



ACHO DENE KOE FIRST NATION BRIEFING REPORT

Topic: COMMUNITY SCOPING SESSION – FORT LIARD
MACKENZIE VALLEY REVIEW BOARD
CANADIAN ZINC – ALL-SEASON ROAD
JUNE 10, 2014

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Administration Recommendations:

- Through the Coordinator, Communications & Development, make all presentation materials available in hard copy to community members.
- Liaise between any community members wishing to submit comments to the Mackenzie Valley Review Board as relating to the proposed all-season road.

Issue(s):

Community members raised a number of issues during the scoping session, outlined as follows:

- Roy Klondike (RK) suggested that the highway may need to be rebuilt in some places to accommodate trucks.
- RK: Increased traffic will have an impact on families and community members using the road.
- RK: Inquired about weight controls, to which he was advised that each truck will contain a certain number of bags, making the truck weights consistent.
- Herbert Berreault (HB) asked about the river crossings, which was deferred to later in the presentation.
- RK inquired about getting fuel to the trucks and to the mine site.
- HB inquired about water monitoring on site, to which Dave Harpley (DH) responded that Canadian Zinc would be responsible for this and they have a water licence.
- RK inquired about training opportunities, to which DH responded that there will be two training courses offered at the mine site.
- HB indicated that a main concern is the elders living along the highway and the impacts that dust will have on them. He advised that the road is narrow and dusty, and asked about who has responsibility for the roads. Incidents/accidents/spills are also of concern.
- RK advised that there are no pullover areas on the road, so traffic may have difficulty accommodating the trucks.
- Lucy Lomen (LL) suggested that some community concerns may not be brought forward because of the difficulty in tracking down the appropriate staff member at the appropriate agency. She expressed that incidents aren't always reported to road users, and that the notification process may not be fast enough to minimize the impact on elders and road users. She further raised the issue of potholes and rocks on the road, which are difficult

to avoid on the narrow roadway. Lastly, she pointed out that truck drivers are often bound by timelines and deadlines, and are more concerned with meeting them than with the impact on communities.

- Upon hearing a description of the road size and alignment, RK asked about materials used for this and from where they would be sourced. DH responded that it would be gravel sourced from suppliers they already have.
- HB asked if there would be blasting on the road, to which he was told no.
- HB asked if there would be many bridges to cross, and was told that there would be.
- Regarding the estimated 16 trucks per day using the highway from Fort Liard to Fort Nelson, RK indicated that one afternoon of consultation on Treaty Day is not sufficient to gauge accurate community reactions.
- HB expressed a concern about roads being damaged by trucks, and followed up with a question about sourcing local individuals to staff jobs. DH responded that Canadian Zinc uses local employment wherever possible, and has existing IBAs with Nahanni Butte and Fort Simpson First Nations.
- HB asked about barging, and was told that apart from the breakup/freezep, barging is done.
- HB asked that contamination from barges be addressed, and further inquired about water monitoring and reporting. He emphasized that local capacity to conduct this monitoring would substantiate the validity of findings. He noted that these risks and impacts of potential water contamination are felt at the community level, and deserve due consideration.
- Lands & Resources Coordinator Alex Fanni (AF) brought forward the concerns communicated to him by Chief Harry Deneron, which were as follows:
 - The importance of due community consultation and consideration of ADK concerns.
 - The issue of traffic on the road through ADK traditional territory, dust, disrepair of the road, and the potential for spills and accidents.
 - The concerns of ADK members using traditional territory near the road.
 - Ongoing communication between Canadian Zinc and ADK.
 - Improvements on the poor condition of the highway.
- RK advised that Nahanni Butte residents will share concerns about the highway, and brings up the issue of tourist traffic including Recreational Vehicles.
- RK raised the concern about moose and bison on the highway, namely the potential for collisions.

Background:

In early June, 2014, the Mackenzie Valley Review Board contacted Acho Dene Koe First Nation (ADK) to advise the Band of the desire to hold a Community Scoping Meeting in Fort Liard. These scoping meetings, regarding a proposed all-season road to Canadian Zinc's Prairie Creek mine, were also held in Nahanni Butte and Fort Simpson.

While the Prairie Creek mine falls outside of ADK Traditional Territory, traffic from the mine including large trucks hauling concentrate will impact users of the Liard Highway. For this reason and to consider ADK members using the traditional territory in proximity of the mine and the access road, The Mackenzie Valley Review Board hosted a Community Scoping meeting in Fort Liard to include members of ADK and the Fort Liard Metis.

On Tuesday, June 10, 2014, the following individuals attended the meeting in Fort Liard:

- Allen Ehrlich, MVRB
- Sachi de Souza, MVRB
- Stacey Menzies, MVRB
- Jonathan Tsetso, Parks Canada
- Allison Stoddart, Parks Canada
- David Britan, Parks Canada
- Wilson Dimsdale, GNWT - ITI
- Paul Mercredi, GNWT – Lands
- David Alexander, CANNOR / NPMG
- Dave Harpley, VP Environment - Canadian Zinc
- Wilbert Antoine, Manager, Northern Development - Canadian Zinc
- Peter Bertrand, ADK Band Councillor
- Roy Klondike, ADK Member
- Herbert Berreault, ADK Member / Translator
- Lucy Lomen, ADK Member
- Rosie Betelli, ADK Member
- Alex Fanni, ADK Lands & Resource Coordinator
- Shannon Crawley, ADK Communications & Development Coordinator

The meeting opened with a prayer by Lucy Lomen, and Allen Ehrlich proceeded to facilitate with an introduction and disclosure of the purpose and procedure of the review process. Attendees were advised that the MVRB's eventual decision will be sent to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). Scoping sessions regarding this project are also being held in Nahanni Butte and Fort Simpson, with the purpose of these meetings being to gauge community concerns, take them back for review, and ensure that concerns are addressed as the review process moves forward.

Dave Harpley, Vice-President Environmental at Canadian Zinc delivered the presentation (as attached), using maps to demonstrate the proposed all-season road. He discussed the rationale for the project and anticipated impacts for communities, including increased traffic on roads, wildlife disturbance, risk of spills, and different traffic based on seasons.

In terms of road use, Mr. Harpley explained that Canadian Zinc currently has a permit to use the winter road, and would like to open the road mid-winter to move concentrate midway out of the mine site. The logistics plan for the transfer of materials was outlined. He later discussed opportunities for collaboration in Phase 2 of the project, which could incorporate partnerships with the territorial government or other private sector road users.

ADK members were advised that comments can be submitted to the Mackenzie Valley Review Board at any time for up to a year.

Attachments:

- Presentation delivered by Canadian Zinc in Fort Liard, June 10, 2014
- Canadian Zinc proposed haulage route
- Canadian Zinc road alignment proposal