

July 11, 2017

Notice of Proceeding

Tłıchq All-Season Road Project, Government of the Northwest Territories
Department of Infrastructure

Re: Technical Session August 15-16, 2017

After consulting parties and the developer, the Review Board has scheduled technical session for EA 1617-01 in Behchokò on August 15-16, 2017. If required, the Board will hold an additional day of technical sessions on Thursday, August 17. Parties and their technical advisors are strongly encouraged to attend the technical sessions in person.

The purpose of a technical session is for parties to discuss technical issues with the developer in a face-to-face setting, in order to clearly understand and, where possible, resolve issues. The technical session also facilitates identification of the outstanding issues to focus on during the remainder of the environmental assessment. See the attached draft *Technical Session Agenda*, including suggestions on how to prepare.

Pre-technical session conference

A pre-technical session conference will be held on August 1, 2017 in Yellowknife at the Review Board office. The purpose of this conference is to ensure that parties and the developer have a common understanding of the purpose of the technical session and expectations on how to effectively participate. Please review the attached draft *Technical Session Agenda* prior to the conference. The draft agenda will be finalized during the conference. Parties are encouraged to attend in person but teleconference will be available. Further details to follow.

The contact for this environmental assessment is Environmental Assessment Officer Simon Toogood (867) 766-7053; stoogood@reviewboard.ca.

Attachments:

- Draft *Technical Session Agenda*
- Tips for preparing for and participating in a technical session

Tłıchọ All-Season Road (EA1617-01)

Technical Session Agenda

Tuesday, August 15 – Wednesday August 16, 2017

Behchokò, Kò Gocho Centre

Below is the agenda for the technical session for the proposed Tłıchọ All-Season Road Project. The purpose of the technical session is to:

1. encourage open discussion between parties and the developer on scientific and traditional knowledge information in an informal setting;
2. have focused discussions on project effects that could lead to significant adverse impacts on the environment or people; and
3. seek clarification on responses to information requests or other evidence on the public record for the project.

The technical session is informal and will be facilitated by Review Board staff. Review Board members do not attend. Days and times allotted are approximate and may vary during the sessions. If there is time remaining at the end of each day, topics may be moved forward. Parties are reminded to submit CVs or resumes of technical advisors participating on behalf of their respective organizations prior to the technical session.

Technical session logistics:

- Teleconference will be made available to a limited number of participants during the technical session, upon request. However, parties and technical advisors are strongly urged to attend in person. Please email Simon Toogood at stoogood@reviewboard.ca if you would like details for the teleconference.
- The technical session will be transcribed, and the Review Board will post verbatim transcripts to the registry.
- An interpreter will be available. If you or the party you represent cannot participate without an interpreter at this technical session, please advise the Review Board by August 10, 2017.
- Health breaks have not been put into the agenda, but will be taken at optimal times throughout the day.

*Tẖcẖo All-Season Road Project Technical Session
August 15th to 16th, 2017*

Tuesday August 15, 9:30am – 4:30pm

Overview of project and discussion of environmental effects

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| 9:30 am | Opening remarks and introduction from the Review Board staff |
| 9:45 am | Developer presentation: Overview of the project |
| 10:30 am | Barren-ground caribou Boreal (Woodland) caribou |
| 12:00 – 1:00 pm | Lunch - provided |
| 1:00 – 4:30 pm | Moose Species at risk Birds |
| 4:30 pm | Adjourn |

Wednesday August 16th, 9:30am – 4:30pm

Socio-economics, traditional harvesting and traditionally-harvested species

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| 9:30 am | Fish, water, and water quality |
| 12:00 – 1:00 pm | Lunch - provided |
| 1:00 pm | Effects on communities Cultural resources, including archaeological sites Traditional harvesting |
| 4:30 pm | Adjourn |

*Tẖcẖo All-Season Road Project Technical Session
 August 15th to 16th, 2017*

| Thursday August 17th, 9:30 am – 4:30pm | |
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| <i>Extra day if required</i> | |
| 9:30 am | To be determined |
| 12:00 – 1:00pm | Lunch |
| 1:00 pm | To be determined |
| 4:30 pm | Adjourn |

Tips for preparing for and participating in a technical session

EA1617-01

The information in this document is based on material in the *Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines 2004* and through lessons learned in conducting environmental assessment.

The following tips are meant to assist parties to prepare to participate effectively in the limited time available.

During the technical session, the Review Board encourages parties to:

- **focus discussion on significant issues** – those that matter most to you
- **concentrate questioning on project effects that could change components** of the biophysical, social, or cultural environment that **could lead to significant adverse impacts** to the environment or people
- ask questions that will provide you with information on **specifically how** these impacts could occur (that is, the causal mechanism) and how they can be mitigated
- be prepared to discuss **how much change you think would be significant** and why
- **prepare your questions ahead of time**, and keep them concise so that maximum time can be spent answering and follow-up discussion
- **reference** relevant public registry **documents and page numbers** to provide context to your questions. If you reference other material, be prepared to submit it to the public registry.

For additional information on technical sessions, please see

<http://reviewboard.ca/upload/ref library/2011 technical reviews flat sheet 131862206 9.PDF>