



## Tłıchǫ Government

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Mark Cliffe-Phillips  
Executive Director  
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
200 Scotia Centre  
Box 938, 5102-50th Ave  
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N7

Dear Mr. Cliffe-Phillips;

The Tłıchǫ Government provides the attached responses to the two series of Information Requests (PR# 73 and PR# 74) issued by the Review Board for the proposed Tłıchǫ All-Season Road. The responses provided are the result of an ongoing in-depth planning effort between the Community Government of Whatì and Behchokò, the Tłıchǫ Government and the Tłıchǫ Community Services Agency to prepare for impacts and benefits from the All-Season Road.

Many of the Information Requests required us to predict a future scenario with an all-season road connecting to Whatì. In order to provide the best possible response to these questions, it was crucial that we spoke with community staff and personnel who are most likely to be directly and indirectly impacted by – and benefit from – an all-season road. In December 2016, the Tłıchǫ Government conducted interviews with staff and leadership in the following agencies:

- Community Government of Whatì;
- Community Government of Behchokò;
- RCMP in Behchokò and Whatì;
- Traditional Knowledge Study (PR# 28) author;
- Socio-economic Issues Scoping Study (PR#7, Appendix A) author;
- Tłıchǫ Government staff;
- TCSA staff;
- Local Housing Authority in Whatì;
- Key service providers in Behchokò and Whatì (i.e. education, housing, health and language specialists); and
- NWT Bureau of Statistics.

The Tłıchǫ Government has been in regular communication with the GNWT-DOT, working to ensure coordination in our responses and understanding of the TASR's potential for benefits and impacts on Tłıchǫ citizens, culture and way of life.

The Tłchq Government invested a great deal of planning, research and analysis in responding to the Review Board's Information Requests. The Tłchq Government takes these requests seriously and we are committed to providing responses that are reflective of our collective perspectives and values.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Duncan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Laura" and the last name "Duncan" clearly distinguishable.

Laura Duncan  
Tłchq Executive Officer

c.c. Michael Conway, Regional Superintendent, Department of Transportation  
Ruari Carthew, Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
Zabey Nevitt, Tłchq Government  
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