



October 28, 2020

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Re: Report on Tłıchǰ Government Measures of Environmental Assessment for 2019

Dear Mark,

The Tłıchǰ Government is providing this cover letter as part of our report on activities to implement the Report of Environmental Assessment for 2019-20, to implement measures of the Tłıchǰ All Season Road EA-1617-01.

The Tłıchǰ Government has participated over the past year in many working groups, as well as initiated studies to ensure the implementation of these measures. We look forward to reviewing the results of the other government parties.

In Tłıchǰ Unity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tammy Steinwand-Deschambeault".

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Tłıchǫ All-Season Road Report of Environmental Assessment, Measures Review and Implementation Planning: Reporting

The Tłıchǫ Government (TG) submits this report for Tłıchǫ All-Season Road Report of Environmental Assessment to the Review Board to report on annual activities, as required by the Report of Environmental Assessment, EA-1617-01.

The TG notes the following Working Groups have been struck in 2018 -19, and have taken action on TASR activities.

- Corridor Working Group – related to matters of construction and operation of the road with government agencies, other aboriginal authorities, and the TG, coordinated by INF
- Commercial Working Group –coordinated through TIC with INF
- Fisheries Working Group – coordinated through TG with DFO
- Health and Well-being Working Group – coordinated through TG
- Boreal Caribou Range Plan Working Group – coordinated through ENR with co-management partners
- Cultural Heritage Working Group – coordinated through TG
- Whatì Interagency Working Group (since 2013)– coordinated through Whatì Community Government
- Behchokǫ Interagency Working Group – coordinated through Behchokǫ Community Government

Table 1: Reporting on Measures for which the TG holds authority

Measure 5-1 Socio-economic/Health/Way of Life	
Lead Responsible	Health and Well-Being Working Group - Joint Working Group of TCSA, HSS, TG, Community Governments and proponent



Resources	<p>Health and Well-Being Working Group identified core set of indicators for health and well-being. Two meetings were held, and reporting information is forthcoming from GNWT-HSSS. We have identified key areas such as spikes in adverse behaviours, traffic and vulnerable populations, employment, and harvest success and availability of country foods. Data sources are from the following agencies, and we continue to have monthly meetings on the topic.</p> <p>RCMP (traffic, crime) GNWT-HSS (health, hospitals, shelters) GNWT-TCSA (e.g., student attendance, counselling, homelessness) GNWT-ECE (e.g., income support, daycares) GNWT-Social Services (e.g., data on children in care) GNWT-ENR (e.g., community harvester assistance; fur harvest, use of programs) TG (e.g., career development, skills and partnership funds; students with funding top ups) Proponent based data on employment</p>
Implementation approach	<p>Established a Terms of Reference (HSS and TG)</p> <p>Core Group: Community Governments, HSS, TG and TCSA and Proponent, with later engagement with DOJ, ECE and RCMP</p>
Annual reporting plan	Development of core indicators, including thresholds for actions and adaptive management plans
Key outcome	Reporting Index for baseline data
Measure 5-2 Tłichq Reporting	
Lead Responsible	Tłichq Government with Health and Well-Being Working Group
Resources	Funding to be provided through Proponent for implementation of monitoring
Implementation approach	Monitoring of all core indicators and annual reporting in Whatì Interagency Working Group, through Tłichq and proponent websites. Reporting effort still emerging.
Annual reporting plan	Reporting indicators have been identified, although baseline data is still not all aggregated



Key outcome	Reporting indicators for baseline data
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MEASURE 7-1 Incorporate TK into monitoring of barren-ground caribou	
Lead Responsible	TG with support from INF and ENR
Resources	Resources: TG to develop community-based program to monitor habitat and caribou (to monitor in winter and summer) in the region. TG particularly concerned to review: routes that caribou are taking in the area and if they are being blocked; access; observations on habitat, and develop new baseline data. TG in process of hiring a Wildlife Monitoring Coordinator to start the project. Funding was received from GNWT-ENR through a contribution agreement for up until March 31 2023. GNWT identified that there is funding through AVSAR Funding for Species at Risk.
Implementation approach	Tłıchǫ Corridor Working Group will be the central place for reporting.
Annual reporting plan	Preliminary report Plan for engaging reporting
Key outcome	Reporting on TK Monitoring Program

MEASURE 8-1 Fisheries Management Plan	
Lead Responsible	DFO and TG
Resources	Resources: In 2019, new resources were identified, including fisheries study completed in the 1970s (Bond 1970), Fisheries Guardians Program and the Fisheries Management Plan for the Inuvik Tuk Highway Plan, WRRB Final Statements, 1972 Lac La Martre Study, and Bill Bond Lac La Martre study (in files).



	Working Group struck, but not implemented as was not required during construction: Fisheries Working Group: DFO, TG, INF and with the WRRB.
Implementation approach	Fisheries Working Group
Annual reporting plan	2019: Establishment of Working Group, and development of Terms of Reference and key data sources. In 2020 the WG will begin work on the Fisheries Management Plan, and in 2021 the Fisheries Enforcement Plan
Key outcome	Fisheries Management Plan in 2021

MEASURE 14-2 – Annual Reporting from government and regulatory authorities	
Lead Responsible	For Tłichq Government, CGW, CBW there will be one report
Resources	TG submitted annual reporting on measures. There will need to be internal working groups prepared for TG and Community Governments. There may need to be internal resources allocated for these projects.
Implementation approach	Draft reports and annual reports, as included here.
Annual reporting plan	October 25 set as a final reporting date
Key outcome	Annual reports on implementation by each agency