

Pre-technical Session Conference Meeting Notes

Held at:

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board Office
200 Scotia Centre
5102-50th
Avenue Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N7

August 1, 2017. 9:30 – 11:30 am

Attendees:

Mark Cliffe-Phillips, MVEIRB
Chuck Hubert, MVEIRB
Simon Toogood, MVEIRB

Stu Niven, GNWT-INF
Katie Rozestraten, GNWT-INF
Darren Campbell, GNWT-DoL
Lorraine Seale, GNWT-DoL
Kelly Mahoney, GNWT-ECC
Chris Hewitt, GNWT-MACA
Kevin Brezinski, GNWT-MACA
Kate Witherly, GNWT-ENR
Laurie McGregor, GNWT-ENR
Lisa Cardinal, GNWT-HSS
Morgan Moffitt, GNWT-HSS
Damian Panayi, Golder on behalf of GNWT

Adrian Paradis, CANNOR

Nigel Rossouw, CANNOR
Umar Hasany, CANNOR
Loretta Ransom, ECCC
Maureen Flagler, INAC
Rachelle Besner, NRCAN
Adam Downing, NRCAN
Scott Duke, Justice Canada
Kai Niu, Justice Canada
Mark D’Aguair, DFO

Shin Shiga, NSMA

Jody Pellissey, WRRB
Boyan Tracz, WRRB

Zabey Nevitt, TG
Ginger Gibson, Firelight Group on behalf of TG
Janelle Coods, Firelight Group on behalf of TG

Meeting Summary

Review Board staff provided an introduction to the pre-technical session conference. Key points included:

- notes will be kept and brief summary of the meeting will be posted on the registry, this will not include a verbatim transcript
- discussion is about logistics for the technical session
- substantive issues will not be discussed today



Review Board staff provided a brief description of what the purpose of a technical session is, including to:

- discuss technical issues in a face-to-face setting
- clarify parties' positions on any outstanding issues and resolve issues
- help to focus the remainder of the EA on outstanding issues

This was followed by a brief description by the GNWT of how its staff and consultants will participate at the technical session. The GNWT indicated that it will have a one window approach to fielding questioning through Russ Neudorf, Senior Project Advisor.

This was followed by parties providing their views of what issues they intend to address at the technical session and who will attend.

Key points:

- GNWT will provide an estimate of how many staff will attend at a later date
- Government of Canada indicated 10 – 12 staff will attend
- DFO estimated one staff member will attend with one more calling in
- Transport Canada indicated they would participate via teleconference
- NRCAN indicated that it does not intend to participate
- WRRB estimated three staff
- NSMA estimated three to four attendees
- TG estimated five to 10 staff will attend and indicated that land users may also attend

The discussion moved to finalizing the agenda. The TG expressed its concern that socio-economic issues should be placed on the first day as they are of importance to community members of Whati. The TG requested that time is allotted for introductory remarks from a TG representative. The TG also requested that time be set aside for elders to speak.

The WRRB and NSMA expressed their concern that wildlife issues may take longer than the draft agenda had allotted.

This was followed by a general discussion of hearing logistics.

Follow-up by Review Board to parties' comments and concerns raised during the meeting

In response to the Tlicho Government's request to give socio-economic concerns greater focus the Review Board has dedicated Thursday to this topic, including time for members of the public and elders to provide their views. Time will also be provided for a Tlicho Government representative to provide opening remarks at the start of each day.

The finalized agenda is attached.

Tłıchọ All-Season Road (EA1617-01)

Technical Session Agenda
Tuesday, August 15 – Thursday August 17, 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.

*Tłı̄chọ All-Season Road Project Technical Session
August 15th to 17th, 2017*

Tuesday August 15, 9:30am – 4:30pm	
<i>Wildlife</i>	
9:30 am	Opening remarks and introduction from the Review Board staff and by a Tlı̄chọ Government representative
9:45 am	Developer presentation: Overview of the project
10:15am	<p>Wildlife, including, but not limited to, barren-ground caribou, boreal (woodland) caribou, moose, bison and species at risk. Topics include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline information • Habitat disturbance and thresholds of disturbance • Habitat connectivity • Implementation of recovery strategies • Population health and trends • Harvest and hunting pressures • Monitoring and mitigations including implementation and effectiveness • Cumulative effects • Wildlife management plans
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch - provided
1:00 – 4:30 pm	Wildlife continued
4:30 pm	Adjourn

*Th̓ch̓q All-Season Road Project Technical Session
August 15th to 17th, 2017*

Wednesday August 16th, 9:30am – 4:30pm	
<i>Birds, Water, and Fish</i>	
9:30 am	Birds and bird habitat including species at risk. Topics include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline information • Monitoring and mitigations including implementation and effectiveness
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch - provided
1:00 pm	Fish, fish habitat, and water quality including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline information • Increased fishing and harvest pressures • Fish habitat • Sediment, erosion, and erosion control • Water course crossings • Monitoring and mitigations including implementation and effectiveness
4:30 pm	Adjourn

*Tẖcẖo All-Season Road Project Technical Session
August 15th to 17th, 2017*

Thursday August 17th, 9:30 am – 4:30pm

Social, economic, community, and cultural impacts

9:30 am	<p>Impacts from TASR on, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community health and wellness • use and maintenance of infrastructure, public safety, and community cohesion • cultural resources and archaeological sites • traditional use, way of life, and harvesting • economic well-being including equity, and vulnerable groups
12:00 – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Continued
4:30 pm	Adjourn