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From: Mark Pocklington <manager.nbdb@gmail.com>
Sent: June 15, 2016 11:51 AM
To: Chuck Hubert
Cc: Alan B.. Taylor; David Harpley; Chief Peter Marcellais
Subject: MVRB Technical Session of June 13, 2016 - Review of Transcript
Attachments: NBDB Chief letter to PMO Justin Trudeau, Jan22,2016.pdf; NBDB BCR for PC, Mar23,2016,ef.pdf

Good morning Chuck,

After reviewing the transcripts of the Technical Session of June 13th, 2016 posted on the Review Board Web site, a number of references were made to Parks Canada's Consensus Team and that Nahanni Butte is well represented.

For the record, it should be noted that two members from Nahanni Butte are part of the Team of which one member, Darryl Betsaka, is attending the Technical Session in Yellowknife. However, Mr. Betsaka does not solely represent the Community.

For your information, Parks Canada was informed by Chief Peter Marcellais in an email on May 20th, 2016 (see copy of email thread below) of a request to change the representation on the Consensus Team to include at least a quorum of 4 Chief and Councillors from Nahanni Butte. To-date, the email has been acknowledged but officials from Parks Canada have yet to implement or discuss this important request with the Community.

At this point in the review process, we wish to inform the Board that comments made by Parks Canada on behalf of the Consensus Team be recognized as not necessarily having the validation of the Community Of Nahanni Butte.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Mark Pocklington
Band Manager
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From: <Jon.Tsetso@pc.gc.ca>
Date: Thu, May 26, 2016 at 3:08 PM
Subject: Re: Change to Consensus Team
To: Peter Marcellais <chief.nbdb@gmail.com>

Hi Peter,

Thank you for the reminder to your original note and my apologies for the delayed response, it has been a busy week. It was my intention to raise the concerns you have made in your email from May 20 at our Consensus Team meeting on May 27, 2016. It is my understanding that you have indicated that you will be driving in for the meeting, if this has changed and you require assistance with alternate transportation to Fort Simpson please let me know. The other Nahanni Butte rep, Darrell Betsaka is currently in Fort Simpson and we are confirming his attendance. Our meetings are open and any of your members can attend, however Parks Canada does not cover travel costs for anyone who is not a sitting member on the Consensus Team.

Your invite to Nahanni Butte is appreciated and if more time was available to make proper arrangements we could have made the accommodation, but travel plans have been made for the Naatsihchoh representative and this is not possible at this time. Also, it was decided at the last Consensus Team meeting in Nahanni Butte to meet in Fort Simpson. We can discuss scheduling and locations during our meeting tomorrow. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

(See attached file: NDCT-Agenda_2016-05_FS(draft).docx)

Regards,

Jonathan Tsetso

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From: Peter Marcellais <chief.nbdb@gmail.com>

To: Jon.Tsetso@pc.gc.ca

Date: 26/05/2016 02:00 PM

Subject: Re: Change to Consensus Team

Good afternoon Jonathan,

Following our email of May 20th, 2016, we have been informed of an upcoming Consensus Team meeting in Fort Simpson and have been invited to attend.

In keeping with our governance policy, we require a quorum of Councillors representing the Community to attend the meeting and therefore we suggest that arrangements be made for a flight to/from Fort Simpson.

Alternatively, we would like to suggest the other Consensus Team members travel to Nahanni Butte if it be more convenient.

Also, can you please send us an Agenda..

Please advise.

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Chief Peter

On Fri, May 20, 2016 at 10:16 AM, Peter Marcellais <chief.nbdb@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning Jonathan,

Please find attached pdf scan copy of a letter sent to the PMO office on January 22, 2016 informing the Federal Government of a progressive change to the governance of the Community of Nahanni Butte.

We are also attaching a pdf scan copy of a recent Band Council Resolution which confirms authority to negotiate contracts and agreements involving the Community has been delegated to Chief and the six family appointed Councillors. This BCR has been ratified by the unanimous consent of the ten resident Elders. .

For this reason, we would like to inform Parks Canada that there needs to be a change to the Community's representation on the Consensus Team that respects the need for full community engagement. Our suggestion is that the Consensus Team include a quorum of at least 4 Chief & Councillors.

Looking forward to your consideration.

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Chief Peter Marcellais

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BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION

BCR#: 03/23/2016-1

Meeting Date: 23 March 2016

First Nations: Nahanni Butte Dene Band

RE: Parks Canada

Whereas the Nahanni Butte Dene Band hereby confirms upon the Band Council consulting with and receiving the approval of the Elders as listed below; the Council confirms that Chief Peter Marcellais, the Councilors, plus such other consultants and advisors they deem appropriate be authorized to negotiate an Impact and Benefits Agreement (IBA) with Parks Canada for their operations in the Traditional Territory of the Nah?a Dehe Dene Band as defined by the present boundaries of the Nahanni National Park Reserve, and that the the IBA be negotiated independently of any existing agreement or negotiations involving the Deh Cho First Nations.

BCR # 03/23/2016-1

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January 22, 2016

The Rt. Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
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Re: Proposed Impact and Benefits Agreement negotiations with Parks Canada operating on Nahanni Butte Traditional Lands & Waterways.

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

We are addressing this letter specifically to your office as we believe you have firsthand experience enjoying the natural wonders of our region and knowledge that your father's foresight and legacy led to the creation of the Nahanni National Park Reserve in 1972 which stopped the development of a proposed Hydro Dam at Virginia Falls, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978, and in 1987, the section of the South Nahanni River was designated as a Canadian Heritage River which was subsequently expanded in the year 2009 to an area of 30,050 km² covering the South Nahanni River and Flat River watersheds.

For your information, Nahanni Butte is a small community, we have lived here all our lives, and when the Nahanni National Park was created, we were very grateful, however, we were promised that our cultural and traditional activities such as hunting and trapping would not change. Since the Park has expanded in size, we would like to discuss an Impact and Benefits Agreement with the newly elected Federal Government to ensure both our Indigenous rights remain in force and all people of this world continue to enjoy its natural wonders well into the future.

On behalf of the Nahanni Butte Dene Band, we would also like to inform you of a recent Band Council Resolution that necessitates full community engagement in negotiations regarding new or proposed Impact and Benefits Agreements with all parties that operate on our Traditional Lands and Waterways which would include Parks Canada.

As many in the Dehcho Region of the Northwest Territories are aware, our community has recently elected new Chief & Council with the understanding that any future negotiations involving contracts and agreements with financial and/or environmental implications require ongoing community engagement in a manner that respects accountability and transparency of governance.

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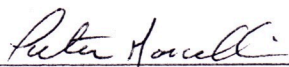
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For this reason, we ask for your personal assistance in notifying the officials at Parks Canada that the First Nation negotiators of any future Impact and Benefits Agreements covering Nahanni Butte Traditional Lands and Waterways must include the current Chief & Council of the Nahanni Butte Dene Band, and recognize that the Dehcho First Nations does not have our consent or authority to act as negotiators for our community in future IBA agreements.

Furthermore, we would like to discuss with the Federal Government the timely need for investment in Park infrastructure, more specifically, the use of the Nahanni National Park Reserve to establish and promote community led projects such as the establishment of Cultural Wellness Centres, and look forward to meeting with your representatives at their convenience.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Chief Peter Marcellais

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