

# *Nahanni Butte Dene Band*

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**Re: EA1415-01 Prairie Creek All Season Road - Baseline Information Gaps**


Dear Mr. Hubert,

We refer to the letter from Parks Canada submitted to the Review Board dated September 30, 2016. On October 6, 2016 a Band Council Resolution (BCR) was issued and copied to you, in which we affirmed that the whole of Canadian Zinc's proposed all season road to the Prairie Creek Mine should be subject to a Traditional Land Use Agreement (TLUA) with the Nahanni Butte Dene Band (NBDB).

In the letter from Parks Canada, reference is made to the Naha Dehe Consensus Team which "allows the Dehcho First Nations and Parks Canada to work together cooperatively on park management issues." Unfortunately, since its conception, the Consensus Team has failed to address the genuine concerns of our Elders who had an expectation that officials at Parks Canada would honour a pledge made by the late Rt. Hon. Pierre Elliot Trudeau to consult with the Community on commercial development projects proposed within the Nahanni National Park Reserve. Therefore, we respectfully ask the Review Board not to construe NBDB's participation in the Consensus Team as an implied support of the position described by Parks Canada in their letter.

The NBDB and Canadian Zinc have made significant progress in the negotiation of a TLUA and consideration of benefits related to the proposed all season road. Both parties agree that the road should be co-managed. It is the Band's desire that regulatory processes related to road permits be expedited. We are aware that Canadian Zinc has conducted many baseline studies over multiple years on a variety of subjects and assume at this very advanced stage, the Review Board accepts the data available is sufficient for the environmental assessment. It is our opinion that, if indeed there are baseline data information gaps, these can be addressed as co-managed undertakings within the TLUA.

Sincerely,

  
Chief Peter Marcellais