



Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

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To: Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Chair, The Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated
Willard Hagen, Deputy Minister, GNWT-Lands
Mark Hopkins, Director General, INAC-Natural Resources and Environmental Branch

RE: **SLUPB meeting invitation to the MVRMA Approval Parties regarding the SLUP Amendment Process**

Dear Representatives of the MVRMA Approval Parties:

The Sahtu Land Use Planning Board is requesting your presence at the **Tulita Cultural Centre on March 22-23, 2017**. The purpose of the meeting with the MVRMA Approval Parties is to review the SLUPB's efforts to amend the Sahtu Land Use Plan following the creation of the Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve of Canada, and chart a course to bring this process to a successful conclusion.

On January 9, 2017 the SLUPB issued a Notice of Amendment Application. The Board accepted and reviewed twelve (12) written submissions on the application. The application, comments, and all previously released amendment scoping documents can be found on the SLUPB on-line registry: www.sahtulanduseplan.org/am2015-01

Based on the comments received, the SLUPB is not prepared at this time to adopt the amendments as proposed in the January 9 amendment application. It is hosting this meeting with the three Approval Parties to consider next steps in the process.

From its review of written submissions, the SLUPB noted that the Governments of the Northwest Territories and Canada expressed support for the proposed rezoning of lands currently within Proposed Conservation Zone 41 as Special Management Zones. However, both parties proposed changes to proposed Conformity Requirement #20, and requested a meeting to discuss. The SLUPB did not receive a written submission from the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated.

The agenda for the meeting is in development. Topics to be covered will include: an overview of the SLUP amendment process and the SLUPB's activities since 2015, review of the SLUPB zoning proposal and comments received, discussion on proposed Conformity Requirement #20. The Board would also accept additional input from the Approval Parties that will support the finalization of the SLUP amendment process.



Please confirm your attendance with Scott Paszkiewicz the SLUPB's Executive Director at exec_director@sahtulanduseplan.org or 867-598-2055. He is also available to answer any questions you have regarding the meeting and/or amendment process.

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

Heather Bourassa
SLUPB Chair

CC:

David Little, Executive Director, The Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated

Terry Hall, Director, Land Use and Sustainability GNWT-Lands
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