



Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

February 5, 2004

Ka'a'Gee Tu First Nation
Chief Lloyd Chicot
P.O. Box 4428
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Dear Chief Chicot,

RE: Paramount Cameron Hills Extension EA: Hearing Dates

The Review Board would like to thank you for your letter of February 3, 2004 requesting that the Paramount Public Hearing date be moved, to avoid conflict with the Regional Deh Cho Leadership Meeting.

The Review Board previously considered your request of January 7, 2004, which asked that the hearing date be moved. At that time, the Review Board approached the Deh Cho First Nation in order to discuss and confirm the dates of the Regional Deh Cho Leadership Meeting. The Review Board was advised that the Deh Cho First Nation (DCFN) was aware of the Paramount Public Hearing in Hay River, scheduled for the 18-19 of February. The Board was further advised that the DCFN would accommodate the Paramount hearing in the scheduling of its Regional Leadership Meeting.

On January 26, 2004 the Review Board was informed that the DCFN would not change the dates of the Regional Leadership Meeting. Because we were advised of the conflict in schedules so close to the hearing date, the Review Board is unfortunately not able to move its hearing dates.

Subsequent to its Pre Hearing Conference for the Paramount EA held on Monday, February 2, 2004 the Review Board decided, in response to a request from the Fort Providence Metis Council, to extend the final submission dates for the Paramount hearing. This will allow extra time for the First Nations parties in particular to consider their positions and make submissions to the Board about the project. Details of the extension will follow separately.

It is the Review Board's hope that the KTFN will be able to participate in the hearing. We are still willing to make arrangements to hear from your leadership in an evening session. This may be possible since the Regional Leadership Meeting will be located nearby, in Fort Providence. As well, in light of our telephone conversation earlier today, we are pleased to provide the residents of Kakisa with a forum for discussing the

Paramount EA with the Review Board at the community meeting to be held February 17, 2004. We will provide a lunch and extend the invitation to all Kakisa community members to come out and discuss the issues they feel are relevant, in an afternoon session.

We also hope that the extension to the submission dates granted will provide an additional opportunity for the KTFN to participate in the proceedings. If you require any further information, and wish to schedule a session at the Hearing, please do not hesitate to contact us as soon as possible in order to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vern Christensen', written over a horizontal line.

Vern Christensen
Executive Director

cc: Mandell Pinder Barristers and Solicitors (Gillian Calder)
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