

# *Nahanni Butte Dene Band*

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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL** – justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

July 08, 2016

The Rt. Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A2

Re: Proposed all-season access road operating on Nahanni Butte Traditional Lands and within Nahanni National Park Reserve.

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

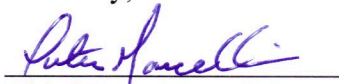
Further to our letter dated January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, we wish to inform your office that we are in the final stages of negotiating a Traditional Land Use Agreement (TLUA) with Canadian Zinc Corporation covering their proposed all-season access road to the Prairie Creek Mine within the boundaries of the Nahanni National Park Reserve.

This project is currently before the Mackenzie Valley Review Board for permitting and we believe it is necessary that Chief & Council representing the Community have the opportunity to meet in Ottawa with officials of the Federal Government and Parks Canada to discuss a framework for a co-managing this proposed development.

Furthermore, the recommended entrance to this 184 km public mining road is to be located on Indigenous Affairs Branch Lands set aside for the Community of Nahanni Butte. This requires us to establish conditions of transit which, in our opinion, should be determined by a three party co-management agreement involving both Canadian Zinc Corporation and Parks Canada as this road would be a new gateway to the Park for vehicle access.

We would appreciate if your office could acknowledge receipt of this letter by return email and look forward to your consideration.

Sincerely,



Chief Peter Marcellais

CC: Alan Taylor, COO, Canadian Zinc Corporation

Attachments: NBDB letter to PMO office, January 22, 2016

NBDB Band Council Resolution on Traditional Land Use Agreement

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## BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION

BCR#: 07/05/2016-1

Meeting Date: 05 July 2016

First Nations: Nahanni Butte Dene Band

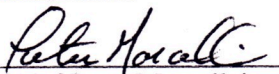
**RE: Traditional Land Use Agreement (TLUA) with Canadian Zinc Corporation**

**BCR # 07/05/2016-1**

Whereas the Nahanni Butte Dene Band has validated its designated Traditional Lands to the Mackenzie Valley Review Board by submitting indisputable evidence of ancestral occupation and recent land use through harvesting activities in the region surrounding Canadian Zinc Corporation's proposed All-Season Access Road;

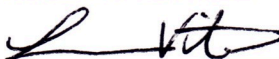
**Therefore be it resolved** that the Nahanni Butte Dene Band Council agrees to notify all parties that it believes it is the sole Community impacted by the proposed All-Season Access Road and therefore has the authority to negotiate an exclusive (TLUA) with Canadian Zinc Corporation.

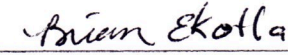
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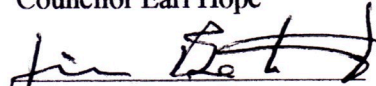
  
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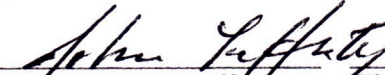
  
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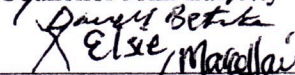
  
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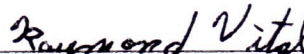
  
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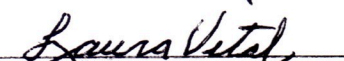
  
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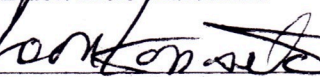
  
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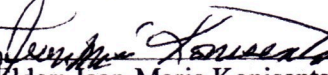
  
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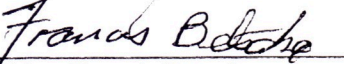
  
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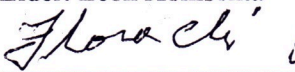
  
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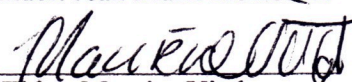
  
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January 22, 2016

The Rt. Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A2

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 km<sup>2</sup> 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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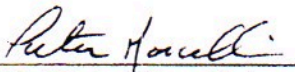
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For this reason, we ask for your personal assistance in notifying the officials at Parks Canada that the First Nation negotiators of any future Impact and Benefits Agreements covering Nahanni Butte Traditional Lands and Waterways must include the current 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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