

EA1617-01
Tlichó All-season Road

December 16, 2016

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Re: EA1617-01, Tlichó All-season Road (TASR), meeting between GNWT and Review Board staff

On December 2, 2016, Review Board staff met with staff from the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and consultants to the GNWT from Golder Associates to discuss the final Terms of Reference and Adequacy Statement for EA1617-01. Staff present:

Stu Niven, GNWT
Katie Rozestraten, GNWT
Melissa Pink, GNWT
Darren Campbell, GNWT
Damian Panayi, Golder Associates
Dan Coulton, Golder Associates

Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Review Board
Brett Wheler, Review Board
Ruari Carthew, Review Board
Chuck Hubert, Review Board

Several topics were discussed to ensure the information and intent of the Review Board documents were understood by the GNWT and their consultant prior to the commencement of work on their Adequacy Statement Response (ASR). Additional process steps related to the environmental assessment were also discussed.

ASR topics discussed included:

1. Minor clarifications for wildlife and species at risk requirements from the *Terms of Reference and Adequacy Statement*;
2. Merits of expanding effects assessment of barren-ground caribou;
3. The likelihood of a cultural impact technical session;
4. The scope of assessment for fish harvesting;
5. The presentation of the Adequacy Statement Response document; and
6. The presentation of the residual impact assessment

Topics 3-6 are elaborated on in letters between the GNWT and the Review Board (dated December 14th and 16th), which are available for review on the TASR public registry.



Additional items discussed at the meeting included acknowledgement by the GNWT that they had retained Golder Associates to assist them in developing the ASR and an anticipated submission date of the ASR for late March 2017.

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