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Chief Darryl Marlowe,

In response to your letter dated June 17, 2019

The NWT Chamber of Commerce would like to rebuild our relationship with your government and your community.

We anticipate that the Thaidene Nëné park is very likely to become a reality within the next several months. Once that happens, we would like to have opportunities to collaborate with you on corridors and projects that will benefit peoples and communities across the NWT.

In both of our letters dated May 6, 2019, and June 3, 2019, we reiterate our desire to create better communication. We acknowledge that our formal invitations to meet may have been during the tenure of prior administrations of both organizations. Please accept our ongoing invitation to engage directly with you.

As also noted in both letters we are concerned that our organizations may be receiving inconsistent information by the coordinating parties. Repeatedly the NWT Chamber has requested to review the Establishment Agreements that might help clarify several of our concerns, including how the size of the park came to be conceived and agreed to, but we have been advised by both Parks Canada and GNWT that they are confidential. Vice versa the report compiled by Tait seems to have left out consultation with at least three parties including the NWT Chamber thus not providing Łutsel K'e Dene First Nation the courtesy of all gathered information. Feeling a lack of transparency and good faith from Parks Canada and GNWT has fueled our uncertainty and a sense of frustration.

The NWT Chamber has been consistent that we do not oppose either park. We do not agree with the process that has been used by Parks Canada and the GNWT to date. That said, we do not want that frustration or opposition to create unnecessary animosity between us. Again, we would like to work with the LDFN in the future, including the possibility of future establishment of corridors.



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In regards to the Environmental Process and prospect of an Environmental Assessment as laid out in the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* we are content to leave any regulatory process to the governments involved.

The NWT Chamber remains of the belief that partnering with Indigenous Nations on economic initiatives including both development and conservation is the future of northern economic independence. We look forward to the possibility of our two parties sitting down to have a constructive conversation about how the Thaidene Nëné Parks will be a significant part of the NWT's economic and environmental success.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Renée Comeau".

Renée Comeau
Executive Director
NWT Chamber of Commerce

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jenni Bruce".

Jenni Bruce
President
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