB will then host a Tripartite Meeting with Approving Parties to discuss the information and comments received and build consensus around the contents and direction of the Draft Amendment Application. The Board will develop the Draft Amendment Application and release it for public comment towards the end of this year.

The release of the Draft Amendment Application will be followed by a second public comment and engagement period over the winter (2020-21) to solicit input into potential revisions. Following the completion of engagement and review of written comments received on the Draft Amendment Application, the SLUPB will hold a second Tripartite Meeting with Approving Parties in February 2021 to build consensus around final revisions. The SLUPB will complete those revisions and adopt and submit the final amendment application in March 2021 for sequential approval by the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated, Government of the Northwest Territories



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(Minister of Lands), and Government of Canada (Minister of Northern Affairs Canada). A SLUP amendment will take effect when all three parties have approved it.

The Board's online registry will house all documents and updated materials as the amendment process moves forward. To access these resources, the background report, or SLUP visit:

[www.sahtulanduseplan.org](http://www.sahtulanduseplan.org)

Any questions on the process should be directed to the Project Manager, Heidi Wiebe, at [Heidi.wiebe@gmail.com](mailto:Heidi.wiebe@gmail.com), or by phone at 867-447-0961.

Submission of written comments on the Background Report may be done by email, post, or fax. The deadline for submitting comments is **5:00 PM on Friday, October 9, 2020**.

These comments should be addressed using the following:

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