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July 11, 2022

File: MV2022L3-0003

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Sent by email

Dear Mark Cliffe-Phillips,

**Re: Great Slave Lake Lodge – Notice of Preliminary Screening Determination – Application for Water Licence – Outfitting Camp – Domestic Activities – Akaitcho Region**

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (Board) met on July 7, 2022 and considered the Application from Great Slave Lake Lodge (the Applicant) for Water Licence (Licence) MV2022L3-0003 for the continued operation of Great Slave Lake Lodge near Taltheilei Narrows on Great Slave Lake, in accordance with the *Waters Act*.

The Board has determined that the Project is exempt from preliminary screening, as the Project was previously screened, and the Applicant has not proposed changes to the Project. The Board's Preliminary Screening Determination and Reasons for Decision, as required by section 121 of the MVRMA, is attached.

Please contact [Shelagh Montgomery](#) at (867) 766-7457 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

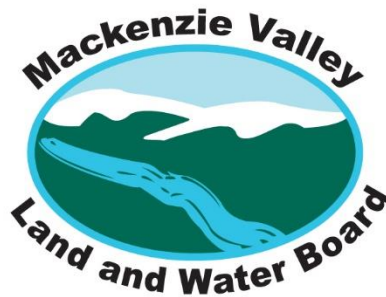
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mavis Cli-Michaud".

Mavis Cli-Michaud  
Chair, Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board

BCC'd to: Akaitcho Distribution List  
Chuk Coulter, Great Slave Lake Lodge  
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Attached: Preliminary Screening Determination and Reasons for Decision



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## Preliminary Screening Determination and Reasons for Decision

Water Licence Application	
File Number	MV2022L3-0003
Company	Great Slave Lake Lodge Ltd.
Project	Great Slave Lake Lodge
Location	Taltheilei Narrows, Great Slave Lake, NT
Activity	Outfitting Camp – domestic activities
Date of Decision	July 7, 2022

### 1.0 Decision

In accordance with subsection 124(1) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA), the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MLWB or Board) met on July 7, 2022 to make a preliminary screening determination on the renewal Application from Great Slave Lake Lodge (GSLL or Applicant) for Water Licence MV2022L3-0003 (Licence)<sup>1</sup> for the operation of Great Slave Lake Lodge at Taltheilei Narrows on Great Slave Lake, NT (Project).<sup>2</sup>

The Board has determined that the Project is exempt from preliminary screening, because the Project was previously screened, and the Applicant has not proposed changes to the Project.

The Board's determination, including reasons for its decision, are detailed in sections [3.0](#) and [4.0](#).

<sup>1</sup> See MLWB Online Registry [www.mvlwb.com](http://www.mvlwb.com) for [Great Slave Lake Lodge – Renewal Application – Apr20 22](#).

<sup>2</sup> The Project is Great Slave Lake Lodge, which is the proposed development, where "development" is defined in Part 5 of the MVRMA as:

"any undertaking, or any part or extension of an undertaking, that is carried out on land or water and includes an acquisition of lands pursuant to the *Historic Sites and Monuments Act* and measures carried out by a department or agency of government leading to the establishment of a park subject to the *Canada National Parks Act* or the establishment of a park under a territorial law."

## 2.0 Background and Scope of Screening

The original preliminary screening for Great Slave Lake Lodge was conducted on April 29, 2004.<sup>3</sup> On May 17, 2004, GSSL was issued Licence MV2003L8-0015 for the operation of Great Slave Lake Lodge at Taltheilei Narrows, Great Slave Lake, which expired May 16, 2012.<sup>4</sup> On May 10, 2012, the Board confirmed preliminary screening exemption,<sup>5</sup> and on June 7, 2012, GSSL was issued Licence MV2012L8-0003, which expired June 6, 2017.<sup>6</sup> On May 25, 2017, the Board again confirmed exemption from preliminary screening,<sup>7</sup> and on June 7, 2017, GSSL was issued Licence MV2017L3-0001, with an expiry date of June 6, 2022.<sup>8</sup> On April 20, 2022, GSSL's renewal Application was deemed complete and the renewal proceeding began.

The Applicant has not proposed changes to the Project, and under Schedule 1, section 2 of the Exemption List Regulations to the MVRMA, project areas and activities that have already been subject to Part 5 of the MVRMA, and for which no changes are proposed, are exempt from preliminary screening.<sup>9</sup>

The Project areas and activities that have already been subject to Part 5 are listed below. Further information about these Project areas and activities, and associated impacts and mitigations, is detailed in the Board's Preliminary Screening Determination, dated April 29, 2004.<sup>10</sup>

### Previously Screened or Assessed Activities:

Operation of Great Slave Lake Lodge involves the use of water and disposal of waste associated with the operation of an outfitting camp with the capacity to serve approximately 75 occupants. Water is obtained from Great Slave Lake; sewage is disposed of in septic tanks. Fluids from the septic tanks are then pumped into a septic field and solids are removed to a landfill.

Previously screened activities include:

- Operation
- Sewage
- Camp
- Solid Waste

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<sup>3</sup> See MVLWB Online Registry for [MV2003L8-0015 - GSSL - Preliminary Screening - Apr29-04](#).

<sup>4</sup> See MVLWB Online Registry for [MV2003L8-0015 - Water Licence - May04](#).

<sup>5</sup> See MVLWB Online Registry for [MV2012L8-0003 - Staff Report for WL Renewal - Jun7-12](#).

<sup>6</sup> See MVLWB Online Registry for [MV2012L8-0003 - Issuance letter with Conditions - Jun7-12](#).

<sup>7</sup> See MVLWB Online Registry for [MV2017L3-0001 - Great Slave Lake Lodge - Issuance - Staff Report and Comments - May25-17](#).

<sup>8</sup> See MVLWB Online Registry for [MV2017L3-0001 - Great Slave Lake Lodge - Issuance Letter with Licence-Conditions and RFD - Type B WL - May25-17](#).

<sup>9</sup> As per Schedule 1, section 2.1 of the [Exemption List Regulations](#), no preliminary screening is required for:

“A development, or a part thereof, for which a permit, licence or authorization is requested that

(a) was part of a development that fulfilled the requirements of the environmental assessment process established by the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*; and

(b) has not been modified since the development referred to in paragraph (a) fulfilled the requirements of the environmental assessment process established by the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.”

<sup>10</sup> Ibid.

## **2.1 Public Record and Regulatory Proceeding**

To assist the Board in its preliminary screening determination for the Project, the Board distributed the Application for public review on April 20, 2022 and a draft Licence for public review on May 26, 2022, inviting reviewers to provide comments and recommendations on the Application, preliminary screening (e.g., on impacts and mitigation measures) and draft Licence conditions using the Online Review System (ORS). Comments were due May 12, 2022 and June 14, 2022 respectively, with responses from the Applicant due May 19, 2022 and June 20, 2022, respectively. The Board received comments and recommendations from the Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Environment and Natural Resources (GNWT-ENR).<sup>11</sup> Board staff also submitted comments on the Application only.

Since there were no requests to extend the reviewer comment deadlines, the Board is satisfied that a reasonable period of notice was given to affected communities and First Nations, as required by subsection 63(2) of the MVRMA.

Pursuant to Schedule 4.1 of the Northwest Territory Métis Nation (NWTMN) Interim Measures Agreement, the Board determined that written notice was given to the NWTMN and that a reasonable period of time was allowed for NWTMN to make representations with respect to the Application.

Pursuant to subsection 1.6, paragraphs (a) and (b) of the Akaitcho Territory Dene First Nations (ATDFN) Interim Measures Agreement, the Board determined that written notice was given to the ATDFN and that a reasonable period of time was allowed for ATDFN to make representations with respect to the Application.

## **3.0 Potential Impacts and Proposed Mitigations**

Although the Board has determined that the Project is exempt from preliminary screening, the Board will consider the potential impacts and proposed mitigations in establishing the Licence conditions. For Board licences and permits in general, potential impacts can be mitigated through existing, standard, and/or project-specific licence conditions. These conditions may include requirements for management and monitoring plans that provide detailed information regarding the implementation of mitigation measures and the evaluation of their effectiveness.

All Parties have had an opportunity to provide recommendations to the Board regarding draft conditions. In finalizing the conditions, the Board will consider these recommendations and all of the evidence provided through the regulatory proceeding.

### **3.1 Consideration of Potential Impacts**

In general, impacts of the Project on the air, water, and/or renewable resources can be mitigated through the use of licence conditions of two general types:

1. conditions in the existing Licence, including requirements for management and monitoring plans, with revisions where necessary; and

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<sup>11</sup> See MLWB Online Review System for [Great Slave Lake Lodge – Water Licence renewal Application](#) and [Great Slave Lake Lodge – draft Licence Conditions](#).

2. new or unique conditions that may be needed to mitigate potential impacts of the changes to the Project that may not be addressed by the conditions in the existing Licence, and which may be from the Board's standard conditions list or established by the Board as per the MVLWB [Standard Process for Creating New Conditions](#).

These conditions may include requirements for management and monitoring plans that provide detailed information regarding the implementation of mitigation measures and the evaluation of their effectiveness.

A draft Licence was circulated for review during the regulatory proceeding, and all Parties were given the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations on the draft conditions. In finalizing the conditions, the Board will consider all of the evidence provided through the regulatory proceeding.

### **3.2 Consideration of Public Concern**

Based on the evidence provided during the regulatory proceeding, the Board did not identify any comments or issues that indicate that the Project is a cause of public concern.

### **4.0 Conclusion**

The Board completed a preliminary screening of the Project on April 29, 2004,<sup>12</sup> and the Applicant has not proposed changes to the Project. Accordingly, the Board has determined that the Project is exempt from preliminary screening under Part 1, Schedule 1, section 2 of the Exemption List Regulations to the MVRMA. Consequently, no further preliminary screening was conducted.

SIGNATURE



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**Mavis Cli-Michaud, Chair**  
**Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board**

July 11, 2022

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**Date**

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<sup>12</sup> See MVLWB Online Registry for [MV2003L8-0015 - GSSL - Preliminary Screening - Apr29-04](#).