



Tłıchǫ Government

May 5, 2011

Alan Erlich

Gahcho Kue Environmental Impact Review Panel

MVEIRB

Re: Draft Timeline for EA of Gahcho K'ue, EIR 0607-001

Dear Mr. Erlich,

We note the schedule for the Gahcho Kue Environmental Impact Review is now available in draft form, as of April 15, 2011. The Tłıchǫ Government is concerned with the sequencing of all near term actions (through May 2-June 14 inclusive) because INAC has not announced the availability of Intervener Funds. We note the INAC February 3, 2011 letter suggests a funding guide and application form will be made available when the revised work plan for the EIR becomes available.

The Tłıchǫ Government respectfully requests that the near term dates simply cannot be met given there is no funding available to bring our expertise to bear on this EIR. The near term steps require that the Tłıchǫ Government prepare to engage in EIS analysis sessions, and review critical areas so that we can offer suggestions for information requests. Neither of these two tasks can be completed by our technical staff without capacity assistance and funding. We suggest these near term dates be shifted by the Review Board.

The sequencing of further steps may then need to be revised, depending on the timeliness of the INAC announcement on EIR funding availability. We leave this to the Board's discretion.

In Tłıcho Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sonny Zoe', is written over a white background.

Sonny Zoe

Chair, Kwe Beh Working Group