



# Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

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To: SLUPB General Distribution List  
From: Sahtu Land Use Planning Board Chair  
**RE: Sahtu Land Use Plan Assessment Report**

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The Sahtu Land Use Planning Board (SLUPB) has an ongoing role to monitor the implementation of the Sahtu Land Use Plan (Plan) that was approved in August 2013. As a means to fulfill this mandate, the SLUPB contracted HTFC Planning and Design to conduct a Plan assessment that could inform the first 5-Year Plan Review. The primary purpose of the assessment was to evaluate the awareness and effectiveness of the Plan and identify challenges and opportunities by reviewing past Plan development and current Plan implementation performance.

The assessment was conducted from June through December 2016. The scope of the assessment included: a site visit to the SLUPB office in Fort Good Hope, a review of SLUPB files and other publicly available documents, as well as distributing surveys and conducting interviews with organizations and individuals representing the primary users of the Plan. HTFC's findings were presented to the SLUPB as the Sahtu Land Use Plan Assessment Report delivered on January 5, 2017.

The Assessment Report is being distributed publicly to advance conversations on land use planning in the Sahtu Settlement Area (SSA). It is expected that the assessment findings will serve as a starting point for future discussions that will determine the scope of the Plan's 5-Year Review. Pending funding and work plan approval, the SLUPB is planning additional engagement activities. The SLUPB aims to host a series of community meetings to gather additional input from Sahtu participants and residents. The SLUPB will also seek input from other key planning partners representing the three MVRMA approval parties (The Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated, Government of the Northwest Territories, Government of Canada), Designated Sahtu Organizations, other co-management boards, industry, environmental non-government organizations, and others with an interest in land use planning in the SSA.

The Board would like to thank those that participated in SLUP Assessment by providing documents, completing the survey, and/or took the time from their busy schedules to be interviewed by HTFC. The Board also looks forward to future meetings that will inform the 5-Year Review process. Your ongoing input is vital to chart the direction of the 5-Year Review and future land use planning activities in the SSA.

Any questions regarding the Sahtu Land Use Plan Assessment Report or other related work of the SLUPB should be directed to Scott Paszkiewicz, the Board's Executive Director/Senior Land Use Planner, at [exec\\_director@sahtulanduseplan.org](mailto:exec_director@sahtulanduseplan.org) or 867-598-2055.

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