



May 19, 2020

Ms. Heather Bourassa
Chairperson
Sahtu Land Use Planning Board
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Dear Ms. Bourassa:

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

I am writing in response to the notification letter I received from the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board (the Board) on May 01, 2020 regarding the Board's adoption of the 5-Year Review Amendment Application and submission for approval.

As outlined in section 43 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA), the approval process for land use plan amendments is sequential – *i.e.* approval by the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated, followed by the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and then the Government of Canada. The amendments will only come into force once approved by the Government of Canada, as set out in sections 43(4) and 48(2) of the MVRMA.

After approval of the 5-Year Review Amendment Application by the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated, the GNWT will initiate its approval process, including the completion of section 35 consultation.

I would like to thank the Board for their collaborative efforts in leading the first 5-Year Review of the Sahtu Land Use Plan. The GNWT remains committed to an efficient and effective conclusion to the first 5-Year Review of the Sahtu Land Use Plan.

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If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Gina Ridgely Director, Land Use & Sustainability at Gina_Ridgely@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,



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