



Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

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Sent by Email

Behdzi Ahda First Nation &
Ayonih Keh Land Corporation
P.O. Box 53
Colville Lake, NT. X0E 1L0
Attention: Chief Wilbert Kochon and President David Codzi

Dear Mr. Kochon and Mr. Codzi,

RE: Community Use Zone and the SLUPB's 5-year Review Amendments

Thank you for your interest in the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board's 5-year review of the Sahtu Land Use Plan and associated amendments. Our Board appreciates the opportunities our staff and Board members have had to meet with Behdzi Ahda leadership and community members throughout 2019 to discuss the SLUP and zoning amendments in the Colville Lake area.

The Board would like to follow up directly with Behdzi Ahda First Nation (BAFN) regarding the creation of a Community Use Zone. The Board understands that BAFN is currently working towards the first module of a self-government agreement and that the creation of a community use zone is tied to these negotiations, as stated in your letter from July 27, 2018.

The Board is open to considering the creation of a new zone as described in your letter from July 27, 2018, but requires further information from BAFN. Because the SLUPB is close to the end of the amendment process for the 5-year review amendments, the SLUPB would like to direct BAFN to submit a separate amendment application regarding the creation of a Community Use Zone at such time that BAFN is ready. Amendment applications can be submitted at any time throughout the 5-year planning cycle and do not need to be tied to a 5-year review.

Throughout the last year, the SLUPB has hosted two public meetings in Colville Lake regarding the 5-year review and the SLUP, along with several meetings with leadership. At the beginning of December, the SLUPB will release the Draft Amendment Application that outlines the proposed amendments to the SLUP that have been informed by the 5-year review. The Board would like to invite BAFN to comment on the proposed amendments.



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In closing, we thank you for your continued interest and engagement in the SLUP. We look forward to building a close working relationship with Behdzi Ahda First Nation and Ayoni Keh Land Corporation, as well as all of our planning partners. If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Harding, RPP, MCIP, Executive Director. She can be reached at 867-598-2055 ext.0 or exec_director@sahtulanduseplan.org.

Mahsi Cho,

Heather Bourassa

SLUPB Chair

cc:

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