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The Honourable David Ramsay, Minister GNWT - Transportation P.O. Box 1320 Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9

Dear Minister Ramsay:

The Tłıcho Government has appointed staff to sit on the Intergovernmental Steering Committee to manage the Whati winter road study. We note that this study was originally set to consider the relocation of the route to an overland winter route.

We are grateful for the work of the Department of Transportation staff on this file. They have been hardworking and effective.

We note the term of our Agreement is coming to an end, and we wish to ask the Department to engage with the Tłįcho Government on an extended basis to prepare the research studies for an all-season route.

The Tłįchǫ Government has considered this effort jointly and made a determination that it is in the interests of Tłįchǫ citizens to consider an all-season route. We understand that this commitment would require the Tłįchǫ Government to collaborate with the DOT to prepare the engineering, environmental and socio-economic studies needed to apply for permits and licenses.

We have instructed our staff to contact Mr. Michael Conway in order to move this issue forward. We look forward to your reply.

In Tłıcho Unity,

Grand Chief Eddie Erasmus

c.c. Chief Clifford Daniels
Chief Alfonz Nitsiza
Chief Edward Chocolate
Chief Charlie Football

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