



GWICH'IN LAND USE PLANNING BOARD

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January 22, 2015

James Wilson, President
Gwich'in Tribal Council

Robert C. McLeod, Minister
Department of Lands
Government of the Northwest Territories

Bernard Valcourt, Minister
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
Government of Canada

RE: Final Review and Approval of the Revised Gwich'in Land Use Plan

Dear Plan Signatories,

The Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board respectfully submit the revised ***Nan Geenjit Gwitr'it T'agwàa'in / Working for the Land - Gwich'in Land Use Plan*** for one last review with a view to approve. Also included with this letter are supporting documents to provide an understanding of the changes requested and the Board's reasoning for the edits that have been made. The Planning Board updated the Plan to reflect the Devolution Agreement implemented on April 1, 2014, as well.

The attached *Edits made to Final Revised Gwich'in Land Use Plan* is a summary of the changes between the October 2011 draft and this final draft. The bulk of the comments received on the October 2011 draft were from the territorial and federal governments, so also included are copies of their submissions with the Planning Board's response inserted into the original text.

The remaining steps proposed for this final review and approval process are;

1. Signatories undertake a quick review to identify if there are any potential "hot button" issues, as well as assess the time it would take for a full review of the document.
2. Signatories provide the Planning Board with an estimate of time for the full final review, and any preferences for process by **February 20, 2015**
3. Planning Board will set the timelines and process based on input from signatories on **February 24, 2015**. The process could include:
 - Timing for final comments from the signatories

- Timing for the consideration of final comments by the Planning Board
- Timing for the Planning Board to finalise the plan document and distribute. As per MVRMA section 43, this begins the sequential approval by Gwich'in Tribal Council, the government of the Northwest Territories, and the department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada.
- Timing for signatory approvals, if possible. (Based on the signatories' best estimates.)

The Board's land use planner, Susan McKenzie, will be out of the office until February 9, 2015, but will be available after that to answer any questions that may have arisen after your initial examination of this material.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Bob Simpson
Chair

ATTACHEMENTS: (2 hardcopies copies of each, plus electronic)

January 2015 Draft Revised Gwich'in Land Use Plan

Edits made to Final Revised Gwich'in Land Use Plan

GLUPB Response to GNWT Review Comments on October 2011 Draft Revised Gwich'in Land Use Plan

GLUPB Response to Government of Canada Review of the October 2011 Draft Revised Gwich'in Land Use Plan