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Attention Mr. Arnold

RE: Archaeologist Research Application (Application) in Relation to a Proposed Heritage Impact Assessment at Drybones Bay by Callum Thomson, Funded by New Shoshoni Ventures Ltd. (Shoshoni)

The Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) and the Land and Environment Committee (L&EC) does not support the proposed Application. First, however, we need to emphasize that the YKDFN fundamentally do not want any activity at Drybones Bay that could lead to a mine being developed there.

Our predicament is that supporting the Application conveys tacit support for Shoshoni's goal of mining the diamond resource it believes is at Drybones Bay; conversely, the YKDFN is urgently trying to document its cultural landscape, including archeological sites, before they are irretrievably disturbed.

Given Shoshoni's stated desire to exploit the potential resources at Drybones Bay, the YKDFN cannot support the requested Application. For clarity, the YKDFN cannot support activities whose ultimate purpose is to advance mining at Drybones Bay. In addition, the application is erroneous. There is no communication occurring between the YKDFN and New Shoshoni, and the YKDFN has formally declined Shoshoni's request to revisit or reopen discussions on New Shoshoni's land use permit application MV20030016.

Sincerely,

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