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1 --- Upon commencing at 9:37 a.m.

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3 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Hi, everyone.

4 It's Ruari Carthew, with the Review Board. We're
5 going to get things started.

6 So this is day 3 of the technical
7 session for the GNWT's proposed Tlicho all-season road
8 to Whati. Today's session will be a little bit
9 different in that we're hoping for some additional
10 participation from the public. And sporadically
11 through the day we will be pausing to -- to give
12 public members the opportunity to speak.

13 Before we get started officially I'm
14 going to pass things over to Tlicho Government and one
15 (1) of the Elders for an opening prayer.

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17 (OPENING PRAYER)

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19 HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS:

20 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Masi. Ruari
21 Carthew, with the Review Board. So thank you for
22 that. Just because there are some new faces here
23 today, I will go through the basic housekeeping.
24 Exits, the front door here. There are another couple
25 down the hall to the left. The bathroom is also down

1 the hall on the right near the gymnasium.

2 We do have interpreters here today,
3 James and Violet. They're doing a great job. If you
4 are speaking, please keep in mind that it is being
5 interpreted, so speak slowly. And channel 1 is for
6 English and channel 4 is for Tlicho.

7 Today's session, as I had mentioned
8 earlier, is going to be a little bit different. It's
9 all geared towards the socioeconomic issues. We will
10 briefly go over some finalized commitments from
11 yesterday. Before we get into that, I would just like
12 to take a moment for the new faces around the room to
13 introduce themselves. And -- and then we'll move to
14 people on the phone.

15 So starting from my left here. And --
16 and then we'll go around.

17 MR. JESSE O'BRIEN: I'm Jesse O'Brien.
18 I'm Golder Associate's socioeconomic lead for the
19 project and one (1) of the authors of the ASR report.

20 MR. CHRIS HEWITT: I am Chris Hewitt,
21 with the Government of the Northwest Territories.

22 MS. MORGAN MOFFITT: I'm Morgan
23 Moffitt, with the Department of Health and Social
24 Services in the Government of the Northwest
25 Territories.

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(BRIEF PAUSE)

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MS. SARA NASH: I'm Sara Nash,

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Director of Health and Social Services for the TCSA.

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MR. KEVIN ARMSTRONG: And I'm Kevin

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Armstrong, CEO of the Tlicho Community Service Agency.

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MS. LISA NITSIZA: Lisa Nitsiza, Whati

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SAO Community Government of Whati.

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CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: If there are

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some other people seated on the outskirts, if you

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could raise your hand, and Alan will bring the

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microphone over.

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MS. KELLY MAHONEY: Kelly Mahoney,

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with Education, Culture, and Employment with GNWT.

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MR. DYLAN OLIVER: Dylan Oliver, GNWT.

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CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Okay. Ruari

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Carthew, with the Review Board. Thank you very much.

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And we'll move over to the phone lines. Let's start

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with maybe organizations is better. Anybody from the

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GNWT on the phone?

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DR. JAMES HODSON (BY PHONE): Yeah.

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James Hodson, with Wildlife Division in GNWT.

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CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Anybody from

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the Tlicho Government on the phone? Federal

1 Government...?

2 MS. MAUREEN FLAGLER (BY PHONE):

3 Maureen Flagler, with INAC, Northern Affairs.

4 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: And any other
5 parties or people on the phone?

6 MR. SHIN SHIGA (BY PHONE): Shin
7 Shiga, with North Slave Metis Alliance.

8 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Okay. Shin,
9 could you please repeat that for others who did not
10 hear you?

11 MR. SHIN SHIGA (BY PHONE): Good
12 morning. Shin Shiga, with North Slave Metis Alliance.

13 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Okay. Thank
14 you. A couple housekeeping items I missed out on. We
15 are recording the names of people that are here today.
16 If you have not already done so, please take a moment
17 to sign in at the front. And there -- there are some
18 photos being taken of the sessions. If you have any
19 concerns with that, please let us know and we will
20 make sure that you -- your photo does not appear.

21 I'd like to move on then to just the
22 finalized commitments from yesterday. There -- there
23 had been some homework for people seeking commitments
24 to finalize the wording, and then to report back on
25 them. So I'm not going to go through all of the

1 outstanding commitments. I just want to hear from
2 finalized commitments. If you could read those out
3 for the transcript.

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5 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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7 MR. BOYAN TRACZ: Boyan Tracz,
8 Wek'eezhii Renewable Resources Board.

9 Commitment number 3, I think there's
10 going to be a bit of back and forth on the wording
11 still, so that's still a work in progress.

12 Commitment 4, I believe is closer. I
13 think that Laurie and I can discuss that the wording
14 is, at this point, loose enough to allow for things;
15 but we can speak to the spirit of the commitment a
16 little bit later.

17 And that's -- I think that's the -- the
18 final comments on -- or for now, the comments on 3 and
19 4.

20 I'll pass on to Allice regarding other
21 WRRB-related comments.

22 DR. ALLICE LEGAT: Allice Legat, WRRB.
23 These have not been committed to, but they're worded
24 because we're still hoping to get a commitment.

25 So the first one that I'm going to say

1 is: To ensure overall population of fur bearers the
2 GNWT commits to monitoring small mammal populations,
3 size and trend, as well as ensuring that the Tlicho
4 knowledge of fur bearer's state of knowledge is
5 gathered by harvesters.

6 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Okay. Thank
7 you. Ruari Carthew, with the Review Board. Perhaps
8 for expedience sake, Allice, you can share that
9 wording with the GNWT and the GNWT can confirm
10 following the break if -- if they're amenable to that
11 commitment.

12 Are there additional finalized
13 commitments to be read?

14 MR. SHIN SHIGA (BY PHONE): Good
15 morning. This is Shin Shiga, with North Slave Metis
16 Alliance. I just emailed Laurie McGregor. If she's
17 in the room, maybe she can -- it might be easier for
18 you to hear her instead of me reading out the -- the
19 words. Thank you.

20 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: So it's Russ
21 Neudorf, with GNWT. So, Shin, we will read out the
22 commitments on traffic and the revised wording there
23 shortly, but I think we'll respond to the WRRB here
24 first with -- on the small mammal draft commitment.

25 MR. SHIN SHIGA (BY PHONE): Okay.

1 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: So -- and for --
2 and for that I'll turn it over to ENR.

3 MS. KATE WITHERLY: Hi. It's Kate
4 Witherly, with Environmental and Natural Resources.

5 So GNWT's position remains the same as
6 yesterday, is that we're not prepared to accept that
7 as a commitment for this project. The small mammal
8 programs that we've done have been all in conjunction
9 with communities and tend to be community-led with ENR
10 providing support. And ENR is prepared to discuss
11 doing that with communities separately from this
12 specific project.

13 DR. ALLICE LEGAT: Okay. Okay. Thank
14 you. And can I do the second one? Okay.

15 To ensure that the Tlicho knowledge and
16 science are both appro -- appropriately reflected in
17 the final WWP (sic) the GNWT commits to taking both
18 DFO personnel and the Tlicho Elders to ground truth,
19 each local where a culvert will be placed along the
20 TASR.

21 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: It's Alan Ehrlich,
22 with the Review Board. So just to be clear, Allice,
23 I'm pretty sure you meant the WMMP, right?

24 DR. ALLICE LEGAT: Yes, I -- yes,
25 sorry. Yes.

1 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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3 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
4 with GNWT.

5 So we did have a commitment that we had
6 -- Tlicho Government and the GNWT had agreed to
7 yesterday. And the wording here is a little bit
8 different. And we can talk about -- to the WRRB about
9 that revised wording. I just note -- and,
10 specifically, it's about going to each crossing I
11 think is -- is the difference. And there's just -- it
12 does create some challenges because you can't -- it's
13 easy to get into some crossings with a helicopter,
14 others you can't.

15 So it does mean that you have to go
16 with -- on the land with an Argo or an ATV or quad or
17 something, and that creates some more challenges. But
18 we can talk about that with WRRB, but we like the
19 commitment we have to date.

20 DR. ALLICE LEGAT: Allice, with WRRB.
21 Just so you understand why, the Board really likes to
22 make decisions on using both traditional knowledge
23 that's been analyzed by the experts, and the Elders
24 are the experts, as well as a scientist, who are the
25 experts. And the -- the DFO has an expert who's

1 going. Thank you.

2 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Tlicho Government,
3 Ginger Gibson. The Tlicho Government and the GNWT did
4 review wording on this yesterday and entered into the
5 record. And -- and just from the perspective of the
6 Tlicho Government, we're satisfied with the language
7 that was there yesterday. It provides us with
8 sufficient flexibility to ensure that our land team
9 can work with the Elders in the ways that -- that are
10 most appropriate for the Elders, to engage them as
11 experts in the process, and -- and we're satisfied
12 with the language that we agreed to yesterday.

13 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Yeah, Ruari
14 Carthew, with the Review Board. Russ, perhaps you can
15 continue with the NSMA commitment wordings.

16 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Thanks. Russ
17 Neudorf, GNWT.

18 So this is one (1) commitment, but it's
19 in two (2) parts now, I guess. So it was Commitment
20 6, and so 6(a), GNWT commits to a literature search
21 for effects of a range of potential seasonal traffic
22 rates, including a maximum of two hundred (200)
23 vehicles per day for moose, caribou, and bison.

24 The GNWT will incorporate the results
25 of the literature search into the draft WMMP which

1 will be provided by September 22nd, 2017.

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MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
6 GNWT. I will carry on here with 6(b) then, so the
7 second part of that commitment. The GNWT commits to
8 research and produce biologically relevant traffic
9 exceedance values re -- related to information
10 gathered in the literature search in commitment 6(a)
11 to trigger adaptive management in the WEMP. These may
12 be seasonally-specific and/or species-specific.

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So that was wording that was provided
14 directly by the NSMA. And the GNWT's agreeing with
15 that wording, so, Shin, it should be exactly the
16 wording that you provided to us. Thanks.

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CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Okay. Ruari
18 Carthew, with the Review Board. I'm glad we have this
19 on transcript. I will pass this over to Alan, who's
20 just going to do a brief overview of what the -- the
21 purpose of the technical session is for new -- new
22 people that are here today. My apologies, one (1)
23 sec.

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(BRIEF PAUSE)

1 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Okay. I'm
2 told that there are some updates to a couple things.
3 I'll pass it over to Allice, from the WRRB.

4 DR. ALLICE LEGAT: Allice, with the
5 WRRB, Allice Legat. Thank you. I just wanted to add
6 to something I said the other day. And so given the
7 timing of the completion of the WMMP, the WRRB will be
8 unable to provide the final report on Tlicho knowledge
9 of todzi, boreal caribou, and wildfire which will
10 contain information about key habitat types within
11 their range.

12 The Board will be working closely with
13 the Tlicho Government, the government's land
14 protection department, to complete the final report as
15 soon as possible so the Tlicho knowledge can be used
16 along with the science to monitor the todzi, boreal
17 caribou, and the state of their habitat. Masi.
18 Thanks. That's all I need.

19 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Allice, it's Alan,
20 from the Review Board. When you were -- I don't
21 remember what day it was. I guess it was two (2) days
22 ago. You were talking about certain special habitats
23 that are particularly important for boreal caribou.

24 And based on what you just said, it
25 would be particularly helpful to the Board if before

1 technical reports go in you -- you can make your best
2 effort to identify if any of those special habitats
3 are in the vicinity of the proposed road route.

4 DR. ALLICE LEGAT: Alice Legat, with
5 the Wek'eezhii Renewable Resources Board. Yes, I can
6 certainly do that.

7 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Thanks.

8 MR. BOYAN TRACZ: Boyan Tracz,
9 Wek'eezhii Renewable Resource Board. Not necessarily
10 a commitment but sort of a follow-up on some of
11 yesterday's discussions. I was able to update Jody
12 Pellissey, the WRRB's executive director, on the
13 discussion regarding the time required for review of
14 the WMMP.

15 Where NSMA and Environment Canada were
16 starting with a four (4) weeks, Tlicho Government
17 presented a two (2) weeks turnaround. My direction is
18 that the WRRB needs four (4) weeks for review.

19 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Alan Ehrlich, with
20 the Review Board.

21 Okay. Thanks, Boyan. Look, we'll -- I
22 mean, we'll take it under consideration. Obviously
23 there's a balancing of a number of different interests
24 that the Board's going to have to make when it makes
25 its decision on the schedule. And we'll make sure

1 that everything that's been discussed in this room
2 regarding the schedule and different parties' needs is
3 careful thought through. We hope to give you
4 something sometime next week on that.

5 Okay. So I'm going to give a short
6 blurb for the benefit of Dylan, Sara, Kevin, Lisa,
7 Chris, and Jesse, who weren't here on the first day,
8 just about what's going on here. It's going to be
9 shorter than it was on the first day so we have more
10 time for the good stuff.

11 I just want to make it really obvious
12 that this is not a hearing because we're not board
13 members. We're not the decision makers. We're but
14 humble staff. And so what we're here to do is to swap
15 technical information, have a good constructive face-
16 to-face dialogue so that we can, in some cases,
17 resolve issues in a way that is efficient and
18 effective and doesn't involve a lot of paper, a lot of
19 writing, and the many weeks of review and drafting
20 that go into that kind of thing.

21 The process that we have right now has
22 the possibility of a second round of Information
23 Requests but not the certainty of a second round of
24 Information Requests. The Board's going to take stock
25 of where we are in information needs at the end of

1 this session. And we'll decide likely by the end of
2 next week, but we'll see about that, whether or not a
3 second round of Information Requests is -- is needed.

4 But the best thing we can do to get
5 good answers to the questions people have here is to
6 discuss openly and make, you know, best honest efforts
7 to try and respond to face-to-face questions.

8 The problem with Information Requests
9 is you kind of get sequential monologue, right? Well,
10 we have a chance for real dialogue back and forth, a
11 chance to dig down without the formality of a hearing,
12 without the legal context of a hearing, and yet
13 everything is being transcribed. And that means that
14 you can go back to it and you can remember what people
15 said and you can -- you know, it's -- it's -- we found
16 it to be quite useful for the developer and for
17 parties when preparing technical reports, and also for
18 the Board just to try and keep track of where we are
19 now with the issues.

20 During an EA, normally an environmental
21 assessment starts with a rather large number of
22 issues, very broad. And then progressively, over the
23 course of -- of the -- this progressive analysis of
24 evidence as it comes in, the number of issues narrows
25 and we get into more depths on the stuff that really

1 matter to people. And the stuff that can be easily
2 resolved or wasn't much of an issue at the beginning
3 falls off the table or gets the resolved.

4 The developer's been trying to do that
5 through different aspects of improving project design
6 or making certain commitments. And parties have been
7 quite helpful about making clear what else they need
8 more information on and -- and where they're at now.

9 So I'm hoping that brings everyone up
10 to speed. Please remember that, because it's -- it's
11 being transcribed, you really have to say your name
12 each time you talk into the microphone. It's quite
13 helpful for the transcription to -- to get that.

14 And today's -- one (1) of the
15 differences is we're -- we're hoping that -- you see
16 we've put out more seats, right? We think there's a
17 possibility that more community members are going to
18 come in and discuss it because of the -- the subject
19 matter today. So thanks very much.

20 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
21 Carthew, with the Review Board. Thank you, Alan. I
22 think we'll now move on and get right into it. We're
23 going to open up with a presentation from the GNWT
24 just to describe projects in terms of the
25 socioeconomics. And I believe it's Jesse O'Brien who

1 will be doing that.

2 We'll just take a moment to set up.

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4 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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6 PRESENTATION BY GNWT RE: SOCIOECONOMICS:

7 MR. JESSE O'BRIEN: Okay. Hi. Jesse

8 O'Brien, from Golder Associates, for the GNWT.

9 Welcome to our day of discussion around the

10 socioeconomic elements of the project. We have a very

11 brief presentation that we're going to go through just

12 to frame where we're at in the regulatory process and

13 how we arrived at the results of the ASR.

14 So we'll look at the work that has been

15 done to date to inform the socioeconomic impact

16 assessment of the project and how community

17 perspectives have been incorporated into that work.

18 We'll also provide a quick summary of

19 the socioeconomic topics in the SEIA and the key

20 pathways of effect that were identified, and then go

21 into the focus of the socioeconomic Information

22 Requests, so the -- the outstanding questions that

23 came after the ASR was submitted.

24 So the process of the socioeconomic

25 assessment begins with the original PDR report that

1 was produced. In support of this report, a scoping
2 study was undertaken within the community of Whati
3 that identified key concerns for the community as well
4 as key perceived benefits. In addition to this, an
5 economic analysis was conducted in 2014. And an
6 archeological assessment was also conducted.

7 The terms of reference that were
8 produced based on the PDR and other input through
9 consultation identified three (3) key valued
10 components, the first being traditional use, culture,
11 and heritage resources. And a number of the issues
12 that fall under this related to harvesting have
13 already been discussed in these sessions through the
14 wildlife and aquatic sessions.

15 The next is economic well being. And
16 this centres around business development and
17 employment and continuation of traditional activities
18 from an economic perspective.

19 Finally, stable and healthy
20 communities, one (1) of the larger areas or valued
21 components identified in the terms of reference,
22 includes potential impacts to the community, both
23 positive and adverse and is greatly informed by
24 community perspectives and feedback and input from
25 community administration as well as representatives

1 from both the Tlicho and Government of the Northwest
2 Territories.

3 The adequacy statement that was
4 produced requested several key things from the PDR,
5 further analysis regarding social and -- or social
6 issues and infrastructure, conducting a residual
7 impact assessment, and the provision of more detail on
8 mitigation.

9 In response to this, the Tlicho
10 Government submitted a number of IR responses that
11 provided a greater amount of background information
12 about the adequacy statement. It identified
13 additional key mitigations and built on the existing
14 ones from the PDR and provided more explanation of the
15 roles of the different organizations in terms of
16 monitoring and management of social impacts of the
17 project.

18 Now, from all four (4) of these
19 different steps the adequacy statement response was
20 produced. And the adequacy statement response for the
21 socioeconomic section of the project is a little bit
22 different than for the biophysical or aquatic sections
23 in that it is by and large a summation of all of this
24 work that has been done to-date to analyze the social
25 implications of this project.

1 Based on the work that was done, the
2 assessment of socioeconomic effects identified several
3 key benefits as well as several potential risks of the
4 project. And again, these are coming from the Tlicho
5 themselves and from other input that was derived from
6 the Information Request process.

7 Employment opportunities, economic and
8 business development were key elements of the economic
9 well-being VSAC. Access to lower cost goods in terms
10 of other markets, such as Yellowknife, and enhanced
11 mobility and reduced isolation were also seen as
12 benefits of the project.

13 This all culminates in the key pathway
14 of reliable, inexpensive transportation relative to
15 the current conditions under winter road scenario or
16 air transportation. Overall transportation safety is
17 viewed as being an improvement. This is particularly
18 true during inclement weather conditions on the winter
19 road or in periods where the winter road is either
20 just being established or being decommissioned and
21 where conditions are not necessarily safe for
22 transportation but people still use the road anyway.

23 And I'll just pause briefly for
24 translation.

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1 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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MR. JESSE O'BRIEN: Some of the potential risks of the project identified through consultation and through the scoping studies that were conducted include increased industrial development. And that's from the perspective of impacts to the natural resources of the environment. And again, this is one (1) of the pathways that has been covered in the previous sessions of this technical session.

Impacts to local culture and harvesting have similarly been discussed from a wildlife population and habitat perspective as well as fisheries and water quality. There has been concern expressed regarding the potential for outsiders to come into the community in terms of a public safety perspective.

Community absenteeism and changing community structures were also identified as potentially adverse impacts, though the -- these are dependent on one's perspective. And there are differing perspectives that are brought up in the scoping study that was conducted for the project.

Some of the more prominent issues raised are increased access to drugs and alcohol and

1 the associated social pressures that go along with
2 that and the exacerbation of existing social pressures
3 within the community and resulting impacts on
4 vulnerable groups. And these included from the
5 scoping study youth, young women, in specific, and
6 Elders.

7 The assessment of socioeconomic effects
8 identifies the potential for project effects to occur.
9 But unlike some of the other assessment sections,
10 there is a great deal of uncertainty around the extent
11 to which these impacts may occur, both positive and
12 adverse. And there is necessarily a heavy reliance on
13 a commitment to ongoing socioeconomic monitoring and
14 the development of adaptive management principles.

15 The role of the socioeconomic section
16 in the ASR is largely to identify who has the
17 authority to monitor what and who will be responding
18 to social impacts should they arise from a management
19 perspective.

20 Now, we benefit from a great deal of
21 work being conducted on this project for -- for many,
22 many years leading up to it in terms of social
23 planning and mitigation exercises. And there are
24 already a number of bodies in place to monitor social
25 impacts and to address them collaboratively with

1 involvement from government, from the Tlicho
2 Government and the Tlicho people.

3 And some of these agencies include the
4 TCSA, who is here with us today, the GNWT Department
5 of Health and Services, the Whati Inter-Agency
6 Committee, local housing authorities, the RCMP, the
7 Tlicho Regional Economic Development Working Group,
8 and then the community government of Whati and the
9 Tlicho Government themselves who will exercise
10 authority over social mitigations related to impacts
11 in the community.

12 Many of the Tlicho mitigations are
13 aimed at community-level health and well being impacts
14 and issues surrounding food security and harvesting
15 and mitigating those social ills that may arise from
16 substance abuse or other deleterious impacts within
17 the community.

18 GNWT mitigations are aimed at public
19 and community health and safety, educational
20 initiatives around sexual health and well being and
21 substance abuse, as well as traffic mitigations and
22 transportation safety.

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24 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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1 MR. JESSE O'BRIEN: Information
2 Requests that were submitted following the submission
3 of the ASR focused on the following topics. Questions
4 were asked by MVEIRB regarding equitable employment in
5 terms of the employment of women and opportunities
6 associated with construction employment along the TASR
7 route.

8 Young women were again brought up in
9 the context of vulnerability, and this includes
10 vulnerability to issues associated with hitchhiking,
11 sexual health and the like.

12 Substance abuse was raised as a key
13 issue, as noted before. And the Board had additional
14 requests related to, not only policing and RCMP-
15 related topics, but also management practices and
16 approaches from the community perspective.

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20 MR. JESSE O'BRIEN: And I'm pausing
21 again for -- for translation. I know I go a little
22 quickly sometimes. Emergency response was another
23 issue that was brought up, and the capacity therein.
24 And this will be spoken to today by the GNWT.

25 Food security and harvesting was

1 another issue that was raised, not only from a broad
2 perspective, food security for the community level,
3 but also for those who are potentially most vulnerable
4 to shocks in prices or those not able to benefit from
5 access to cheaper goods in other markets, like
6 Yellowknife.

7 Finally, fisheries regulation was
8 brought up by the NSMA in terms of enforcement
9 authority. And I believe some of this may have been
10 touched on yesterday during the aquatics presentation,
11 but we can speak to that again today.

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15 MR. JESSE O'BRIEN: So today it is our
16 hope that we can address any kind of outstanding
17 questions beyond the Information Request responses
18 already provided, and that we can further discuss, as
19 noted, the -- the importance of monitoring and
20 management from a socioeconomic perspective, and the
21 roles and the bodies therein who are going to carry
22 that out.

23 So with that, I end our brief little
24 introductory presentation and turn it back over to the
25 Board.

1 QUESTION PERIOD:

2 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Okay. Ruari
3 Carthew, with the Review Board. Thank you, Jesse, for
4 that.

5 So for today's session, what we're
6 planning on doing is starting off the morning, at
7 least until the break, just with a standard
8 continuation of the technical question format.

9 And then following the break and -- and
10 again following lunch and following the afternoon
11 break, if -- if time continues, then we'll turn it
12 over to any members of the public so that they can
13 participate and -- and -- with any questions or
14 concerns they want to express.

15 So to start off, what I'd like to do is
16 just follow briefly the -- the topics that were laid
17 out in the agenda for today. And the -- the first
18 topic is related to community health and wellness. So
19 I'll turn that over to a -- parties if anyone has any
20 questions related to that.

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22 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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24 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Okay. It
25 seems like there are no questions in that topic area.

1 I do have a number of questions that I've prepared
2 overall. I think what I'd like to do though is -- is
3 just go through the topics to see if there are issues
4 that parties want to talk about. And -- and if there
5 are none, then -- then I'll proceed with my own.

6 So we'll move on to the next -- oh,
7 sorry.

8 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Thank you very
9 much, Ruari.

10 Thank you for the presentation this
11 morning, Jesse. That was very helpful. Just a
12 question for the Tlicho Community Services Agency, if
13 I might.

14 Kevin, you had had conversations with
15 us in the past about making sure that there's the
16 ability to provide greater awareness and education
17 tools on health related to issues affecting our
18 communities.

19 And as you know, the Community
20 Government of Whati is concerned with making sure that
21 there's adequate information and -- and excellent
22 information available to staff and to citizens for
23 community health, and sexual health in particular.

24 Is it your understanding and is -- and
25 is it feasible for the TCSA to commit to providing

1 more information for local health nurses on a range of
2 health issues such as sexual-transmitted infections,
3 among other issues? Masi.

4 MR. KEVIN ARMSTRONG: Thank you. It's
5 Kevin Armstrong, with TCSA. Yes, we committed to that
6 in the IRs, and we committed to doing more public --
7 public education with the community of Whati.

8 We've hired an additional school
9 counselling resource to work with youth in the school
10 doing some of that public education, as well as our
11 public health programming. We commit to continue with
12 that public education component.

13 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
14 Carthew, with the Review Board. So I -- I know that
15 in the -- the Tlicho Government's and Community
16 Government of Whati's responses, there had been that
17 Mitigation number 12 that spoke on that topic.

18 Are -- are you, just for the record,
19 making additional commitments here?

20 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Ginger Gibson,
21 Tlicho Government.

22 We are not making an additional
23 commitment, you're correct. It's number 12. I want
24 it on the public record so that it's accurately
25 reflected from the TCSA rather than reflected from the

1 Tlicho Government. We don't have the authority to
2 have those commitments registered under our
3 commitments, so it needs to properly be landed with
4 the TCSA. Masi.

5 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Thank you.
6 Ruari Carthew, with the Review Board. I do have some
7 follow-up questions related to vulnerability and --
8 and women's health. So maybe, if we're on that topic
9 here, I'll jump into that.

10 Related to Mitigation 12, you've
11 mentioned focus on the sexual health aspect.
12 However, some of the challenges that were brought up
13 in -- in the various reports were related to sexual
14 abuse.

15 And I'm wondering if you can comment on
16 any initiatives or -- or commitments that either TCSA
17 or the Tlicho Government has in place that might
18 mitigate the -- the identified potential for abuse
19 increases.

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21 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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23 MS. LISA NITSIZA: Lisa Nitsiza, Whati
24 SAO. I've been part of the inter-agency meetings over
25 the past few years in Whati. That's organizations

1 from your health nurse to your vice-principal to your
2 college teacher, Tlicho Government staff as well, and
3 community government.

4 We do discuss various topics such as
5 drugs and alcohol in the community, attendance from
6 school to your basic food supply. But as for the
7 family violence, we do get RCMP reports given to chief
8 and counsel on a monthly basis, and they don't mention
9 family violence. All they do mention is the domestic
10 abuse, how many calls they get a month compared to
11 last year's statistics.

12 And Community Government of Whati just
13 recently completed a resilience plan, and part of that
14 was the parenting skills workshop. Our recreation
15 coordinator at the moment with our recreation
16 programmer are working on activities for the youth.

17 We've had baseball clinics, we've had
18 hockey clinics, more events for kids at the youth
19 centre. However, all this is based on funding coming
20 from the community government itself, so we're limited
21 to certain areas. Thank you.

22 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Thank you,
23 Lisa. It's Ruari Carthew, from the Review Board.
24 Thank you for that.

25 And -- the reason for my question is

1 from the language that -- that was provided in the
2 Tlichó's responses to the First Round of IRs where
3 they say there -- there's -- young women could be
4 much more vulnerable with an on-land road, and there
5 could be much more abuse of women. And -- and then
6 that led into the -- the finding for Mitigation number
7 12.

8 I understand that what you're just
9 referring with the -- the various initiatives in -- in
10 place and discussions is more related to family
11 violence specifically?

12 MS. LISA NITSIZA: Yes. A lot of our
13 topics are family violence. And recently, with the
14 increase of population from the young getting to
15 teenagers, a majority of them too are female. What
16 we're tallying is the young ones who are experiencing
17 new life, is that if you plan to do anything beyond
18 your means, maybe work in twos (2s).

19 This is coming from personal experience
20 going from post-secondary schooling. We were told not
21 to be left alone or to walk alone. You -- you walk in
22 twos (2s) or in a group.

23 So we're trying to have this in the
24 community, present that to who we talk to: Don't be
25 alone. Walk together. Even -- not even Whatí itself.

1 Even when you travel to any other communities, don't
2 walk alone, especially if you're young, and -- and
3 especially in the female department as well.

4 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Thank you, Lisa,
5 for your response. I want to just bring to light also
6 that I -- I think that this is -- the issue you're
7 touching on is one that can't be resolved alone in the
8 Community Government of Whati. And so it'd be -- it'd
9 be very helpful for people to brainstorm on this
10 issue.

11 And I -- I'm always a really big fan of
12 the Review Board technical sessions in that regard,
13 that it's take off your hat and brainstorm for the
14 best possible solutions.

15 And so on the social issues in
16 particular, this is one (1) area where inner -- you
17 know, the -- the support of many parties together is
18 going to be required.

19 And I'm just going to give you an
20 example of one (1) new program that we have inked in
21 the last month -- one new commitment we've inked in
22 the last month, which is programs -- this -- this is
23 an MOU that was signed between Whati Community
24 Government -- Lisa asked me to speak on it because she
25 was on holiday when it was being inked -- Tlich

1 Government, TCSA, Child and Family Services -- oh,
2 that's -- that's TCSA -- and RCMP.

3 So I think this is a very innovative
4 program that is in particular being developed around
5 the road issue because the road will bring a lot of
6 economic activities, but also increase access to drug
7 and alcohol.

8 And so the three (3) parties are
9 working together to develop and implement a plan to
10 provide courses to members of the community on family
11 violence, on parenting, and on alcohol addictions. So
12 our goal is to offer programs not available in the
13 community currently to address the root causes of
14 addictions and generational violence.

15 So it's a -- it's a pilot program.
16 It's going to be targeted at some of the people that
17 are returning to the community coming out of jail, but
18 also open to anyone in the community, keeping in mind
19 that we're trying to be as proactive as possible and -
20 - and also that every year Lisa and I report in the
21 Inter-Agency Committee on what we're seeing happen in
22 the communities.

23 Lisa has her finger on the pulse of
24 what's happening in the communities, but every agency
25 comes and talks each year about what's new, what's

1 happening, and what we're seeing. And then programs
2 emerge like this one afterwards. Masi.

3 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
4 Carthew, with the Review Board. Thank you very much
5 for that, Ginger. That is helpful. And -- and you
6 opened that up by -- by kind of alluding to, you know,
7 obviously the more we can talk and work together, then
8 the better.

9 I know the GNWT has provided in their
10 responses, both in the PDR and the ASR, a lengthy list
11 of programs that they have in place to also help out
12 with drug and alcohol abuse or family violence. Is
13 the -- the new commitment that you were just
14 describing, is -- is that one that is separate from
15 those programs and -- and will also take advantage of
16 those programs?

17 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Ginger Gibson,
18 Tlicho Government. That's in addition to. Thanks.

19 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Thank you.
20 Ruari Carthew here. And -- and yesterday, we had had
21 parties agree on commitments, write them down, and
22 then provide it. I believe because this is one you're
23 just putting forward, did -- did you read it the way
24 you want it presented on the transcript?

25 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Yes, I did. And -

1 - and if you want this -- I mean, it is an MOU, and I
2 -- I think it's public. They did just give me the
3 nod, so we can place it on the public record, the MOU.
4 And -- and then I'll make sure that Janelle gets that
5 to you to put on the public record as a -- an -- and I
6 don't know that it would need a commitment because it
7 is an MOU between all of the parties. Masi.

8 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Okay. Thank
9 you very much for that. And it's Ruari Carthew, with
10 the Review Board.

11 So on the topic of vulnerability for
12 young women, Lisa, you'd mentioned the -- the
13 different discussions about people not going alone and
14 -- and going into -- in -- in pairs or more.

15 And I know that the Community
16 Government of Whatì, I believe it was, had also put
17 forward a -- and please do correct me -- I think it
18 was a policy for safety in the work where they were
19 encouraging people to -- to work in twos (2s) if it
20 was either labour positions or construction jobs or
21 what-not.

22 That was a -- a nice initiative to
23 read. Is -- is that a commitment that the Community
24 Government of Whatì will apply for jobs related to the
25 project?

1 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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3 MS. LISA NITSIZA: Lisa Nitsiza, Whati
4 SAO. At the moment, it isn't a commitment. At the
5 moment, we do have a public works superintendent we
6 just recently hired. He's -- he will be starting from
7 the ground up for safety right down to your work
8 boots, to your safety glasses, to your vest, to make
9 sure that the staff is practising safety in the field,
10 especially in public works.

11 As for the female staff, we do tend to
12 have them paired up. Especially if you work in
13 security at nights, we don't have a male or female.
14 We do have female staff working security if they do
15 ask for it.

16 Recently we had staff hired during the
17 Assembly 'cause Whati was pretty much vacant. We had
18 female staff that wanted to apply, but it was just the
19 one, so therefore we went for the males. And it's a
20 practice we're trying right now with our new
21 superintendent. Thank you.

22 MS. GINGER GIBSON: If I may, Ruari,
23 Ginger Gibson, Tlicho Government. This -- this isn't
24 a commitment the Community Government of Whati could
25 make.

1 It's certainly a practice that, as long
2 as I've seen Larry (phonetic) or Lisa in the positions
3 they're in, really thoughtful, accountable, talented
4 people running the -- the government, these are the
5 kinds of practices they follow. But I think this
6 something that would fall to the GNWT. Masi.

7 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Thank you for
8 that. Ruari, with the Review Board. Does the GNWT
9 want to follow up on -- on that and whether or not
10 that is a practice that they would look into? GNWT
11 can comment on that.

12 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
13 with GNWT. I'm just trying to clarify that. I assume
14 that we are talking about kind of that type of a
15 commitment or response as part of the project itself?

16 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
17 Carthew, with the Review Board. I'm -- I'm just
18 picking up on what -- what Lisa and Ginger were --
19 were saying regarding the promotion of safe practices
20 for women, and that they have some practices that the
21 community feels are effective and that have been
22 working. And would -- I don't know.

23 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Ginger Gibson,
24 Tlicho Government. I think, you know, the -- the
25 place that that tends to land is in your workplace

1 policies or your workplace practices, policies. And -
2 - and I'm not aware whether the GNWT has done kind of
3 a gender review or anything to that effect, and -- and
4 not that I'm -- I'm seeking that to be done.

5 I'm more interested -- I think the
6 Tlicho Government and the GNWT have their eye on this,
7 and -- and certainly making sure that the really solid
8 ground-up ideas of -- of Lisa Nitsiza, that they make
9 it into the approach that's taken in the all-season
10 road in particular so that female workers who we know
11 will be working at the job site are -- are really
12 good.

13 So we could look for a commitment to
14 the GNWT to review the Community Government of Whati
15 practices and policies and consider those in their
16 workplace -- their workplace policies. Masi.

17 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Yeah. Russ
18 Neudorf, GNWT. Obviously there's lots of GNWT
19 programs around the subject and -- vulnerability and
20 women. We will likely be tracking the involvement of
21 women as part of the workforce. It's something we did
22 with the Inuvik Tuk Highway, so it's of interest to
23 certain groups, so we've provided that information
24 publicly.

25 We can certainly commit to working

1 with, looking at the ideas that are presented by
2 Community Government of Whatì or the Whatì Inter-
3 Community Agency (sic), and to consider those as part
4 of the project so that the best practices can be
5 adopted.

6 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Okay. Ruari
7 Carthew, with the Review Board. Perhaps you can just
8 confer on some -- some agreement on the language, I
9 guess, and then get back to us later on after break.
10 That would be great.

11 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Masi. Ginger
12 Gibson, Tlichò Government. That's -- that's totally
13 acceptable to us.

14 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
15 GNWT. that's fine with us.

16 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Okay. Good
17 stuff. Thank you. Ruari Carthew, with the Review
18 Board. Just to pick up a little bit on some of the
19 numerous collaborations that are going on with the --
20 the GNWT and the Tlichò Government, the TCSA, and --
21 and all the good work and -- and the long work that
22 the Inter-Agency Committee has been conducting, and
23 plans and commitments from both sides, I guess, to
24 continue that into the future, is there a reporting
25 structure that is part of that that can essentially

1 track the issues that do come up and the actions that
2 have been taken to -- towards improving them?

3 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Masi. Ginger
4 Gibson, Tlicho Government. It -- it would be lovely
5 to have the Review Board observe one (1) of the Inter-
6 Agency Committee meetings one year because it's --
7 it's -- that's where that really takes life and -- and
8 shape.

9 So you would see -- in those Inter-
10 Agency Committee meetings, you would see all of the
11 people -- many of the people here at those meetings
12 and -- and more. And then Lisa and I, at the very
13 beginning of every year, we take the twelve (12)
14 commitments and we break them down.

15 So every single year we start the
16 year's meeting after the chief opens with Mitigation
17 1. And then we report what Lisa's done and what I've
18 done -- like not Lisa as a person, but Lisa as the
19 Community Government of Whati and Tlicho Government
20 reports every single year on what has been done.

21 And that's -- so that's a tracking of
22 how -- we've done that three (3) years now running,
23 and so that gives you a demonstration of how we're
24 actually tracking our actions on the commitments made.

25 And then we run working group that --

1 working groups, small break-out groups, that focus on
2 each area. And this year we -- we broke out into the
3 small groups, and in those groups identified new areas
4 that were emerging.

5 And -- and so new programs are -- like
6 the MOU with the RCMP is an example of something
7 adaptively being developed and proactively being
8 developed based on what Lisa tells us is emerging.

9 So our first Inter-Agency meeting was
10 in 2013. We skipped 2014, I don't remember why.
11 Forest fire. Then we had 2015, 2016, 2017. And then
12 we've also had special Inter-Agency meetings.

13 So we rely on data, but what people in
14 Whati rely on is seeing Lisa every single year, along
15 with this whole cast of characters. So it's very much
16 an oral process that is followed every year by
17 diligent government action. Masi.

18 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
19 Carthew, with the Review Board. Thank you for that.
20 That -- that is informative. I have no doubt many of
21 us would love to sit in on those meetings. And -- and
22 I have seen meeting minutes, I believe, that have been
23 submitted as part of the -- the overall submission for
24 this project.

25 Are those meetings or the presentations

1 that you provide, are -- are those uploaded onto the -
2 - the Tlicho website?

3 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Tlicho Government,
4 Ginger Gibson. No, they are not.

5 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Okay. Thank
6 you.

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8 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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10 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Another topic
11 that I have on the issue of community health and --
12 and wellness relates to the issues of drug and alcohol
13 abuse. One (1) of the mitigation measures that was
14 put forward -- and -- and I appreciate that there are
15 actually I think three (3) mitigation measures from
16 Tlicho Government that were put forward to deal with
17 this issue.

18 One (1) of them is for the development
19 of the Nishi program. I've -- I've looked through the
20 -- the records and I -- I really could not find much
21 description of what that program is.

22 I'm -- I'm wondering if you'd be able
23 to describe what the intent of the Nishi program and -
24 - and how it functions.

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1 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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3 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Ginger Gibson,
4 Tlicho Government. We don't have Leona Lafferty who
5 is developing and running those on-the-land programs,
6 Nishi programs, in the region. I do know that she ran
7 one this year, and it was just before the Whati Inter-
8 Agency Committee meeting in -- in June of this year.

9 And so the reports back were that
10 they're running on-the-land programs for community
11 members that wish to access a more traditional form of
12 -- of healing. And I don't have -- I think that's the
13 extent of my information about the program. Masi.

14 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
15 Carthew, with the Review Board. Thank you. So my
16 understanding then is that the Nishi program is -- is
17 specifically an on-the-land program to promote
18 healing?

19 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Ginger Gibson,
20 Tlicho Government. That's correct.

21 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Thank you for
22 that. Ruari Carthew. Within the context of drug and
23 alcohol abuse and the mitigation measures that were
24 provided, there were also various references to
25 concerns with youth and -- and youth being caught up

1 in increased access to drug and alcohol.

2 Most of the mitigation measures that
3 are there certainly have a larger focus towards
4 adults. I'm -- I'm curious, apart from, you know,
5 trying to limit the amount of alcohol that's coming in
6 on the road, if you might comment on initiatives being
7 conducted either by the Tlicho Government or Community
8 Government of Whati to specifically maybe reduce the
9 attraction or use of drug, alcohols for -- for youth
10 that might come from this project.

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12 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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14 MS. LISA NITSIZA: Lisa Nitsiza, Whati
15 SAO. We have been working towards our youth towards
16 sports activities. But again, all that is based on
17 funding. It has been picking up from the previous
18 years I've been there.

19 And our -- the group of kids that are
20 growing up today are growing up as a group where
21 they're -- they say hi to one another down the streets
22 or in school or if they're away from places. And
23 especially when they come into communities, they stay
24 as a group. But again, it's all based on funding.

25 We get creative with our funds to find

1 ways to charter kids in and charter kids out. We do
2 try to utilize the winter road to have hockey clinics
3 to bring other communities into our -- into our
4 community. We work hard to make sure things are done
5 properly.

6 I'm -- I'm very organized. I like to
7 have things organized. If it falls off my little
8 trail, it bothers me. But again, it's just all based
9 on funds and make sure things are there, organization
10 and communications with other communities. Thank you.

11 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
12 Carthew, with the Review Board. Thank you very much
13 for Lisa -- or for your response, Lisa.

14 I -- I will ask one (1) more question
15 related to drug and alcohol abuse, and -- and then
16 we'll go for a break. Oh, okay. Let's go with it.

17 MR. KEVIN ARMSTRONG: It's Kevin
18 Armstrong, TCSA. I just wanted to add that we are
19 hiring a art therapist to work in the school this year
20 as a pilot project for the first time who will subs --
21 specifically work with youth and all the school-aged
22 children; so that's the additional support for Whati,
23 along with our regular mental health programming that
24 youth can also access.

25 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Ginger Gibson,

1 Tlicho Government. Also, the Tlicho Government is
2 working on the components of a four (4) to five (5)
3 day personal parenting program which will have an
4 educational component combatting the long-term effects
5 of residential school, but also focusing on Healthy
6 Babies parenting program and a puberty camp.

7 So in particular, the puberty camp
8 would take youth out on the land and teach them about
9 their bodies in traditional ways.

10 So there are -- in the Tlicho
11 Government, there is future strategic plans that has
12 zero to six (6) year plans in place and a ten (10)
13 year strategy coming soon.

14 That plan relied on speaking to three
15 hundred and fifty (350) people through the region,
16 through the Tlicho region, and has a focus on early
17 childhood, establishing family resource centres in
18 Whati, focusing on oral health and speech/language
19 resources.

20 That physical space, the Family
21 Resource Centre, will promote healthy food, parent
22 day, learning activities, and it will be a place where
23 occupational therapists and physical therapists can
24 come by to visit with families, and also a place where
25 young people can support each other through peer

1 groups. Masi.

2 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
3 Carthew, Review Board. Again, thank you for that. So
4 my -- my last question on -- on this topic before we
5 go for the break is related to the Tlicho Government
6 Mitigation number 3, proposing to lift the prohibition
7 ban on alcohol.

8 So recently the Community Government of
9 Behchoko has gone through that experience, and I am
10 curious if the Tlicho Government or anyone from the
11 Community Government of Behchoko might be able to talk
12 about lessons learnt from that experience and how they
13 might apply to Whati in -- in reference to the
14 project, and specifically in -- in preparation for the
15 perceived spike.

16 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Yeah. So --
17 Ginger Gibson, Tlicho Government. You'll recall we --
18 we have a -- a working theory that is a theory. It's
19 not based in -- in experience because there's very
20 little public literature available on what happens
21 when you put a road through.

22 So we relied on a case study. So we
23 looked at Behchoko, and we relied on the
24 anthropological literature available from June Helm
25 and Nancy Lurie in 1968 and 1970 when the Behchoko

1 road went through.

2 That didn't provide us any data on the
3 spike question and the theory that the -- the spike
4 that we experience in addictions and access to supply
5 of alcohol and drugs that occurs in the -- in the --
6 right after the -- when the winter road opens.

7 But our theory, our working theory, is
8 that it will level out. And so we have proposed this
9 case of looking at what happens in Behchoko when the
10 prohibition is lifted. And -- and it was lifted in
11 May 1st, and -- and since then we've watched the
12 monthly statistics.

13 Now, Larry Barans (sic) is really the
14 man to talk to on this. He's in -- on holiday, so he
15 -- he sent me his notes which describe no change in
16 the -- the alcohol and drug addictions rate.

17 So they get a monthly report from RCMP,
18 and the spike has not decreased (sic). But we don't
19 have the July data, and he feels like the July data
20 will be telling. That's his gut, but we don't have
21 that data. So we're not seeing what we predicted,
22 which is this levelling off. At this point, we
23 haven't seen that yet. Masi.

24 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
25 Carthew, with the Review Board. Thank you very much

1 for that. Wondering, when that information comes in,
2 if you could report to the Review Board on the -- the
3 trends that you're noticing.

4 MR. KEVIN ARMSTRONG: Kevin Armstrong,
5 TCSA. Since the prohibition has been lifted here in
6 Behchoko, we've seen no increase in demand for service
7 or no increase in call volume.

8 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: It's Alan Ehrlich,
9 with the Review Board. Ginger, I'm -- I'm quite
10 interested in the spike. It's sometimes called a
11 spike, sometimes called a pulse.

12 This is where TG and the Developers
13 agreed that there will be a -- you know, a temporary
14 rise in certain issues following the opening of the
15 road which will level out as people get used to --
16 used to it and -- and all the stuff that comes with
17 it.

18 It seems to me like a lot of the
19 arguments we heard from the Developer are the spike
20 will level off in maybe a year or two (2), and -- and
21 things will be easier to manage after that, and
22 there'll be a more intense focus during the first year
23 or two (2).

24 And what I've read from the -- the
25 Tlichio in the very excellent response to IRs that we

1 got, also the appendices that were particularly
2 helpful, said that, with increased management, the
3 community's ready to deal with it, the Tlicho
4 Government's ready to deal with this.

5 And I recognize what you say, that this
6 idea of a spike is theoretical, right, and that there
7 are no exact models that precisely suit the situation
8 as case studies where you can learn from them.

9 I'd like to know more about -- right
10 now, the spike is predicted I think as one (1) or two
11 (2) years. I'd like to hear more about your
12 confidence in the accuracy of that prediction.

13 I hear what you said that Larry's not
14 here, but it seems to me like a lot of the
15 socioeconomic cultural impacts have to do with this
16 spike idea. And so I'm -- I'm very interested in --
17 in your degree of confidence with respect to that.
18 Thanks.

19 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
20 Carthew, with the Review Board. Just to pick up on
21 that, within the confidence of -- of your response, I
22 note as well that many of the mitigation measures
23 proposed are only for one year with the spike. And --
24 and so if -- you know, that'll probably be a follow-up
25 question.

1 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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3 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari

4 Carthew, with the Review Board. Maybe what we'll do

5 is we'll take a break now for fifteen (15) minutes,

6 and then we'll reconvene and we can continue this line

7 of questioning following the break, five (5) after

8 11:00. Thanks.

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10 --- Upon recessing at 10:52 a.m.

11 --- Upon resuming at 11:08 a.m.

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13 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Okay. Thank

14 you. It's Ruari Carthew, from the Review Board.

15 We'll resume the session. So we go

16 back to Tlicho Government. They were going to respond

17 to questions related to the -- the spike.

18 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Masi. Ginger

19 Gibson, Tlicho Government.

20 We're just going to ask the GNWT to

21 refer to this first, and then we'll follow. Masi.

22 MR. DARREN CAMPBELL: All right. It's

23 Darren Campbell, with GNWT.

24 And we'll just talk a little bit about,

25 you know, dealing with the spikes. The Department of

1 Justice and the RCMP work closely together to -- to
2 provide reporting to the community on an annual basis,
3 and also on -- on a monthly bases.

4 So in terms of responding to the spike,
5 there's that ability to use that reporting and -- and
6 working closely with the community to -- to deal with
7 it on -- on an adaptive management level. And I think
8 I'll -- I'll kick it over to DHSS to talk about
9 programs.

10 MS. MORGAN MOFFITT: Morgan Moffitt,
11 Department of Health and Social Services, GNWT.

12 So the GNWT has developed a strategic
13 framework, the Mind and Spirit, that was released in
14 November 2016. The framework sets the stage for
15 development of our three (3) specific action plans to
16 address key areas, such as child and youth mental
17 wellness, addictions recovery, and mental health
18 services, and these action plans and framework extend
19 to 2021.

20 So we're going to -- what -- we are
21 confident that our current programs and the services
22 that are being developed through these action plans
23 and that are -- will provide the necessary support and
24 programming that will assist TG and TCSA in dealing
25 with these issues. Thank you.

1 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Yeah. Thank
2 you very much, Morgan. It's Ruari Carthew, from the
3 GNWT (sic).

4 Would you be able to provide that
5 document to the public registry for the Review Board?

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7 --- COMMITMENT NO. 19: GNWT to provide the
8 framework for the Mind and
9 Spirit that was released
10 in November 2016

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12 MS. MORGAN MOFFITT: Yes. Morgan
13 Moffitt.

14 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: And am I right in
15 assuming that those programs are the ones that are
16 applied in -- in all the different communities, not
17 just Whati in particular, right?

18 MS. MORGAN MOFFITT: The programs are
19 delivered by the TCSA but, yes.

20 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Thanks.
21 Ruari Carthew, with the Review Board.

22 In relation to that strategic framework
23 can -- can you, please, comment on the -- the planned
24 completion of the TASR road, and -- and when
25 operations would begin because that's the time of the

1 spike, and I do believe that that would occur after
2 the 2021 time period you're referring to.

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4 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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6 MS. MORGAN MOFFITT: Morgan Moffitt,
7 Department of Health and Social Services.

8 So this framework and the action plans
9 that are being developed are continually responding to
10 what we're seeing on the ground, and what we're
11 hearing from the health authorities. So we will
12 continue to do that work after the completion of the
13 road. Thank you.

14 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: It's Alan Ehrlich
15 here.

16 So, Ginger, you were going to reflect
17 on, as you mentioned, the spike -- the theory is that
18 it's a year or two (2), and as you point out it's
19 theoretical but it seems to me that the well-being of
20 perhaps a large proportion of people in Whati depends
21 on things kind of normalizing over time.

22 So, you know, there's theoretical and
23 there's theoretical, and it would be very helpful to
24 understand what kind of uncertainties -- you know, how
25 confident you are in that -- that prediction. Thanks.

1 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Thanks. Ginger
2 Gibson, Tlicho Government.

3 Thanks for the question, Alan. The
4 evidence for this prediction comes from highly
5 knowledgeable and informed community service
6 providers, so our interviews with teachers in the
7 schools, with the principal in the school, and with
8 health and social service providers in Whati is based
9 on that spike occurring in a shorter time frame during
10 the winter road season.

11 So we're taking that spike and applying
12 it to the longer-term predication. But in some ways
13 it's neither here nor there because we have the
14 adaptive response and we're -- we're going to be
15 watching the data -- much as we're watching the data
16 in Behchoko, we're going to watch the data and if it
17 does something different than what we're predicting
18 then we're poised to respond with our adaptive
19 management approach.

20 So while we have confidence because
21 this is what is being told us -- to us from the -- the
22 service providers in Whati, we are making a jump in
23 logic and -- and so I concur with you that -- that
24 it's a jump, and it's an assumption -- a set of
25 assumptions that -- that we hope to be true because

1 truly in Whati we -- we want and hope for the best.

2 But our data is what will tell us what
3 is going to be true and is happening, and our response
4 mechanisms are in place as partners with the GNWT to
5 ensure that if we see things go up we react quickly
6 and accordingly.

7 I'll turn to Kevin to address the
8 question of supply and demand that is implicit in
9 this. Masi.

10 MR. KEVIN ARMSTRONG: Thank you.
11 Kevin Armstrong, TCSA.

12 I think there's a couple ways to look
13 at this issue. One (1) -- one (1) is the issue of
14 supply, and the other is demand. And if our
15 experience in Behchoko has taught us something, as
16 long as there's demand for the product of alcohol
17 there will always be supply.

18 And today we -- we know that these
19 problems current exist in Whati, and that there's
20 existing supply routes. People are bringing the
21 substances in via plane over the Lac La Martre River,
22 in the winter by skidoo, and then the winter road.

23 So our focus -- the Agency's focus in
24 terms of programming will be combatting the demand,
25 and trying to put those preventative programs in place

1 that prevent people from wanting to consume the
2 product in the first place. Thank you.

3 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: So, Ginger -- it's
4 Alan again.

5 So if the -- the spike as I've -- I see
6 it, you know, goes up at the beginning because there's
7 a lot of new stuff going on, and then it tapers off,
8 is it tapering off in response to the mitigations that
9 the TG and the TCSA are bringing about, or is it just
10 tapering off as novelty wears off?

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12 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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14 MS. LISA NITSIZA: Lisa Nitsiza, Whati
15 SAO.

16 I believe the spike tappers off as a
17 novelty. It happens when the winter road starts
18 because you have that cabin fever where you want to
19 get out. And there is that last minute rush when you
20 know the winter road is going to close, so that's
21 where your spike is coming from. Thank you.

22 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Ginger Gibson,
23 Tlicho Government.

24 I just want to know if the GNWT has
25 anything to add on this?

1 MR. DARREN CAMPBELL: Yeah. It's
2 Darren Campbell, with GNWT.

3 In terms of operations it's been
4 identified between DOJ and RCMP that there is the
5 capacity to -- to respond to short term surges, and
6 that any -- any adaptive management planning can be
7 built into strategic operations with -- in
8 consultation with the community.

9 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: It's Alan Ehrlich,
10 again. So I think I'll -- miss it, Ginger, because I
11 -- I really appreciate the answers and stuff that
12 everyone is giving us. It's helping a lot.

13 If the spike doesn't taper off after a
14 year or two (2) but winds up going five (5), ten (10)
15 years or something like that, do you have the
16 mitigations you need to -- to continue to deal with
17 the kinds of issues you've written about?

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19 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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21 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Ginger Tli --
22 Gibson, Tlicho Government.

23 I'll just ask Kevin to address this
24 question, and then ask the -- the GNWT if they can
25 also address this question. Masi.

1 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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4 MR. KEVIN ARMSTRONG: I mean
5 ultimately we have the capacity to respond to these
6 community issues if they -- if they are more long
7 lasting and the ability to reallocate resources within
8 our organization to -- to look at mitigating any --
9 any of those longer term impacts.

10 MR. DARREN CAMPBELL: Not to put my
11 captain obvious hat on, but -- sorry.

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13 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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15 MR. DARREN CAMPBELL: I was hoping to
16 go by a nomer but -- but the -- the GNWT is -- is ever
17 present -- sorry, Darren Campbell, GNWT.

18 GNWT is -- is ever present, so the --
19 the -- in terms of adaptive management it's -- it's
20 perpetual. It - - it -- the RCMP will continue to
21 police, and -- and I -- I believe that to -- to date
22 that relationship with the communities and -- and the
23 health and social services will persist.

24 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Thanks. It's --
25 it's Alan Ehrlich.

1 Yeah, I -- I understand that sort of
2 normal services are still going to continue to be
3 allowed, and -- but if this project should increase
4 the kinds of -- of social economic issues that we've
5 heard about, you know, we -- the question is partly
6 how well are all those social services -- all those
7 programs doing in all the other communities in the
8 Northwest Territories compared to Canadian averages,
9 right. We're talking about an unusual circumstance
10 here where there's this spike, so it's not the same
11 old same old that we're -- we're talking about.

12 I'll ask the Tlicho Government and
13 TCSA, I guess, with -- with respect to the kinds of
14 things you'll need to mitigate the -- the problems
15 we're talking about, you said you've got programs and
16 things in place, and if -- if this winds up taking
17 much longer than, you know, the year or two (2), do
18 you have all the resources you need to implement those
19 mitigations?

20 And I'm -- I'm including, you know,
21 financial resources and everything else in that.

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23 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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25 MR. KEVIN ARMSTRONG: Kevin Armstrong,

1 TCSA.

2 So our -- our response would be if we -
3 - if we see increased demand for programs and
4 services, we have various tools at our disposal.
5 Perhaps we could reallocate existing resources from
6 across our -- our organization to that community. We
7 could also work cooperatively with the Department of
8 Health and the GNWT to put forward a business case, or
9 a force growth case for additional resources.

10 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Just -- sorry,
11 just before you go. Russ Neudorf, from GNWT.

12 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
13 GNWT.

14 GNWT goes through various different
15 planning processes, and those are designed to be able
16 to respond to changing environment, changing
17 conditions, changing needs. So obviously every four
18 (4) years we've got to refresh on government, and new
19 mandate, new priorities are set. And those -- those
20 are set to respond to the issues that are before the
21 legislative assembly, which is before the people of
22 the NWT.

23 And obviously, you know, politicians
24 are informed by community governments by -- who are
25 the various agencies for what those issues are, so

1 that's where they get debated, discussed, and -- and
2 ultimately decided -- priorities decided upon. After
3 that, there's an annual business planning process. So
4 every year, departments -- each department needs to go
5 -- come forward with their annual business plans.

6 And those are, again, within the
7 broader mandate of the GNWT, but designed to drill
8 down to say what, how the government is going to use
9 the -- departments are going to use the resources that
10 we have in order to respond to the issues that are in
11 front of them. So there is a --there is that process
12 where you -- you can see what those issues/challenges
13 are, and governments have an opportunity to address --
14 address them through that process.

15 Part of that business planning process
16 includes the opportunity for dart -- departments to
17 reallocate some of the funding that they have, and
18 there's also a process where we can ask for additional
19 funding to address the -- any new emerging issues that
20 might be coming up.

21 This road project I'm sure will be in
22 quite a few different departments' business plans as
23 they think about what's going to happen after the road
24 is in place. The Department of Justice working with
25 the RCMP will be having it on their radar. It's a --

1 you know, a year before we get under way, two (2) to
2 four (4) years pre -- you know, assuming this process
3 concludes positively for the Developer.

4 So there is time to build in -- to plan
5 for what's going to happen during -- once the road
6 comes into construction, and then have the appropriate
7 mitigation/adaptation strategies in place in order to
8 -- to respond to deal with the issues. Thank you.

9 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Thank you.
10 Ruari Carthew, with the Review Board.

11 The -- the adaptive management
12 approached as described by both governments are
13 certainly appreciated. And I'm hearing essentially a
14 commitment from the -- the governments that should
15 they notice, you know, adverse challenges associated
16 with the road persisting beyond one (1) year, that
17 there's a commitment to continue with mitigation
18 measures to -- to address those.

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20 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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22 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: It's Russ
23 Neudorf, with the GNWT.

24 Just to give my kind of response to
25 that, I think, yeah, we'll continue to do our job. It

1 is -- we are here to respond to the issues, to -- you
2 know, as they come up to have the right programs to,
3 you know, ensure we've got healthy, well-educated,
4 employed people.

5 So we will continue to provide those
6 services.

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8 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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10 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Ginger Gibson,
11 Tlicho Government.

12 It's a complicated question you're
13 asking because our mitigations are -- I mean, you saw
14 -- you saw us add to this year, and -- and we're going
15 to be evaluating them and identifying at some point
16 that some of them don't work. So I don't want to
17 commit to implementing stuff that doesn't work.

18 I'm with Russ in -- in that I want to
19 continue to do the job that the Tlicho Government
20 under its authorities and the TCSA under its
21 authorities has to do for its citizens. But to bind
22 ourselves to commitments that if we evaluate them and
23 they appear to not be working -- let me give you a
24 good example.

25 Behchoko, as -- as Kevin was

1 indicating, has tried to manage the supply question
2 rather than the demand question and as a result of
3 that the very unfortunate social side effect has been
4 criminalization of young people because the moment
5 they get dinged by the RCMP with a record at -- at
6 eighteen (18) when they party, that hang -- hangs on
7 and sticks with them until they're twenty-five (25),
8 thirty (30), thirty-five (35).

9 So that's the criminalization of youth
10 due to trying to manage demand. So we've realized we
11 cannot -- or supply, pardon me. We cannot go down
12 that path of continuing to marginalise our youth from
13 the work force so they -- it's a perpetual cycle of
14 poverty and -- and addictions that -- that preys on
15 these young people.

16 So we -- you know, that was an idea
17 then and now we know as social planners that that
18 doesn't work. So now as Kevin accurately suggests, we
19 need to work on demand. And so our mitigations are
20 going to need to adapt with what we learn as we learn
21 it. Masi.

22 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
23 Carthew, with the Review Board.

24 Thank you very much for that. And I
25 was -- I was deliberate in not specifying the

1 mitigation measures precisely for that reason. I -- I
2 think the whole purpose of adaptive management is to
3 learn as you go, and evaluate that. I'll -- I'll move
4 on a little bit.

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6 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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8 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: I also had
9 promised to provide opportunity for public to speak
10 following breaks. Is -- is there anybody in the
11 audience who would like to have a moment to -- to talk
12 to the audience?

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14 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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16 (INTERPRETED FROM TLICHO INTO ENGLISH)

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18 ELDER FRANCIS SIMPSON: Good morning.
19 This is Francis Simpson, from -- originally from
20 Whati.

21 And a good -- you have a beautiful
22 morning. I guess -- I guess, you know, we gather a
23 lot of good information so that effecting -- the all-
24 season road into a home community. Yes, there are a
25 lot of social issues that have -- are impacted, you

1 know, up to now. And then there's -- might increase
2 as, you know, times go by as completion of the all-
3 season road.

4 Yes. It's -- it's good to hear a
5 cross-section from various experts from the various
6 departments, and then the -- looking at other
7 activities of building the highways in the -- across
8 the country. You gathered all that information and
9 tried to feed that into our regional plan over here,
10 which is good.

11 Yes. The -- we have the -- the road in
12 -- connecting to southern part of Canada, and then the
13 -- and that -- that should give us some good
14 indication as to what social impact that might have,
15 and then right into the main centres, and right out to
16 the remote community like ours.

17 Yes. That we did aerial survey -- you
18 know this is my -- maybe I might be off a little bit
19 of topic but I'm concerned about this aerial survey
20 that the Department of Transportation had done over
21 time, I guess. You know, that they -- the reason why
22 I'm bringing up this subject is the -- the road --
23 where the roadbed might be because, you know, I think
24 there's a big detour getting off the Highway 3 off,
25 you know, so many kilometres away from this community.

1 And I thought the -- the Elders were in
2 favour of have a road connecting from just below
3 Mosquito Creek and connecting to the Whati. This is a
4 sort of, I'm sure a shorter link. You know, this is
5 my concern. And this is -- are the concerns of the
6 Elders that was in my community.

7 So that's one (1) -- one (1) concern
8 that I have. And then the other concerns that I have
9 is something to do with social issues regarding the
10 alcohol and drugs coming into our community.

11 Yes. The -- talking about spike, I
12 guess, you know, like the situation here is that, you
13 know, that the -- the activities within our community
14 is not -- it's not an active -- activity every day of
15 the week but there -- the only time that -- you know,
16 that the spike has to, you know, come into effect is
17 probably when the winter road comes to connect within
18 a community.

19 And the -- other than that there's --
20 some drugs are coming in, you know, despite what RCMP
21 could do. But the -- but definitely as the -- the
22 most concern -- my concern is that the activities on
23 social issues -- this is one (1) problem by itself.

24 And then the economic spinoff within a
25 community, that's another area of concerns that I

1 have. And I hope that the road will bring same --
2 some prosperity as employment wise. And the -- and
3 the possibility that the -- another concern that I
4 have regarding about the alcohol problem is maybe the
5 crime rate might come up in the future. That --
6 that's something remains to be seen.

7 Yes. The -- the history of the Whati
8 back in the early '60s I guess, you know, that
9 everything was quiet, you know, and -- and then the --
10 back before the -- before the territorial government
11 was created back in 1967 and then the -- and I --
12 although I don't have a proper education, and yet just
13 because I have the work experience I had a local
14 contract at the local community.

15 So back then, I guess, you know, that I
16 had a contract to do something in the community that's
17 worth something like eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) a
18 year contract, and then maybe about three (3) --
19 seventy-five dollars (\$75) an hour contract. So I had
20 -- had managed that contract for last six (6) years.

21 And after six (6) years, I guess the --
22 the contract has gone up after but nonetheless back
23 then I didn't have -- I don't have any equipment to
24 make my work, you know, sufficiently. So I think I
25 work for the -- as a janitor, whatever the contract

1 was that -- you know, that I worked there for twenty-
2 six (26) years as a -- but now that the -- we have --
3 we have a lot of business opp -- opportunity.

4 The community that's run by our
5 leaders, which is good. Back then I guess it wasn't
6 so but however I managed to live through that, you
7 know, on the hard times. And it's just information I
8 wanted to share with you.

9 And the -- despite what we do back
10 then, and even till then, I guess, you know, we do
11 have a lot of good connections, I guess. Anybody
12 wants to do anything, they have to consult with your
13 Elders. Make sure that -- you know, that anything
14 that you do is quite valuable -- viable, and then, you
15 know, what's -- with the consent of the local people
16 to make your business plan work for you.

17 So I think -- I think that's what we're
18 doing here today. But -- but personally speaking
19 it's, you know, like I -- speaking for myself here I
20 don't even get compensated for the work that I've done
21 in the past. So -- so I just thought I'd share my
22 history of work that I've done in my home community.
23 This is my personal work that I have done that I like
24 to share with you. Thank you.

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1 (INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED)

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3 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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5 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Masi, for --
6 for your thoughts. I understand that you -- you had
7 the concerns over alcohol and drugs. Some of the
8 economy is in place right now and opportunities that
9 might come from the road, and some concerns over the,
10 I guess the route selection of the -- of the road.

11 Did GNWT want to comment on the -- the
12 route selection?

13 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
14 GNWT. Thank you very much for the -- for the
15 comments. We did -- one (1) of the early studies that
16 we did leading into this was to do -- look at
17 different alignments for the road. And there were
18 several that we studied in more detail, ranging from
19 the one (1) that was selected and then all the way to
20 the one (1) that would be a more direct route,
21 essentially, trying to draw a straighter line between
22 the community of Behchoko and -- and Whati.

23 And that -- I think we have actually
24 called that the Elder's Route in the past. But in our
25 study of that one (1), unfortunately it was -- it was

1 -- it's a somewhat shorter length, but it's a much,
2 much more difficult terrain in order to construct.
3 You're actually on the Canadian shield.

4 You have to -- there would be some big
5 rock differences in elevation that would need to be
6 dealt with and it was a much more expensive route to
7 construct on. And then also, you know, more water
8 crossings that we would have to deal with that as
9 well.

10 When we went to the alignment that
11 we're choosing now, it's on -- it's on the taiga
12 shield, so it's easier to construct. We hope that
13 it's going to be easier to maintain. There's going to
14 be less permafrost, so it'll be more like the road
15 driving south from Behchoko than it is like the road
16 driving to Yellowknife.

17 And -- and then finally, and quite
18 importantly as well, was that it was on an old winter
19 road alignment. So it was a ready disturbed alignment
20 that a winter road had been constructed on in the
21 past. So those are kind of the main reason why we had
22 -- we had landed on that and then, of course, we had
23 to go back to the community of Whati to the Tlicho
24 Government and then get their support for that --
25 choosing that route and -- and so we went through that

1 process and obviously got their support to proceed
2 with the route that we have. Thanks.

3 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Okay. Ruari
4 Carthew, with the Review Board. Before I continue, I
5 -- I just want to capture in the -- the dialogue that
6 we just had related to the spike. There are many
7 programs in the strategies referenced by TCSA and the
8 Tlicho Government, as -- as well as by the GNWT.

9 And I'm -- I'm hoping you -- you might,
10 you know, separately be able to provide an updated
11 list of those -- those initiatives. Sorry, the -- the
12 new programs that you've referenced, as long -- as
13 well as, I guess, a -- a brief description of -- of
14 what they are about. Thank you.

15 Following the -- the comments from a
16 respected Elder back there, I'll -- I'll move the
17 conversation along to potential vulnerabilities
18 towards Elders that might arise with the project. And
19 certainly there -- there have been a number of
20 potential concerns and -- and impacts identified that
21 -- that could collectively be -- be very serious for
22 Elders.

23 And I think everyone here acknowledges
24 the -- the critical importance that -- that Elders
25 play in the Tlicho and -- and to the continuation of

1 the -- the culture. So I -- I'd like to touch on
2 those.

3 So some of the issues that have been
4 presented are some vulnerabilities created by being
5 left on the weekends, reduced delivery of firewood,
6 country foods, less help with chores, fewer young
7 people around to kind of associate with the Elders,
8 unable to benefit from economic and employment
9 opportunities from the project, but having to still
10 live with any increase in -- in other costs that might
11 come with the project, and a potential decreased
12 reliance on the traditional economy.

13 And I'm -- I'm curious, what -- so --
14 so I'll back up a little bit. Within some of the
15 Tlicho Government and community government and Whati
16 responses there -- there have been descriptions of the
17 efforts and programs put in place to address Elder
18 security.

19 And -- and some of those programs were
20 certainly described in a recent round of IRs and --
21 and they include a healthcare worker that visits
22 Elders on a weekly basis. There's a government
23 officer that checks on Elders on a weekly basis. And
24 tea sessions that occur every week.

25 I'm -- I'm curious if we can get a

1 response on -- on what actions the healthcare worker
2 will take if they find, you know, there's a
3 requirement for more day to day support?

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5 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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7 MS. SARA NASH: Sara Nash, TCSA.

8 Currently we offer a extensive home care program in
9 each community in our region, including Whati. We
10 have two (2) available nurses, community health nurses
11 in the Health Centre along with a licensed practical
12 nurse, and a home care support aide who does daily
13 visits to the clients who request help in any form.

14 So they can come visit the clinic at
15 any point in time, complete an application for home
16 care, and then we'll provide them the service and this
17 will continue.

18 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Thank you.

19 Ruari Carthew, with the Review Board. Do -- do you
20 have any kind of ability to comment on -- on the
21 success of those programs, in I guess, offsetting the
22 sense of a loss connection either to the -- the land
23 or from family?

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25 (BRIEF PAUSE)

1 MS. SARA NASH: I feel that our
2 program is successful in keeping our clients in the
3 home longer without having to be transferred to long-
4 term care facilities that are outside their community.
5 They can remain close to home where they have family
6 members who can also assist and continue to live
7 traditionally.

8 MS. LISA NITSIZA: Lisa Nitsiza, Whati
9 SAO. Personally, I've seen the home care visits to
10 the Elders. Whati -- the Community Government of
11 Whati does try to have tea sessions, we call it tea
12 time, where we gather the Elders together in one (1)
13 infrastructure where they can have cookies, tea, they
14 play checkers, they talk amongst one another.

15 We even invite the youth to
16 participate. So where they can try to learn their
17 language as well. And even -- I can't really say it
18 on TG perspective, but TG does have events. We have
19 Aboriginal Days, Canada Days, where we try to have
20 Chinese Checkers for the Elders to participate.

21 If they need rides we do offer rides to
22 pick them up and drop them off, and make sure they're
23 okay, that they have the fluids they need. They're
24 not -- sit the shade. Elders are not left alone. And
25 there is assistance from GNWT regarding if firewood is

1 needed. If those who have wood stoves -- it could be
2 provided. Thank you.

3 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Ginger Gibson,
4 Tlicho Government. The final point we'd make is that
5 the road will actually allow more family visiting.
6 And -- and so one of the chief concerns that you hear
7 in the communities regarding isolation is that they
8 can't see family members for long periods of time.

9 And so the ability for elders to have
10 other family members visit them and increase
11 conductivity was one (1) of the predictions that the
12 Tlicho Government made. I'll just pas -- pass this to
13 GNWT in case there's any comment. Masi.

14 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
15 with GNWT. The only comment is we're trying to see if
16 we can come up with kind of a -- the list of the
17 programs and services that are available specifically
18 for Elders. Unfortunately, we don't have that
19 expertise here right now, but we're going to try to
20 get it and see if we can, you know, potentially this
21 afternoon return to it and -- and provide that
22 information to respond to the issue if that would be
23 acceptable with the Board.

24 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Yes, Ruari
25 Carthew, with the Review Board. Thank you very much.

1 That would be -- that would be great. And -- and
2 thank you TCSA and the Community Government of Whatì
3 and Tlìcho Government for all your responses.

4 I -- I touched a little bit on the cost
5 of living there. I -- I do have a question towards
6 the GNWT related to cost of living. And this -- this
7 comes from a reference within, I believe the -- the
8 first round of responses Tlìcho Government had
9 provided in November or October.

10 It had been mentioned and -- and
11 everybody recognizes the ability of a -- an all-season
12 road to lower the -- the cost -- transportation costs
13 and food. However, there was reference to an increase
14 cost -- or a potential for increased cost in housing.

15 And I'm curious if the GNWT might be
16 able to comment on that and if -- if possible, provide
17 any kind of metric to understand the -- the type of
18 increased costs we're talking about?

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20 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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22 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
23 with the GNWT. We believe the reference to the
24 potential increase cost of housing would be around an
25 increased demand. So if there was net in-migration to

1 the community of Whati, there would be more demand for
2 a limited supply of housing and it could potentially
3 drive up the cost.

4 At this time we're not forecasting any
5 kind of a significant increase in the -- in the
6 population of Whati, so we don't see that happening.
7 And we do hope, in fact, that like the cost of food,
8 that the cost of housing would also be -- would go --
9 the cost to produce or construct a new house would be
10 -- go down because of the ease of access again, you
11 know, three hundred and sixty-five (365) days a year
12 as opposed to a limited window during the winter road
13 to bring materials in, and then just access for you to
14 be able to respond to those minor things that you need
15 anytime to -- when you're constructing a house,
16 something you forgot to bring in on the winter road,
17 for example.

18 So it should ease the -- the cost and -
19 - and ultimately lower the cost a little bit of the
20 actual construction. Thanks.

21 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Ruari, we'll just
22 add one (1) thing. Tlicho -- Ginger Gibson, Tlicho
23 Government. We concur with the GNWT that the cost of
24 -- of living in Whati would be reduced with the road,
25 and the costs -- just because of the cost of trucking

1 everything in is -- is much lower.

2 There's cheaper construction materials,
3 cost of buildings is -- is much lower, and -- and
4 it'll also reduce costs for things that Whati is
5 looking for, such as a recreation centre. And a final
6 note that Lisa just passed me was on your -- your
7 previous question on Elders, Whati has constructed an
8 Elder's home and it's having -- it's a beautiful,
9 beautiful spot, and we hope that you'll all see it
10 when you come to the public hearings in Whati.

11 But the Elder's home, they're having
12 trouble filling the spots, because the Elders are very
13 well accommodated within their families homes, so. We
14 thought that was an ironic twist on -- on providing
15 spaces for Elders. Masi.

16 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
17 Carthew, with the Review Board. And -- thank you for
18 that. And I know when we went to Whati for the
19 scoping session I believe they were just completing
20 the building and it did look really nice. And -- and
21 it could be that people are wanting to stay there,
22 visitors, because the lake is also very beautiful.

23 So I'm going to move the -- the topic
24 along to public safety. So for the GNWT, I believe in
25 the -- the -- and I apologize, it's PR reference 110

1 and I can't recall if that's the -- I -- I think
2 that's the ASR, there was mentioned that the project
3 co might be going with a different size and number of
4 construction camps then what had been originally
5 proposed in the -- the PDR.

6 And understand certainly that, you
7 know, the GNWT cannot constrain the -- the successful
8 company in developing the most effective project.
9 With -- within those confines, are you able to provide
10 some kind of constraints on, you know, the number of
11 construction camps and the maximum size that would be
12 allowed?

13 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
14 with GNWT. As we talked about over the last couple
15 days, we are going with P3 approach,
16 public/private/partnership approach with this. So
17 we're in the process of finding somebody to actually
18 design, build, finance, operate, and maintain the
19 road.

20 So obviously as part of the
21 construction of it they'll -- then the proponent will
22 have the final say -- word over the size of the camps,
23 how they're going to operate the location of them. I
24 think the approach that we've taken in the PDR and the
25 ASR itself is to be conservative in the approach. So,

1 you know, large -- relatively large size of camps.

2 Our expectation is that that's kind of
3 the -- the extreme, or -- the actual will be a smaller
4 size, less impact than what we've talked about in the
5 ASR. Thank you.

6 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Okay. Ruari
7 Carthew, with the Review Board. And am I correct in
8 understanding that should the project proceed to
9 regulatory, that that is something that would be
10 finalized prior to any permitting?

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12 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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14 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
15 with GNWT. The land use permit is where the details
16 will be -- of the camp size, et cetera, will be
17 authorized. So we will need to know from project co
18 the -- the company that's going to be constructing the
19 road, the size of the camps, the location that goes
20 into the land use permit and then also they would get
21 reviewed and approved through that regulatory process.

22 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
23 Carthew, with the Review Board. Thank you very much.
24 Yesterday or the -- the day before we had talked a --
25 a little bit in the wildlife component about

1 collisions with traffic. There's obvious overlap
2 there with public safety.

3 And I wanted to follow-up on some
4 questions there, and specifically with the potential
5 for bison collisions. Within the ASR I -- I came
6 across a -- a couple conflicting references. One (1)
7 -- one (1) essentially saying that, you know, in
8 roughly a ten (10) year time span there were a total
9 of a hundred and thirteen (113) collisions and -- and
10 another -- and -- and I think it had said that bison
11 accounted for a good portion of that.

12 The -- the other reference was that
13 since, I think, 2006 served in on average twenty-two
14 (22) bison kills as a result of collisions per year.
15 Certainly that -- that second figure is much greater
16 than -- than a hundred and ten (110) animals.

17 And -- and that's a -- a number, and --
18 and we have heard in -- in the technical session that
19 bison have been spotted in the area and there's
20 certainly a prediction that bison will make a home of
21 the region and -- and eventually follow the road.

22 So I'm -- I'm curious if within the
23 GNWT's factoring of public safety and -- and traffic
24 collisions design of the road, if -- if they have
25 considered the -- the specific issue of bison

1 collisions and -- and if they've erred on the side of
2 caution with that -- that larger number?

3 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: It's Russ
4 Neudorf, with GNWT. Safety of the travelling public
5 on the road is a high priority -- significant issue
6 for the department and something that we take very
7 seriously and have programs and initiatives to respond
8 to those concerns as they come up.

9 We can drill down just to see what the
10 specific discrepancy between the two (2) and provide
11 an explanation for that. We'll see if we can do that
12 relatively quick here to explain it.

13 My guess is it might be -- we get -- we
14 get information on bison collisions from two (2)
15 different sources. I think we touched on that a
16 little bit yesterday or the -- or the day before about
17 ENR's database so we could, you know -- where they
18 look at bison collisions and then we also get our own
19 information from our own police reportable collision
20 database.

21 And we recognize the two (2) are not
22 the same. There is different information coming out
23 of them. We do have interactions with ENR to try to
24 understand that so that we can, you know, have the
25 appropriate programs around safety going forward to --

1 to deal with the -- that particular issue.

2 And then -- or else the difference
3 could also be the number of collisions verus the
4 number of bison killed, because you could have more
5 than one (1) bison killed, or not, in any collision as
6 well. So I just -- we'll see if we can drill down and
7 explain the differences a little bit.

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9 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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11 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
12 just continuing, we were trying to remember what other
13 issue you had. So if you want to refresh the question
14 or ask again, that -- that would be good. But I would
15 note that we are following the appropriate Can --
16 National Canadian Standards for the design of the
17 road. The speed limit will be appropriate for the
18 driving conditions.

19 We will be monit -- we'll have -- we,
20 and working with our proponent that's going to be
21 maintaining the road will be on the road every day
22 adjusting operations. So bison in particular is one
23 (1) where we do adjust speed limits, put in other
24 measures as required.

25 If we notice that there is a problem at

1 a -- at a certain section of road, so I know between
2 Behchoko and -- and Yellowknife over the past number
3 of years we have had a small herd that moved into the
4 area. Where we noticed that's a problem we put in
5 reduced speeds for that herd is while they're there
6 and until they move on, in order -- just to be able to
7 respond to the and address any safe -- potential
8 safety concerns.

9 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
10 Carthew, from the Review Board. Thank you very much.
11 And -- and please don't let me limit you in divulging
12 whatever you want to tell me, that's totally fine.
13 Following up on that comment though, along Highway 3
14 are there specific mitigation measures for bison and -
15 - and if so, is the GNWT going to be applying those
16 also to the TASR?

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18 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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20 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
21 with GNWT. So if I heard the question correctly, is
22 any specific mitigation that we do around bison and to
23 encoura -- or avoid bison collisions would we apply
24 that on TASR? The answer is, yes. We will do
25 everything that we can to ensure that the road is as

1 safe as possible.

2 We do have our -- our Drive Alive
3 program. We actually try to increase awareness, make
4 the drivers more aware of the -- of the potential for
5 collisions betw -- with bison. And it's at certain
6 times of the year we notice that problem, particularly
7 starting now and until November or so. We think it's
8 a losing the light problem and more darkness, so more
9 dusk/dawn periods.

10 And with bison being relatively hard to
11 see, there's not too much reflective on a bison except
12 their eye. And they -- and they tend to come to the
13 highway during the -- the fall period of time as well.
14 So that's where we focus any of our safety messaging
15 for the public.

16 And then we also put of variable
17 message signs, so these portable signs that are lit up
18 that we can put in place to address any specific
19 emerging issue, safety related issue. So we'll
20 continue to implement that.

21 A final point is that we have over the
22 years worked with ENR. We have actually set up a
23 committee specifically to look at bison interactions
24 with traffic and what we can do to improve the safety
25 on the road and improve the outcome for bisons as

1 well. And -- so that's -- that continues to meet as
2 required to address those issues. Thank you.

3 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Russ, I had a
4 question for -- it's Alan Ehrlich with the Review
5 Board. You mentioned that they seem to be more
6 attracted to roads at certain times. Why are bison
7 attracted to roads? Is that an insect thing? Is that
8 a line of sight to predators? Like what's -- what's
9 behind that?

10 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
11 GNWT. I'll give you my answer, the kind of things
12 that I've heard, but I think James -- from ENR is on
13 the phone and he may also have a comment, so we'll
14 just turn it over to him after.

15 There's three (3) things that I've
16 heard of why bison might be attracted to a road. One
17 (1) is yes, for insects, that there's perhaps more air
18 movement over the road. It's a -- it's an open area,
19 so you have more wind opportunities and -- and insects
20 might be less.

21 The second is just the vegetation along
22 the road, that they're attracted to that. And the
23 third is that wolves like -- dislike the vehicle
24 traffic more than the bison do. So the wolves tend to
25 not be around highways as much as possible.

1 Again, those are the things that I've
2 heard, the -- the relevance of them all, the
3 importance, I'm not sure, but I'll just -- hopefully
4 James is on the phone and we'll just see if he might
5 want to add any comments to that.

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MR. DARREN CAMPBELL: He called in.

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MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Yeah, if -- if we
11 don't have James on the phone, it's -- it's okay. I
12 mean, I don't want to divert too much of our time to
13 that question. It just occurs to me it's something
14 you probably dealt with and may have some relevance
15 for this project. Thanks.

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CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Thank you.
17 Ruari Carthew, here. I'll -- I'll just take one (1)
18 more question to the GNWT and -- and then I'm being
19 told lunch is ready, so we can break for lunch.

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This question, and -- and again, it
21 relates a little bit back to some conversations from
22 previous days related to traffic volumes. And I'm
23 just curious if the GNWT has new data on traffic
24 volumes from this past winter season. I do believe
25 that the GNWT had intended on putting a counter on the

1 Whati winter road.

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MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,

GNWT. Yes, we did install a traffic counter on the

Whati winter road. And I'm not -- it's on the spur so

I'm not -- do we know exactly where it was?

MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: So it's just on

the spur to Whati then, so it's off of the road. To

Gameti there's a spur that goes to the west of Whati

and it's on that. There was fifty-three (53) vehicles

a day on that road, so it's relatively consistent with

the information that we had previously reported.

We did use that when we were responding

to the question about the twenty (20) to forty (40)

vehicles a day. So we -- that helped to inform the

estimates that went into validating that twenty (20)

to forty (40) vehicles a day. Thank you.

CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari

Carthew. Thank you. That was my concern and I'm glad

you were able to do that.

1 So thanks very much. I -- I think
2 we'll conclude the conversations for this morning and
3 we'll take a lunch break. It is noon now and -- and
4 we can reconvene at one o'clock. Masi.

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6 --- Upon recessing at 12:03 p.m.

7 --- Upon resuming at 1:09 p.m.

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9 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Okay. Ruari
10 Carthew, with the Review Board. I'd like to reconvene
11 the session. Hopefully everyone had a nice lunch and
12 chance to stretch their legs and can stay awake for
13 the afternoon.

14 Before we get back into the
15 conversation, there was a little bit of homework from
16 the this morning. I do believe the Tlicho Government
17 and GNWT were going to confirm wording on a
18 commitment.

19 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Thank you. Ginger
20 Gibson, Tlicho Government. We did indeed confirm
21 wording on a commitment called women's safety in the
22 workplace. The GNWT commits to review construction
23 and operation work safe policies for the TASR with a
24 gender lens to strive for safety of women.

25 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Thank you.

1 Ruari Carthew, with the Review Board. And is -- for
2 the GNWT, just a follow-up on that commitment. Is
3 that something that will get passed on to the
4 successful contractor, that obligation?

5 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: It's Russ
6 Neudorf, with the GNWT. It's something that would get
7 passed on to both -- to future discussions between the
8 GNWT and the successful project company, yes.

9 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Thank you
10 very much. I'm going to pass the microphone quickly
11 over to Alan. A followup question on public safety
12 and women -- or to Ginger?

13 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Sorry, I just want
14 to get some more business completed, if that's okay.
15 I do want to go to those questions because I -- I'm
16 sure they'll be really good.

17 I just want to remark that we've had a
18 good opportunity over lunch to work on emergency
19 response issues which are a primary concern for
20 community government of Whati and Behchoko.

21 So we've agreed on two (2) new
22 commitments. One (1) is on multi-agency rescue
23 coordination. So this is just to deal with the
24 reality that there's three (3) jurisdictions. There's
25 community government of Behchoko which is responsible

1 for emergency services, Whati responsible for its own
2 emergency services in -- in the municipal boundaries,
3 and now the new road.

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5 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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7 MS. GINGER GIBSON: So there will be
8 accidents. And we need to have really good planning
9 in place so that the three (3) authorities know who's
10 responding promptly.

11 The GNWT commits to update the multi-
12 agency rescue coordination annually in collaboration
13 with the community government of Whati and the
14 community government of Behchoko.

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16 --- COMMITMENT NO. 20: GNWT commits to update the
17 multi-agency rescue
18 coordination annually in
19 collaboration with the
20 community government of
21 Whati and the community
22 government of Behchoko

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24 MS. GINGER GIBSON: And, secondly, the
25 Tliche Government wants to acknowledge and -- and

1 commend the work that's getting done by MACA on
2 emergency response preparedness. We understand that
3 in 2017 and 2018 there's an operational assessment
4 being done, and we're going to be really eager to see
5 those results.

6 And so the parties have agreed on a
7 commitment, that the 2017/2018 operational assessment
8 will prioritize the analysis for the TASR and jointly
9 coordinate a community government of Whati and
10 community government of Behchoko and MACA session,
11 yielding a emergency response plan and tabletop
12 exercise.

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14 --- COMMITMENT NO. 21: The parties commit that
15 the 2017/2018 operational
16 assessment will prioritize
17 the analysis for the TASR
18 and jointly coordinate a
19 community government of
20 Whati and community
21 government of Behchoko and
22 MACA session, yielding a
23 emergency response plan
24 and tabletop exercise

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1 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: It's Russ
2 Neudorf, with the GNWT. We're fine with the two (2)
3 commitments, except I think you -- the first one, the
4 word 'annually' was in there. We'll update Mark's
5 annually. I don't think we need that word because,
6 once it's updated, it'll be good for a period of time
7 until, you know, the entire document needs to be
8 updated again. But once, you know, that information
9 is in, it should be good.

10 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Ginger Gibson,
11 Tlicho Government. That makes perfect sense to me.

12 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
13 Carthew, Review Board. Thank you both very much for
14 taking that initiative. I did have questions related
15 to emergency medical response services. And I'm glad
16 you were able to resolve that on your own time.

17 I do have a quick follow-up question
18 related to that. And that -- it would just be, I
19 guess, confirmation that the outcome of that planning
20 exercise and -- or planning initiative and exercise
21 would include the decision and whether Whati applies
22 to MACA to attain responsibility for the services or
23 if MACA retains the responsibility, or at least
24 whoever is responsible is sorted out and committed to.

25 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: It's Russ

1 Neudorf, with GNWT. Yes. The idea is that this is --
2 ground ambulance is a complicated issue. There's
3 multi-agencies that are involved with it. The whole
4 purpose of these documents is to ensure that there's
5 proper communication and proper understanding of who's
6 going to do what in certain situations.

7 And then that -- that's for the first
8 report. And the second report is to actually do a bit
9 of a step back exercise, make sure we understand the
10 current situation, and then see what we have to do to
11 improve the situation going forward. So, yes, it's --
12 it's about making sure people are aware, understand
13 their roles and responsibilities.

14 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
15 Carthew. Thank you very much for that. I'll now pass
16 it over to Alan with a question on public safety.

17 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Thanks. After you,
18 Russ. Do you have another comment to make on what we
19 were just speaking about?

20 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Not really, but
21 just to fo -- some follow-up from this morning on
22 seniors programs, GNWT seniors programs. I don't know
23 if you wanted to follow up on that now or when.

24 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Please go
25 ahead. It's Ruari here, with the Review Board.

1 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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3 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
4 with the GNWT. We had talked this morning about some
5 -- the GNWT programs for seniors. And I had indicated
6 that we would get back to you with a list of those
7 programs, and we have that now.

8 So the -- there's a number of different
9 departments that are involved with various programs
10 related to seniors. Of course, home care and long-
11 term care is -- for seniors is provided by the GNWT,
12 extended health benefits, and the seniors benefit, in
13 particular. There is also a seniors information
14 handbook and a seniors link on the GNWT home page that
15 kind of coordinates all of that information, as well.

16 Other -- so that's all-around Health
17 and Social Services providing those. In ter -- other
18 departments, Municipal and Community Affairs, or MACA,
19 provides a senior citizens property tax relief. They
20 also coordinate a volunteer award in the Elder
21 category. ECNE (phonetic) administers on behalf of
22 the Federal Government the senior citizens
23 supplementary benefit. And then the GNWT also has
24 their own senior home heating subsidy. That's managed
25 by ECNE. Housing Corporation has housing choices with

1 special considerations for seniors. And they also
2 have the public housing rental subsidy.

3 And then, finally -- or two (2) final
4 things. One (1) is that the GNWT also supports
5 annually the NWT Seniors Society and some of the work
6 that they do. And then, finally, I'll turn it over to
7 -- Morgan, with Health and Social Services, will talk
8 about a new initiative to kind of review -- be
9 strategic on all the seniors programming.

10 MS. MORGAN MOFFITT: Morgan Moffitt,
11 with Health and Social Services. It's not
12 particularly new, but the Department of Health and
13 Social Services provides core funding. And this is,
14 sorry, not what Russ was saying. But in addition to
15 that, we provide core funding to the TCSA and -- and
16 will continue.

17 And the Department of Health and Social
18 Services has developed the Our Elders: Our Communities
19 framework which guides future programming designed for
20 older adults, to assist them to remain in their
21 communities for as long as possible with the adequate
22 supports to do so. And in that, we outline seven (7)
23 priorities:

24 1. Which is planning for future long-
25 term care beds with -- and other communities.

1 2. Planning for extended care beds in
2 alignment with the Stanton Renewal Project.

3 3. Supporting Health and Social
4 authorities on the supportive pathways approach.

5 We also are supporting authority staff
6 to attend Elders in motions training. And we
7 collaborate with authorities on policies to support
8 implementing the new continuing care standards as well
9 as collaborating with the NWT Senior Society to
10 develop training materials to support the prevention
11 of abuse of older adults. Thank you.

12 MR. DARREN CAMPBELL: We do have some
13 -- some additional -- I have some additional MACA --
14 Chris Hewitt, MACA, GNWT. I just had some additional
15 information in regards to senior programs delivered
16 through MACA. Through our Sport, Rec and Youth there
17 is supports for seniors through our Get Active Program
18 and senior's games. And just to clarify, under our
19 property tax rebate program the age is 65.

20 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
21 Carthew, Review Board. Thank you both very much.
22 Some clarification on those programs, if you'd be so
23 kind, first being are they all active and have they
24 been rolled out specifically to the community of Whatl
25 and any other Tlicho communities and who is the

1 responsible agency within the community for, I guess,
2 unrolling those programs?

3 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: It's Russ Neud -
4 - Russ Neudorf, with the GNWT. All of the programs
5 listed -- noted here are active, so they're all
6 current. And they are GN -- NWT-wide programs. So
7 all of them would be accessible by the community of
8 Whati. Obviously, we listed quite a number of them,
9 so the various criteria would vary from program to
10 program. And so the ability of the community of Whati
11 to access them might vary from program to program, but
12 they all would be generally available to the program -
13 - to the -- to the community.

14 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
15 Carthew. Thank you. And can the TCSA or perhaps
16 community government of Whati confirm that you have
17 the capacity to be providing those programs in Tlicho
18 for the Elders?

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20 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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22 MR. KEVIN ARMSTRONG: Kevin Armstrong,
23 TCSA. Yes, we deliver all of the Health and Social
24 Services programs that was mentioned by the GNWT. And
25 we do deliver the majority of them in Tlicho language.

1 MS. LISA NITSIZA: Lisa Nitsiza, Whati
2 SAO. I can say that, yes, I've seen them being
3 delivered in the community. Thank you.

4 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
5 Carthew. Thank you. And for those programs that are
6 a more web-based, kind of making the information
7 accessible to the Elders, that's also included in your
8 response, is it?

9 Sorry, that would be to Lisa or Kevin.
10 Is within your ability to provide the services for the
11 Elders if it is, like, a web-based program, the
12 information is online? You would be able to provide
13 at least awareness of -- of those aspects?

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15 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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17 MR. KEVIN ARMSTRONG: Kevin Armstrong,
18 TCSA. We have staff that would assist with
19 translation services for the Elders. And we would
20 assist them in completing any kind of applications,
21 including downloading the forms from the web.

22 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
23 GNWT. Just to add to that, the seniors handbook does
24 attempt to summarize all the programs. It's available
25 on the website. It's also translated, so it's

1 available in required languages.

2 And then I'd also note that the GNWT
3 also has government services officers, GSOs, in each
4 community now. And they are meant as a liaison
5 between government programs and people trying to
6 access those. And so it's recognizing that it can be
7 a little bit complicated, all the different government
8 programs out there. But the GSOs are a bit -- are a
9 navigator for anybody that needs that type of help
10 with vari -- various GNWT programs.

11 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
12 Carthew. Thank you both again for your responses.
13 Unless there are other things that want to get brought
14 up, I will finally turn it over to Alan who's chomping
15 at the bit.

16 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Thanks, Ruari.
17 Hardly chomping at the bit. I seize the mic when I,
18 you know, have the prerogative to pull it off, so I'm
19 doing that now. I'm thinking about something Ginger -
20 - Dr. Gibson said this morning. Part of it had to do
21 with safety issues regarding young women in -- in
22 Whati and part of it had to do with how she
23 appreciates that these technical sessions are
24 sometimes a decent place to brainstorm solutions that
25 haven't come up before.

1 And it got me thinking about other
2 assessments we've done. And I think of one (1)
3 particular road project where we were looking at
4 possible poaching concerns. And what the developer
5 proposed to do in that case was -- one (1) of the
6 things was put up a camera by the road, as well as
7 signage that there's a camera by the road, so that
8 they could sort of see who's going in and out.

9 Now, I know the Depart -- formerly the
10 Department of Transportation but now Department of
11 Infrastructure has road cameras. One (1) of them's on
12 Highway 3 just past here where they look at road
13 conditions and safety. And I know there's also
14 interest in looking at daily peaks of traffic flow,
15 based on the conversation we had a couple days ago.

16 I know that not all womens safety
17 issues are based on the road itself. Some have to do
18 with the community and changes in the community based
19 on connectivity, but some of them probably have
20 something to do with the road itself.

21 And so it occurs to me that having a
22 digital camera by the side of the road these days is
23 pretty cheap and pretty simple and it's already being
24 done in some other spots. And it -- not just the
25 camera, but the sign that the camera is there probably

1 helps people -- encourages people to behave a little
2 bit better than they might otherwise because you can
3 see which cars are coming and going.

4 So I -- I was -- I was wondering, first
5 of all, if the TG thinks this might be something worth
6 pursuing. And then after, I'm going to ask if the
7 developer would be willing to do something like that.
8 So, Ginger...?

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10 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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12 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Ginger Gibson,
13 Tlicho Government. I'm just going to let the GNWT
14 think about this and talk about this first. And then
15 we'll talk about it after.

16 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
17 with the GNWT. And we could certainly -- willing to
18 have the discussion to see if we think it's
19 beneficial. If we -- we're -- we would be willing to
20 put in another camera system like we have on our
21 highway system now. And you referenced the one on
22 Highway 3 near Chan Lake.

23 It is there for the purpose of really
24 our providing information to the public on road
25 conditions so they can get an idea of what they are

1 like, and then, also, for our own maintenance
2 personnel, so they can decide if they need to go out
3 and maintain equipment. We also have a bit of -- some
4 weather information we gather there, some temperature
5 from the road surface itself, so we know better if we
6 need to send personnel out. It's kind in the middle
7 of two (2) maintenance camps. It's long ti -- long
8 way to get there and it's expensive.

9 If you're going to send a plow truck
10 out for no reason, it's much easier just to have the
11 system there and -- and -- and then make your
12 appropriate decision to invest money or not in -- in
13 road maintenance.

14 You know, if, you know, those cameras
15 are available in the public and on our website and if
16 they're helpful with some other kind of promoting
17 safety, then, you know, I think we're willing to, you
18 know, work with whoever to have that type of system in
19 place.

20 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Great. Thanks.
21 That's -- that's very helpful of you. And I -- I
22 would suggest that the camera's probably helpful, but
23 signage -- one (1) -- a sign somewhere on the road
24 saying there's a camera somewhere on the road may have
25 its own benefits, as well. But anyway, I -- I thank

1 you for your openness, Russ.

2 Ginger...?

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4 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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6 MS. LISA NITSIZA: Lisa Nitsiza,
7 Community Government of Whati, SAO. Recently we've
8 installed security cameras in all municipality
9 buildings in Whati. It's all based on exterior. It
10 records motion sensors. We did it for vandalism, just
11 in case it does happen.

12 Our administration building was
13 recently upgraded, and that was a costly
14 infrastructure. So we're doing it to protect our
15 buildings. If RCMP do need access to them. They wi -
16 - they will have access to it. Thank you.

17 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Masi. I asked --
18 Ginger Gibson, Tlicho Government. I asked Lisa just
19 to talk about what they do have because I think it's
20 instructive. There's going to be monitors, right?
21 There'll be a check-in station where -- I -- I just am
22 struggling to remember right now what the wildlife mo
23 -- like, the -- can you just describe that monitor
24 position and whether there could be a public safety
25 aspect associated with that?

1 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: It's Russ
2 Neudorf, with GNWT. I think we have to turn to ENR
3 here to see if the folks here have any information
4 about the potential for a check station. I -- I
5 remember reading something about potentially locating
6 a check station on the -- on the road. So we'll just
7 see if we can find that information.

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9 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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11 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
12 with GNWT. So as part of the WEMP, in the proposed
13 approach there, there was -- it was written up that we
14 would move the checkpoint station for barren-ground
15 caribou winter harvest season to the Tliche all-season
16 road south of Whati.

17 So there will be a check station there
18 for certain periods of time. Its purpose is to
19 monitor wildlife harvesting activities. It will, I
20 suppose, act as a bit of a safety deterrent while it's
21 there. If an issue came up I'm sure the person there
22 would deal with it.

23 So the main purpose is wildlife harvest
24 monitoring, but it would also act as a safety
25 deterrent while it was there, similar to the -- what I

1 was talking about with our camera function. It's
2 there for monitoring highway -- the highway
3 conditions, and then also information for maintenance,
4 but it would also act as a safety deterrent.

5 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Masi. Ginger
6 Gibson, Tlicho Government. Did you say in there -- I
7 might have missed it. Did you say how often they're
8 there, like, what the timing is annually and how often
9 they're there?

10 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
11 GNWT. The idea here is that it's the -- it would be
12 during the winter months, so when there would be
13 significant harvesting activities taking place.

14 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Masi. Ginger
15 Gibson, Tlicho Government. I -- I kind of like the
16 idea that Alan is exploring, but I don't really know
17 how -- like, I -- when I started thinking about it I
18 started thinking about it I thought about so many
19 technical issues; so vandalism of the equipment and,
20 therefore, upkeep, constant -- like, who's going to
21 actually access the data and how often. My mind went
22 off into all sorts of spy movies where they actually
23 can never get anything like that back, so -- capacity.

24 And -- and when -- you know, I think
25 the problem that Alan's trying to cause us to address

1 and think through is two (2) things, mo -- mothers
2 worrying and grandmothers worrying, so that was one
3 (1) of the big issues in the socioeconomic study,
4 about their children hitchhiking away without any
5 control because they certainly have that control right
6 now. Their kids can't leave because they can't get on
7 a plane, and -- except in the winter road period.

8 So I'm not sure that the camera
9 addresses it because it would pick up a vehicle. But
10 whether a child was in that vehicle or not would be
11 hard to identity. Maybe it would be a starting point.
12 But I don't know, it seems like one (1) option amongst
13 what we could probably brainstorm as quite a few
14 options.

15 And so it kind of takes me back to our
16 commitment on reviewing construction and operation
17 work safe policies for the TASR using the gender lens.
18 And -- and so I think that that should fall in there
19 because the BC government just struck an inter-
20 governmental task force based on precisely this
21 question. So every ministry in BC is working to look
22 at their gender -- the -- use the gender lens to look
23 precisely at operation and construction of roads and
24 construction camps in BC.

25 And -- and so I think that following

1 the good practice of other jurisdictions, we could use
2 the commitment we al -- already have here to look at
3 precisely the issue that Alan's pushing us rightly
4 towards. Masi.

5 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
6 GNWT. That sounds good to me. We're -- we like the
7 commitment that we have there and these are some of
8 the tools, ideas then, I guess, that we could really
9 explore underneath that.

10 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Thanks. Ginger,
11 no, yeah, I wasn't suggesting that the camera would
12 solve all the safety issues or anything like that. I
13 was just wondering if you -- if the GN -- if the
14 Tlicho Government objects to the idea?

15 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Thank you. Ginger
16 Gibson, Tlicho Government. I think you could probably
17 suggest more ideas that we would not object to. So,
18 like, in short, no, we do not object. And in -- in
19 long, I think there's a raft of strategies to make
20 women safe that we should be talking about. And I
21 think we should capture that as that commitment and
22 make sure that we get really -- you know, follow the
23 lead of another jurisdiction, look at what they're
24 doing, and then look to make this project safe for
25 Tlicho women and non-indigenous women.

1 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: It's -- it's Alan
2 here. Yeah, I mean, I -- I get that. I just don't
3 want to confuse the -- the openness the developer said
4 to having a camera, which, you know, could be useful.
5 I mean, if you don't know who's in the car, you know
6 which cars left town that day, right?

7 But I don't want to confuse that with
8 the other thing that I hear you asking for, which is -
9 - which is a way to discuss other kind of original
10 ideas about how to address the concerns that -- that
11 you've described.

12 So I see Ginger nodding. I heard what
13 I think was a willingness from the developer. Can I
14 call it a commitment or is that just too premature?
15 But at least an indication that they'd be open to the
16 idea of having a camera out there... And I heard the
17 Tlichos say they don't particularly object to it.

18 So, Russ, based on that, are you okay
19 with including that as part of your project?

20 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
21 GNWT. I think we're open to the idea of considering
22 having a camera on the system for the purpose of
23 reporting road conditions and maintenance activities.
24 I think, as part of that, that if we go ahead with it,
25 then that could be considered underneath the

1 commitment, the other commitment we've already given
2 about women's safety, and as a tool that could be
3 analyzed underneath that.

4 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Thanks, Russ. And
5 am I correct in assuming that if the RCMP asked to see
6 what was on the camera for a period of time, that our
7 infrastructure would cooperate?

8 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
9 GNWT. Yes.

10 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Thanks. Am I also
11 correct in assuming that you wouldn't mind putting up
12 signage somewhere on the road so that road users
13 understood that there was a camera on the road?

14 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
15 GNWT. We do not do that at the present time. I think
16 we'd want to just put it through a privacy lens to
17 make sure that that would be okay, but I think that
18 would be the only challenge we might have. And we --
19 yeah, we could do that if that was important to put
20 that signage up. If we -- it fell out of this
21 commitment, then, yeah, absolutely we'd consider doing
22 it.

23 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Okay. In that
24 case, I'd like to ask you to undertake -- to do that
25 as an undertaking and to get back to the Review Board

1 to let us know if you'd be willing to put up the
2 signage because I think some of the benefit of the
3 camera is not just the camera, it's the knowledge of
4 the camera. And it doesn't sound like any of the
5 parties have a problem with it, or if anyone has, they
6 haven't said anything yet.

7 So if you -- if you -- I understand. I
8 don't want to put you on the spot and try and get you
9 to, you know, sign on here now. If you're not able to
10 do that, that's okay. But do you think within a week
11 you could let us know?

12 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: It's Russ
13 Neudorf, GNWT. I had -- I guess we can let you know
14 within a week whether it's feasible. But I also
15 thought that we were going to kind of look at the
16 issue underneath this other commitment, kind of
17 workplace safety. And then, if it was a good idea,
18 someplace to -- that would encourage women's safety,
19 then we would actually proceed and -- and do it, or
20 install the signage, assuming we have a camera.

21 So we can commit to get back to you to
22 see whether or not we would put up signage, but then
23 that will still be considered underneath the -- the
24 other commitment.

25 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Sure. So let's

1 call that Undertaking 1, is for the developer, by the
2 end of next week, to let us know if they're open to
3 putting out signage.

4 And in that, I -- I recognize that the
5 -- the further discussions on other things you could
6 do to improve safety along the road, that you'll --
7 you'll be weighing in on that.

8 I would also really encourage the
9 Tlicho Government, the developer, and anyone else
10 who's involved in those conversations to try to come
11 up with something, you know, a week or two before,
12 certainly not right when technical reports are due, so
13 that parties have an opportunity to think about the
14 benefits of what you've come up with. Thank you.

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16 --- UNDERTAKING NO. 1: The developer will, by the
17 end of next week, let the
18 Board know if they're open
19 to putting out signage

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21 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
22 Carthew, with the Review Board. I'll move us along to
23 another issue of potential public safety, and -- and
24 that is of cabins. It was brought up in the PDR and
25 ASR and in the Tlicho Government responses, the issue

1 of cabins and the potential for new cabins to go up
2 along an all-season road. The Tlicho Government has
3 made a mitigation number 10 to -- it's -- continue
4 working on their cabin guidelines. And the GNWT and
5 Tlicho have agreed to work together within that to
6 develop guidelines.

7 Can you provide an update on the status
8 of those guidelines and if there is an established aim
9 or purpose of those guidelines?

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11 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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13 MR. ZABEY NEVITT: Zabey Nevitt,
14 Tlicho Government. Yeah, the -- the Tlicho Government
15 does have guidelines for cabins and the process for
16 applying for cabins. Cabin use is restricted to
17 Tlicho citizens.

18 I think Jessica's right -- not here
19 right now. I can undertake to -- to get any further
20 information beyond what I've just told you, if there
21 is any other restrictions, but right now, my
22 understanding is cabins are restricted for Tlicho
23 citizens. There is a process to register those cabins
24 because the development and situation and building of
25 those cabins is not restricted under the Tlicho

1 agreement. But we do have a process to -- to manage
2 and monitor where those cabins are.

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4 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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6 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
7 Carthew, with the Review Board. Thank you, Zabey.
8 Within your ability to comment on it now, are -- are
9 you aware of the -- the process that a Tlicho citizen
10 has to go through in order to be given the -- the
11 right to, I guess, legally build a cabin?

12 MR. ZABEY NEVITT: Zabey Nevitt, with
13 the Tlicho Government. No, because they're not
14 restricted on the construction of the cabin. A Tlicho
15 citizen can build a cabin for traditional use anywhere
16 on Tlicho lands and, I believe, also outside of Tlicho
17 lands.

18 So the restriction is not on Tlicho
19 citizens who can construct. That's a right under the
20 Tlicho agreement. The restriction is on other people
21 coming into the Tlicho region and building cabins.

22 The -- the GNWT has their policies and
23 has been developing, I believe
24 -- maybe you can speak to this a little more -- a
25 whole framework for recreational land use, which I'll

1 let them speak to, but on Tlicho lands there's a very
2 specific restrictions, and I think essentially there's
3 no ability for non-Tlicho citizens to construct cabins
4 on Tlicho lands.

5 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
6 Carthew. Thank you very much for the clarification.
7 Appreciate that, and that was very clear. To the GNWT
8 then, I -- I notice that you are in the process of
9 developing your GNWT recreational leasing management
10 framework, and that within that, one (1) of the
11 priorities is for managing rights-based cabins. And -
12 - and general conditions in which cabins are allowed
13 to go ahead.

14 I'm -- I'm curious what it is about
15 cabins that make it a really large GNWT priority.

16 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
17 GNWT.

18 Yes, the Department of Lands is leading
19 initiative around the recreational leasing framework
20 in order to provide clear direction, a framework
21 around how the GNWT will approach leasing for
22 recreational purposes on GNWT lands. It's a priority
23 because of the amount of demand and illegal activities
24 that are occurring right now, mostly near Yellowknife
25 and along the Ingraham Trail in particular. And also

1 a little bit around Inuvik.

2 So that's what's driving things though
3 to get a better handle on what thing -- on -- on
4 what's happening, and then obviously find a way to
5 solve the problem. There's a demand there. We
6 realize that and -- but we just want to make sure that
7 we're approaching it in the right way, so that's why
8 the framework is being --

9 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
10 Carthew, with the Review Board.

11 Thank you for that, and I -- I do
12 understand certainly that there's a demand for it. I
13 -- I am more concerned in -- in like my current
14 capacity in some of the adverse issues related to
15 cabins. So you had mentioned one (1) of the concerns
16 was related to illegal activities.

17 Can you please, expand on -- on that?

18 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
19 GNWT.

20 That reference was just to the amount
21 of cabin, or activity, or shelters that have been
22 constructed on lands that -- and -- and those shelters
23 or whatever are constructed are used for recreational
24 purposes. Just the amount of that type of activity
25 that is taking place now mainly along the Ingraham

1 Trail near Yellowknife.

2 That's the concern, and so we want to
3 try to get a handle on those activities, either to
4 have clear direction for why we're going to stop them,
5 and -- but then also provide some supply so that we
6 can take care of the demand that's there.

7 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
8 Carthew, with the Review Board.

9 And -- and I -- I hope to not pursue
10 this line of questioning much more but I -- I do first
11 have a question related then to the land transference
12 agreement that is being drafted between the two (2)
13 governments. And so currently much of the road falls
14 along territorial lands, and the idea is to have a
15 land transfer where the road runs along Tlicho lands.

16 So with regards to cabins, would the
17 intent be to transfer -- well, I -- I guess to not
18 allow any cabins to go ahead before it is transferred,
19 and -- and to leave that up to Tlicho once the land
20 becomes their own?

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22 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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24 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: So I'll -- just
25 a bit of clarification. The land transfer is dealing

1 with the highway right of way. So the final 17
2 kilometres of the road toward Whati are actually on
3 Tlicho private lands, so that corridor, the 60-metre
4 wide corridor that -- on which the highway will be
5 constructed will -- under the land exchange agreement
6 will become Commissioner's Land, and so then that
7 entire highway corridor will be Commissioner's Land
8 within the care of the GNWT. So there's no transfer
9 outside of that 60-metre wide for the Tlicho land.

10 There is some tradeoff of land, so
11 we're -- we're going to be swapping some land. We get
12 that corridor, and then the Tlicho gets another chunk
13 of land. So it -- it would just be added to the
14 Tlicho private lands. That won't change anything in
15 terms of managing cabin access along the corridor.

16 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
17 Carthew, with the Review Board.

18 Thank you then. So my understanding
19 then that the additional 77 kilometres of land once
20 the recreational leasing management framework is
21 developed, that there would be opportunities for the
22 development of cabins along the TASR?

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24 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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1 MS. LORRAINE SEALE: It's Lorraine
2 Seale, with GNWT, Department of Lands.

3 Just to restate the question, it's
4 whether the recre -- the recreational land management
5 framework would apply to new cabins on territorial
6 lands?

7 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Specifically
8 along the TASR corridor that line --

9 MS. LORRAINE SEALE: Yeah --

10 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: -- the GNWT
11 owns --

12 MS. LORRAINE SEALE: -- specifically
13 along the TASR corridor. I think overall it's -- it's
14 probably a little early to say, and another really
15 important factor is that the GNWT and the Tlicho
16 Government are -- are working together on a Wek'eezhii
17 land use planning mechanism, and that's obviously a
18 very important factor in terms of -- of recreational
19 uses. And if either Ginger or Zabey would like to add
20 anything, I'd invite them to do so.

21 MR. ZABEY NEVITT: Zabey Nevitt,
22 Tlicho Government.

23 No, I'd agree with that. And just to
24 be clear, the -- the land transfer that will occur
25 with the GNWT for the -- for the road as it is on

1 Tlicho lands wouldn't allow then any construction of
2 cabins, or anything on the right of way. That they
3 would then be within the corridor of Tlicho lands, and
4 the Tlicho would continue to have full rights to issue
5 their leases as they felt appropriate.

6 MS. LORRAINE SEALE: And it's Lorraine
7 Seale, GNWT.

8 One (1) other factor that's in -- in
9 addition to the -- the broader planning process is any
10 recreational leases are circulated for comment to a
11 land's advisory committee, which includes Tlicho
12 Government and others.

13 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Thank you,
14 both. Ruari Carthew, Review Board.

15 So the reason I'm asking questions
16 about the -- the cabins is if -- you know, we've --
17 we've all driven along different highways along the
18 NWT, Highway 4, the Ingraham Trail, Highway 3 between
19 here and Yellowknife, and -- and there's certainly
20 many cabins that are around there. And I'm trying to
21 look into the future with an all -- all season road,
22 and -- and it operating for -- for who knows how long.

23 I -- I'm curious if any of the
24 regulatory authorities in the room can comment with
25 any concerns that they have in enforcing things under

1 their mandate related to cabins along the highway.

2 MR. ZABEY NEVITT: Zabey Nevitt, with
3 the Tlicho Government.

4 As the regulatory authority for Tlicho
5 lands, we don't see any problem with our ability to
6 manage the development of highways -- of the cabins
7 along -- along that region. We have tools to do that.
8 We have a land use planning process. We have a land's
9 department. We have -- will have our own inspection
10 and enforcement capabilities to manage that kind of
11 activity. And -- and as such it doesn't create an
12 issue for us. Tlicho citizens have rights under the
13 agreement, and we'll continue to work to protect those
14 rights.

15 MS. LORRAINE SEALE: Lorraine Seale,
16 GNWT.

17 Our answer is pretty similar to -- to
18 Zabey's actually. With devolution, a lot of those
19 lands that were formerly federal where some of the
20 cabin development that we all see occurred, those
21 lands are now under the GNWT's land management
22 authorities. And again we have leasing authority,
23 land use planning processes, the recreational leasing
24 management framework, and compliance and enforcement.

25 And don't see -- don't -- in terms of

1 new cabins, there's -- I -- we don't see any concerns
2 with our ability to manage those. And as Russ
3 mentioned, one (1) of the -- one (1) of the reasons
4 behind -- underlying the recreational land leasing
5 management framework is to address existing cabins,
6 and that's not a -- that's more of a concern in other
7 areas than in the project area.

8 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Okay. Thank
9 you. Ruari Carthew, with the Review Board.

10 So in -- in my understand -- am -- am I
11 too understand then that there are no issues with --
12 with things like poaching, or pollution, related to
13 cabins that are substantial enough at least to make it
14 as a general red flag?

15 MS. LORRAINE SEALE: Lorraine Seale,
16 GNWT.

17 A clarification: Are you talking about
18 existing cabins?

19 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Yes. I'm
20 just trying to understand if we're -- future stuff
21 along the road, so it -- it sounds like 'no'.

22 MS. LORRAINE SEALE: Lorraine Seale,
23 GNWT.

24 We're not -- not aware of any red flags
25 in that respect. There are rules and regulations,

1 compliance and enforcement tools in place, and if
2 there are concerns we have the -- we have the ability
3 to manage them. And as Zabey I'm sure would -- will
4 jump in a minute, so does the Tlicho Government.

5 MR. ZABEY NEVITT: Zabey Nevitt,
6 Tlicho Government.

7 Ditto the same thing. The -- the
8 ability to enforce and be out there and watching is
9 the important thing.

10 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
11 Carthew.

12 Okay, thank you very much. I'd like to
13 move onto more cultural components. Traditional use
14 and way of life. Food security has come up as an
15 issue of the project, or -- or potential issue to be
16 discussed.

17 In the -- the response to a Review
18 Board Information Request related to food security,
19 there -- there was a detailed response and a United
20 Nations committee on world food security definition
21 was used to -- to frame the response. And within the
22 context of that definition, it -- it is -- I guess two
23 (2) key points is 1) if there is adequate nutrition,
24 and -- and then (b) it -- it meets preferences.

25 And it -- it seems like that definition

1 would support just store bought food, if -- if there
2 was nutritional value appropriate as -- as being
3 adequate for food security. I'm -- I'm curious if the
4 Community Government of Whati could provide perhaps
5 their definition, or Tlicho Government's definition,
6 for I guess what food security means for Tlicho
7 residents.

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(BRIEF PAUSE)

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MS. LISA NITSIZA: Lisa Nitsiza,

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Community Government of Whati, SAO.

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As for food security, I don't see it to
14 be an issue. The community of Whati, or any Tlicho
15 community, it's traditional. They still have access
16 to the fish, the hunt, the berries. And it's still
17 practised to this day.

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However, for store bought we have one
19 (1) community store in the community that has freight
20 come in daily, so with this new program in place we do
21 have the -- the nutrition you need, the milk, the
22 bread, the eggs, the -- the food -- the four (4) food
23 groups. So I don't really see it to be an issue.

24

Now, the Community Government of Whati
25 does have a community garden, and right now it's

1 mainly potatoes. Once we harvest the potatoes in the
2 fall, each community member receive ten (10) to twenty
3 (20) pounds of potatoes. Thank you.

4 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Ginger Gibson,
5 Tlicho Government.

6 So I think the -- the answer to your
7 question is that food security in Whati includes
8 traditional foods, and is not based on a store -- you
9 know, on -- on the store-bought diet and based on a
10 diet that's -- I -- I forget the name of -- the
11 definition that was in place but is -- is certainly
12 based on fish, harvesting from the land, berries, and
13 things that people are harvesting themselves.

14 So I hope that answers your question.

15 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
16 Carthew, Review Board.

17 Thank you. That -- that's fine, yeah.
18 Another question I have on this topic is related to
19 road crossings. And it was mentioned that one (1) of
20 the mitigation measures provided for the project to
21 help support and -- and not take away from harvesting
22 and traditional activities was for the Developer to
23 facilitate access points, pull out some signage to --
24 for -- for those so that they could be safe.

25 Can the Developer just quickly comment

1 on the -- the consultation process for that, and I
2 guess establishing what -- what kind of a, you know,
3 interest level and the responses is required in -- in
4 order to establish an access point crossing?

5 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: It's Russ
6 Neudorf, with the GNWT.

7 We have a small 'P' policy that would
8 describe when/how we would like to provide rest stops
9 along the highways. That's really a highway safety
10 perspective, so we want -- every half and hour we
11 would like to have a rest stop so that people can take
12 a break from driving if they feel they need to from a
13 safety perspective.

14 We work with ITI as well to enhance
15 some of those to be interpretive centres, or
16 opportunities to take advantage of whatever tourist
17 types of activities might be occurring as part of
18 that. And then also provide rest stops on -- on
19 occasion. There's litter receptacles at those -- all
20 of those rest stops, as well.

21 For this project, I don't believe that
22 we've actually formally defined where those rest
23 stops/access points would be. We would have that
24 discussion with the project company once we have that
25 to design the road, and always working with the Tlicho

1 Government, that we would want to be very careful with
2 -- we always want to be careful with, you know, the
3 types of access we're providing onto the land out from
4 the road, and that it's -- you know, we know what
5 we're doing.

6 And the -- and the land claimant group
7 that we have that road in is agreeing with the
8 activities that are occurring there. And for example
9 is on Inuvik Tuk Highway where we have worked with the
10 Inuvialuit and ITI to jointly come up with a plan for
11 rest stops and interpretive sites along that road so
12 that it's meeting all parties' objectives, needs.
13 Thank you.

14 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
15 Carthew. A quick follow up on that one (1). Just
16 from my understanding, is -- is the -- the kind of
17 highway pullout and -- and the access point, are --
18 are those the same thing or do they have the ability
19 to be separate?

20 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
21 GNWT.

22 I've used the words interchangeably
23 really. A highway pullout is something that we would
24 essentially provide for highway safety reasons. An
25 access point would be -- would imply that it's -- you

1 know, you've got to put a parking area or something so
2 that people can access something that's outside of the
3 highway right-of-way.

4 In practice, they probably look very
5 similar but some of the other infrastructure around an
6 access point might be more -- or different than what's
7 on a highway rest stop, for example.

8 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
9 Carthew.

10 And again did I hear then that it's the
11 GNWT's intent to, with the project code, to consult
12 with affected users to determine where the most
13 appropriate locations would be?

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15 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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17 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Yeah. Russ
18 Neudorf, GNWT.

19 Yeah. The intention would be to
20 consult with Tlicho Government on -- and perhaps ITI,
21 Industry Tourism Investment, to also consider that
22 aspect, along with project co and ourselves from a
23 highway safety to ensure that we have a cohesive plan
24 for access points or rest stops on the highway.

25 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari

1 Carthew, Review Board.

2 Thank you very much. On the topic of
3 harvesting, it was mentioned in the ASR that when the
4 2014 fires went through various trap lines were
5 destroyed, and that there was some compensation
6 provided to trappers to relocate them to more
7 productive lands.

8 And there was a associated conclusions
9 on the potential significance of the project on -- on
10 trapping along the corridor that therefore trap lines
11 intersecting with the project are not expected to be
12 effected by project construction.

13 I'm -- I'm curious if the Tlicho
14 Government can comment on the operational phase, and
15 if it is your belief that trappers might intend to
16 return to that area once it is improved for -- for fur
17 bearers.

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19 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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21 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Masi. Ginger
22 Gibson, Tlicho Government.

23 Three (3) points with respect to your
24 question. Thank you, Ruari. First of all, the
25 traditional knowledge study did have the information

1 on the traditional trails and the trapping routes, but
2 at the time that it was done we weren't able to ground
3 truth those sites. So we're just advising you that we
4 will be ground truthing those sites, and will be
5 providing that information to the GNWT.

6 Secondly, similar to the highways
7 around Yellowknife we would hope to have signage of
8 highway crossings where there would be crossings for
9 any current or future trap lines, or places where it's
10 kind of common for people to cross with their
11 snowmobiles.

12 And as to the question of whether
13 there's a future scenario where Elders would -- or
14 harvesters would be developing their -- their trap
15 lines or their harvesting activities parallel to or
16 with crossings on the road, I'll just ask an Elder to
17 speak to that. Masi.

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19 (INTERPRETED FROM TLICHO INTO ENGLISH)

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21 ELDER FRANCIS SIMPSON: Yes. This is
22 -- my name is Francis Simpson. I am an Elder from
23 Whati.

24 In regard to the all-season road, so
25 when we're talking into the future you're talking

1 about building a road now, and into the future. And
2 so in that area where the road is to be constructed is
3 where our ancestors have hunting and have camped, and
4 lived in all those areas.

5 And so today some of the young people
6 who are hunters and trappers still continue to work
7 the land, and take care of the wildlife and water.
8 And so we have to also be aware of what's happening
9 from the past to today so that we take care of
10 everything. And so -- as well, you -- the people --
11 the local people in the area, if you're going to be
12 holding a hearing there you can get further
13 information when the people are at the public hearing
14 where you can ask them specifically about these kinds
15 of information.

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17 (INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED)

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19 (INTERPRETED FROM TLIHO INTO ENGLISH)

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21 ELDER JOE CHAMPLAIN: I will speak for
22 a short while. It's Joe Champlain, from Whati.

23 I agree with Francis Simpson about how
24 we still maintain our hunting and trapping activities
25 in our communities. And also the cabins that the

1 people have today, I haven't seen all of the cabins
2 but I know people use the cabins. I do trapping. I
3 have a cabin out in the land. And so we still
4 continue to hunt and trap. We still continue to do
5 that work.

6 I'm not sure what it will be on -- in
7 the future about the hunting and trapping activities,
8 but I just wanted to let you know we still do hunting
9 and trapping, and we have cabins out there. Thank
10 you.

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12 (INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED)

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14 (INTERPRETED FROM TLICHO INTO ENGLISH)

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16 ELDER CHARLIE APPLES: I live here in
17 Behchoko. My name is Charlie Apples.

18 The road that you're looking at
19 constructing, it -- about almost a portion of the
20 whole area where the road will be going through is --
21 I have a brother-in-law. His late, late brother-in-
22 law, Joe Migwi. He -- there is about 10 kilometres of
23 area which runs -- the road runs into this -- on --
24 through his land.

25 And then further on -- further on about

1 another -- almost about half way to Whati there's an
2 area about 20 kilometres of space where -- where
3 there's an access road there. It turns off to a
4 trapping -- trapping area. It also leads up to
5 Noodii, and Noodii is an area where all the people
6 usually go by dog team. As well, they've recently
7 been using skidoos. They travel up the Noodii area
8 for trapping.

9 And not far away from that access turn
10 off from the proposed road there is a turn off where
11 you would eventually see a moose nearby. I've seen
12 moose while I'm out trekking around three (3) times,
13 but I never bother to -- I wasn't hunting so we just
14 continue as we are trapping. And so if we continue
15 trapping into the future, I want to let you know that
16 we have trap lines -- in the past we -- we have trap
17 lines. People have trapped in that whole area.

18 As well, there's two (2) big -- there's
19 two (2) old trails -- two (2) old traditional trails
20 that exist in that whole are. And that whole area
21 that you're proposing to put the road is where people
22 have always trapped in that area. It's just for your
23 own information. Thank you very much.

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(INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED)

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(INTERPRETED FROM TLICHO INTO ENGLISH)

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ELDER LOUIE FLUNKIE: Yes. I'd like to speak for a while. My name is Louie Flunkie. I'm an elder from Behchoko.

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I think that even though the road is build, I really think that the traditional activities of hunting and trapping should continue on. It shouldn't interfere because of construction of road, and access to Whati. As well, I'm sure that there may be interest from our people to maybe build alongside the proposed road.

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I just want you to know that these kind of things that you may be expecting. There may be people who want to build because of the access being built, so it just makes a lot easier for people to have buildings along the road. Thank you very much.

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(INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED)

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CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari Carthew, with the Review Board.

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Thank you for your thoughts. Okay.

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MS. GEORGINA CHOCOLATE: Hello. My

1 name is Georgina Chocolate, for the Tlicho Government.

2 I just want to say a short thing on
3 behalf of all my people and Elders. They're our --
4 our traditional culture, is not going to stop for
5 anything. It's the land that we used, and even our
6 young children after us will continue using it. Even
7 though there's a road, they're still going to use the
8 land to harvest the wood and the wildlife, and
9 trapping, fishing.

10 That's all I want to say. Masi cho.
11 We've got to stay strong. The more stronger it is.
12 Masi.

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14 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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17 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari

18 Carthew, with the Review Board.

19 Thank you, all, once again for sharing
20 your knowledge and your thoughts.

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22 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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24 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: And -- and

25 certainly we'll take your suggestion, and -- the

1 Review Board will take your suggestion to ask the same
2 questions to community members in Whati when we go up
3 there.

4 I'll move onto other questions related
5 to harvesting, and -- and this time asking the NSMA
6 specifically, hopefully you're still on the telephone
7 line, but we had spoken a fair bit on Monday and a
8 little bit more on Tuesday about both woodland boreal
9 caribou and barren- ground caribou. And the NSMA has
10 provided comments to the Review Board that the -- that
11 -- this is a very valid component for their people.

12 So my question is that, assuming the --
13 the WMMP can address NSMA's concerns on the project
14 related to caribou, does NSMA have outstanding
15 concerns related to harvesting or traditional use?

16 MR. SHIN SHIGA (BY PHONE): Hello.

17 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: We can hear
18 you, Shin. Please, go ahead.

19 MR. SHIN SHIGA (BY PHONE): Okay.
20 Sorry. Yeah, Shin Shiga, North Slave Metis Alliance.

21 Thank you for the question, Ruari.
22 Yes. There are -- there will be outstanding concerns
23 aside from managing direct and indirect impacts from
24 the road. In terms of harvest management, we see
25 generally speaking a difficult time -- well, GNWT is

1 having a hard time enforcing some of the harvest
2 regulations that all people agreed to. For example,
3 we see that as a challenge. It's also not just
4 caribou. It's -- it's bison and moose, as well that's
5 our concern. So, yes.

6 And those are, some of our outstanding
7 concerns are still in the IRs to be responded by ENR.
8 So, yes, there are still concerns. Thank you.

9 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
10 Carthew, with the Review Board.

11 Thank you for that, Shin. Yesterday
12 and -- and on Tuesday you had mentioned NSMA was still
13 waiting for roughly half of the responses from -- from
14 their late submission of the IRs. And -- and that --
15 my -- my understanding was that those were mostly
16 concerning the WMMP.

17 If -- if you do have other harvest --
18 harvesting or traditional use concerns, do -- do you
19 want to take the opportunity to ask any of the parties
20 or the Developer right now those questions or
21 concerns?

22 MR. SHIN SHIGA (BY PHONE): Shin
23 Shiga, North Slave Metis Alliance.

24 So one (1) of the outstanding questions
25 that hasn't been answered -- I can't remember the

1 number but it was like second or third from the last
2 question that we asked, and it was a question about
3 how -- well, recognizing that the ENR or GNWT has been
4 slow, or has not been able to fulfill past EA measures
5 or a directive or recommendations from other co-
6 management -- wildlife management boards or renewable
7 resources boards, we asked how ENR is going to face
8 those challenges or overcome those challenges.

9 And so that -- that's not necessarily a
10 WMMP question. So, yeah, but that's -- the GNWT said
11 they are going to respond to that so we don't require
12 the -- the response today. Thank you.

13 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
14 Carthew, with the Review Board.

15 Thank you, Shin. And my understanding
16 for the GNWT is -- is that Shin has said he does not
17 require a response today, and he's happy to wait for
18 the response of the IRs. So I'm -- unless you'd like
19 to volunteer a response I'll -- I'll move on.

20 So the -- the -- one (1) more question,
21 Shin, for the NSMA, and -- and that is related to
22 archeological impact assessment. There was one (1)
23 planned for the -- the spring -- or the summer. And I
24 -- I know that there were concerns from NSMA related
25 to heritage resources that might be in the project

1 area.

2 And could I get a comment from the GNWT
3 on whether or not the AIA -- sorry, the archeological
4 impact assessment, if that did go through and if so
5 when the -- the findings will become available.

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7 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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9 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: It's Russ
10 Neudorf, with GNWT.

11 So in order to obtain our geotechnical
12 information from the thirteen (13) borrow sources, one
13 (1) of the requirements was that we do undertake an
14 archeological impact assessment, and that was done
15 before the summer geotechnical program that we had
16 underway.

17 Based on the preliminary results, we
18 did get our permit to go and do that from ECNE. I
19 understand that compiling the actual final report does
20 take a little bit of time, and we are waiting for that
21 final report still.

22 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
23 Carthew, Review Board.

24 Thank you very much. And is it -- will
25 you update the Review Board with the relevant findings

1 once it occurs?

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(BRIEF PAUSE)

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5 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
6 with GNWT.

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We would have to get back to ECNE about
8 that because I understand there are some issues with
9 public -- making that type of information publicly
10 available. And so we'll work with ECNE and anything
11 that we can provide publicly we will, but I believe
12 that there is -- you know, if we find some thing that
13 there is some information they would like to protect
14 for the security of those potential historic sites.

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CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
16 Carthew, Review Board.

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Without a doubt. Thank you. Shin, if
18 you're still on the phone, were there any other
19 concerns related to heritage resources that you'd like
20 to comment on?

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MR. SHIN SHIGA (BY PHONE): Shin
22 Shiga, North Slave Metis Alliance.

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We don't a specific question related to
24 heritage resources today. Thank you.

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CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Okay. Ruari

1 Carthew, Review Board.

2 I propose then that we take a fifteen
3 (15) minute break, and come back at 2:40.

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5 --- Upon recessing at 2:25 p.m.

6 --- Upon resuming at 2:43 p.m.

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8 QUESTION PERIOD RE: ECONOMICS:

9 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Okay. Ruari
10 Carthew, with the Review Board. I'll -- I'll start
11 off the final line of questioning. I -- I do
12 appreciate it's been a long three (3) days and we are
13 nearing the end. I -- I only have the one (1) line of
14 questioning left. It's a different format, for sure,
15 this project, because there are less -- less
16 governments on the other side of the table, so it
17 makes for perhaps more of a -- too much of a monologue
18 at times and I apologize for that. Nonetheless, the
19 show must go on.

20 So the -- the final line of questioning
21 I have is related to economics. So there -- there
22 were -- again, and I had commented on -- on this
23 earlier, some slight differences in terms of the --
24 the caveats that are being provided in the ASR as
25 compared to some of the numbers and -- and benefits

1 being described in the -- in the PDR.

2 And I'd -- I'd like to touch on some of
3 those. The first one is related to the GNWT benefit
4 enhancement measure. And -- and that moving into the
5 P3 process, the -- the project will become exempt from
6 the business incentive policy requirements.

7 And in -- I think there was additional
8 language sort of softening the -- the ability by which
9 the GNWT might be able to impose restrictions on the -
10 - on the project co. And so I'm -- I'm curious under
11 the P3 arrangement what the employment targets will be
12 for local work forces and -- and specifically for the
13 Tlicho region and the -- the NWT?

14 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
15 with GNWT. So you're correct that we are planning to
16 waive the business incentive policy application for
17 this project, because are procuring it as a P3, a
18 public/private partnership. That does not mean that
19 the provision of local and Tlicho employment,
20 business, and training opportunity is not important.
21 It just means that we're going to -- we're pursuing it
22 a different way.

23 And we have had many good conversations
24 with the Tlicho Government. Obviously, it's a project
25 that is on -- in their area, within their land

1 claimant group and we need to work with them to ensure
2 that benefits are passed on -- are derived by the
3 Tlicho people as part of the project.

4 We have issued the RFQ already. That
5 is a public document and it provided as part of the
6 rating process for the -- for responses we got back.
7 It considered Tlicho and Northern involvement as part
8 of the rating criteria, so it was rated as -- those
9 things were rated.

10 We will be putting something similar
11 into the RFP process and -- and its evaluation, so we
12 will be requiring the proponents to show, demonstrate
13 how they intend to work with Tlicho Investment
14 Corporation, Tlicho businesses, provide employment
15 opportunities, provide training opportunities and that
16 will be evaluated as part of the evaluation process
17 for that -- of those proponents as part of the RFP
18 process.

19 We don't have those final documents
20 drafted yet, but that is our intention for how we will
21 be proceeding with that. Thank you.

22 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari Cart --
23 Carthew, with the Review Board. I can't even say my
24 name now. Thank you for that, Russ. Can -- can you
25 comment the -- the RFQ process to give us an idea of

1 that, you know, de -- demand for local participation
2 in -- in the project and -- and for the -- the
3 benefits to accrue to local populations.

4 How -- how much of the rating within
5 the RFQ was designated to -- towards that, just as a
6 barometer for what we might expect in the RFP?

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8 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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10 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
11 GNWT. For that particular component there was a
12 threshold that the proponent needed to meet. So it
13 was a -- they had to provide a certain minimum and
14 then after that it was -- it was rated. And we're
15 trying to recall, it was either 15 or 20 percent.

16 I -- I'm pretty sure it was 15 percent,
17 but it might have been -- might have been 20 percent,
18 but 15 to 20 percent.

19 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: I'm just --
20 thank you, Russ. And -- and just a follow-up on -- on
21 that item. Within the -- the original PDR then, my --
22 I believe it said the -- excuse me, the project
23 generates two hundred and sixty-six (266) person years
24 of combined, direct, and indirect employment.

25 Translating to roughly to 25 million in

1 annual labour income. And in -- in other figures it
2 was saying roughly 80 percent of the overall cost of
3 the project, or 123 million would be back into the --
4 the North and 90 percent into the Tlicho.

5 So when -- when we're talking about
6 that rating of Northern content for the -- the number
7 you provided, does -- does that allow for, I guess,
8 similar benefits to -- to manifest?

9 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Hi, Russ
10 Neudorf, with GNWT. That would exactly be our
11 expectation that we would expect by going through the
12 process that we would -- that is our target is to have
13 that level of Tlicho and Northern involvement with the
14 project.

15 And I guess we can be -- go back to the
16 example of the Inuvik Tuk highway we've talked about
17 before. It was -- we were at the peak of construction
18 over six hundred (600) employees and 3 1/4s of those
19 were local and Northern employees, so very successful.

20 And we are going to work with the
21 project company, whosoever is selected to achieve
22 similar type of employment levels. Thank you.

23 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Russ, I -- I just
24 have a -- a small question about what you guys were
25 just talking about. It's -- it's Alan Ehrlich, again.

1 I'm just curious if there are any -- any legal
2 barriers. Once this goes to a project -- the project
3 company, whoever they are, once they're selected, can
4 you still influence -- I don't know how much autonomy
5 over who they hire.

6 I mean, I -- I imagine it's probably
7 pretty tricky to say, You have to have this percent of
8 Aboriginal hires and here's how much has to -- how
9 many people have to be from, you know, the Tlicho or
10 from -- from Whati. And yet I imagine a lot of the
11 benefits are related to those kinds of targets.

12 So I understand having the targets is
13 one thing, but I -- I'm curious if -- if it legally is
14 -- if it's difficult in Canada to -- when you're going
15 to an outside company that's not necessarily from the
16 north to say, And by the way, here's the breakdown of
17 you've got to hire.

18 Do you have a -- a way of doing that?

19 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
20 for GNWT. Yes, we do. Basically the -- we're going
21 to evaluate the proponents and we're going to award to
22 the proponent that is selected the best. However,
23 best is defined and that will be defined in the RFP
24 process.

25 As I said, one (1) of the indications

1 will be the level of Tlichó and Northern involvement
2 with the project. And then once the proponent
3 actually -- project company actually gets to work they
4 need to do what they said they were going to do and we
5 will be monitoring and ensuring that they actually do
6 that.

7 And there will be -- we haven't
8 formally defined it yet, but we are considering
9 putting in penalties if they do not do what they said
10 they would do. So there will be incentive for their
11 doing what they're doing, in addition to just the, you
12 know, the companies that have put in a bid and they do
13 need to follow-up and do what they said they were
14 going to do and how they're going to provide that
15 service to us.

16 There'll be lots of eyes on the
17 projects. Lots -- not only our eyes, but Tlichó
18 Government will also be looking at it ensuring that
19 the proponents do what they said they were going to
20 do.

21 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Thanks, Russ. I
22 appreciate that, but you're saying it's -- if I hear
23 you correctly, you're saying it's one (1) of several
24 criteria that are going to be weighed when you're
25 selecting the successful company.

1 But when you're weighing different
2 criteria, there are often, you know, trade-offs,
3 right. For example, you have to consider a lot of
4 things like the cost and a whole lot of different
5 things. And -- so there's -- there's a balancing in
6 there. Just because it's one (1) of the factors
7 that's considered in the trade-off is very different
8 from guarantees of certain levels or how likely you
9 are to reach certain targets.

10 Just -- I'm just wondering if once the
11 thing is selected you -- you have -- with a P3 if you
12 have anymore control over that -- that subject?

13 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
14 with the GNWT. At the end of the day we're going to
15 enter into an agreement with the project company to
16 design, build, finance, operate, maintain the road, so
17 it will be a contractual relationship much like any
18 other government procured project. Not different,
19 just much more complex, put still a procured at the
20 end of the day.

21 The -- in order to be successful the
22 proponent will need to consider all of the factors
23 that we're going to evaluate. And so we'll need to be
24 responding and providing the level of Tlicho and
25 Northern involvement. I don't think I can envision a

1 scenario where we'd pick a company that wouldn't have
2 Tlicho involvement.

3 I just -- we're -- you know, it's going
4 to be significant enough, important enough as part of
5 the rating that that will play itself out. Yeah.
6 Thanks.

7 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Okay. Thanks.

8 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Thank you.
9 Ruari Carthew, from the Review Board. Can -- can you
10 just expand a little bit on the evaluatory tools
11 you'll be using to, I guess, track the -- the success
12 of those economic indicators and employment numbers?

13 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
14 GNWT. So we've -- some of the things that we'll be
15 tracking, and they'll be noted in the RFP and then --
16 so that we're clear with proponents what we're going
17 to be doing, but it will revolve around -- and because
18 this isn't formally defined, I can just say generally
19 what it would be.

20 But it -- it would be the number of
21 Tlicho businesses that are involved, the number of
22 Northern businesses involved, and then the value of
23 their involvement. And then we'll also be looking at
24 employment levels, Tlicho, Northern, others. And then
25 also training programs.

1 They'll all be considered in some way
2 in the -- through the RFP process.

3 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
4 Carthew, Review Board. Thank you. So in other
5 projects where the proponent is a -- a private sector,
6 there's -- I think what -- what you're kind of
7 describing sounds very much like a social economic
8 agreement with some of those indicators and reporting
9 measures.

10 Is it a similar kind of, I guess,
11 reporting structure that -- that you're envisioning
12 with...

13 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
14 with GNWT. So the question on reporting structure and
15 similar to socioeconomic -- I'd say it's -- it would
16 be more similar to a government contract than it would
17 be to a social economic agreement. And so therefore
18 would be -- should have a lot more clout, or weight
19 behind it.

20 And in terms of reporting, it's -- that
21 -- all that information will be provided to us
22 regularly as part of the process that we would have
23 for either approving construction progress and/or
24 progress payments. That's typically where we would
25 get that information. So they need to provide it if

1 they want to get paid.

2 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Okay. Ruari
3 Carthew, Review Board. Thank you for that. Within
4 the descriptions of the cost of the project, my -- I'd
5 like some clarification. One (1) of the main reports
6 referenced talking about the economic benefits of the
7 project comes from the PDR, Appendix C, the -- the
8 Nichols Report. And in it let's say total project
9 costs of 152 million. In other areas I believe the --
10 the cost is stated as roughly 150 million.

11 But -- but what sticks out for me is
12 that within the Nichols Report it describes the
13 section of the highway which is currently under review
14 for the EA as only costing \$128 million, and -- and
15 then an additional \$24 million, I believe, for the --
16 the turnoff, an 18 kilometre turnoff to Whati.

17 Can -- can you please comment on -- on
18 that? I -- I know in the ASR there was a -- a slight
19 addendum that the -- the P3 will cover 93 kilometres
20 and that -- then the portion of the highway that we're
21 looking remains the ninety-four (94).

22 But I'm -- I'm just curious if you can
23 comment about that discrepancy in the numbers for that
24 economic report that is highly cited?

25 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,

1 with GNWT. I believe we're -- the P3 Project will
2 actually include 97 kilometres at the end of the day.
3 It's 94 kilometres and then another 3 kilometres that
4 are within the municipal boundary of the community of
5 Whati. So 97 to be constructed and improved.

6 There are various cost estimates. They
7 would have been -- probably each of those would have a
8 different time on them, so they would have been
9 evolving as our thinking about the project, as the
10 scope of the project changed, as the design standard
11 for the road would have changed and evolved then those
12 cost estimates would change.

13 So there would be a rational expl --
14 and time even changes cost estimates as well. So
15 there would be an explanation for each of those. The,
16 you know, the results are still valid. And I don't
17 want to comment any further on cost estimates, because
18 we want to ensure as much competitive tension in our
19 RFP process as possible in terms of cost estimates
20 going forward.

21 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
22 Carthew, Review Board. I can respect your desire for
23 some confidentiality there. And I -- I think if I do
24 have additional questions on this then -- then maybe
25 I'll see if it's appropriate to continue then, that

1 maybe we can do it under a confidential manner.

2 So I'll -- I'll move onto then my final
3 question before just opening up to the general floor
4 if there are any additional comments. And this one
5 (1) goes over to the Tlicho Government.

6 And throughout the Tlicho Governments
7 submissions they've been very honest and -- and the --
8 the dangers that the project might represent to Tlicho
9 citizens and to residences from Whati, but they've
10 been very emphatic that they've done a tremendous
11 amount of work to prepare for those and they feel they
12 are prepared to meet those challenges and -- and that
13 the project is -- is in the best interest for Tlicho.

14 Is -- is that a fair assessment, or
15 summary? I just -- I -- I don't want to be putting
16 words in your mouth.

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18 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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20 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Masi. Ginger
21 Gibson, from the Tlicho Government. Thank you for the
22 question. Similar to what we answer with caribou, I
23 think it's the point that we're in technical sessions
24 and -- and we are going to be continuing to review the
25 data we'll make a decision at the end of the day.

1 And -- and certainly we're operating
2 under the direction of -- of proceeding through this
3 EA in -- along with the GNWT to ensure that there's a
4 solid review of the potential project.

5 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
6 Carthew, with the Review Board. And I'll rephrase my
7 question, because it wasn't my intent to provide any
8 leading statements or anything. I'll -- I'll instead
9 refer to a quote related to future security, and --
10 and it's that -- this comes from the PR-96, page 4,
11 which was the original submission from the fall from
12 the Tlicho. And it says:

13 "The -- the TASR is a project that
14 is increasingly required in order
15 for Whati's continued survival as a
16 viable community. The risks that
17 must be overcome will be overcome in
18 order for this ultimate need to be
19 attained."

20 That's a summary of that quotation, but
21 my -- my question to the Tlicho is that based on the -
22 - the perceived long-term benefits that the projects
23 might realize, could -- could you provide an
24 alternatives analysis for us on what the, I guess,
25 life in the community of Whati, or for the Tlicho

1 region in general might be in the absence of the
2 project and extrapolating, you know, short-term and
3 long-term? Thank you.

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5 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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7 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Thank you. Ginger
8 Gibson, from the Tlicho Government. This is -- so
9 what would life be like if no road went through? I --
10 I think what we see already is that the supply -- the
11 -- the time for winter resupply is -- is getting
12 shorter and shorter, causing greater and greater
13 stress on families to get out and get what they need
14 for the year, for annual resupply; causing greater
15 school -- people not -- kids not to attend school.
16 And -- and that real pulse of a flood out of the
17 community to access services.

18 It's -- it's also -- it will continue
19 to get more expensive, so the -- for food and food
20 security. The -- the cost of living is already quite
21 high, and I think it'll continue to get higher absent
22 the ability to access services through the year.

23 Families cannot access many of the --
24 the services that they would like to in Yellowknife,
25 so that will continue to be a pressure, and there'll

1 be no relief. So bringing the road in does the
2 opposite: it allows people access to speech therapy,
3 occupational therapy, physical therapy that they just
4 can't get now.

5 So they would be continued to have very
6 unequal provision of services compared to a
7 Yellowknife -- a Yellowknife citizen. So we continue
8 to just see -- we would just continue to see a real
9 inequity in the NWT, and it would get -- I -- I
10 predict it would get wider.

11 The -- the pressure on families in that
12 short window cannot be under-emphasized -- the
13 principals, the school -- the school teachers, the
14 service providers, they just feel this radical pulse
15 of -- of social behaviours that are really difficult
16 to manage.

17 The RCMP are -- are particularly
18 affected in that period of time, so their call volume
19 goes up so dramatically, and the kinds of incidents
20 they're dealing with go up so dramatically, as do the
21 effects for children and Elders -- so kids being left
22 alone to take care of their -- and raise their
23 brothers and sisters.

24 So I predict that would just get worse.
25 So all of those pressures would be magnified. And --

1 and as I said, I think, you know, for Whati, this is
2 something that's going to have -- currently, there's
3 bad and good in being isolated. And so when there's a
4 -- you know, and -- and so there would continue to be
5 bad and good, but some of the bad would magnify.

6 There will be some bad and good with
7 the all-season road, and our hope is, with the
8 programs and services we're applying and the adaptive
9 management and the monitoring we have in place, that
10 the -- the good would increase, in particular, the
11 economic benefits to citizens.

12 I'm going to turn to my colleague,
13 Lisa, to just give a personal perspective from living
14 in the community. Masi.

15 MS. LISA NITSIZA: Lisa Nitsiza, Whati
16 SAO. I haven't been raised in Whati. It's a -- a
17 community my family -- my husband is from, so I moved
18 into the community due to marriage. I'm from
19 Behchoko, so I've had the access to travel throughout
20 the year and attend school as well.

21 But living in Whati the past -- since
22 2010, seven (7) years now, it was a change. It's a
23 change to adapt if you're not used to the flying
24 seasons or even the plane ticket itself is expensive.

25 My husband and I work. We have two (2)

1 kids, and it's still a budget. If it's those who are
2 single families or low-income families, they can't
3 travel. This is where they use the all-season road to
4 see families and stock up on personal items.

5 There are quite a few individuals in
6 Whati, especially young kids, that don't travel south
7 due to cost effect.

8 Medical services, families do try to
9 utilize to take the time to make doctor appointments,
10 dental appointments, speech appointments in
11 Yellowknife. I do the same thing, too.

12 Pressure on family, it is there. You
13 do have siblings that stay home and babysit, but
14 they're not raising their siblings. They're there to
15 help. You have families as well. You have your
16 aunties, you've got your uncles, you've got your
17 grandmothers.

18 And parents do take their kids to
19 Yellowknife so they could have the big McDonald's,
20 they could shop in Walmart. Even Tim Hortons is a
21 treat for them, too.

22 We do try to utilize it, too, as well,
23 the winter all-season, for our community government
24 staff. We ask them to go into Yellowknife to pick up
25 supplies. And for the youth, it's a great time to do

1 hockey season, to invite people in. Thank you.

2 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
3 Carthew, Review Board. Thank you both very much for
4 providing your perspectives and -- and your thoughts.
5 I am happily done with my questions. I'll open it up
6 to the -- the floor if there are any additional
7 socioeconomic concerns that any group or party would
8 like to express.

9 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Sorry, Ruari.
10 Just before you go there, I have one (1) small change
11 to a commitment to make. Ginger Gibson. Thanks. I
12 heard you say my name.

13 There's a commitment on culverts that
14 was made, and we happily have integrated some advice
15 from the WRRB. I'm going to read it aloud, and then
16 I'll email you the wording:

17 "Infrastructure commits to review
18 concerns regarding culverts,
19 including a site visit with all
20 Elders to view potential culvert
21 locations, and commits to bring a
22 harvester along with the DFO water
23 crossing review as feasible."

24 So I just want to thank the WRRB for
25 bringing that to our attention. Masi.

1 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Thank you.
2 Ruari Carthew, from the Review Board. So I'll just
3 pose that question again to any parties remaining in
4 the room. I'm -- I'm not seeing any hands. Is there
5 anybody on the phone lines who would like to speak?

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7 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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9 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: So it -- it
10 sounds like we're ready to conclude the technical
11 session. I'm going -- oh, GNWT --

12 MS. LAURIE MCGREGOR: Laurie McGregor,
13 GNWT. I'd just like to provide you an update with the
14 wording for Commitment number 4 that we were working
15 on with the WRRB. And I'd like to thank the WRRB for
16 helping us hammer out this wording.

17 So I'll read the wording that we've
18 agreed to for Commitment 4, and then I'll pass it to
19 Boyan just to make a comment or two (2) about that, if
20 that's okay. So Commitment 4 should read:

21 "GNWT commits to sharing its
22 cumulative effects monitoring and
23 adaptive mitigation protocols for
24 the Tlicho all-season road with
25 Fortune Minerals and collaborate

1 with Fortune for opportunities to
2 share boreal and barren-ground
3 caribou monitoring and mitigation
4 protocols."

5 And so that's our agreement on the
6 wording, as far as I understand it, and I'll pass it
7 over to Boyan just to make a few comments.

8 MR. BOYAN TRACZ: Boyan Tracz,
9 Wek'eezhii Renewable Resources Board. Thanks, Laurie.

10 Yeah, the -- the discussion was -- was
11 a good one because you, you know, come to an
12 appreciation of limitations and restrictions and --
13 and, you know, differences in terms of EA process.

14 From the Board perspective, we have the
15 Fortune Minerals, you know, mine as well as the
16 proposed Tlicho road. This is a cumulative effects
17 question. The two (2) are -- are inherently linked,
18 and from that perspective, it's that desire to package
19 them in a certain way so we can understand how
20 monitoring and mitigation are -- are being approached
21 from that cumulative effects perspective.

22 And the context is that we've -- I'm
23 sure people around the table are familiar with this
24 long-standing desire for standardized monitoring
25 protocols, standardized approaches, you know, ways to

1 share information. These are -- these are long-
2 standing things.

3 And if we look at what happened with
4 the -- the large mines, you know, you can look back in
5 history and -- and there's certainly elements, from my
6 perspective, in terms of could have, should have,
7 would have in terms of approaches to organizing
8 ourselves.

9 This is a situation where we have --
10 you know, the mine is sitting there, and it needs a
11 road. Click. Those two (2) link in. You know,
12 that's -- that's kind of a pretty basic cumulative
13 effects start.

14 So if we can organize ourselves to have
15 consistency, things in place for data transfer, you
16 know, agreements on how to -- how to dovetail
17 monitoring and mitigation so it is the same, so we
18 don't end up in this same discussion of, How do we
19 bring it together?, we bring it together right now
20 before it's there. It's sort of the -- the intent.

21 And so that's -- that's the sort of
22 thing that the -- the WRRB would be looking for in its
23 review of the updated WMMP with -- and with reference
24 back to the Board's comments that the WMMP is the
25 place to show cooperation and collaboration.

1 So the wording's a little bit open to
2 allow for GNWT kind of show us what you've got, show -
3 - you know, put it together, and, you know, kind of
4 give us an indication of how adaptive management can
5 be put into practice and then how we can learn from a
6 litany of past experiences. So -- and that's --
7 that's kind of where we're coming from, so thank you.

8 MS. LAURIE MCGREGOR: Thanks, Boyan.
9 It's Laurie McGregor, from GNWT. We had a second
10 commitment between the GNWT and WRRB that we have not
11 reached an agreement on the wording.

12 It's a little difficult for us, because
13 we both represent organizations where not all the
14 parties are in the room right now, so there's a lot of
15 back and forth with text and emails. So we've decided
16 just to make sure that we're -- both parties are happy
17 with the wording.

18 We'd like to take that as an
19 undertaking. And WRRB and GNWT will meet next week to
20 provide the wording to the Board on Commitment number
21 3.

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23 --- UNDERTAKING NO. 2: WRRB and GNWT to meet to
24 provide wording to the
25 Board next week on

Commitment 3

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3 MR. BOYAN TRACZ: Boyan Tracz, WRRB.
4 Yeah, just as a quick follow-up, there's currently a
5 new email thread saying, you know, Let's have a phone
6 call Monday so we're all very clear on what we're
7 asking or not asking, you know, the levels of which,
8 and where it should belong, you know, WMMP or sort of
9 ASR -- more ASR-related in terms of -- you know, let's
10 just say that it -- it's -- we want to get together in
11 one (1) spot and talk about it, you know, via phone
12 call as opposed to this fragmented method which has
13 proved ineffectual up until now.

14 CO-FACILITATOR CARTHEW: Ruari
15 Carthew, Review Board. Thank you both very much. We
16 already have an undertaking. That will be Undertaking
17 number 2. Can you both commit to getting that in by
18 the end of next week? I'm seeing head nods yes.
19 Thank you.

20 Are there additional commitments to
21 report upon? Nope. I will pass it over to Simon for
22 some just final home -- housekeeping items.

23 But before I do, just on a personal
24 note, I want to thank everybody for their
25 participation over the last few days. It's been a, I

1 think, a -- a remarkably congenial atmosphere, and --
2 and everybody has been, I -- I think, quite receptive
3 to providing meaningful and earnest answers and
4 participation.

5 And on a same note, it -- it's been a -
6 - a relative pleasure taking part in -- in this EA
7 because of the, I guess, amount of meaningful dialogue
8 and engagement on the -- on the issues that have been
9 identified and the earnestness by -- by all groups and
10 all governments involved to provide realistic
11 solutions for that.

12 So thank you all very much, and I'll
13 pass it over to Simon.

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15 CLOSING COMMENTS BY CO-FACILITATOR TOOGOOD:

16 CO-FACILITATOR TOOGOOD: Thanks,
17 Ruari. So just to close up the ceremony here -- not
18 ceremony; you talked about session. It's been quite
19 the show. Just -- I'd like to go through a bit of
20 housekeeping, do some thank-yous, and then we'll close
21 it off with a prayer from Tlicho Government.

22 So the transcripts, everyone's been
23 looking for those. I believe there's one on the --
24 I've emailed one out to parties, def -- but other
25 transcripts from day 2 and 3 will be following, I

1 presume shortly, within a day or two, they'll be sent
2 out and posted to the public registry.

3 We've had a lot of talk about
4 commitments. There's been updated wording. Please,
5 if you have the wording, agreed-upon wording, of these
6 commitments, if you could email to the Review Board,
7 to myself or to Ruari, that would be greatly
8 appreciated.

9 We will go through the transcripts and
10 pull out those commitments, and we will post them as a
11 separate document on the public registry for parties
12 to review, and hopefully people can agree on the
13 wording that's in there.

14 We almost set a record for the lowest
15 number of undertakings from our technical session. We
16 have two (2) now. That's excellent. I believe the
17 GNWT has provided us with when they can get back to
18 their undertaking -- two (2) undertakings.

19 And, you know, just with respect to
20 sharing information and working together, I mean,
21 we're holding this technical session to get a better
22 understanding of the project and its effects. I
23 encourage parties to have sidebar meetings and to
24 continue these discussions. And there's a template on
25 how to report on those sidebar meetings. That's now

1 posted on the Review Board's public registry.

2 And also, if you have any additional
3 evidence that you think would help the Review Board in
4 its deliberations, please provide that at any time.
5 You're not limited to Information Requests or to
6 technical sessions, you know.

7 The Review Board is -- will accept
8 evidence and information from parties at any point
9 during the environmental assessment up until the
10 public hearing. So there is some -- some
11 restrictions, but we'll post that at a later date.
12 You have at least a couple of months, or a month at
13 least, to go.

14 The rest of the discussion about the
15 review of the WMMP, the Review Board has heard your
16 concerns and listened to each party and their
17 understanding of what they would require for that, and
18 we will be reporting back to the Board on that, and
19 you will get a decision on that shortly.

20 And of course, the hearing dates, that
21 will be dependent on some of these discussions that
22 the Review Board will have next week.

23 And so, yeah, just to reiterate that,
24 you know, the main purpose of this technical session
25 was to get a better understanding of the project and

1 its impacts. I think we all agree that it was quite
2 successful in that respect, and, yeah, we look forward
3 to continuing that at the course of this EA.

4 And so just some thanks. I'd like to
5 thank the Tlicho Government and the community of
6 Behchoko for hosting us in this excellent building.
7 It's a very fine venue, one of the better ones we've
8 had.

9 The interpreters, Violet and James,
10 it's one of the toughest jobs you have at these
11 things, so thank you very much.

12 I'd also like to applaud the Elders
13 from Behchoko and Whati for bearing with us over these
14 last three (3) days. Thank you very much.

15 Also, of course, sound from day 2 --
16 day 1 and 2 was Norbert, and now we have Ryan. Thank
17 you very much.

18 I'd also like to thank the caterers of
19 Seafood Services (phonetic); again, all parties for
20 showing up, participating; Catherine, of course, for
21 organizing it. The logistics that go behind these are
22 impressive.

23 And last but not least, I'm going to
24 hand it over to Alan for a fond farewell to somebody
25 who's been for us for a while.

1 CLOSING COMMENTS BY THE REVIEW BOARD STAFF:

2 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Yeah. Our
3 transcription, which has proven to be a very handy
4 thing for the parties, and developers, and the Board,
5 has been done by Bob Keelaghan of, I think, it's
6 Warnock Transcription Services (sic). And so we've
7 dragged him all over the place to zillions of
8 different communities for technical sessions, and
9 hearings, and things like that. But it's his keen ear
10 that makes sure that the stuff you say here doesn't
11 just disappear on the wind. And he is now changing
12 jobs, going to Ottawa in a Master's program, and this
13 is a -- a loss to us, because he's proven darned good
14 at -- at helping us. And even though you don't know
15 it, he's helping you, too. So I wanted to say a fond
16 thank you and farewell to Bob Keelaghan. So there.

17 CO-FACILITATOR TOOGOOD: All right.
18 Thank you. I'd like to pass it over to the Tlicho
19 Government for a closing prayer.

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21 CLOSING COMMENTS BY THE TLICHO GOVERNMENT:

22 MS. GINGER GIBSON: Thank you,
23 everybody. And I just want to also acknowledge the
24 Tlicho Government would like to thank the Elders and
25 thank the Review Board for all of the hard work that

1 you guys do, the GNWT, all of the parties that were
2 present today, the WRRB. We really appreciate all of
3 the hard work that everybody puts in at their desks.

4 We just want to emphasize one (1)
5 issue. We really want to emphasize how long we've
6 been working on this topic and then on this issue.
7 And I know that you all work equally hard at your
8 desks, and I want to let you know that we try to match
9 your pace at our desks, in our offices, and on the
10 land. So we want to just implore you to treat this EA
11 with some urgency.

12 At the TG, we work in the communities,
13 and we constantly face the struggle and the pressure
14 and the questions that we are talking about this
15 again. So when we talk about it on a continual level
16 since 2007, we hear so many questions in the community
17 about when decisions will be made.

18 So delays from our end are taken very
19 seriously, and small delays can have very significant
20 implications for us in the Tlicho Government. So we
21 just encourage everybody to just do what you've been
22 all doing so well, which is treating this with such
23 diligence and respect and -- and kindness.

24 So masi cho, and I'll turn it over to
25 an Elder for a closing prayer.

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