



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 following the creation of the Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve*

The Sahtu Settlement Area is home to Canada's newest national park reserve. When the Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve was formally established in December 2014, it changed the zoning boundaries of the Sahtu Land Use Plan (SLUP or Plan).

The Sahtu Land Use Planning Board (SLUPB or Board) has anticipated this change and has begun a process to review the areas affected in Proposed Conservation Initiative Zone 41 (Nááts'ihch'oh). Today, the Board is releasing a report that provides:

- Background information and history of the park reserve's development;
- Current status of Zone 41 and land use planning considerations; 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.

Comments received will also help frame the agenda for three (3) public meetings the SLUPB will host to gather further input from planning partners. Details for the meetings are forthcoming and tentatively scheduled to be held in Tulita and Norman Wells during the week of July 13th, and in Yellowknife the week of July 20th.

It is the Board's aim to gather all relevant information and public input by August 2015. At that time, the Board anticipates it will prepare an application to amend the SLUP. Should the Board adopt an amendment, it would be submitted for approval to the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated, Government of the Northwest Territories (Minister of Lands), and Government of Canada (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada). A SLUP amendment cannot take effect until 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, updated zoning map, or SLUP visit:

www.sahtulanduseplan.org



Any questions on the process should be directed to Scott Paszkiewicz, the Board's Executive Director, at exec_director@sahtulanduseplan.org or 867-598-2055.

Written comments on the Background Report are due by **5:00 PM** on **Tuesday June 16, 2015**.

Comments should be addressed to:

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

Heather Bourassa
SLUPB Chair