



Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

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Bill
Dear Mr. Enge:

April 11, 2006

Re: Community Scoping Workshops for proposed Gahcho Kue Diamond Mine

Ms. Mackenzie-Scott asked me to respond to your letter of April 7, 2006 regarding the locations of our community scoping workshops. As you are aware, scoping is a critical exercise at the beginning of an environmental assessment. In the past, the Board drafted a Terms of Reference and then released this for public review and comment.

In this environmental assessment, the Board decided to try a different approach for developing the draft Terms of Reference. Providing opportunities for the public to bring forward areas of interest related to the proposed development before the draft Terms of Reference is developed will assist the Board in determining what the environmental assessment should focus on.

The community scoping workshop you refer to in Dettah is open to all public and is not solely for the people living in Dettah. I would like to clarify for you that though these workshops are called "community" scoping workshops – the term "community" is intended to be far-reaching for a variety of "communities" present in a geographic area, such as: woman's organizations, Metis organizations, First Nation organizations, Hamlet councils, tourism industry, small businesses, and the public in general.

When we have completed the four scheduled community scoping workshops, there will be an opportunity for workshop participants to present summaries directly to the Board members at a community scoping hearing scheduled in Yellowknife, April 28, 2006. Parties who do not attend a community scoping workshop but would still like to make a presentation to the Board at the hearing on April 28, 2006 must register with the Executive Director prior to or on the day of the hearing.

Your organization recently participated in a technical scoping workshop held in Yellowknife March 21 – 23, 2006. This technical scoping workshop was open to the public but the emphasis was to focus on areas of technical content. We only held one technical scoping workshop in Yellowknife. The Board appreciated hearing the North Slave Metis Alliance's presentation at the technical scoping hearing on April 10, 2006, and we look forward to receiving a hard copy of your presentation for consideration as we draft the Terms of Reference.

We welcome the participation of your organization in any of the community scoping workshops and the community scoping hearing. There will continue to be many opportunities for your organization to participate in this environmental assessment and we look forward to your participation. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any additional concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Tapsell', written over a circular stamp or mark.

Mary Tapsell
A/Executive Director.

