

EA1617-01
Tłıchq All-season Road

October 28, 2016

Notice of Proceeding

To: Distribution list

Re: Review Board's Terms of Reference, Adequacy Statement and supporting documents for the Tłıchq All-Season Road Project

The Review Board would like to notify the Government of the Northwest Territories-Department of Transportation (the developer) and interested parties of the Board's issuance of its *Terms of Reference* and *Adequacy Statement*, and supporting documents including *Reasons for Decision on the Scope of the Environmental Assessment*. This notice also outlines the next steps in the environmental assessment.

This notice refers to the following documents, which have all been posted to the public registry:

1. Terms of Reference
2. Adequacy Statement: outstanding information needs to satisfy the *Terms of Reference*
3. Reasons for Decision on the Scope of Environmental Assessment
4. Board response to ORS comments
5. Board response to GNWT ORS comments
6. Information Requests to Tłıchq Government and Community Government of Whatı
7. Information Requests to Aboriginal government organizations and resource managers
8. Draft Work Plan

The *Reasons for Decision on the Scope of the Environmental Assessment* (document 3 above) provides the Review Board's reasons for the scope of development and scope of assessment, as set out in the *Terms of Reference* (document 1). This document also provides reasons for the Review Board's decisions with regard to information requirements in the *Adequacy Statement* (document 2). The Review Comment Tables (documents 4 and 5) cross-reference the *Adequacy Statement* and *Terms of Reference* and describe how all review comments were considered by the Board.

In addition to the *Terms of Reference* and *Adequacy Statement*, the Review Board has issued information requests to the Tłıchq Government and Community Government of Whatı (document 6). The Review Board is also issuing information requests to four Aboriginal groups and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) (document 7). The reasons for these requests are outlined in the documents themselves, as well as in the *Reasons for Decision on the Scope of the Environmental Assessment*. The deadline for responses to both sets of information requests is **November 30, 2016**.



Once submitted, these comments will serve to inform relevant sections of the developer's Adequacy Statement Response.

Finally, with the scoping stage now complete, the Review Board has released a draft *Work Plan* (document 8). The *Work Plan* provides an overview of the remaining steps for the environmental assessment process and an estimated timeline for the Review Board to complete its Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision.

The next step in the EA is for the developer to complete their Adequacy Statement Response. When this is submitted, the Review Board will issue a final work plan and initiate the first round of information requests. Participants and interested organizations in this EA will be asked soon to [register for party status](#). Registered parties will have the opportunity to ask information requests on materials on the public registry, with particular emphasis on the developer's Project Description Report ([PR#7](#)) and Adequacy Statement Response.

If you have questions or require further information at this time, please contact Senior Environmental Assessment Officer, Ruari Carthew, at (867)766-7073 or at rcarthew@reviewboard.ca.