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1 --- Upon commencing at 10:05 a.m.

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3 THE CHAIRPERSON: Good morning,
4 everyone. If we could all stand for opening prayer
5 with Jimmy B. Rabesca, Elder from Whati.

6

7 (OPENING PRAYER)

8

9 THE CHAIRPERSON: Good morning,
10 everyone and welcome to day 3, the final day of this
11 public hearing for the Tlicho all-season road from
12 Highway 3 to Whati, a project proposed by the GNWT.

13 My name is Joanne Deneron. I'm the
14 Chair of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact
15 Review Board.

16 Yesterday, we had a long day of
17 presentations and questions from parties. It was
18 complicated with -- by power outages and technical
19 problems, but our sound person has assured us today
20 that he has brought a backup so in case of the power
21 outage today we can continue on. So we should be on
22 track today.

23 Unfortunately, we were unable to hear
24 the comments from the people of Whati about what they
25 thought about the issues that were important to them.

1 We will be able to make time this afternoon for public
2 comments and we will make sure that there is an
3 allotted time frame given to the people of Whatì.

4 After we hear the presentations on the
5 potential impacts from the Tlicho all-season road on
6 fish, fish habitat, water, the traditional way of
7 life, culture, culture and heritage resources and
8 social and economic impacts.

9 As I mentioned yesterday, the Review
10 Board's role in this assessment is not simply to
11 recommend approval or rejection of the proposed road.
12 The Board is also here to listen to the people's
13 concerns about any impacts that the road may cause.
14 We want to make sure that any changes to the road
15 project that people feel are necessary to reduce or
16 avoid those impacts are considered when the Board
17 makes its decisions and related requirements for Board
18 changes, also called mitigations. This will ensure
19 that these mitigations are carried out throughout the
20 life of the road.

21 The final decisions for this project
22 will be by -- made by the Tlicho government and the
23 GNWT. The Board recognizes their responsibility for
24 making final decisions on public infrastructure. For
25 today's proceedings, this morning, the GNWT and the

1 parties will make presentations on today's topics.

2 Each presentation will be followed by
3 questions from parties and by this afternoon, we'll
4 have comments from the public. One moment please.

5

6 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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8 THE CHAIRPERSON: I ask that everyone
9 respect the time requirements of other parties during
10 presentations and questioning. Presenters will be
11 timed and given five-minute warnings. When your time
12 is up, you may be interrupted.

13 If the GNWT or a party needs more than
14 a few moments of caucus time prior to responding to a
15 question, I may ask for it to be answered later in
16 writing as an undertaking.

17 Please use the microphones for all
18 questions and responses so that everyone, including
19 Wendy at the back, our transcriptionist, can hear you
20 clearly. Please remember to say your name before you
21 speak and please speak slowly so that our translators
22 will be able to follow your speech. Transcriptions
23 will be available Monday next week on the Review
24 Board's website.

25 Members of the public may also submit

1 comments in writing to the Review Board until the
2 public record is closed in December. We will announce
3 the final date for the submissions this afternoon
4 during our closing remarks. Lunch is open for
5 everyone to the community of Whatì. We'll have a half
6 an hour lunch so that we can, again, make sure that we
7 have enough time for the public to have comments. And
8 everyone again is enjoy -- invited to join us for
9 dinner this evening, followed by more public comments
10 until the hearing closes.

11 Please remember that the schedule is
12 ultimately at the discretion of the Chair. Times can
13 change if viewed necessary. For those requiring
14 translation, there are receivers on the table and
15 available at the back with English on channel 2 and
16 Tlicho on channel 3.

17 Just before we start, there is just one
18 (1) housekeeping item that our Board counsel John
19 Donihee would like to address now. John...?

20 MR. JOHN DONIHEE: Thank you, Madam
21 Chair. John Donihee, Board counsel.

22 Over the course of the last two (2)
23 days there have been a number of references made by
24 several of the parties to previous reports of
25 environmental assessment completed by the Review

1 Board. These documents are not automatically part of
2 the record for this proceeding. And it would be of
3 assistance to the Board if those reports were filed on
4 the record for this proceeding.

5 I've canvassed the parties, Madam
6 Chair. None of them had any concerns about that
7 proposal and so -- at the moment, I'm just giving
8 notice that the Board intends to and will file the
9 report of environmental assessment for the Nico --
10 Fortune Minerals Nico mining project and also the
11 report of environmental assessment for the -- the Jay
12 expansion project for Dominion Diamonds on the record
13 for this proceeding. Thank you, Madam Chair.

14 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, thank you.
15 This morning I would like to ask the Wek'eezhii
16 Renewable Resources Board if they could clarify some
17 of the terms that they used in their presentations
18 yesterday. Jody...?

19 MS. JODY PELLISSEY: Thank you, Madam
20 Chair. Jody Pellissey, Wek'eezhii Renewable Resources
21 Board.

22 We were asked two (2) questions of
23 clarification yesterday on our presentation. The
24 first was about a statement in the speaking notes that
25 reads:

1 "...less respectful hunting
2 elsewhere has been shown to cause
3 the Tqdzi to avoid the road at a
4 greater distance."

5 The Board's response is:

6 "This sentence is confusing and
7 should have read: 'that roads are
8 opened -- that roads open access to
9 hunters who may not know the proper
10 Tlicho rules associated with
11 harvesting and using Tqdzi.
12 Disrespect harvest has the potential
13 for over harvest, and inappropriate
14 use of the Tqdzi on a fragmented
15 landscape.'"

16 The second clarification was about the
17 disturbance buffer. The Board recommended of 2500
18 metres. The Board's response:

19 "The disturbance buffer is 2500
20 metres on either side of the road
21 for a total of 5 kilometres to
22 account for indirect habitat loss."

23 Thank you.

24 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you for the
25 clarification.

1 With that, we'll now begin today's
2 hearing and we'll ask the GNWT to start its
3 presentation.

4

5 PRESENTATION BY GNWT RE WATER, FISH AND OTHER:

6 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Madam Chair,
7 members of the Board, Chief, Elders and ladies and
8 gentlemen, good morning. My name is Russell Neudorf.
9 I'm special project advisor for the Department of
10 Infrastructure with the Government of the Northwest
11 Territories and it is a pleasure to be here again in
12 Whati on a bright and sunny day.

13 We have, once again, multiple staff
14 from different departments that joining us today, and
15 I have introduced all except four (4). So, there's
16 four (4) new ones today and we'll just get them to
17 raise their hands as I introduce them.

18 First is Ann Kulmatycki with the
19 Department of Infrastructure. Arusa Shafi, with
20 Department of Lands and then with Golder Associates we
21 have Cam Stevens and Jesse O'Brien.

22 The first part of the presentation this
23 morning will be on fish and that will be delivered by
24 Cam Stevens from Golder. The second part is on social
25 economics and will be delivered by Jesse O'Brien and

1 then I will provide the third part which looks at
2 commitments, and then we'll wrap up some of the other
3 issues that we've been talking about here that we said
4 we would come back to.

5 So, we'll turn it over to Cam at this
6 time.

7 MR. CAM STEVENS: Good morning. My
8 name is Cam Stevens. I'm a fisheries biologist with
9 Golder Associates.

10 Thank you to the community for making
11 us welcome and to the Review Board for the opportunity
12 to present today. Thank you also to the Intervenors
13 who have made suggestions that have improved the
14 environment assessment and the project through the
15 process.

16 I'm going to talk about the fish and
17 fish habitat assessment within Section 3 of the
18 adequacy statement response.

19 Baseline fish and fish habitat.
20 Baseline studies, which included a site visit in
21 September with John Beaverho, a Tlicho harvester and
22 Vincent Harper, (phonetic) a fisheries biologist with
23 DFO identified a number of watercourses in a local
24 study area ranging from small ephermeral streams to
25 large permanent streams and rivers.

1 These investigations identified four
2 (4) large permanent rivers and one (1) small permanent
3 watercourses. A number of ephermeral streams were
4 also identified. These small streams can be
5 identified by the lack of a defined bed or banks and
6 most are small enough that they are difficult to
7 detect while walking through the forest.

8 This is a photo of what an ephermeral
9 stream looks like on the slide. This stream as we're
10 crossing 11 will be installed and constructed and
11 might only support small bodied species, such as
12 ninespine stickleback, if any fish at all during peak
13 freshet flows in the spring.

14 We also know that the primary fishery
15 in the region is a local subsistence or domestic
16 fishery. There is minimal pressure currently on the
17 fishery from recreational sport fishers.

18 Historical reports of the subsistence
19 fishery includes statistics on fish con -- consumption
20 in the community of Lac la Martre or Whati, which we
21 used in our assessment. We know that most households
22 in Whati have meat and fish obtained through hunting
23 and fishing activities.

24 Key harvest location -- locations
25 included those identified in the Tlicho government

1 traditional knowledge study. For example Lac la
2 Martre, the La Martre River, Boyer Lake and others.

3 This slide is a quick review of the
4 project foot -- footprint. There'll be four (4)
5 bridges and one (1) arched covert for permanent
6 watercourses that are expected to support large bodied
7 fish species.

8 There will be bridges over the La
9 Martre River at crossing 15 at the top of the road,
10 James River at crossing 14, Duport River at crossing 8
11 and an unnamed watercourse at crossing 9. And there
12 will also be a arched covert at -- in -- another
13 unnamed watercourse crossing 10A.

14 Again, most of the crossings are over
15 small ephermeral streams like most roads anywhere else
16 in the North and here corrugated steel pipe culverts
17 will be installed to convey -- convey flows during
18 peak -- peak freshet.

19 All crossing structures will be
20 installed using best management practices and measures
21 recommended by DFO, as appropriate.

22 Only one (1) of the sixteen (16)
23 pathways examined in the fish section of the adequacy
24 statement response was carried through as a primary
25 pathway where there was a potential for residual

1 effects to the fishery. We concluded that increased
2 access from the road would have low residual effects
3 on existing fisheries.

4 Supporting evidence includes:

5 1) The fact that access is improved for
6 a relatively small population of anglers for
7 recreational fishers in the Northwest Territories and
8 a related key point is that the water bodies and
9 watercourses along the road alignment will remain
10 relatively remote or inaccessible to people outside of
11 the Northwest Territories.

12 Lac la Martre will also be
13 approximately 245 kilometres from Yellowknife which is
14 likely to be more than a day trip for fishers
15 travelling by road from Yellowknife and so will be
16 less accessible than most of the lakes on the Ingraham
17 trail.

18 We also want to note that there are
19 many well known, productive and popular fishing
20 destinations in the Northwest Territories and so there
21 are many options for anglers in the Northwest
22 Territories, which ultimately dilute fishing pressure
23 across the region.

24 Finally, through the application of
25 fisheries management models, we have showed that

1 likely fishing destinations in the region, such as Lac
2 la Martre are highly productive fisheries and the
3 current harvest levels are well below the potential
4 fisheries yield in these systems.

5 In conclusion, Fisheries and Oceans
6 Canada, DFO, will be able to continue to manage a
7 sustainable fishery in cooperation with the Tlicho
8 government and the Wek'eezhii Renewable Resource
9 Board.

10 The management of a fishery will
11 include Tlicho government commitments of TK,
12 traditional knowledge base monitoring of fish and fish
13 habitat.

14 We also concluded that reasonably
15 foreseeable developments such as the Nico project are
16 not expected to interact cumulatively with the
17 residual effects of existing developments and
18 activities in the project because additional access to
19 water bodies with -- within the regional study area is
20 not expected to occur as a result of these projects.

21 Therefore, incremental and cumulative
22 changes from the project and other developments should
23 not have a significant adverse impact on the fishery.

24 Related to monitoring commitments. The
25 Tlicho all-season road corridor working group as

1 proposed. This group will be a forum for parties to
2 exchange information on the project. It will include
3 regulatory agencies, interested stakeholders and
4 community representatives. We anticipate that the
5 group will meet twice per year and will provide advice
6 on monitoring and mitigation that may contribute to
7 adaptive management.

8 We want to reiterate that consistent
9 with previous responses to questions related to
10 monitoring, the Government of the Northwest
11 Territories does not plan to conduct any monitoring
12 associated with fisheries harvest in the project area.
13 However, the Government of the Northwest Territories
14 is willing to work with other parties and the Tlicho
15 government in support of managing a sustainable
16 fishery as part of the Tlicho all-season road corridor
17 working group. And the Tlicho government has
18 committed to monitor fish and fish habitat.

19 The Government of the Northwest
20 Territories has also proposed environmental monitoring
21 at crossing sites during construction, such as
22 turbidity in the water and total suspended solids in
23 the water. Environmental monitoring will also be
24 conducted for a period of time at crossing sites to
25 ensure water crossings have stabilized and are

1 performing as intended.

2 Post-construction operational
3 monitoring will include regular annual inspections
4 upstream and downstream of the crossings for erosion,
5 scour and flow blockages during the spring freshet and
6 through the open water season, as needed.

7 Finally, additional details and plans
8 related to environmental monitoring will be provided
9 during the permitting stage. Thank you.

10 MR. JESSE O'BRIEN: Thank you, Cam.
11 Good morning, everyone. I'll echo Cam and our thanks
12 for you welcoming us into your community today to talk
13 about fish, fish habitat and elements of the
14 socioeconomic environment.

15 My name is Jesse O'Brien. I am a
16 social scientist with Golder Associates and I was
17 tasked with pulling together the socioeconomic impact
18 assessment. This was a task that benefitted from a
19 great deal of work that has already undergone today.

20 So just a brief overview of the
21 remainder of the presentation. We'll -- we'll look at
22 some of that work that has been undertaken by the
23 Tlicho and by the Government of the Northwest
24 Territories. We'll identify the key socioeconomic
25 impacts from the adequacy statement response. And

1 then we'll move into an overview of the socioeconomic
2 commitments on the part of the Government of the
3 Northwest Territories.

4 So for those of you who have been with
5 us through this process, and other presentations, you
6 will have seen this slide before presented by me and
7 for those of you who are new to us, the purpose of
8 this slide is to look at everything that's happened to
9 date.

10 So we -- we began with a project
11 description report prior to the requirement for an EA
12 for the project. This report was subject to terms of
13 reference that identified valued socioeconomic
14 components of the environment. We can see them
15 listed here: Traditional use, culture and heritage
16 resources, economic well-being and stable and healthy
17 communities.

18 For some reason the interpretation has
19 stopped so we're going to take a quick break.

20

21 (BRIEF PAUSE)

22

23 MR. JESSE O'BRIEN: Okay, thank you.

24 So as I was saying, terms of reference for the project
25 mandated three (3) valued socioeconomic components of

1 the environment. An adequacy statement was produced
2 that identified some areas that needed more work,
3 including more discussion of the mitigations for
4 adverse social impacts, as well as consideration of
5 residual impacts.

6 In response to the adequacy statement,
7 the Tlicho government submitted a number of
8 Information Request responses that laid out their
9 mitigation measures. These were incorporated with the
10 original PDR submission, the scoping study and
11 economic analyses for the project in what ultimately
12 was the adequacy statement response. So that's what
13 we're talking about here today.

14 There were a number of Information
15 Requests submitted and responses were provided that
16 added more clarity and more detail about the results
17 of the socioeconomic impact assessment.

18 Technical reports were then submitted
19 after a technical session was held in Behchoko and
20 that brings us to where we are today.

21 The endpoint of this slide is that this
22 is a project that has been in planning for a very long
23 time and that there is a great deal of work that has
24 gone into considering the potential social and
25 economic impacts of the project on the community of

1 Whati and on others impacted.

2 Highlight of the assessment. Some of
3 the key socioeconomic effects that were determined as
4 being potential include, on the benefit side, the
5 establishment of employment opportunities during
6 construction activities; economic and business
7 development associated with procurement of
8 construction goods and services; as well as potential
9 opportunities for tourism expansion once the road is
10 operational; access to lower cost goods and an overall
11 reduction in the cost of living for the people of
12 Whati; enhanced mobility and the associated reduction
13 in isolation during periods where the winter road is
14 not operational.

15 And finally, the establishment of
16 reliable, inexpensive method of transportation that
17 enhances road safety relative to the current
18 conditions that we see today.

19 The socioeconomic assessment also
20 identified a number of potential risks. This was
21 based largely on feedback that was received from the
22 community of Whati through the scoping studies from
23 the initial project description report submission and
24 was built upon to fulfil the requirements of the
25 adequacy statement.

1 Risks associated with changes to the
2 community such as changes in -- in harvesting, change
3 in movement outside of the community. The potential
4 for outsiders coming in, as well as impacts to local
5 culture were all brought up during the scoping studies
6 by people -- the people of Whati as concerns about the
7 project.

8 The other main area of concern was the
9 impact of all-season access to the community on the --
10 the importation of drugs and alcohol and subsequent
11 substance abuse issues and linked social impacts.

12 While these were all brought up as
13 concerns and they were all identified as potential
14 impacts within the socioeconomic assessment, the real
15 value of a socioeconomic impact assessment is not so
16 much the exercise of residual impact classification
17 and determination, the real value is in establishing a
18 series of commitments and mitigations aimed at
19 reducing the potential for deleterious impacts and at
20 building upon the positive impacts and maximizing the
21 benefit to the community.

22 We will hear from the Tlicho government
23 later today about their commitments and their
24 commitment to making this the best project that it can
25 be, the project that the people of Whati want. And we

1 will now from the Government of the Northwest
2 Territories regarding the commitments that they have
3 in place to address the adverse social impacts that
4 could happen and could fall within their mandate.

5 So with that, I will turn the
6 presentation over to Russ and the GNWT.

7 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Thank you,
8 Jesse. A range of commitments have been made by the
9 GNWT and the Tlicho government related to social
10 economics and the next few slides will summarize some
11 of those commitments.

12 On health and well-being, the Tlicho
13 Community Services Agency commitments include:
14 Providing more information to the public health nurse
15 on a range of health issues including sexual health,
16 participation in healthy living fairs to provide
17 community-specific education on healthy lifestyles.

18 Work safe policies for women will look
19 at employment through a gender lens. And we will work
20 with the Tlicho government to ensure Proponent work-
21 safe policies are in line with those of the GNWT and
22 industry best practices.

23 For the GNWT and public safety
24 commitments include: Speed limits being in place on
25 the road; rest stops will be part of the design; and

1 we will investigate the utility of a camera along with
2 appropriate signage as a maintenance -- for
3 maintenance and monitoring of the highway.

4 Work is currently also underway to a
5 common vision for a ground ambulance and highway
6 rescue services in the NWT, that will include an
7 action plan to guide the system, maintenance and
8 development. That work does include the communities
9 of Behchoko and Whati and the Government of the
10 Northwest Territories is -- is committed to meeting
11 with and working with key stakeholders in Whati to
12 work toward an effective ground ambulance and highway
13 rescue response capacity.

14 A range of commitments have been made
15 by the GNWT and the Tlicho government to mitigate
16 impacts to land use and culture. Much of the land use
17 management plans will be spoken to by the Tlicho
18 government in their presentation. The GNWT, the
19 Tlicho government and the government of Canada are
20 examining possible next steps in creating a Wek'eezhii
21 area land use plan for public lands.

22 A land use planning process would
23 consider social, cultural, ecological and economic
24 values in a holistic manner that supports the
25 sustainable use of land and reflects community

1 interests and aspirations.

2 Currently, the GNWT is not issuing
3 leases within 1 kilometre on either side of the Tlicho
4 road corridor. In the longer term, the GNWT will be
5 discussing cabin lease management options with the
6 Tlicho government through the land use planning
7 exercise I just talked about, and through the
8 recreational lease management process.

9 Employment commitments are aimed at
10 maximizing local capture of benefits and as discussed
11 previously, the project will be procured through a
12 public-private partnership and the GNWT will include
13 conditions in the Request For Proposal stage to
14 outline requirements for Tlicho and northern hired.

15 In their responses, the private company
16 will need to demonstrate how local labour and
17 businesses will be sourced. Their plans for training
18 for local residents and their involvement of Tlicho
19 and northern businesses as subcontractors.

20 The Tlicho government will hire
21 economic development officers in communities to
22 prepare the workforce for employment opportunities.
23 And the Tlicho regional economic development working
24 group is developing a training strategy to identify
25 skilled labour for construction.

1 Feedback through the technical report
2 stage focused on land, water and wildlife resources.
3 Areas of social economic concern identified in this
4 stage included the ongoing incorporation of
5 traditional knowledge and the need for ongoing
6 engagement.

7 The GNWT has committed to continue to
8 review traditional knowledge reports and engage
9 through upcoming processes, including through the
10 wildlife monitoring and management plan and the land
11 use permitting processes.

12 In closing, there have been extensive
13 discussions to date focusing on social impacts,
14 mitigation and monitoring with the Tlicho government
15 focusing on community level effects and the GNWT
16 focusing on public health, safety and education.

17 The continuation of the Whati
18 interagency committee and its collaboration with the
19 community governments of Whati and Behchoko and the
20 GNWT is important in the ongoing monitoring of social
21 impacts for the purpose of adaptive management.

22 The GNWT will continue to work closely
23 with the Tlicho government, Tlicho community services
24 agency, nonprofits and other partners to support
25 vulnerable populations, and to provide programs and

1 services directed at improving the health and well-
2 being of vulnerable groups in the Tlicho region and
3 throughout the NWT.

4 The Department of Health and Social
5 Services will continue to use the existing monitoring
6 programs and mechanisms in place to ensure that any
7 potential negative impacts identified through our
8 monitoring strategies are identified and mitigated.

9 One (1) side on permafrost now and then
10 I'll touch base on two (2) other issues that I said we
11 would come back to at other times in -- in the
12 sessions in the last couple of days.

13 So Natural Resources Canada technical
14 report provided recommendations around permafrost and
15 explosive storage. And these recommendations are
16 acknowledged. We will continue to work NRCan as
17 appropriate in these areas and recognize that
18 permafrost is one (1) of the challenges that
19 engineering -- and needs to be considered in the
20 engineering design and construction of the road.

21 There were some discussions on public
22 private partnerships and I had -- we had committed to
23 come back with some details on dispute resolution and
24 I also -- so I'll talk about that and also talk
25 quickly about how we will incorporate changes that are

1 required as part of the contract ongoing because it
2 will be a 25 year operational contract.

3 So the GNWT will be managing the
4 contract over the -- over its life and we'll ensure
5 that commitments are met.

6 The project agreement, which is the
7 relationship the GNWT will have with the company
8 that's going to be undertaking the design,
9 construction and operation of the road. So that
10 project agreement is a comprehensive document which
11 includes schedules, including a specific schedule to
12 deal with work changes over time and dispute
13 resolution procedures.

14 And it is, again, the responsibility of
15 the GNWT to ensure all commitments are reported on and
16 -- and fulfilled.

17 Permit conditions and environmental
18 assessment commitments will be reviewed annually and
19 the project agreement includes a schedule that
20 outlines the process to follow if work changes are
21 required or if the larger project agreement needs
22 updating and/or any of its schedules.

23 The project agreement also outlines the
24 dispute resolution process. If a dispute is to occur
25 there are four (4) general possibilities for

1 resolution. First, would involve good faith
2 negotiations; next it would be a referee process; then
3 arbitration and then, ultimately, litigation.

4 The project agreement also allows for
5 the GNWT step-in rights if there are -- is any breach
6 of any obligation required underneath the agreement.

7 And then, finally, there was a question
8 yesterday about berries. And just to note that most
9 of the work around berries was actually done by the
10 Tlicho government as part of their traditional
11 knowledge in the social economic reports but that the
12 TK report did show that berry picking only occurs near
13 Whati and in the Boyer Lake area.

14 It also -- in our adequacy statement
15 response concluded that the year-round access provided
16 by the all-season road will improve access for berries
17 and for other traditional activities, and -- so
18 specifically the social economic study by the Tlicho
19 government said that they expected a positive impact
20 including access to water resources, berries, and
21 hunting type of activity.

22 So I thank you very much, Madam Chair.

23

24 QUESTION PERIOD:

25 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you very much

1 for your presentation and clarifying and answering the
2 questions from yesterday.

3 At this time, I would like to entertain
4 parties -- questions from the Tlicho government?

5 DR. GINGER GIBSON: Thank you, Madam
6 Chair. Thank you GNWT for your presentation. We
7 have (1) question. This is Ginger Gibson with the
8 Tlicho government. We have one (1) question.

9 We'd like to ask the GNWT to comment on
10 emergency preparedness for the road. The Tlicho
11 government considers it to be important to have
12 collaborative planning for the road and considers that
13 there needs to be face-to-face dialogue in order to
14 ensure that parties are prepared for the eventualities
15 on the road; that would include the community
16 government of Behchoko, the community government of
17 Whati, the TCSA and the GNWT as partners to -- to this
18 effort. Masi.

19 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
20 with GNWT. We agree that there needs to be proper
21 planning done for -- around ground ambulance,
22 emergency response, highway rescue services on the
23 highway.

24 And there is work underway within the
25 GNWT right now taking a look at the entire system

1 across the Northwest Territories; that is being led by
2 Department of Community Affairs, but Health and Social
3 Services, Department of Justice and the Department of
4 Infrastructure are all part of that.

5 And so we are taking a look at the
6 entire system and coming up with an action plan for
7 how to deal with the challenges that will be addressed
8 as part of that review.

9 So we do recognize that the highway --
10 this Tlicho all-season road will be a new road and we
11 do need to work with the communities of Behchoko and
12 Whati to ensure that there's appropriate ambulance and
13 rescue services available for that road.

14 So I had indicated in my notes that the
15 Government of the Northwest Territories is committed
16 to meeting with and working with key stakeholders,
17 including the community government Whati, the Tlicho
18 community services agency and the Tlicho government to
19 work toward the development of an effective ground
20 ambulance and the highway rescue response capacity.

21 DR. GINGER GIBSON: Masi. Madam
22 Chair, is it possible to get that registered as a
23 commitment, please?

24 THE CHAIRPERSON: Certainly, Ginger,
25 as soon as you say your name.

1 DR. GINGER GIBSON: I'll say it,
2 Ginger Gibson, Tlicho government. And masi, the
3 Tlicho government has no further questions for the
4 Proponent.

5 THE CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Donihee...?

6 MR. JOHN DONIHEE: Thank you, Madam
7 Chair. It's John Donihee. I just would like the --
8 Mr. Neudorf to confirm that that's a commitment on
9 behalf of the GNWT.

10 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf with
11 GNWT. We'll confirm that's a commitment we'll make.

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13 --- COMMITMENT NO. 1: Government of the
14 Northwest Territories is
15 committed to meeting with
16 and working with key
17 stakeholders, including
18 the community government
19 Whati, the Tlicho
20 community services agency
21 and the Tlicho government
22 to work toward the
23 development of an
24 effective ground ambulance
25 and the highway rescue

1 response capacity

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3 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, questions,
4 Wek'eezkii Renewable Resource Board?

5 MS. JODY PELLISSEY: Thank you, Madam
6 Chair. Jody Pellissey, Wek'eezkii Renewable Resources
7 Board. The Board has no questions, thank you.

8 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, Fisheries
9 and Oceans Canada?

10 MR. UMAR HUSANY: Madam Chair, my name
11 is Umar Husany. On behalf of Fisheries and Oceans I
12 think there's a couple of members from DFO on the
13 line.

14 If it's okay with you, can we quickly
15 go to line and have them respond?

16 THE CHAIRPERSON: Yes, as long as
17 they're on the line and identify themselves.

18 MR. GERALD FILLATRE: This is Gerald
19 Fillatre, with Fisheries and Oceans with our
20 enforcement division. I have no comments or
21 questions.

22 MR. LARRY DOW: Larry Dow, with
23 Fisheries and Oceans, fish management. I have no
24 comments or questions. Thank you.

25 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, thank you.

1 Questions, Environment and Climate Change Canada?

2 MR. BRADLEY SUMMERFIELD: Thanks, Madam
3 Chair. It's Bradley Summerfield with Environment and
4 Climate Change Canada. We have no questions.

5 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, North
6 Slave Metis Alliance?

7 MR. SHIN SHIGA: Thank you, Madam
8 Chair. Shin Shiga, North Slave Metis Alliance. Thank
9 you for the presentation. We have no questions.

10 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions,
11 Yellowknives Dene First Nations?

12 MR. ALEX POWER: Thank you, Madam
13 Chair. Alex Power, Yellowknives Dene First Nation.
14 Thank you for your presentation and we have no
15 questions.

16 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, Natural
17 Resources Canada?

18 MR. UMAR HUSANY: Madam Chair, Umar
19 Husany, on behalf of Natural Resources Canada.
20 They'll be arriving shortly and if it's okay with you,
21 can be differ any questions from them at a later
22 point?

23 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, that will be
24 fine.

25 MR. UMAR HUSANY: Thank you.

1 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, Review
2 Board staff?

3 MS. CATHERINE FAIRBAIRN: Thank you,
4 Madam Chair. This is Catherine for the Review Board
5 staff. I have one (1) or two (2) questions.

6 WRRB recommended in their technical
7 report that GNWT work with DFO and Tlicho government
8 to develop a fisheries management plan.

9 Based on the response to the technical
10 report, it isn't completely clear to Board staff what
11 GNWT's position on a fisheries management plan is. So
12 my question is: Are you going to develop a fisheries
13 management plan?

14 MR. CAM STEVENS: Cam Stevens, Golder
15 Associates. GNWT is not going to be developing the
16 plan but will be supportive and participate in the
17 development of the plan under the direction of
18 Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Tlicho government
19 as the -- as a co-management partners for -- for the
20 management of the fishery, which may include the
21 development of a plan.

22 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Thank you. It's
23 Alan Ehrlich from the Review Board.

24 In the technical sessions in August the
25 developer identified residual concern and community

1 members related to family members, specifically,
2 having to do with risks to young women and in this
3 presentation it's identified as one of the negatives,
4 the possible increase in -- in drugs and alcohol in
5 the community.

6 In that technical session, the GNWT
7 indicated that it has cameras on some -- it has
8 existing cameras on some highways in the NWT already.
9 These are intended to look at the road condition for
10 safety reasons and the GNWT also indicated that if the
11 RCMP asked for access to footage from these cameras it
12 would likely oblige.

13 In the same technical session we heard
14 from the Tlicho government that the community
15 government of Whati has cameras used in the community
16 in certain public areas as well and that that -- that
17 seems to be going okay.

18 At the technical session you committed
19 to -- I believe it was a commitment to consider
20 putting such a camera and signage along the road to
21 here and in the presentation you just put up you
22 indicated that again.

23 So you have three (3) months to
24 consider this. Is the GNWT prepared to commit to
25 install a camera on the Whati road?

1 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
2 with the GNWT. We had -- had those discussions as
3 part of the technical hearing and we have given that -
4 - a commitment that we will consider having a camera
5 on the Tlicho all-season road.

6 The consideration will come as part of
7 the next phase of our procurement process. So as part
8 of the Request For Proposal stage. So we want to talk
9 with the potential companies that will construct and
10 operate the road and work with them to come up with a
11 system -- a camera system that would be good for their
12 purposes. They would like those cameras for
13 maintenance purposes, and then we also had the
14 discussion about the other potential uses and the
15 signages that -- a signage that could go -- be
16 installed as part of that camera system so.

17 So, the commitment that we had made
18 before is still current.

19 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Thank you, Mr.
20 Neudorf. And if the GNWT does decide to install those
21 cameras, in that case, would you commit to having
22 signage to that effect?

23 You mentioned in your presentation you
24 have appropriate signage, but I don't know what
25 "appropriate" means for that context.

1 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
2 GNWT. I'm not sure what "appropriate signage" means
3 either because of the different uses that we're
4 talking about with having a camera system, but we
5 would -- if we install -- so we'll commit that --
6 we're considering having -- we have a camera system
7 we'll also consider having signages -- signage to note
8 that a camera is installed.

9 So that would be a slight modification
10 to the commitment that we've given before. And that
11 would be that the GNWT will consider having a camera
12 and signage on the Tlicho all-season road for the
13 purpose.

14 MR. RUARI CARTHEW: Ruari Carthew, with
15 the Review Board. So I have some questions, Madam
16 Chair, for the Developer on the social economic side
17 of things.

18 So we talked a little bit on day 1
19 about the onus of responsibility for project-related
20 effects rests with the Developer. And in the
21 presentation this morning it was acknowledged, in
22 part, that the real value of social economic
23 assessment is in the commitments and mitigations that
24 are derived to reduce impacts and maximize benefits.

25 And -- and certainly in this project

1 we've seen a lot of collaboration with the Tlicho
2 government and community government of Whati and --
3 and many mitigations and commitments brought forward
4 by those governments to support the project.

5 Does the GNWT agree that the
6 commitments and mitigations put forward by the Tlicho
7 government and the community government of Whati are
8 necessary to prevent significant adverse impacts from
9 the project?

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11 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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13 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
14 with GNWT. Our conclusion has been that given the
15 mitigation and management proposed, that the project
16 is likely to have no significant adverse environmental
17 effects.

18 And the commitments that the Tlicho
19 government has made are part of that package of
20 mitigation and management proposed for the project.

21 MR. RUARI CARTHEW: Ruari Carthew,
22 with the Review Board. Thank you for that, Russ.

23 Could you please describe then how the
24 GNWT plans to track project-related impacts on
25 communities and people during both the construction

1 and the operation of the project to -- to make sure
2 the predictions are kind of being managed
3 appropriately with reality?

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5 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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7 MR. STU NIVEN: Madam Chair, Stu
8 Niven, with GNWT. In terms of tracking commitments,
9 we would be relying on the -- on the interagency
10 working group, as well as the corridor working group.

11 And how we've done that in the past is
12 -- there's -- there's going to be quite a list of
13 commitments and each one will have to be tracked
14 differently, depending on what the final product is or
15 what the final outcome is.

16 So what we normally would do is have a
17 commitment table and then next to each one we'd
18 identify it -- and which aspect: design, construction,
19 operation would that commitment fit within. And then
20 we'd -- like with the Inuvik/Tuk Highway, we've got a
21 big table and right next to it would be how we've met
22 that commitment; whether it's complete or not.

23 And then we've a -- we'd have proof.
24 We'd have either photos or reports, some sort of -- of
25 -- a clear description as to how we've met that

1 commitment and it's on the public website. Anybody
2 can take a look at it. And those are the sorts of
3 discussion that we have at the corridor working group
4 meeting where we'll -- we'll have a discussion about
5 whether that commitment has truly been met or not and
6 I will -- and how it's been met. And then -- and then
7 we sign off on it. I would expect we'd be doing the
8 same thing here. Thank you, Chair.

9 MR. RUARI CARTHEW: Thank you for --
10 sorry, it's Ruari Carthew, with the Review Board.
11 Thanks for the response, Stu.

12 And, sorry, in addition to the online
13 reporting will there be kind of submitted paper
14 reports, documents to organizations such as the Review
15 Board?

16 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
17 with GNWT. That commitment table that Stu had been
18 talking about is looked at and reviewed by the cor --
19 at the corridor working group.

20 It would also be available for the
21 Whati interagency committee if there is some social
22 economic type of commitments that they would like to
23 be monitoring.

24 MR. RUARI CARTHEW: Ruari Carthew,
25 with the Review Board. Thank you.

1 With the numerous commitments and
2 mitigations that have been proposed to address
3 project-related impacts, has the GNWT earmarked any
4 additional funding to relevant social departments,
5 including the TCSA for which it provides some
6 financing for the management of these programs and
7 projects-related effects?

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9 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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11 MS. MORGAN MOFFITT: Thank you.

12 Morgan Moffitt, GNWT Health and Social Services.

13 We have not allocated any additional
14 funding. We are confident that our current monitoring
15 programs are sufficient. Thank you.

16 MR. RUARI CARTHEW: Ruari Carthew,
17 with the Review Board. Thank you for your response.

18 I want to talk a little bit on -- on
19 the subject of trapping. This was brought up during
20 the technical session. And it was, in part, requested
21 that we bring it up again at the public hearing.

22 On the issue of trapping, the GNWT
23 said that they anticipate no adverse effects, in part,
24 because the fires from 2014 had run burnt through the
25 area and removed existing trap lines.

1 Does the GNWT, can they give the Board
2 an idea, please, of how long it takes for furbearers
3 and animals to return to an area following a burn?

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5 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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7 MR. BRUNO CROFT: Bruno Croft, GNWT. I
8 think your question is about a trapping cycle or how
9 long it takes for -- a few years ago we did a bit of a
10 research following the big Tibbit Lake fires we had in
11 -- at the end of the Ingraham Trail.

12 And if you look at the timing for small
13 mammals to come back, this is the micro team, the mice
14 and the voles that martins and other furbear animals
15 feed on. It takes about two (2) years for the micro
16 team to comes back in numbers high enough for -- see
17 the re-appearance of martin and others in the area.

18 So they -- they may come back fairly
19 quickly, much sooner than we thought after a fire, but
20 obviously, pick of furbear animals, most martin which
21 is a species that people harvest mostly, comes back a
22 bit later towards an older growth of the forest types.
23 So, hopefully that does it.

24 MR. RUARI CARTHEW: Ruari Carthew,
25 with the Review Board. Thank you very much for that

1 response.

2 So if -- if my math is correct, the
3 fires occurred in 2014. So the time, basically, when
4 the EA begun furbearing animals would've started to
5 return already to the area.

6 Now the project is slated to start in
7 2019 and four (4) years construction, so, certainly
8 during the construction and operational period lots of
9 furbearing animals will be there then.

10 Can the GNWT describe how trappers have
11 been engaged to assess future impacts related to an
12 all-season road?

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14 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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16 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
17 with the GNWT. For that aspect of the project we did
18 rely on the Tlicho government to undertake the work
19 required and would note that there is a commitment
20 that the Tlicho government will be ground-truthing the
21 traditional trails and trapping routes from the
22 traditional knowledge study and will be providing that
23 information to the GNWT.

24 MR. RUARI CARTHEW: Thank you, Ruari
25 Carthew, with the Review Board.

1 Sorry, in the interest of time, I'm --
2 I'm just going to cut out my preambles and go straight
3 to the questions. The next question I'd like to ask
4 just a little bit in terms of future predictions.

5 Can the GNWT describe to the Board if
6 they've done any analysis of future predictions in the
7 absence of a mine? As far as -- sorry, as far as
8 benefits and impacts that might be anticipated for the
9 community of Whatì.

10 Sorry, it sounds like I should clarify
11 that a little bit. Has the GNWT conducted any no-mine
12 scenario to assess how that might alter impact
13 predictions of the project? Most of the predictions
14 that were made seem to rely on a scenario of a mine
15 being built in the near future; specifically, Nico
16 mine.

17 MR. JESSE O'BRIEN: Jesse O'Brien,
18 Golder Associates. Could you clarify, are you saying
19 that that's in relation to socioeconomic impacts or
20 specifically to harvesting of furbearers. Thank you.

21 MR. RUARI CARTHEW: Ruari Carthew,
22 with the Review Board. Sounds like my preambles are a
23 little bit more useful than I thought.

24 I'm -- I'm talking more specifically
25 about the social economic impacts to communities.

1 Thank you. In particular, perhaps on issues of
2 migration in and out of the community and population
3 growth scenarios.

4 MR. JESSE O'BRIEN: Thank You. Jesse
5 O'Brien, Golder Associates.

6 We -- we only predict future scenarios
7 in terms of population where we see a residual impact
8 coming from a project.

9 So in this case, we -- we don't see an
10 incremental residual impact in terms of population
11 change in the community of Whati that's beyond the
12 community's ability to respond; including a mining
13 development would -- would thus be the purview of that
14 assessment.

15 So if -- if a mining development does
16 go forward, the Tlicho road would be considered in
17 their assessment but, here, because we don't see a
18 residual impact on population in the community that is
19 significant and pronounced, we -- we don't undertake
20 further scenarios. Thank you.

21 MR. RUARI CARTHEW: Ruari Carthew,
22 with the Review Board. Thank you for that.

23 In the social economic issue scoping
24 study that was provided with the PDR, Appendix B, some
25 literature review had shown that what commonly happens

1 in remote communities when a road is brought in is
2 that there is a migration. Now one of the, I believe,
3 predictive justifications, why population might
4 increase was related to new jobs coming in as a result
5 of a mine, the Nico mine.

6 So do I understand then that scenario
7 without the mine, there was no consideration on -- if
8 -- if people might be leaving the community. Thank
9 you.

10 MR. JESSE O'BRIEN: Jesse O'Brien,
11 Golder Associates. The -- the population incremental
12 small population increase that was mentioned in the EA
13 is talked about in terms of potential and we look at
14 it through different phases.

15 During the construction phase, the
16 potential would be for people to be coming back into
17 the community who may have left or moving between
18 communities. And that would be associated with short-
19 term construction employment rather than long-term
20 employment generated impacts.

21 During operation, the potential for
22 very, very limited population impacts of negligible
23 magnitude, if they did materialize, was predicted to
24 be linked to the development of the tourism industry
25 and the potential for that as opposed to the Nico mine

1 specifically. Thank you.

2 MR. RUARI CARTHEW: Ruari Carthew,
3 with the Review Board. Thank you for that. Just one
4 (1) final line of questioning. This relates to the
5 extension of the ice road season for the north of
6 Whati should an all-season road be built.

7 And in the Developer's description -- I
8 believe it was in the -- the ASR or the technical
9 session, it was said up to six (6) weeks the ice road
10 would be extended by to Wekweeti and Gameti.

11 I looked on the GNWT's website of the
12 historical opening closing dates for ice road seasons,
13 and I noticed that the existing time in which the road
14 is open to Wekweeti I believe is six (6) weeks and to
15 Gameti it's nine (9) weeks.

16 So that extension represents a doubling
17 of time that the season is open for what Whati and,
18 you know, over -- over one and a half times for
19 Gemeti.

20 Now, in this EA we've seen a lot of
21 concern raised related to social impacts, adverse
22 conditions that happen and -- and are experienced in
23 Whati during the winter road season and fear that
24 those concerns would get extended with an all-season
25 road.

1 And -- and in this scenario of an
2 extended all-season road north of Whati, we're --
3 we're seeing a significant increase in the amount of
4 time that that road is open.

5 Certainly, there are -- there are
6 benefits that come with the winter road but I'm
7 concerned, specifically, about the adverse challenges
8 and can the GNWT please comment on whether Wekweeti
9 and Gameti undergo the same type of stresses that are
10 experienced in Whati during the winter road season?

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12 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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14 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
15 with GNWT. So the existing winter road the bottleneck
16 for constructing the existing winter road right now is
17 Marian Lake and, obviously, if we can construct an
18 all-weather road to Whati, then we will eliminate that
19 -- that the bottleneck and crews can get on the other
20 portions of the road a little bit quicker.

21 And so that's why that -- we think that
22 there is likely an extension of up to six (6) weeks.
23 We're not sure exactly how that's going to play itself
24 out yet but it's kind of up to six (6) weeks and that
25 was kind of a cautionary approach and was dealt forth

1 because of some other aspects of the requirements for
2 the project to deal with it.

3 But I'll turn it over to Jesse who can
4 talk about the social impact side of things of that.

5 MR. JESSE O'BRIEN: Thank you. Jesse
6 O'Brien, Golder Associates.

7 The -- the extension by six (6) weeks,
8 you know, worst-case scenario in this regard doesn't
9 represent a change in the overall nature of the fact
10 that there is a winter road present.

11 The GNWT has been tracking, just as an
12 example, sexually transmitted infection rates and has
13 not found a correlation between the winter road being
14 open and -- and a spike in these rates, just as one
15 (1) example of a social impact.

16 So the extension of the winter road by
17 an additional six (6) weeks would not be expected to
18 impact that -- that trend that they've seen. Thank
19 you.

20 MR. RUARI CARTHEW: Ruari Carthew,
21 with the Review Board.

22 Can the GNWT just make a commitment to
23 work with the community governments of Gameti and
24 community governments of Wekweeti to monitor any other
25 changes and -- and work with those communities to

1 supply necessary resources that they might need as a
2 result of an extension of the winter road?

3 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
4 with GNWT. Given the con -- the discussion, the
5 response that we had before where we're not expecting
6 any significant impacts associated with the extension
7 of the winter road then, I guess, we would not be
8 committed to monitoring something that we don't think
9 is going to happen.

10 From -- from a project perspective --
11 from a government perspective, we -- you know,
12 obviously the Tlicho Community Services Agency will
13 continue to be there and will be -- along with Health
14 and Social Services will -- is always monitoring the
15 health of communities and responding to the needs as
16 they arise.

17 So the government will be continuing to
18 do that.

19 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, Review
20 Board staff?

21 MR. MARK CLIFFE-PHILLIPS: No, Madam
22 Chair. Mark Cliffe-Phillips with the Review Board.

23 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, legal
24 counsel?

25 MR. JOHN DONIHEE: John Donihee,

1 Madam Chair. I have no questions.

2 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, Review
3 Board members?

4 MS. BERTHA NORWEGIAN: Bertha
5 Norwegian. In looking at the building of the road, is
6 there an expectation that there -- you're going to
7 have a camp of some kind for the employees that are
8 going to actually build the road?

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10 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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12 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
13 with GNWT. Yes, there will be construction camps.
14 The exact number of those will depend on the project
15 company and how they want to construct the road but,
16 likely, up to two (2) main camps; assuming that
17 they're going to want to construct it from either end
18 or have two (2) different construction spreads.

19 And then there may be smaller camps
20 required in gravel pits for their development.

21 MS. BERTHA NORWEGIAN: In the event
22 that you -- sorry, Bertha Norwegian. In the event
23 that you do have two (2) large camps, do we know how
24 many people would be in the camps?

25 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,

1 with GNWT. We've indicated that those camps could be
2 up to a hundred and fifty (150) people.

3 MS. BERTHA NORWEGIAN: Bertha
4 Norwegian. Is that for each camp, a total of 300?

5 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
6 with the GNWT. That is possible. I could say -- I
7 would just put some uncertainty, I guess, around the
8 estimate in that this is still up to the project
9 company to decide how they're going to approach the
10 construction.

11 But, yeah, we've indicated up to two
12 (2) major camps, and there could be up to a hundred
13 and fifty (150) people in each camp.

14 MS. BERTHA NORWEGIAN: Thank you.
15 Bertha Norwegian here. There's another line of
16 questions that I would like to ask.

17 With respect to the camps, it will be
18 one (1) of the -- a real bonus, shall we say, to the
19 Tlicho government and the community of Whati
20 economically and do you and your partners that are
21 going to be building the roads, have you discussed any
22 of the financial aspects of the construction period
23 and what the Tlicho people and, most particularly, the
24 people of Whati, what they might -- how they might
25 benefit by these camps?

1 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
2 with the GNWT. We are working closely with the Tlicho
3 government as we work on the -- and what we're going
4 to ask the project companies to provide in terms of
5 Tlicho involvement, Tlicho employment, Tlicho
6 businesses and training.

7 And we're working through Tlicho
8 Investment Corporation for that and, you know, as part
9 of that, Tlicho Investment Corporation is providing us
10 with information on the number of people that might be
11 available, the businesses that are Tlicho owned or
12 underneath the Tlicho Investment Corporation umbrella
13 of companies. And so that we can make sure that we
14 are -- when we go and ask our proponent to meet
15 certain employment -- Tlicho requirements, training
16 requirement and business requirements that we know
17 they have a reasonable chance of being able to do that
18 because we'll know those Tlicho services, individuals
19 are available.

20 So, yes, we are working with the Tlicho
21 government to maximize, as much as we can, the
22 benefits that are going to be realized in -- within
23 the Tlicho region from the project.

24 MS. BERTHA NORWEGIAN: Thank you.
25 It's very good news. Bertha Norwegian. I just have

1 another -- a couple more questions with respect to the
2 social aspect of the camps.

3 Given that you're going to be having
4 quite a number of the local people working within
5 these camps, there's going to be, without doubt, it's
6 inevitable that you are going to have bullying, sexual
7 harassment and all of those types of negativities
8 happening.

9 Has there been any discussion about
10 whether or not the companies, whether it be the
11 company that's building the road or a coordinated
12 effort between the Tlicho, GNWT and the builders of,
13 perhaps, opening up a position somewhat like an
14 ombudsman so that people have a person that they can
15 go to to discuss their concerns and to have proper
16 assistance to alleviate whatever exist -- problems
17 that might come to exist?

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19 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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21 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
22 with the GNWT. Managing workforce and life in a
23 construction camp is a very important consideration
24 and any contractor will need to take management of
25 that workforce and life in the camp very seriously and

1 there are a number of policies and work-safe policies
2 that are in place and so, you know, contractors will
3 be ensuring that they deal with any of the negative
4 types of issues at the camp.

5 For example, those camps will all be
6 drug and alcohol free. We have talked with the Tlicho
7 government about having a community liaison officer to
8 help facilitate hiring of Tlicho people by the project
9 company.

10 And it would be possible to look at
11 that position and -- and see if it could also act as a
12 ombudsman -- I think that was your -- the words that
13 you used for Tlicho people if they have any challenges
14 in working with the camp so that those type of issues
15 could be brought to the attention of the GNWT or to
16 the Tlicho government in order to, you know, to have
17 addressed or have a voice, at least, to be heard.
18 Thank you.

19 MS. BERTHA NORWEGIAN: Bertha
20 Norwegian, thank you very much. I have no more
21 questions.

22 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, Review
23 Board members?

24 MS. SUNNY MUNROE: Sunny Munroe,
25 Review Board. In your -- on your slide about

1 assessment of socioeconomic effects, the key part --
2 potential benefits. You're saying there's going to be
3 increased employment opportunities, increased tourism.

4 In prior projects of description
5 reports for other roads, such as the Tuk road, I think
6 that the number of -- you said that -- you expected
7 tourism to Tuk to increase by about 15 percent.

8 Would not be similar here, or do you
9 have any -- has anybody done any -- any calculations
10 about how much more employment they're going to be,
11 how much more tourism there would be.

12 I guess what I'm just looking for is
13 some idea of how much you -- how much benefit the
14 community will derive from this road in terms of
15 economic factors.

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17 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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19 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
20 with the GNWT. We do -- the impacts on tourism of
21 the Tuk road we expect to be a little greater than
22 what they are -- that -- that would be on this road.

23 There are a lot of people that travel
24 the Dempster Highway already and a lot of people that
25 want to go up to see the Arctic Ocean and that's a,

1 you know, a particular draw for the Tuk road.

2 There will be, you know, people that
3 want to travel on the Tlicho road to see it. They'll
4 come and see the committee of Whati and perhaps some
5 that will want to come fishing on Lac la Martre but
6 those opportunities would be much more limited.

7 And in fact, the studies we had put
8 forward are -- the work that we had done indicated it
9 would be a negligible increase in tourism activities.

10 We did note though that, of course,
11 tourism opportunities are greatly enhanced where there
12 is here community access and lodging and food services
13 and, of course, the road will clearly improve the
14 opportunities for tourism. And so we would be
15 looking to see if there-- we, Department of Industry
16 and Tourism investment has -- has programs in place to
17 help encourage that type of business to develop and...

18 So we would be looking for whatever
19 growth -- development opportunities through
20 industry/tourism investment associated with the road.

21 MS. SUNNY MUNROE: Thank you for your
22 answer. Sunny Munroe, with the Review Board.

23 Could you please explain to me what the
24 difference is between "negligible" and "clearly
25 improve"? You said there'd be negligible impacts,

1 but then you said that there would be clear -- clearly
2 there'd be -- there'd be economic benefits from
3 tourism.

4 So I'm a bit confused about that.

5 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
6 with the GNWT. I'll let Jesse O'Brien clarify my
7 negligible comment and he'll provide a better word for
8 you.

9 MR. JESSE O'BRIEN: Thank you, Russ.
10 Jesse O'Brien, Golder Associates.

11 I think Russ was using the -- the term
12 not in EA parlance in terms of a negligible residual
13 impact.

14 The impact will be less pronounced than
15 in Tuktoyaktuk just based on the nature of what's
16 available. But the Tlicho regional economic
17 development working group has identified several areas
18 and -- in Whati. It's -- it's mostly focused on
19 marketing natural attractions like La Martre falls.
20 There's also some areas identified for Gameti and
21 Wekweeti.

22 In Gameti they would like to market the
23 bed-and-breakfast and are exploring the possibility of
24 constructing a culture camp. And then in Wekweeti
25 it's expanding the existing culture camp.

1 So these -- these are small impacts
2 relative to what we would see in Tuk where people are
3 going up to look at the Arctic Ocean, but they are
4 nonetheless of importance to these communities and
5 these were things that were raised in the scoping
6 studies as being of particular benefit from -- from
7 the perspective of the people so, thank you.

8 MS. SUNNY MUNROE: Thank you for your
9 answer. Understand, please, I wasn't asking about a
10 straight comparison between this road and Tuk. I was
11 asking if you'd done the same kind of work with
12 respect to predictions for this road as you did for
13 the Tuk road. Thank you for your answer though,
14 that's fine.

15 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, Review
16 Board. David...?

17 MR. DAVID KRUTKO: David Krutko,
18 Review Board. One of the commitments you made is the
19 area of public land use planning. I'd just like to
20 know how soon can this occur and it will it occur
21 prior to construction?

22 MS. LORRAINE SEALE: Thank you for the
23 question. It's Lorraine Seale with GNWT.

24 The GNWT has established a formal
25 working group with the Tlicho government and the

1 Government of Canada to explore the establishment of a
2 -- a planning mechanism for public lands on the --
3 within Wek'eezkii. Those talks are fairly -- at the
4 early stages, so I'm not able to put a timeframe on
5 it.

6 Would certainly hope that a planning
7 mechanism would be well advanced by the time the road
8 opens, but, as I'm sure everyone's aware a land use
9 planning can be a -- a -- it's a fairly comprehensive
10 process that does take some time and we're really just
11 at the beginning stages.

12 MR. DAVID KRUTKO: David Krutko,
13 Review Board. Another question I have is in regards
14 to area of fish and you're saying that there's no
15 significant adverse impact.

16 But in regards to the Fisheries Act we
17 all know that there's changes coming to the Fisheries
18 Act, and one (1) of the changes it's going to be
19 looking at the harm and effect of the fish and its
20 habitat.

21 In light of those changes, have you
22 taken into consideration how that might change the
23 scope of this project in regards to changes to the
24 Fisheries Act, which are apparently being drafted and
25 will be coming forward.

1 So have -- under your scope and review,
2 have you taken that into consideration with,
3 basically, changes to existing legislation?

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5 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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7 MR. CAM STEVENS: Can Stevens, Golder
8 Associates. Fisheries and Oceans Canada just stepped
9 into the room so I might pass this -- this on to them
10 in a second, but, based on my company's experience
11 working in the North for the past five (5) years since
12 the changes that were made in 2012, the serious harm
13 prohibition which is Section 35, in practice is -- is
14 -- is -- functions the same way that the fish and fish
15 habitat prohibition had, harmful alteration and a
16 disruption and destruction of fish habitat are,
17 essentially, in practice the -- the -- on the ground
18 in practice are the same -- offers and provides the
19 same level of habitat protection.

20 So in 2018, the expectation is that
21 this year's harmful prohibition Section 35 is going to
22 revert back to the same wording prior to the 2012
23 changes. And it doesn't mean -- what I'm trying to
24 say is, it -- there's no implications for -- for this
25 project and likely other major developments in the

1 North.

2 MS. LORRAINE SEALE: And -- it's
3 Lorraine Seale, with GNWT. I'd also like to stress
4 that the GNWT does not have knowledge of what those
5 changes will be, that's a federal matter. So, it's
6 not -- yeah, it's -- it's a speculative question at
7 this point.

8 MR. DAVID KRUTKO: I'm -- I'm not
9 speculating. I heard this at a conference a couple of
10 days ago in regards to the geoscience forum by the
11 Department of Fisheries and Oceans, so, I'm not
12 speculating on this one. It is public knowledge.

13 MR. CAM STEVENS: Cam Stevens, Golder
14 Associates. Just to -- for clarify, that was my
15 presentation at the geoscience forum.

16 Cam Stevens, again with Golder
17 Associates not with Fisheries and Oceans Canada or
18 GNWT.

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20 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

21 THE CHAIRPERSON: Well, thank you for
22 that. What I would like to do, we have half an hour
23 before lunch is served. I would like to open up the
24 floor for public comments.

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1 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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3 THE CHAIRPERSON: The mic is open for
4 anyone to speak for public comments, please.

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6 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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8 MR. CHUCK HUBERT: Chuck Hubert here,
9 with Review Board. I'm the one holding the mic so if
10 anybody would like to pick it up, please do.

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12 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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14 THE CHAIRPERSON: Public comments from
15 anyone from Whati, men, women.

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17 (INTERPRETED FROM TLICHO LANGUAGE INTO ENGLISH)

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19 MR. ARCHIE NITSIZA: This is Archie
20 Nitsiza. And why you guys came here for a meeting --
21 a meeting, middle age and some of my friends are
22 there. So some people -- some young people, they want
23 to say, they want to talk but they can't -- they can't
24 speak -- they don't want to speak and fears.

25

And they were talking about the fish.

1 Here -- we live here in Whati, that -- that's how we
2 survive and cariboo, that's how we survive with all
3 the animals that we -- we -- that's how we grew up and
4 all -- lives with the -- the fish and all the stuff.

5 When -- they had that lodge here but
6 those American people running that non-native --
7 running those lodge and when they get -- when they get
8 fish and they -- they eat -- they get only two (2)
9 fish and they have -- they cook it for lunch and the
10 rest of -- they put it back in the water.

11 Since that lodge is open we live here.
12 There's lots of -- there's lots of boat here since
13 that lodge -- since that lodge is open we have lots of
14 -- we have lots of boats before, it wasn't like that.
15 We used to use only canvass boat.

16 What about if -- if the road came in
17 from -- an all-weather road, I -- I don't want other
18 people to come here and get -- get the boat here from
19 anybody that not native or go fishing. We don't want
20 them to get the -- bring their boat here and go
21 fishing and all that.

22 And we know all the people that and who
23 passed away. We know how that -- all over in the
24 grave -- grave site and we go around -- we'll go --
25 sometime we feed the -- we feed them and we give --

1 sometime we've asked them for help, feed them and some
2 time we get some -- we get some Woodland cariboo.

3 Sometime there's lots of bear at the
4 dump. There's lots of bear, some of them when we go -
5 - when we check the nets, there's lots of fish that
6 just laying around. They probably know that -- when
7 they go fishing or -- they always throw -- they always
8 throw the fish back to the lake after they go
9 shopping.

10 I want to go back and check my nets,
11 I'm done for the day he said.

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13 (INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED)

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15 (INTERPRETED FROM TLI CHO LANGUAGE INTO ENGLISH)

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17 MR. FRANCIS SIMPSON: Hello. Thank
18 you. My -- it's Francis Simpson. Thank you for
19 everybody here this morning and a lot of people are
20 happy that here we're living in Whati and we're still
21 holding on to our knowledge -- our knowledge and we
22 talk about all this stuff that we need to.

23 Since three (3) days we've been having
24 a meeting and here there's lots of kids going to
25 school here in Whati and it would have been good -- it

1 would have been good if they attend the meeting so
2 that the young -- young generation can listen to us,
3 what we're saying. I don't know why they don't bring
4 their kids and don't know why there -- there wasn't
5 mentioned.

6 I just want to know -- people to know
7 that and the young -- it's for young generation,
8 generation and it would have been good if the school
9 students would attend -- they attend the meeting and
10 they'll know what we're saying. And all the -- we
11 talking and there's traditional knowledge. We're
12 speaking Tlicho, our language. It's all mixed up.

13 And here, we live here, all our family
14 -- we're all family, all, everybody, non-native, it
15 don't matter. And only thing about it it's -- it's up
16 to -- and it's up to God, or high power, that who --
17 who looks -- who looks after us. We're all family.

18 I just wanted to say -- and I just
19 wanted to say that if we don't -- we're not done
20 meeting but I just wanted to tell you guys. Maybe
21 afternoon, maybe afternoon I'll talk to you and
22 different stories again. Thank you.

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24 (INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED)

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1 THE CHAIRPERSON: Masi cho, Francis.
2 Apparently there has been mention of some youth coming
3 this afternoon so we're hoping that they would be able
4 to attend.

5 But, again, public comments?

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7 (INTERPRETED FROM TLI CHO LANGUAGE INTO ENGLISH)

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9 MR. CHARLIE JIM NITSIZA: My name is
10 Charlie Jim Nitsiza from the community, and a past
11 leader of the community. I've observed since this --
12 yesterday and the day before. It's always good to
13 receive, you know, and such an influx of all the
14 scientific people and the professional background here
15 to give us good presentations.

16 In the past I guess, you know, like the
17 history, I guess, tells that -- that's there's a lot
18 of changes up to date. Back in 1960s and prior to
19 that, there's a lot of development took place within
20 our area without consultation. And today we are
21 fortunate that -- that they -- our forefathers have
22 convinced the government of the -- of the day to
23 implement the consultation built into the government
24 system.

25 To date, it's where the public

1 hearing's coming from. So I'm quite thankful what the
2 Elders did with the government of the time and now
3 that we're here on a public hearing and, like I say,
4 that it's -- it's always good to exchange some ideas
5 about -- so we're quite confident, we're quite happy
6 to -- to ask a lot of good questions that are like --
7 answers have been responsive and heard by all the
8 Elders.

9 We know that we had a lot of difficulty
10 with our power outages and all that and, nonetheless,
11 I guess, you know, it doesn't hamper delay of our, you
12 know, hearings.

13 Yes, to date, I guess, you know, like
14 the -- now that we have the transportation it's all --
15 it's very important, I guess, and there's a lot of
16 ways that traditional way of travelling has been over
17 the past and now that modern winter road
18 transportation mostly by the -- by the skidoos and
19 that.

20 And now that -- you have to compare all
21 that with the modern road that's coming in to our
22 community because the -- but the -- it's always good
23 to have a winter road. It's served its purpose for
24 its time and now it's come to -- to an end for -- for
25 some good reason.

1 And including the skidoo because we
2 can't haul a heavy item and now that the -- the all-
3 season road is coming in to our community, I guess,
4 and all the services our community is going to approve
5 for sure. Definitely we're going to have a lot of
6 heavy items has been delivered. If a person wants to
7 build a big infrastructure, big, you know, materials
8 are coming in, you know, that -- and then transport I
9 guess could be delivered easy compared to what it was
10 on the winter road.

11 Definitely he says that we have a lot
12 of good -- we got a lot of relatives because the -- in
13 some communities having they -- they don't have what
14 we have, you know, like potentials of a lot of good
15 fishing area over here and then the low -- because
16 we're low water levels in the Marian Lake, I guess,
17 people don't go out fishing as much as they like to.
18 Now we have, like, a big lake and deep water. We got
19 good fish year round so I guess our neighbours and our
20 relatives from our community want to come and fishing
21 in our area, they're always welcomed.

22 And that -- that doesn't necessarily
23 mean that the influx of the population is increased
24 because of that. Nonetheless, we -- over time I
25 guess, you know, we seen a lot of changes in our time.

1 Changes will never end because the -- we do rely on a
2 lot of Elders and now that -- there's a lot of Elder
3 ladies in town that does advise us as to what to
4 expect into the future.

5 And then when we go around the lake
6 here to -- to go on the traditional training purpose
7 for the youth and cleaning out the grave site and the
8 landscape and that we'll bring some Elders along to
9 view the -- and to come along with us to give us some
10 history to the youth and learning process.

11 So, they tell us about the land, you
12 know, what the land used to be like. One time, I
13 guess, even the landscape it has -- see a lot of
14 erosions that wasn't there and -- the days went on the
15 youth, especially the Elder ladies, and today that the
16 -- lot of changes.

17 We have all sorts of fish on this lake
18 here, I guess, you know, that -- so even the fish
19 stocks, I guess, you know, seems to change somewhat
20 because on the -- the change -- the size of the fish,
21 I guess, you know that seems to get smaller and then
22 the -- every year, like when we have a fish run in
23 this area, I guess, you know, we harvest a lot of
24 whitefish to make dry fish with it.

25 And even the -- we used to have gumbo

1 whitefish back in -- in time. Now, they're all gone
2 and now that the fish -- even the whitefish it seems
3 to be getting smaller every year. Now, the one time
4 where we used to have some 6 inch mesh or 5 inch mesh
5 and that, you know, we're getting 4 inch mesh because
6 the -- the fish size are getting smaller.

7 So, that show us there's a lot of
8 changes within our area. Back from 2014, I guess, you
9 know, that forest fire took its toll and then they all
10 -- all the smoke and all the -- the soot from the --
11 from the fires, I guess, drop in the lake and maybe
12 that's what contributed to the -- to the fish, you
13 know, the size, you know, and getting smaller.

14 And every year, I guess, you know, we
15 see a lot of changes and now we -- we monitor our own
16 -- own landscape if we're out there. I guess, you
17 know, we see how the leaves -- leaves are changing and
18 they dry up real faster than they used to, not enough
19 moisture out there. And then the -- and the -- even
20 the fish and animals along the lake, I guess, you
21 know, that -- so we do that because every time -- we
22 do our landscape monitoring when we do tour around the
23 lake, you know, and to -- to do some training for the
24 youth and, like I say, you know.

25 But I certainly accept that, you know,

1 what's going to happen because, you know, like any
2 development that -- any development that had taken
3 place elsewhere, I guess, you know, we know that the -
4 - there were a lot of social impacts that followed
5 with it. And I guess, nonetheless, this road might
6 have some but it's not something new I guess, you
7 know, that -- I think we have lived with it over years
8 in the Tlicho region so that we learn enough so, I
9 guess, you know, we don't anticipate any more.

10 Now, studying that area because, you
11 know, that -- doing a lot of things to death and then
12 you'll never -- and come out with any result it
13 doesn't do you any good. So to date, I guess, you
14 know, we do have a lot of good leaders like Grand
15 Chief and our leaders and the -- our -- our hunters
16 and RCMP and all that social workers and all that, you
17 know, professional providers are here. They would be
18 assisting us to comprehend the problems that might
19 arise.

20 I see a -- a new road coming in to our
21 community and so this is where the -- you know,
22 interagency come in and they -- they talked about
23 these things, you know, prior to the -- to the coming
24 of the new road and then with leaderships but now that
25 -- this is where all the information is happened --

1 gone through -- through the hearings and then this is
2 where the Review Board is full. We had to -- to
3 finalize and then, you know, and to funnel through and
4 then make a plan, a good report on behalf of the
5 community.

6 So now that people are kind of excited
7 because a new road is coming in and, you know, the
8 hope we have, you know, change the life for the
9 better. Thank you.

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11 (INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED)

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13 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, public
14 comments? Masi for your comments.

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16 (INTERPRETED FROM TLICHO LANGUAGE INTO ENGLISH)

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18 MR. NARIS BISHOP: Yes, an Elder from
19 Whati by the name of Naris Bishop. So welcome to our
20 community and then that I see that, you know, in this
21 room here we've got all kinds of professional people
22 here right from the -- you know, professors or
23 scientists, I guess, and now that we are a
24 professional to live off the land, living off the land
25 as well so.

1 I have seen a lot of changes in my time
2 and that I have lived with a lot of professional
3 Elders of the day and they had a lot of good
4 predictions and then all the predictions, you know, it
5 -- we're experiencing it to date, you know, so now
6 it's now it's our turn to predict, you know, might
7 what happen and then hope that the young people will
8 live comfortably into the future with...

9 Yes, that -- most of us, I guess, you
10 know, like, I guess, as an Elder to date now that --
11 now we have experience, life experience as to what we
12 lived through. So we know the living out on the land
13 and then, you know, it's pretty tough. So there's a
14 lot -- we find a lot of tough, you know, life go out
15 there because, you know, if we don't have the
16 necessary equipment to -- to comprehend the changes, I
17 guess, you know, you're going to have a life pretty
18 tough.

19 But now let's -- I guess, you know, one
20 of the modern things that came in, I guess, you know,
21 we learn to use it and it make our life easier and
22 quite comfortable. And now that to date new changes
23 are coming up, I guess, you know, that we have to live
24 with, adapt it, and change and then go make your life
25 much -- that much easier because through technology

1 things might improve.

2 Yes, back in 1968 or so that, you know,
3 like we as a Dene people survive on the land, I
4 guess, you know, and using traditional knowledge,
5 traditional skills and then in modern days society, I
6 guess, you know, we have new technology that it -- if
7 they work, traditional knowledge, you know, work
8 together, I guess, you know, that -- they could make a
9 -- could make a milestone when we get a good headway.

10 Yes, like I say that, you know, when
11 the changes they came around, I guess, you know, and
12 that for some reasons we've seen some changes within
13 our diet and now that, you know, like, the most
14 important thing that changes we saw today, there's
15 cariboo depletion, decline. And now that the --
16 that's the reason why I said, you know, we don't have
17 the cariboo meat as much as we used to, whether it
18 change diet and then maybe the -- even the wildlife
19 have -- their diet hasn't changed because of the
20 possible climate change or you know.

21 The cariboo itself, I guess, you know,
22 that depletion, there are a lot of concerns that we
23 have, the reason why is, you know, and cariboo has
24 depleted somewhat in a short drastic time.

25 The -- the land, I guess, you know, the

1 scape is all burned along the way or some pollutions
2 or contaminated area or what causes that, we don't
3 know. But nonetheless, I guess, you know, that the --
4 you know in a western society, I guess, you know, you
5 might say that maybe the cycle is out, whatever. When
6 it's going to come back, I guess, it's -- it's
7 unknown.

8 We have our own scientific belief such,
9 you know, because that's -- we have our own cycle
10 that, you know, that it's been giving by Creator,
11 like, and drop back to earth and then, you know, the
12 abundance of animals come back; that's a -- that's one
13 way of our beliefs in our own traditional cycle when a
14 -- should an animal who come back in the future.

15 But in the meantime, I guess, it's up
16 to the -- to the industry and the governments and the
17 other people that live off the land, you know, to
18 incorporate what the environment and the land and if
19 we comfort one another, I guess, you know, and the
20 land will come back into abundance.

21 So to date if you look at the -- about
22 this time of year, I guess, the cariboo should be
23 back. They could have been back to Whati and Gameti
24 and all this way here. So how that -- that industry
25 said -- have some impact on the migration route, I

1 think even the cariboo migration, I guess, you know,
2 that -- that they have a winter road barricading the
3 migrations and things like that. There's a lot of
4 factors that is unknown that cause, you know, why the
5 cariboo has declined.

6 And to date, I guess, we're talking
7 about -- we have our substitute meat that, you know,
8 that we got from other than the cariboo such as the
9 boreal cariboo or moose. And then now that because
10 the forest -- forest -- forest fire took its toll and
11 now that the -- the feeding area is all burnt and all
12 that the cariboo and the moose and -- cariboo don't
13 come around anymore closer to where they used to roam.

14 So, these are just some of the concerns
15 that I have personally because the -- and I hope that,
16 you know, the hearing, you know, take that into
17 account that -- so that we, as an Elder, have to have
18 some voice in the -- in the hearing. And then the --
19 definitely when we were young, I guess, you know, that
20 our Elders would come along and say, Well, come along
21 with us and we'll take you out on a -- on a hunting
22 trip, I guess, you know, and that we did went along
23 with them and this is how we learned to live off the
24 land.

25 And now that -- I wouldn't mind some of

1 you coming along asking to take me out on the land,
2 I'll take you and then maybe you can learn from me
3 because, you know, exactly you -- you're going to see
4 what I have learned and what you should learn from me.

5 Yes, happen to be boreal cariboo and
6 then the -- even in the animal itself is a really shy
7 animal, you know, and you might see a small herd and
8 then the small numbers, they be roaming together but
9 yet, you know, they're just -- just stay moving on
10 their feet all the time, you know, it's running and
11 back and forth and then if you saw a track, you might
12 see a big herd that it could be only about eight (8)
13 or so animal and then, you know, that's all -- that's
14 how they travel and move.

15 The -- the forest fires, I guess, you
16 know, that burned all the way in the area now that the
17 -- the -- the cariboo have moved away to a different
18 where the patches hasn't burned. That's what I'd like
19 -- like to say with you this morning. Thank you.

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21 (INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED)

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23 THE CHAIRPERSON: Masi cho. Public
24 comments...?

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1 (INTERPRETED FROM TLICHO LANGUAGE INTO ENGLISH)

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3 MR. PIERRE BEAVERHO: His name is
4 Pierre Beaverho. Naris Bishop is right, somebody that
5 who goes hunting, who goes, he's really -- he's right
6 how Naris was just talking about all of us going
7 trapping and all that. Me too, I used to work like
8 that. It's better to talk about ourself like that and
9 this way all the people that around here, around the
10 table, they would listen to us.

11 All the people that they're around the
12 table here, they're saying that -- they're talking
13 about Woodland cariboo, all the road, all the cariboo.
14 They're talking about it. And here us we live here in
15 Whati and we're -- we're going to have all-weather
16 road pretty soon and we should -- we should be the
17 one, Whati people, the one talks -- speak about all
18 these things.

19 And you guys came from all over and
20 they -- they're the one is telling us to look at the
21 lists, their lists. And I thank you for all the --
22 the sharing with us and that's how we're going to --
23 it's better to share knowledge, share stories, that's
24 how -- if we don't -- it's how we can do it together
25 if we share. If it was -- was -- if we help each

1 other with and respect each other, help us and support
2 one another.

3 And here there's -- there's a lot of
4 people that they're here, that around the table, from
5 all over. You guys came in, you spoke, here, we're
6 going to have all-weather road and we're -- should
7 have been good -- we'll keep talking about it. This
8 is our home town that the all-weather road is going to
9 be open.

10 If it's open in the future is it going
11 to be safe and we don't know or there's going to -- we
12 don't know what's going to happen if it's -- once --
13 once it's open. Now they talk about all the drugs,
14 alcohol. I heard them talking about it and they're
15 right. And when the winter road comes -- when all-
16 weather road comes and it will be good if it's all
17 watched for it.

18 But us who are living in Whati, if we
19 get all-weather road and we -- we talk about it among
20 each other in Whati, drug and alcohol, if we talk
21 about it it's going to be good.

22 Here, there's lots of young -- there's
23 lots of young people, youth people, that they go buy -
24 - they go to Rae by skidoo and when they bring some
25 stuff back it's hard for us, like. He's talking about

1 drug and alcohol, social, when the -- with all the
2 winter road is our road -- when the winter road they
3 should put sign up and saying that they don't nothing
4 like alcohol, whiskey, alcohol and drugs that --
5 that's it not -- it's not allowed here in Whati. It
6 would be good if they do that.

7 And here, we live here, and there are
8 people that have a -- they have a lodge out there,
9 that there -- what about if -- what -- there's -- we
10 have a lodge here now, what about if the road is open,
11 all the non native they may come. We don't want them
12 to happen. There's lots of fish. We love our fish
13 here; that's how we live, with our fish.

14 There's lots of trout and -- we -- we
15 love it. We won't to keep it. We don't want other
16 people to come around and keep going fishing and
17 coming. Whatever, we don't like -- our Elders, our
18 young people, would be better if ever listen to each
19 other and keep the -- that are share. I'm the person
20 that I go trapping. I go trapping and I have a house
21 in the bush and I go there. I go there with a dog
22 team. Before -- I used to do that before Christmas
23 and I used to by skidoo, by airplane, look with my --
24 with my family, I used to take them.

25 You guys talk about all those Woodland

1 cariboo. I used to -- I used to see -- there used to
2 be lots of tracks. There's lots of trail and all the
3 -- there was lots of cariboo. I see all that when I
4 was trapping. When we're trapping, when we do all
5 that animals and when -- when we shoot at some of the
6 animals and that's how we look after ourself. Maybe
7 if -- that this is how we live. That's where that --
8 when we...

9 About four (4) or five (5) years ago
10 now, I want to talk about myself. I saw a -- five (5)
11 track and Woodland cariboo I was using six (6) dogs
12 and I was living in tent. I just stayed in a tent and
13 there's lots of -- I saw about five (5) -- four (4)
14 Woodland cariboo. It was kind of long time. It was -
15 - there was track and then I slip and then about four
16 o'clock in the morning I -- I made a fire and then I -
17 - I went after the next day about five o'clock in the
18 morning.

19 And then there was five (5) Woodland
20 cariboo. I had all the stuff that, packsack and tea
21 bags, and all the stuff, what I'm going to eat, I took
22 it with me and I went -- I followed it. And then
23 after I follow -- after it follow and there was -- you
24 couldn't find any -- any track that day. And he said
25 I made a fire. I had no axe and after that, I

1 followed again, after the -- below the sun goes down
2 and I guess there was lots of track. It was getting
3 dark too.

4 And then I had a gun and I couldn't
5 find nothing. And then I was thinking, I have -- I
6 have about dogs way back there and I -- I was worried
7 about them. And then -- and there was -- there was
8 cariboo that -- on the other area I'm thinking maybe
9 I'll stay overnight while we're there and so I went to
10 different area again. I stayed overnight and -- and
11 then I stayed overnight and I -- I did lots of woods.
12 I did two (2) pile of woods and then I was looking for
13 -- I was looking for trees and then I made a -- I
14 made a -- which is like a teepee with -- with a --
15 with the trees and then after than, I put all -- I
16 made the trees myself -- just a small -- just enough
17 for me to stay inside and I put it -- I put it just
18 like a teepee.

19 And then I put all the snow on the --
20 on the teepee. There was lots of snow inside. I
21 don't know what to do. There was lots of snow so I --
22 so with my snowshoes I remove all that snow and then
23 it looks rea -- it's looks nice in there so I put the
24 branches all over inside and I made a fire. I made a
25 fire inside.

1 And inside, teepee that I made, I spent
2 a night in there, all night. I had nothing. I only
3 have a jacket parka and I put the woods and I made --
4 I run out all the woods so did the more -- I got more
5 woods and after it was ever cold so in the morning I
6 started drinking hot tea and then I was -- I had to
7 get some more wood so I went to get more woods again
8 and then it's -- after kind of getting lighter and in
9 the morning I went to -- so that track that -- there
10 was a cariboo and then after I eat -- I had a good --
11 some -- something to eat, I went after it again.

12 I remember my dad used to tell me that
13 there's of -- Woodland cariboo they have lots of and
14 they have lots of things. My dad used to tell me that
15 and didn't have a different -- different ways so I
16 went back to where -- where was Woodland cariboo. And
17 then I say that -- all the print -- I lifted. One
18 wood is lots of track. I went back over there again
19 and then there was nothing again, there was no track
20 again.

21 And then across I seen something so I
22 thought I would just go over there. I went back over
23 there again. I took three (3) -- three (3) bullets
24 and I put it in my glove and holding on to it. When I
25 went in the middle and I saw something -- I saw

1 something across and so some -- something was looking
2 at me and it's looking at me.

3 And then I went -- I -- I didn't move.
4 I didn't move. I was just standing there for about
5 half hour and the Woodland cariboo too wasn't moving.
6 We were both -- we were both in -- and I thought, I
7 went over there. I -- I stood -- I stood forward
8 about three (3) -- three (3) step and then I saw
9 Woodland cariboo. It was Woodland cariboo was looking
10 at me. It's about -- he saw about five (5) of them.

11 So the one little pond, so he was --
12 even he -- he follow it. And then there was the
13 little pond that there was kind of a lot -- quite a
14 bit of pond that they were following it. So the other
15 side of the pond that so they were just lots of print,
16 lots of track, Woodland -- Woodland track. And then I
17 followed fast and then I when I took one of my -- when
18 I follow then I -- I, again, I went to different area
19 again. I didn't see nothing and I followed again.

20 Then after I went to -- there was five
21 (5) cariboo that was looking at my track where I was
22 walking. The first one that was standing, I -- I shot
23 it and then just fell and there was four (4) cariboo
24 came back to me again just -- just kind of followed me
25 back. And then after four -- four (4) cariboo I shot

1 all of them and there's another one that -- there's
2 another one that he shot it again and then after I
3 said -- I didn't sleep good all night. I didn't eat
4 good all night. My fam -- my dogs too they didn't
5 eat.

6 So I -- I cut it, I cut the head and
7 then I -- I cooked the cariboo tongue on the fire. I
8 made some tea and so to put that -- I put snow -- I
9 put all the snow on the -- on the -- on the cariboo
10 and then I took -- I took the rib -- all I took was
11 the rib and head back to where I was -- my dog was and
12 then I was fixing and -- fixing the meat. There was
13 dozen more. There was lots of more and cariboo down
14 the further fire. So I was thinking about it.

15 So I went back to -- there was that two
16 (2) lake -- passed two (2) big lake. I just walked
17 back to where my dogs were in the morning again, and
18 do you think that -- I think that story's kind of long
19 but maybe it's -- it seems like you guys interested or
20 not.

21 So, I was so tired. I was carrying
22 that -- carrying the head and cariboo ribs and then
23 made a fire again because I was so tired and then I --
24 I cut up four (4) cariboo ribs and I cook it. And I
25 had some tea and then I went back to -- I went back

1 and there was a little mountain and I put my -- I put
2 my packsack down and then I thought I was -- I'll look
3 and then one (1) of my dogs was -- there was two -- it
4 was kind of far where my dogs were. He said it's far.
5 It was on a big lake.

6 After -- and I took all that to my
7 packsack and I took it again and then I -- I went
8 back. After where -- used to be anc -- ancestors,
9 used to be track over there. I went back to it again.
10 Where my dog was, I keep walking back to my dogs.
11 Sometimes I stand up I gets -- I get tired. My dogs
12 are crying. They never ate since last night. They
13 never ate all night. I went back over there and then
14 I made a fire. After I made a fire after the --
15 there's six -- six (6) dogs I was give them some fish
16 and I -- I cook the ribs again. I cook ribs on the
17 fire. I thought I'd just spend overnight again.

18 And then one (1) of my dog was just
19 crying, wrong with him and crying and then I -- I just
20 yelled at them. Why? Yelling at them so they stop
21 and then I thought, I don't the way they're -- they're
22 crying. I thought something was wrong so I thought
23 it's better for me to just pack and go. So I put all
24 the meat back on that slide and then I just took off.

25 When I went to cross there was -- there

1 was no light here around town here. I don't know what
2 time was but there was no -- I didn't have any watch
3 and then I came back here. After I came back all --
4 me and my wife we used to live in an old house a long
5 time ago.

6 And then my dogs and we were -- beside
7 the warehouse I tie all my dogs and then I went home
8 and I -- I was -- I was knocking the door, knocking
9 the door and then finally my wife opened the door.
10 And she was saying, she said who's that and then she
11 said it was me and then she open the door to me.

12 After she open the door to me and I
13 went inside and say, how come you came back this late?
14 What are you doing? It's -- she -- so I don't them,
15 it's too cold for me so I don't want to spend another
16 night. I didn't say nothing. I didn't -- I didn't
17 say that I -- I shot some cariboo. It was too cold
18 and she -- she -- so she took some fish inside and
19 thawed out the fish for the -- the dogs before me.
20 And then there was about -- fish thawed out already.
21 She did it before so I -- I fed the dogs and I put all
22 the ribs, all the meat that I -- I brought it in. And
23 she -- she put beside the packsack, how come you shot
24 some cariboo but you never said nothing to me.

25 And then she's -- she boiled some ribs

1 and then after she boiled some ribs we eat. We eat
2 and then I went to sleep and then my -- my -- my
3 brother Alex Flunkie, that one he passed away a long
4 time ago. He was coming to the house. And then he
5 was looking at my dogs, he was looking around, oh, my
6 dogs and then he came inside. He came inside and say,
7 brother, and I thought you said you went to -- you
8 went for hunting. They said you were out for one (1)
9 night and yesterday I came back late at home.

10 And then I shot some cariboo but it's
11 too far and then I just -- I just thought I wanted to
12 come back so I came back late; that's what I told him.
13 Brother, I'll just go and -- and you can go -- and you
14 can -- if you're going to go after that cariboo, you
15 can't go by yourself. When those -- and used to be
16 Chief said, go -- go and see my -- my in-law. You're
17 the Chief, he was the Chief. Alfonz here was young.
18 He was young. And ask him to go with you. And
19 depends on what he said let me know.

20 So he went to see and -- my uncle and
21 my in-law, I went to talk to Alfonz and he came in
22 again and say, your uncle said, yeah, if you are,
23 Alfonz can come with you and it was to -- and at home
24 not to go without blanket. There's lot -- there's
25 five (5) cariboo over there. There's lot and if you

1 guys going to sleep there, there's need -- you can
2 feed the dogs from that. Don't go without a blanket.

3 So, he took off over there. And when I
4 went to -- when I went to my in-law and then he was --
5 my mother-in-law was packing the stuff for Alfonz and
6 Alfonz was going to go with -- with him. Said, don't
7 let him go without a blanket because it's cold, just
8 to have some meat over there. They can use -- they
9 can feed the -- they can feed that cariboo meat to the
10 dogs and he's going take blanket and everything;
11 that's what he said.

12 And then I said Alex took off too and
13 then Alfonz went after him. They took -- they took
14 off with dogsled and they were gone all night and when
15 they came back -- when they came back at night, they
16 came they were -- he shoot -- he shoot -- Alfonz shot
17 some cariboo and -- and with Alex and I thought he was
18 going to tell you guys story but I guess not he said.

19 It's good to -- I'm talking about
20 myself. I'm not lying, that's what I did. I'm not --
21 it's better to -- when you work in the bush, where --
22 where is that good fishing camp. Where is -- where is
23 good to fish and where to get cariboo. It's better to
24 tell we used to. It's better to mention if -- if we
25 didn't have that experience, we just saying that --

1 for me it's like that.

2 So, if you had experience you live --
3 you work in the bush. I used to go to bear land
4 before with the Elders that I used to go. We went to
5 bear land and there was no gas and for two (2) nights
6 we never ate nothing. All I had was tea and sugar and
7 went to -- went to the big lake and that's when I only
8 saw cariboo over there.

9 And we saw cariboo on the big -- that's
10 how I used to work with the Elders. It's true that
11 Elders they used to live for all the cariboo and when
12 holiday they want they go to -- on holiday, when they
13 go to Yellowknife we -- when they go to Behchoko and
14 they go to -- they used to go hunting with the boat.
15 That's how that -- that's how I used to be in the --
16 in the past.

17 They used to that. They used to make a
18 pound dry meat and they used to make a pound -- they
19 used to do hides. They used to fix cariboo hide and
20 everything; that's how it used to work with our
21 Elders. But this is the old time. If I say more it's
22 going to be ever. There's lots to say. That's how I
23 used to work and -- if we talk about the stories like
24 that and Board -- sitting on the Board, some people --
25 that people there, they're sitting on the Board they -

1 - if you guys listen to our stories like that in the
2 future, you guys help us, it's going to be good. It's
3 going to be helping you guys to speak about these
4 things.

5 I used to be going around with them to
6 -- it's -- we used to have a cariboo. We used to use
7 birch -- and we used to use by boat. We go to the
8 mine. There was to be -- there was lots -- they used
9 to go to boat -- by boat and they used to go -- they
10 used to go hunting. They collar a -- other -- now,
11 it's -- it's all spoiled now. All the -- used to be
12 old time that all the -- a -- he said now there's all
13 spoiled.

14 I wonder if there's -- it's going --
15 it's going to be good. It used to be all that and
16 people that he -- all -- everything is all spoiled
17 now. Before -- and they don't make Yellowknife.
18 That's where we went over there there was lots of --
19 we went there on the east. They said to Tlicho
20 government paid for our flight and they told us to
21 look for -- look for cariboo so that's what we did.
22 Got be around there. We used to sit at ten and about
23 one (1) week we live there. And we used to see the
24 cariboo went by.

25 That's all I want to say and -- good

1 story but I have lots of stories to tell. I know
2 Mowfi and used to have a -- I know about all the
3 stories about used to have a drum dance. They used to
4 have feast. They used to buy the fur and own -- they
5 had all the story. If I tell you the story -- I don't
6 tell you all the stories about Mowfi, it's going to be
7 really, you guys are really going to be surprized is I
8 tell you.

9 And when Mowfi got -- Mowfi used to and
10 they used to buy the -- they used to sell the fur and
11 I know all that -- all the story. And if -- they
12 don't get any money, they don't have any -- get money
13 for the fur if they go out and trapping. They didn't
14 get money for trapping. I know that, he said.
15 Myself, I had -- I had four (4) -- four (4) fur but
16 they didn't give me money. Me and my brother there
17 was about twenty-four (24) -- we have no money. They
18 didn't -- they didn't -- they didn't pay us for fur.

19 They -- they didn't -- we don't used to
20 see if we put one (1) fur in how much you think it is.
21 Hudson Bay, he writes it down and there used to be a
22 translator. And Hudson Bay when he buys a fur and
23 when -- when people -- the guy say, he -- he
24 translates -- he got translator before.

25 And tell them they're going to eat.

1 That's all I can say. Some people knows old time
2 story and some people don't -- some people don't like
3 old time stories. The Chief doesn't like old time
4 stories, he said.

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6 (INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED)

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8 THE CHAIRPERSON: Well, I think we're
9 all very hungry now so we would like to take half an
10 hour for lunch.

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12 --- Upon recessing at 12:33 p.m.

13 --- Upon resuming at 1:18 p.m.

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15 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, thank you,
16 everyone. Just before we broke for lunch, Madeline
17 Champlain liked to have the opportunity to speak. So
18 we are granting her the opportunity now to speak. So
19 if she could just say her name and make her comments,
20 please.

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22 (INTERPRETED FROM TLICHO LANGUAGE INTO ENGLISH)

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24 MS. MADELINE CHAMPLAIN: Thank you.
25 Her name is Madeline Champlain. I just want to talk

1 to you guys about what we're about.

2 Before we used to live -- we had a hard
3 time growing up. Sometime we were -- we were given
4 the one (1) fish, two (2) fish. We have lots of dogs
5 and lots of people. Sometimes they used to -- if they
6 don't they have not very much but they share each
7 other. We can say that we're -- it's hard and it's
8 hard. We can -- if we can do it, we can do it.

9 It's not easy to people that -- to --
10 and father, families used to raise us. Sometime they
11 used to get one -- one (1) Woodland cariboo and they
12 shared. Sometimes the dogs they have -- they don't
13 eat good so it's hard for them to go out and -- go --
14 what we used to do before we know that's how -- we
15 have the experience; that's how it was -- I'm speaking
16 about it.

17 Sometimes it would be -- right now it's
18 not that -- that ice is not that safe. Before, if you
19 don't it's -- we used to set our nets, it was hard --
20 it was not. Right now it's -- they used to do -- they
21 used to use -- put rocks and that and they used to set
22 the nets like that. Now, it's not safe.

23 It used to be hard for them in the
24 past. Sometimes we don't have any -- nothing to eat
25 before -- we -- we don't have nothing to eat or --

1 like, we used to live like that. And we can't say
2 that it's -- it's easy. We can't say that it's easy
3 and now they said there's lots of Woodland cariboo but
4 sometime there's two (2), four (4). They -- they need
5 to go around it and there's -- that's the one that we
6 don't know it's two (2) or five (5). There's lots of
7 traps but it's only -- just like it's a whole bunch of
8 it, it's only not very much. I'm thinking about that
9 one so I want to talk to you about that.

10 We talk about cariboo loose in the
11 water. We talk about all that -- and here. We talk
12 about all those stuff that we -- it's not going to --
13 it's not going to be -- the cariboo is just not going
14 to just go aways like that. They -- they were raised
15 up with cariboo, water, everything.

16 But now -- and people they go hunting,
17 set the snares and sometime it's -- they get only one
18 (1); that's how people used to live. That's how we
19 come out of it. Before it was -- we didn't have any -
20 - we don't really see non native people around. It
21 used to be -- we had a hard time and now -- and our
22 mother, we used to raise -- raise us up like for we
23 were raised by our parents.

24 I'm just worried about all these things
25 that I want to talk about. We can't always speak

1 about fish and animals. Animals and fish, they just -
2 - they just live alone. It's not always together,
3 living. It's up to whoever's -- it's up to the boss,
4 whoever that high power that look after. And we're
5 going to have nothing pretty soon or we're not going
6 to have anything. We can't always speak about
7 animals.

8 I just wanted to say that all that --
9 we used to raise -- it was hard. It's not easy.
10 We're not going to say it's easy. It's not going to
11 be like that. We'll have to -- we'll have to do like
12 set the nets, hunting. Sometimes we're not going to
13 catch nothing and people have nothing to eat. They
14 just go to sleep like that before.

15 And I'm worried about. That's why I
16 just wanted to say -- that's why I was -- I wanted to
17 speak to you about. And one of those -- people used
18 to live here -- but sometimes dogs can't even -- can't
19 even get along; that's how we used to. We're -- we're
20 -- we're sitting a -- a slit. If you don't our dogs
21 can't even go but -- but they used to -- because the
22 snow is too thick. And now there's hardly any snow
23 here and -- and ice is not thick enough.

24 People where they -- people where they
25 think that -- it wasn't like, it's easy job. It's

1 kind of easy too. Now, I just want to -- want to talk
2 to you guys so thank you.

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4 (INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED)

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6 THE CHAIRPERSON: Masi cho. Masi cho.

7 Before we start, as you can see, there's a large
8 delegation of youth so, welcome, to the hearing.

9 There is some changes to the schedule
10 this afternoon. We are going to start with the
11 Tlicho's presentation, and right after the Tlicho's
12 presentation, we are going to move into Natural
13 Resources Canada; apparently they have a plane that is
14 at 3:45 so they're scheduled to leave town. So, we
15 would just move them up further on the -- the agenda.

16 With that now I would like to ask the
17 Tlicho pres -- Tlicho government to please start their
18 presentation. Masi.

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20 PRESENTATION BY THE TLICHO GOVERNMENT:

21 MS. TAMMY STEINWOUND-DESCHAMBEAULT:

22 Good afternoon, Madam Chair, members of the Board,
23 community guests, Whati members and are youth. It's
24 nice to see the youth at the hearings today.

25 For our presentation today we will have

1 six (6) speakers. We will begin with our Elders Joe
2 Champlain, Louie Flunkie, followed by Tiana Steinwound
3 and myself, and then Lisa and we will end with Ginger
4 Gibson.

5 Our elders will talk a little bit about
6 the fish, the bridges and the culverts from the recent
7 tour that they were on. So, I'd like to hand it over
8 to Joe Champlain.

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10 (INTERPRETED FROM TLICHO LANGUAGE INTO ENGLISH)

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12 MR. JOE CHAMPLAIN: Well, thank you to
13 give me opportunity to say a -- opening comments here
14 and my name is Joe Champlain, originally from Whati.

15 Yes, the -- yes, I observe and listen
16 for last two and a half days, I guess, knowing that we
17 have learned a lot and that a lot of good message has
18 been taken -- spoken of. And then the -- but today
19 that we, as Elders, are confident that in the road may
20 have to come true and then along the way -- but,
21 nonetheless, we have some concerns that we want to
22 bring up.

23 And the -- knowing that I think we
24 probably heading to history here in our time but,
25 nonetheless, he says that the -- it's always good to

1 see the road come true during our lifetime as holds
2 for the future generation to have a -- a good, you
3 know, travel compared to what it used to be like in
4 the past.

5 Yes, the -- it's quite aways from here
6 but, you know, without a road, I guess, you know, like
7 in the olden days we used to travel by waterways, by
8 the water -- by through -- we have to go through the
9 river system and then up back the river again, through
10 the portage and that and then the -- after that, I
11 guess, we fixed to the modern way of travelling by
12 skidoos.

13 And yes, he says that -- knowing that
14 we heard or that thought about -- concerns have been
15 brought to our attention regarding the social impacts
16 that might have. And social issues that follow
17 developments and that so I'm -- I would accept that
18 and then, nonetheless, we've got to be prepared to
19 make plans so that we'd be able to -- we don't take
20 very hard when it arrives.

21 I think we got to clarify people that
22 are waiting for that pass, you know, be on our --
23 passed on to our future generation.

24 Yes, the -- regarding the fish in an
25 area that -- that I'm not too sure we -- we have a

1 very abundance of fish in between the -- between the -
2 - the Highway 3 all the way down to Gam -- up to
3 Whati. I don't think there's a major fish that's --
4 that we should be concerned of. Maybe we have a
5 little bit of river and then the it's -- the river is
6 not all that big as well too.

7 Yes, that the -- we know that there are
8 a lot of fair sized lakes, you know, and towards our
9 plateau area and this is where the drainage is coming
10 down from. I guess he said the fish once it gets up
11 the river, I guess, it only gets into a lake, that's
12 where they -- they stay. So, the...

13 Yes, the -- I'm -- I'm grateful that
14 the road is going to come true and then, hopefully,
15 the monitoring system that will be put in place that
16 with advice of the Elders, it's been monitor on
17 periodic basis and then the Corridor working group
18 was set up that, you know, respect the Elders and then
19 -- how -- how can they meet once a year and I hope
20 they have -- invite the Elders along with them.

21 Yes, that -- yes, I -- I just kind of
22 skeptical about the -- how the road is going to be
23 constructed because the -- notice that the -- where
24 it's going to head out from Highway 3 or group from --
25 working from Highway 3 and one -- from this area and

1 meet together, how are they going to set it up.

2 And then the -- yes, I think the -- the
3 Department of Transportation I guess they're the ones
4 that probably might, you know, advised developers to
5 build our road and road constructions, that they're
6 probably experts in that area that -- they'll make
7 sure that, you know, we don't cause any concerns that,
8 you know, we, as an Aboriginal people, might have with
9 because don't like the -- there's a lot of talk about
10 possible trapping. There are a few trap lines that
11 cross that road from Behchoko and some coming this
12 way.

13 And then the -- another concern that I
14 have is some to tourism, maybe the sport fishing. The
15 -- as an Elder, I guess, you know, you see some angler
16 fishermen on the television, I guess, you know what
17 they do is that they catch and release back to water.
18 I don't really -- I'm not too happy with that, you
19 know, and so that if that kind of fishing is going to
20 take place at...

21 Yes, another area of concern that I
22 have is the forest fires, I guess, you know, that's
23 taken its toll and then the -- to date, I guess, you
24 know, things do have changed from time to time I guess
25 and even -- fish stocks I guess. You know, fish that

1 used to be abundance in the past and now we don't
2 catch that much fish like we used to. So, I don't
3 know whether if you guys have anything to do with the
4 forest fires that -- that debris from -- from the
5 fires that dropped in the water or the -- it makes you
6 wonder.

7 Well, I've heard something about the
8 noise as well too along -- between our discussions. I
9 -- I wonder if any fish has anything to do with the
10 noise that, you know, and avoids them and -- to roam
11 around and like, you know. I got no concern whether I
12 don't believe in -- and why is that, you know, the
13 fish is -- we don't catch as much fish like we used
14 to. It's possibility because of the various different
15 types of reasons, you know, like something to do with
16 the climate change, or early spring runoff or even
17 that early -- you know, late freezing.

18 So the... and then of course, the --
19 due to the landscape, I guess, you know, we know that
20 the -- a lot of our oceans are on the lake and
21 including the -- some of the -- the lakes are out
22 there on the land I guess, you know, that are drying
23 up because not enough rain or moisture, whatever.

24 So due to the -- due to the monitoring
25 of a permafrost, I guess, you know, like once a

1 permafrost start melting I guess, you know, but it
2 forms a little pond and eventually it might create a
3 new lake. How would I know? Is it because I'm not
4 pro -- familiar with, you know, that kind of
5 scientific happenings.

6 Yes, the -- just like I -- like I said
7 about the -- the road constructions, I guess, you
8 know, like the -- I was hoping that maybe we should
9 try to monitor the road constructions on a periodic
10 basis, you know, what stage are they at and what type
11 of construction is taking place to construct a bridge
12 or -- or even put a culvert of different size for
13 different width of the -- of the river.

14 Yes, I think like -- I think it's
15 taking time, I'm going about the angle, fishing cause
16 the releasing and all catch and release, I guess, you
17 know, and I think the -- they just might suffer and
18 die under the water after what happens. So this is --
19 see -- I'm concerned.

20 Yes, that the -- the hope that, you
21 know, that the road itself is wide enough and then the
22 -- maybe it's -- it's high enough so that, you know,
23 that the erosion don't come appearing in due time.
24 And the...

25 Yes, that the -- like I said,

1 commercial fishing and possible angler fishing and
2 then forest fires that I touched on. Thank you for
3 hearing me as an Elder. Thank you.

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5 (INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED)

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7 THE CHAIRPERSON: Masi.

8 MS. TAMMY STEINWOUND-DESCHAMBEAULT:

9 Masi Cho. Louis...?

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11 (INTERPRETED FROM TLI CHO LANGUAGE INTO ENGLISH)

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13 MR. LOUIS FLUNKIE: Louis Flunkie from
14 -- originally from Behchoko. Thank you for giving me
15 the opportunity to say in a few words.

16 Yes, the -- the -- from Highway Number
17 3 between here and Whati, I guess there's no major
18 lakes out there. There's no major river that, you
19 know, that holds a lot of abundance of fish that I
20 know of.

21 Yes, that a few kilometres off the
22 highway there's one (1) trap line going down towards
23 the Horne (phonetic) plateau that -- that trap line
24 was originally used by an Elder by the name of Joe
25 Bigwi and his forefathers used to have a trail

1 connecting to the Horne plateau.

2 There are some -- some lakes out on --
3 towards the Horne plateau that are fish-bearing lake
4 and then most of us that -- did a lot of spring hunt
5 and freezeup and then stockpile fish before Christmas,
6 I guess, and that was done on James Lake here on James
7 River. So the -- there's only -- the fish that were
8 in that area that I know of and that's -- that's --
9 somewhere around Marian Lake area so.

10 Yes, the -- the -- there's some a great
11 number of fish goes up the water so I'm not too, you
12 know, too concerned about the -- the fish stock will
13 have some impact on the highway that's being built
14 coming through.

15 Yes, the only concern that I have
16 regarding about the crossing of a fair sized river,
17 they should have a fair sized bridge, you know, that
18 including the -- the different smaller size of rivers
19 or creeks, I guess, you know, they should put a
20 sizeable culvert and -- and...

21 So this are the things that I am
22 concerned of. The -- there are some marshy area that
23 I -- I fly over with a chopper with an Elders' trip
24 one time, another that -- that give me some concern as
25 to how much of the -- how -- how stable the roadbed

1 might be if he had to go over to the marsh area and
2 then the -- some are more like a muskeg to me, he
3 says.

4 So, there is a few river that are
5 crossing because that -- more or less to us the --
6 where the road is going to be on -- on a plateau, I
7 guess, you know, it's off. We don't really go out
8 trapping in those area because we have a major link to
9 the Horne plateau. There was a -- maybe one (1) or
10 two (2) trails that -- going that way so. So I don't
11 think it would have a major impact for fish stock. He
12 says thank you. That's all I like to say, thank you.

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15 (INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED)

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17 MS. TAMMY STEINWOUND-DESCHAMBEAULT:

18 We are committed to work on environmental monitoring -
19 - environmental monitoring specifically to develop
20 traditional knowledge baselines on fish and cariboo.

21 We do expect new fishermen to come into
22 the area and certainly, our economic development plan
23 is based on it.

24 We expect to monitor and adaptively
25 manage as we identify trends and issues.

1 We will work together with the
2 Department of Fisheries and Oceans and our co-
3 management partners to make sure that we are keeping
4 track of the visitors and fishermen to our region.

5 We have the jurisdiction and tools,
6 including passing laws to protect and manage Tlicho
7 fisheries.

8 We want the Board to understand the
9 type of approach that we take to TK monitoring. The
10 program we will speak about is our Marion watershed
11 stewardship program. This is one of the programs we
12 currently run and it shows you the type of monitoring
13 that we can do in the future to monitor the road.

14

15 Tiana Steinwood, our lands regulator
16 will describe this program.

17 MS. TIANA STEINWOUND: Hi, I am Tiana
18 Steinwound and I work for the Tlicho government and I
19 am born and raised in Behchoko.

20 I'll talk about one (1) of our
21 monitoring programs. It's -- it's called the Marion
22 Watershed Stewardship program. It's an annual
23 program where we either boat to or fly in and then
24 bring boats to different locations in the Marion Lake
25 watershed. We are interested in this area because

1 it's the watershed where Behchoko gets it drinking
2 water from.

3 The first sampling year was 2013 when
4 we sampled at Hislop Lake. In 2014 we went to Showti
5 Lake (phonetic). 2015 was Marion Lake. 2016 was the
6 Lac la Martre River, Marion River and Marion Lake.
7 2017 we re-visited Hislop Lake so now we have
8 comparative data for Hislop Lake.

9 The purpose of this program is to
10 answer two (2) questions that our people need to know
11 answers to. The first question is: Are the fish safe
12 to eat? And the second question: Is the water safe
13 to drink? It's also to collect baseline data before
14 possible industrial development.

15 Last year I was part of the trip and we
16 boated from Behchoko to the confluence of the Marion
17 River and Lac la Martre River. While we are boating
18 up and down the river, we collect water, fish and
19 sediment samples.

20 We need to get forty (40) fish
21 altogether; twenty (20) predators such as Northern
22 Pike or Walleye and twenty (20) whitefish. And we aim
23 to get at least twelve (12) of each water and sediment
24 samples.

25 We bring young adults, men and women,

1 and Elders, along with a fish biologist to take the
2 fish samples and a university student who leads the
3 collection of water and sediment samples.

4 Some of the local people we bring along
5 are graduates of a training program called BEAHR, B-E-
6 A-H-R, which stands for Building Environmental
7 Aboriginal Human Resources.

8 We also try to bring Naris Chocolate
9 who is a Tlicho fishermen who fishes on Frank channel
10 and has a lot of traditional knowledge about the fish
11 and water.

12 By having all these people on our trip,
13 it's the best way to combine both traditional
14 knowledge and western science to get the results -- to
15 get results that the community can believe in, because
16 they themselves or people that they know were
17 physically part of this program.

18 The Tlicho government is committed to
19 training our people, then we also take them out to do
20 actual sampling. By having this monitoring program,
21 we are creating opportunity, building capacity in our
22 communities and training our community members to
23 possibly advance to careers in environmental
24 monitoring.

25 This is one (1) example of how the

1 Tlicho government can run its own monitoring program
2 rooted in both traditional knowledge and western
3 science.

4 Results that have come back from this
5 program show that the fish is safe to eat and the
6 water is safe to drink. Masi.

7 MS. TAMMY STEINWOUND-DESCHAMBEAULT:

8 Madam Chair, there are a number of other issues that
9 we raised in our technical report on cabins, on
10 trails, on verification of cultural sites, and we have
11 chosen not to speak on these items for the sake of
12 time.

13 We want as much time as possible today
14 for community speakers. However, we welcome any
15 questions from you.

16 Madam Chair, we are prepared to manage
17 the impacts and to identify the types of monitoring
18 programs that are needed to protect our culture,
19 language and way of life.

20 We have the tools and authority and the
21 capacity to manage the impacts. When it is time for
22 public comments, I encourage the youth to speak up on
23 the road that we are talking about. If you have
24 concerns, express yourself, what you feel. If you
25 have reasons for wanting the road, say that. If you

1 don't want it, and have your reasons for that, say
2 that.

3 This Review Board that's sitting here
4 in front of you they want to know your thoughts. They
5 want to hear from the youth, how you are feeling in
6 regards to this road. They will take your comments
7 into consideration when they do their report. And in
8 the end they will say if the road can go ahead or not
9 or go ahead with measures. Your voice as youth is
10 very important. You need to be heard. Please come up
11 and speak up.

12 I'm sure your teacher, Patricia, and
13 I'm not sure who the other staff member is, will give
14 extra marks to those who come up to speak.

15 And now I will transfer over to Lisa
16 and then Ginger to end our presentation.

17 THE CHAIRPERSON: That was Tammy
18 Steinwound talking so just for the record. Tammy,
19 just remember to say your name.

20 And as a former teacher I'm not sure if
21 that's how marks work.

22 MS. LISA NITSIZA: Thank you, Madam
23 Chair. Lisa Nitsiza, senior administrative officer
24 for community government of Whatì.

25 I want to reflect on a few of the

1 things we have heard over the past few days. Many of
2 our people have raised the idea that the road will
3 cause greater social issues, such as addictions,
4 family violence and people leaving the community.
5 It's like any other community in the North that has
6 these issues.

7 We are working hard in our community to
8 prepare for the road. For example, you have a
9 parenting workshop. It starts next week. We are
10 constantly adjusting our programs to prepare ourselves
11 for the road by adding programs that we feel suits the
12 needs required. Most of the time the programs are
13 seasonal. Some are -- the most active -- active
14 months in winter as well.

15 We have mentioned that we have been
16 running a special interagency meeting here in Whati
17 since 2013. However, 2014 did not occur due to the
18 forest fire season.

19 Our Elders had discussed a long time
20 trying to build for this road.

21 Madam Chair, citizens of Whati have
22 been working on preparing for the road in some time.
23 There have been many community meetings and also
24 surveys to identify if there's support for this road.

25 I was able to locate in our records a

1 survey from 2006 showing 80 percent of the citizens
2 surveyed were in favour of the road. I will make sure
3 our staff will send you these results.

4 Madam Chair, have you also -- have you
5 also heard about important things the road will bring.
6 I'd like to speak on behalf -- a different hat that I
7 wear.

8 Madam Chair, as you're aware, that I'm
9 -- this is going to be a little difficult. I am a
10 mother of two (2). I'm also a wife, a daughter. As
11 you could see this is my family on the other side of
12 the river. I have a large family. I only have -- I
13 have family in -- in Yellowknife and in Dettah as
14 well. By moving to Whati it's for my family, for my
15 husband. He's from this community. I wanted to give
16 my two (2) boys the opportunity to live freely. I'm
17 also a Tlicho citizen and a Tlicho woman. I'm
18 speaking behalf of this as not as the senior
19 administrative officer of Whati.

20 As you can see we have many youth that
21 joined us today. I'd like to speak on their behalf as
22 well. What we'd like to see is more education, more
23 programs, sporting trips for the youth to attend,
24 spike kick, super soccer, swimming competition is
25 available and hockey. More family visits. That's

1 hard to just to hop on a plane and go. It's -- a
2 family of four (4) for one way is \$980, times that by
3 two (2).

4 Family is the key to keeping everything
5 together. If you can stay with your family and your
6 extended family, you're whole, you're strong. We
7 tried to work towards visiting.

8 Safety for the children as well.
9 Safety for my kids, safety for the youth to make sure
10 they're okay. If this road does come through, we got
11 to teach the youth that, okay, you know what, the road
12 is here, don't hitchhike. Tell somebody you're going
13 somewhere. Things can happen. There's bears out
14 there. There is wolves.

15 And -- that too, the ability to
16 purchase large items without worrying about freight.
17 Every winter road and this is when the large purchases
18 are brought in, your fridge, your couch, your beds,
19 your stoves, even TVs if you wish. The other times
20 throughout the year freight is costly, groceries. I
21 work, my husband works. I'd rather spend my money on
22 food than any other thing; that's on behalf of every
23 parent in this building and this community as well.
24 They'd rather purchase for food.

25 The last which is going to be difficult

1 for me is the use of drugs and alcohol. My two (2)
2 are young but I see young ones here who are at age
3 maybe -- may want to experience or have experienced
4 it. It's a parent's job to educate. It's the -- the
5 child to listen and to understand the consequences of
6 what will happen.

7 Any parent will know that if you say
8 no, what's going to happen? They may try to do it.
9 It's like telling a two-year-old child do not touch
10 the woodstove. What do they do, they touch the
11 woodstove. If you say you can have an extra cookie,
12 what do they do? They try to go for that extra
13 cookie. So instead of trying to say no, educate.
14 Educate the youth of what will happen. What's the
15 consequences. What's the consequences of going alone.

16 So as, again, as a mother and as a wife
17 and a daughter who would like to see my family more
18 often, it's difficult. By having this road it
19 increases the chances of everything. We have the
20 potential to have the sporting trips. We have the
21 potential in our youth to proceed in the sports they
22 wish to do. Hockey is a huge thing in this community.
23 We have a group of kids that work together in the past
24 year. They seen one another in the streets they say
25 hi. They're at that age where they work together.

1 It's later on the years is when you -- family issues
2 become a problem.

3 So now is the time to work with the
4 kids and to install in them, you work together you get
5 things done. So I'm speaking to the youth too as
6 well.

7 My generation is different. I'm trying
8 to work for the next generation; that's you guys. You
9 are the next future leaders. You can be the doctors.
10 You can be a chief. You can set there as Joanne is as
11 Chair. This is what we're trying to do for you.

12 Thank you, Madam Chair.

13 THE CHAIRPERSON: Masi, for your
14 comments, Lisa.

15 DR. GINGER GIBSON: Masi for your
16 comments and masi (INTERPRETER CHANGED CHANNEL). My
17 name is Ginger Gibson and I'm the technical
18 coordinator with the Tlicho government.

19 I want to acknowledge all the youth and
20 -- and acknowledge that you're all here and that we
21 all do want to, as Tammy Steinwound said, we all do
22 want to hear what you have to say.

23 Madam Chair, I have four (4) brief
24 points. They're based on the conversation this
25 morning, so they're not in our technical report. They

1 are based on conversations that occurred between the
2 Proponent and the Board.

3 Point Number 1. The -- the Board has
4 been asking questions about whether there should be
5 cameras on the road.

6 We have raised consistently the
7 question of safety of youth, safety of children and
8 safety of -- of young women as -- as they are
9 potentially vulnerable. Lisa just referred to that as
10 they're out on the road.

11 The Board has suggested the mechanism
12 of having a camera so that vehicles that are coming
13 and going from the community might be able to be
14 spotted if there was a youngster that was missing.
15 The Tlicho government appreciates the recommendation.
16 At the same time, the Tlicho government does not
17 believe that that should be a commitment that is
18 required of the Proponent and for the following
19 reason. The community governments of Behchoko and
20 Whati need to be involved in that discussion, and we
21 are involved in those kinds of discussions on an
22 ongoing and frequent basis with the Proponent and so
23 we appreciate that that commitment is there and we
24 will be working with the Proponent to enact that.

25 Secondly, Madam Chair, on the question

1 of monitoring. Monitoring has been raised by Review
2 Board staff and we refer staff and the Board to PR-96,
3 in which the Tlicho government documented all of the
4 ways that we learn about what is happening in the
5 region. There's many ways that the Tlicho government
6 learns about what is happening with respect to socio-
7 economic effects. We track those carefully.

8 Our senior administrative officers work
9 tirelessly once a month with the RCMP to look at data.
10 The TCSA looks at data on sexually transmitted
11 infections, monthly. And the Tlicho government looks
12 at the data from the community and Diamond's reports
13 as well as the Bureau of Statistics every year. We
14 track that data. We use it to inform planning and
15 monitoring.

16 Thirdly, the Review Board staff raised
17 questions this morning about interagency -- or about
18 Gameti and Wekweeti and the potential for long-term
19 engagement of and -- and questions related to their
20 effects on the winter -- of the winter roads.

21 We just wanted to inform the Board that
22 while you've been well informed about the interagency
23 committees in Whati and Behchoko, they also run in
24 Gameti and Wekweeti.

25 Finally, Board Member Bertha Norwegian

1 raised this morning the question of construction
2 camps. We thought that was a wonderful addition, and
3 a good question for the Proponent to consider and,
4 indeed, we have been in conversation with the
5 Proponent to ensure that the work sites themselves are
6 well protected through thoughtful and careful
7 consideration towards the safety of women.

8 Lisa Nitsiza has many ideas in this
9 regard as does the community government of Behchoko.
10 We are going to offer to place a report on the public
11 record that was authored by the Firelight group and
12 two (2) nations in British Columbia, just on this
13 precise question of gender and construction camps.
14 And offer that the Proponent could look at this report
15 in order to make sure that them -- the Tlicho
16 government and the community governments are making
17 sure that these works camps are absolutely safe for
18 women and that women are protected from sexual assault
19 and sexual-harassment, as well as men.

20 Masi cho for all of your comments and
21 all of your excellent questions. We will look forward
22 to the questions to the Tlicho government. Thank you.

23 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you for your
24 comments. Legal counsel...?

25 MR. JOHN DONIHÉE: Thank you, Madam

1 Chair. It's John Donihee. Dr. Gibson's offered to
2 provide us with some new evidence that I presume none
3 of the other parties have had the opportunity to
4 review and so the first thing I'd like to do is ask
5 the parties -- perhaps you could just go through the
6 list, Madam Chair, and see if anybody has any
7 objections to the -- the new document being filed at
8 this point in time.

9 DR. GINGER GIBSON: Madam Chair, could
10 I ask one (1) question, please. Mr. Donihee, thank
11 you. I think we would also have to ask that for this
12 survey that was mentioned by Lisa Nitsiza that she
13 offered to put on the record as well. So, the survey
14 results from 2006. Masi.

15 MR. JOHN DONIHEE: Thank you, Madam
16 Chair. John Donihee again. Certainly, if the party
17 should speak to either or both of those documents if
18 they have any concerns about them coming in at this
19 point in time, they should let the Board know.

20 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, if there is
21 some concern or question in -- in regards to having
22 that information put on the public record, please
23 raise your hand.

24 DR. GINGER GIBSON: I'm sorry, Madam
25 Chair, I have to clarify. Zabey Nevitt has just

1 indicated there's two (2) surveys and I apologize for
2 not making that clear. There was a survey in 2006 and
3 then a later survey conducted in 2011, and the Whati
4 community government has both of those documents and
5 is able to place those on the public record unless
6 there's concern from any party. Masi.

7 MR. JOHN DONIHEE: John Donihee.
8 Thank you, Madam Chair. That's fine, so now we're
9 talking about three (3) documents instead of two (2).

10 Same question, perhaps for the parties.

11 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, has anyone got
12 concern in regards to having those documents placed on
13 the public record?

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16 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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18 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay. It will be
19 done. Thank you.

20 MR. JOHN DONIHEE: Thank you, Madam
21 Chair. It's John Donihee, Board counsel.

22 When are you going to be able to
23 provide these documents to us?

24 DR. GINGER GIBSON: Masi for your
25 question. Ginger Gibson, Tlicho government, we can do

1 that right now.

2 MR. JOHN DONIHEE: Thank you again.

3 John Donihee, Madam Chair.

4 Hearing no objections and we'll make
5 arrangements for the Board staff to file those
6 documents on the public record and they'll be
7 available to the parties if they want to review them
8 for purposes of final argument. Thank you.

9

10 PUBLIC COMMENTS BY THE YOUTH:

11 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, thank you. At
12 this time then what we would like to do is open the
13 floor to the youth for public comments. And if you
14 would like to speak just -- you don't have to come up
15 to the front. There is also a mic that just put your
16 hand up and they can bring you the mic and you can
17 speak from where you're -- you're sitting or standing.

18

19 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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21 THE CHAIRPERSON: Public comments from
22 the youth.

23

24 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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1 THE CHAIRPERSON: You know, maybe
2 just to help the youth, if you could just tell us,
3 what's the best thing about having a road and what's
4 the worst thing of having the road. Then that way
5 there's only two (2) questions that you don't have to
6 feel like you have to speak. But, what's the best
7 thing about having a road.

8 And just remember when you speak, like,
9 state your name for the record because this is all
10 been recorded. What's the best thing about having a
11 road to Whati? You have that winter road but there
12 might be an opportunity to have an all-season road any
13 time, night or day on the road it would go.

14 You're driving off to...where would you
15 like to go?

16 MS. LISA NITSIZA: Madam Chair, if you
17 don't mind, can I suggest something. If the youth are
18 intimidated to look at the Board, they can speak to
19 Tammy and I directly. This may help you. A
20 suggestion. Thank you.

21 THE CHAIRPERSON: We won't even look
22 at you youth when you speak. We won't even turn
23 around.

24 MS. RASHANNA SMITH: Hi, we are
25 Rashanna Smith and Quinton. (INTERPRETER SWITCHED

1 CHANNEL) ... we would have to strongly disagree on
2 building the all-season road only because we already
3 have winter road each year for a month or two (2), and
4 it's good enough for us all.

5 People already take advantage of it
6 so what will happen if the all-season road was to be
7 built? Will the lands, water, animals, tradition and
8 culture be the same?

9 MR. QUINTON BISHOP: As we young are
10 trying our best to keep our language and culture,
11 Strong Like Two People if we do good on with this then
12 you -- you people, we are agreeing to destroy what
13 we've built. We not only ruin our behave -- ruin the
14 next generation will come upon this.

15 MS. RASHANNA SMITH: We are basically
16 giving our consent to those who are big drug mules and
17 criminals to come forward and continue the drug
18 trafficking that already being done right now with
19 even much worser narcotics along with the drug abuse
20 that is already going on around the community.

21 We will be consenting and agreeing with
22 the fact that this road could increase these young
23 youth addictions that are starting. Who knows how far
24 the narcotics will grow in 10 years from now. Eight
25 (8) out of ten (10) these minors turn into drugs and

1 alcohol and our culture dies down each year these
2 young teens grow.

3 MR. QUINTON BISHOP: The -- all the
4 reason road means we are going to have to worry about
5 the fish we eat because we are -- pollution that would
6 be happening with the mines that are going to built
7 around here. What -- what about our hunting season
8 and our culture, the mines and all-season road will be
9 huge and affect on the animals.

10 The animals are very important to our
11 culture because our elders and our ancestors fought
12 hard to keep our tradition and culture alive and the
13 pollution that we'll have will permanently damage our
14 fresh air, our clean water and our fish that we eat
15 and not just that our land.

16 MS. RASHANNA SMITH: It will affect
17 the plants and trees. The numbers of living organisms
18 live near our community will soon enough decrease if
19 this goes on.

20 Our beliefs and Dene laws that we have
21 to keep this community in line. Do you guys want to
22 go on with this plan and destroy what we, Tlicho
23 people, made in our own. We, as youth, are trying our
24 best to keep our language and culture strong like two
25 people. If we actually do go on with this project,

1 then you people who are agreeing to build the road
2 will destroy how far we've come to make this community
3 strong.

4 Land damages are increasing each year
5 and with the mining company that will possibly be
6 built and the all-season road, it is just going to
7 increase even more. And not just us who live near and
8 on land, but nature. Mother nature's one woman we
9 should not have to battle with because once it's gone,
10 it's take -- it will take thousands of years to
11 overcome the damages and regrow.

12 It's important for our habitat that we
13 keep our land and air clean and fresh as much as
14 possible. Half of our lands and -- half of our lands
15 have already been burnt and destroyed by wildfires.
16 We have an option either to destroy our community or
17 try our best to fix this before it's too late.

18 MR. QUINTON BISHOP: A man named Missi
19 (phonetic) founded this committee many years along --
20 before us Tlicho citizens to live here and respect our
21 lands and animal. We cannot do this. So, if this
22 plan continue, we are not disagreeing with your
23 student -- studies about what will happen within these
24 very -- years past, but not even the best scientists
25 in the world are a hundred percent accurate. So how

1 do we know with the time this protection -- project
2 will be good for this community?

3 MS. RASHANNA SMITH: What would happen
4 if we agreed and our living habitats decreased and our
5 lands and it fails in 10 years time? We would not be
6 able to change what had already been done. There
7 would be plenty of damage done by this project. We,
8 as community, cannot fix. That's all we have to say,
9 thank you.

10 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you so much to
11 the youth that have spoken out. Just in case we left
12 somebody out at the front here because there's some
13 here at the front too if you -- if they had anything
14 they would like to say.

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16 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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18 MR. LENNIE NITSIZA: Hi, my name is
19 Lennie Nitsiza. I was born in here all my life. And
20 I can see a couple of good things happening --
21 (INTERPRETER CHANGED CHANNEL) Like one, education it's
22 going to go high for sure.

23 All the field trips, I know, our
24 principal here wants to take the students out on trips
25 but it's going to cost a lot of money and I -- I never

1 grew up going -- going -- going through that, trips
2 and imagine if I did, my life could've been better
3 right now. Could've been one of you Board members or
4 so.

5 And the other thing is the groceries.
6 It's going to go cheaper. Like what Lisa said, food -
7 - food's everything. We need food to provide for our
8 family.

9 Yeah, that's pretty much it, is the
10 education, that's all I care about for the kids here.
11 I want to see them have successful eyes like doctors,
12 lawyers. We need more of that here. That's all I got
13 to say.

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15 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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17 THE CHAIRPERSON: Any other youth that
18 feel that they would like to speak?

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20 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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22 THE CHAIRPERSON: Last chance for
23 youth to speak.

24 MR. LEN FOOTBALL: Hi, my name is Len
25 Football. I was borne here in Whati all my life and

1 what I think about the all-season road is that I think
2 it's nice to go in and out to Rae to see my family in
3 Yellowknife and that's all I got to say. I strongly
4 agreed.

5 THE CHAIRPERSON: I would like to
6 thank the youth very much for taking the time out of
7 their school -- their school day to come and attend
8 the hearing and to ask the questions or even to make
9 comments and statements. Thank you very much. You
10 are all invited back -- like after school is over and
11 you're invited for supper and you, again, will have
12 the opportunity under public comments to ask any
13 questions or make any statements. So it's not the
14 end, you still have time to think about that. Thank
15 you very much youth.

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17 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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19 QUESTION PERIOD:

20 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, we -- that's
21 the end. We just wanted to do the youth comments and
22 the public will have an opportunity to speak to the
23 Board later on today, but we would like to -- with the
24 Tlicho government's presentation, we would like to
25 entertain now questions by parties.

1 The first one, questions Wek'eezkii
2 Renewable Resource Board?

3 MS. JODY PELLISSEY: Thank you, Madam
4 Chair. Jody Pellissey, with the Wek'eezkii Renewable
5 Resources Board. Thank you for the presentation. The
6 WRRB has no questions. Thank you.

7 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, Fisheries
8 and Oceans Canada?

9 MR. MARK D'AGUIAR: Thank you, Madam
10 Chair, Fisheries and Oc --

11 THE CHAIRPERSON: Francis, what we're
12 going to do now, Francis, is you'll definitely have a
13 chance to speak, but it's not open to public yet.
14 Masi, Francis.

15 Okay, sorry about that. Questions from
16 Fisheries and Oceans Canada?

17 MR. MARK D'AGUIAR: Thank you, Madam
18 Chair. Mark D'Aguiar, with Fisheries and Oceans
19 Canada. We have no comments.

20 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions,
21 Environment and Climate Change Canada?

22 MR. BRADLEY SUMMERFIELD: Thank you,
23 Madam Chair. It's Bradley Summerfield with
24 Environment and Climate Change Canada.

25 Thank you for your presentation. We

1 have no questions.

2 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, North
3 Slave Metis Alliance?

4 MR. SHIN SHIGA: Thank you, Madam
5 Chair. It's Shin Shiga, North Slave Metis Alliance.
6 Thank you very much for the presentation, we have no
7 questions

8 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions,
9 Yellowknives Dene First Nation?

10 MR. ALEX POWER: Alex Power,
11 Yellowknives Dene First Nation. Thank you for the
12 presentation and we have no questions.

13 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, Natural
14 Resources Canada?

15 MS. RACHELLE BESNER: Thank you, Madam
16 Chair. Rachelle Besner, Natural Resources Canada.

17 I have no questions. Thank you for
18 your presentation.

19 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions,
20 Government of the Northwest Territories?

21 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Thank you, Chair
22 Russ Neudorf, GNWT. And thank you for the
23 presentation and for the passion that was mark it.

24 One (1) question. It's come up a few
25 times today about the impact that fishing might have

1 with improved access by the all-weather road into the
2 region.

3 And I was wondering if you could just
4 provide some more details about the commitment that
5 you've made to monitor and manage the impact of
6 fishing in the region. Thank you.

7 DR. GINGER GIBSON: Masi, Ginger
8 Gibson, Tlicho Government. The Tlicho government has
9 committed to work with the Department of Fisheries and
10 Oceans to work together to develop an approach to
11 managing fisheries involving data collection. This
12 might involve, for example, when it comes to
13 permitting and licensing, we may go into the -- into
14 the -- I don't want to go too far into the weeds, but
15 it might involve, for example, having a creel survey
16 at dockside in Whati, so that we know just how many
17 fish are going in and out of the lake -- well we won't
18 know how many fish are going in -- coming out of the
19 lake. Wow, I just revealed my depth of ignorance in
20 this area.

21 And -- but we will -- we will be
22 working with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in
23 that regard and -- and to that end we do not see the
24 need for a fisheries management plan that is developed
25 by the Proponent.

1 We are eager to work with our co-
2 management partners in this regard given their depth
3 of experience and their knowledge in this area as
4 well. Masi.

5 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Thank you for
6 the response. Russ Neudorf, GNWT. We have no
7 further questions.

8 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, Review
9 Board stuff?

10 MS. CATHERINE FAIRBAIRN: Thank you,
11 Madam Chair. This is Catherine Fairbairn for the
12 Review Board.

13 I have one (1) question for the Tlicho
14 government. I understand that Elders had concerns
15 about culverts and crossings throughout the process
16 and that recently they did go out with -- some
17 harvesters went out with the GNWT on some site visits
18 and spoke -- and GNWT also spoke with elders.

19 I was wondering if the Tlicho
20 government can give the Board an indication of whether
21 there are remaining concerns from Elders about
22 specific crossings. Thank you.

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24 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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1 DR. GINGER GIBSON: Thank you for your
2 question. Ginger Gibson, Tlicho government.

3 The culvert tour -- the Elders were on
4 tour and they were able to participate due to
5 excellent translation, and -- and Tlicho government
6 participation, as well as the help of the Proponent to
7 be there.

8 They went through the -- and stopped at
9 -- at the stream crossings that were of concerned.
10 We filed the report and I think that the helpful thing
11 that came out of that report was just the -- the
12 recognition of the Elders of the very -- the vastly
13 different approach to construction of roads than --
14 what they experienced -- their experience was. So,
15 many of them had experience in the cutting and
16 brushing of the Highway 3 and -- and then seeing those
17 culverts installed. So getting a real sense of how it
18 is different now was really helpful.

19 In the technical -- in the report that
20 we filed on that trip you'll see there's many specific
21 guidance points from the Elders in this regard. Febe
22 (phonetic) Rabesca attended that trip with the Elders
23 and indicated to us that the Elders were pleased with
24 the -- the approach that was taken to get them out in
25 the area to see the culverts and to -- and also to --

1 to give guidance to the Proponent on how to protect
2 those streams.

3 We considered that this trip was --
4 it's not a complete and final resolution. Elders will
5 always be watching and listening on the land and they
6 will always be in participation with the GNWT making
7 sure that construction occurs according to their
8 guidance and guidelines.

9 But for the purposes of what was
10 required the Elders were -- were really satisfied with
11 the perspective that they -- they gained by actually
12 going out on the land with the Proponent. Masi.

13 MS. CATHERINE FAIRBAIRN: Catherine
14 Fairbairn, with the Review Board. Thank you very much
15 for that answer I'll pass it over to Alan.

16 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Thank you, it's
17 Alan Ehrlich, Review Board staff.

18 One (1) of the things that the Board
19 considers when it's assessing an impact is duration of
20 the impact, how long it's going to last.

21 With respect to socio-economic impacts,
22 the Board has heard just recently and in written
23 material, some of the social concerns that arise
24 during the winter road season.

25 And your prediction was that when an

1 all-season road is built there would be a spike or a
2 pulse in social impacts that you predicted would last
3 roughly a year, give or take.

4 What I'm wondering is what is the real
5 evidence you have to believe that that spike will last
6 for one (1) year and not five (5) or ten (10) or
7 become the new normal?

8 You know, what's the real evidence that
9 that predicted spike, the duration of that spike is --
10 is based on? Thank you.

11 DR. GINGER GIBSON: Masi for the
12 question, Alan Ehrlich. I'm going to make a couple of
13 comments and then ask our SAO -- senior SAO from
14 Behchoko to comment in this regard.

15 The -- first of all, the RCMP and
16 educators commented on the current spike so that
17 evidence for that spike comes from observations that
18 RCMP and educators discussed throughout our interviews
19 from our social and economic impact assessment study.

20 So that is noted PR-96 table 1 in which
21 we look at the high levels of social issues during the
22 winter road. Even though educators and RCMP are able
23 to anticipate this spike and they've transferred that
24 concept over, they expect the novelty of the initial
25 opening of the road will wear off after a year's time.

1 And the spike in social issues will gradually decline.

2 Our evidence for this find -- this
3 suggestion is from our interviews and from our in-
4 depth social impact assessment study.

5 I'll turn it now to Larry Baran, SAO,
6 senior SAO with Behchoko community government. The
7 reason I'm turning it to Larry Barans (sic) is because
8 one of the predictions -- one of the efforts we wanted
9 to make was since the prohibition was lifted in
10 Behchoko last year, we wanted to watch what happened
11 when the prohibition was lifted to just see if our --
12 our predictions were accurate.

13 MR. LARRY BARAN: Larry Baran, SAO for
14 the community government of Behchoko.

15 In November of 2016 the community
16 government of Behchoko held a referendum -- or excuse
17 me, a plebiscite to repeal the liquor prohibition.
18 Working with -- through interagency, we work with a
19 variety of departments, TCSA, RCMP and so forth.

20 And we did anticipate that we would
21 have a significant spike in activity. The liquor
22 prohibition was officially lifted by the legislature
23 as of April 1st. For the first three (3) months we
24 noticed no difference. There was a -- a spike over
25 the summer months during the assembly and gathering

1 that was held in Behchoko and according to the people
2 that were providing emergency response and RCMP
3 response, they were from visitors to the community.

4 So we're -- we have anticipated that we
5 are looking at a -- at a one (1) year change. We may
6 have a spike in activity but that's an absolute best
7 guess.

8 RUARI CARTHEW: Ruari Carthew, with
9 the Review Board, thank you. I do have a -- a few
10 questions. Beforehand, I just wanted to also thank
11 Tlicho government for their presentation and
12 particularly Lisa for your sharing your heart, and for
13 the youth that demonstrated some bravery in being able
14 to speak publicly to us.

15 My first question to Tlicho government
16 relates to an issue I talked earlier today, the GNWT
17 on trapping. The -- the Tlicho government's
18 traditional knowledge study report and it showed that
19 there were a lot of trap lines that bisect the road.

20 In the Developer's effects assessment
21 trapping was not really considered in terms of how
22 they'd be affected -- sorry, that trap lines would be
23 affected by construction or operation of an all-season
24 road.

25 The GNWT commented that it's relying on

1 the Tlicho government to help manage such impacts, so
2 I'm asking if the Tlicho government can comment on how
3 they'll make sure trappers that are using trails
4 directly affected by the project are not adversely
5 affected by it.

6 DR. GINGER GIBSON: Thank you, masi,
7 for the question. Ginger Gibson, Tlicho government.

8 In the summer of 2014 forest fires
9 destroyed large tracts of land of the study area and
10 left many trap lines bare; that's from our traditional
11 knowledge study on page 29.

12 The environment and natural resources
13 is the -- is the party that active -- plays an active
14 role in regulating furbearer harvest and sets target -
15 - targets for harvest levels. ENR has compensated the
16 five (5) individuals over the past few years in order
17 to relocate their trap lines. These trap lines were
18 occasionally -- these were used occasionally and were
19 in proximity to the all-season road, and they were
20 impacted by fires.

21 These trappers have already received
22 compensation from ENR and they've had their trap lines
23 relocated. So it is not expected that the Tlicho all-
24 season road should affect trapping.

25 On the point of mitigation if there are

1 trap lines in the area, there will be signage noted.
2 We are going to be working with the GNWT to restrict
3 harvesting on public lands by non-aboriginal people
4 and the Tlicho have the authority to manage and
5 control harvesting on Tlicho lands. Masi.

6 MR. RUARI CARTHEW: Thank you. It's
7 Ruari Carthew, from the Review Board. Thank you,
8 Ginger, for your response. Thank you also for
9 volunteering the information earlier that there is an
10 active interagency committee for communities of Gameti
11 and Wekweeti; that was helpful.

12 I do have a final series of questions
13 related to financing of commitments and programs.
14 We've heard that there are many commitments and
15 programs that are in place and -- and being proposed
16 by the Tlicho government and the community government
17 in Whati that will help prepare for an all-season
18 road.

19 We've also heard during the technical
20 session that programs are dependent on funding. My
21 first question is: If the Tlicho government requires
22 additional financial or in-kind assistance from the
23 Developer to maintain its commitments or programs to
24 manage the community impacts anticipated by the
25 project?

1 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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3 DR. GINGER GIBSON: Masi you for the
4 question. Ginger Gibson, Tlicho government.

5 The -- many of our commitments are
6 covered through our existing budgets and the Tlicho
7 government. We referred to that in our PR Number 96,
8 which -- in which we referred to all of the mitigation
9 costs in IR-6.

10 We are in a partnership approach with
11 the Tlicho government. Our programs -- our government
12 programs of which we referred -- Tiana Steinwound
13 today referred to one (1) of them. We invest heavily
14 in our own programs and we're committed to continue to
15 do so.

16 We also indicated we're going to be
17 preparing our own traditional knowledge approach,
18 research approach up and down the road. And again,
19 the Tlicho government is committed to making sure that
20 we, in partnership with the GNWT, will be financing
21 those arrangements accordingly with both our
22 governments working in -- in lockstep. Masi.

23 MR. RUARI CARTHEW: Ruari Carthew,
24 with the Review Board. Thank you for that.

25 Further clarification on the stability

1 of that funding. Is -- or will the Tlicho government
2 -- can you -- sorry, can you clarify if the Tlicho
3 government is considering revenue from the Nico mine
4 to help fund any of the commitments or programs?

5 DR. GINGER GIBSON: Ginger Gibson,
6 Tlicho government. No, we are not. Masi.

7 MR. RUARI CARTHEW: Review Board,
8 Ruari Carthew. No further questions from Review Board
9 staff, Madam Chair.

10 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, thank you.
11 Questions, legal counsel?

12 MR. JOHN DONIHEE: John Donihee,
13 Madam Chair. I have no questions.

14 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, Review
15 Board? Joe...?

16 MR. JOE HANDLEY: Joe Handley, Review
17 Board. I just want some clarification.

18 You said that you've -- that the Tlicho
19 government felt that there was no need for a fish
20 management plan. At the same time, I think we heard
21 some of the Elders say that fish are now smaller,
22 there's no gumbo whitefish and that fish are very
23 important to them.

24 Are -- is it your feeling that this
25 trend is outside of the -- the any management plan

1 that would be developed or could be developed?

2 DR. GINGER GIBSON: Masi for your
3 question. Just to be clear the WR -- I think it's the
4 WRRB and other parties have asked for a fish
5 management plan to be developed by the GNWT.

6 Our response is that the GNWT doesn't
7 hold the authority for developing fish management
8 plans; that authority is held by the Tlicho
9 government, the DF -- Department of Fisheries and
10 Oceans and in collaboration with our Renewable
11 Resources boards we will develop management plans.

12 So it -- I think we're redirecting that
13 the focus and not saying that we don't need management
14 plans. We do, and we're going to be developing an
15 approach. We agreed with -- we made a commitment to
16 the DFO, along with the DFO, to develop a monitoring
17 approach and we will be developing traditional
18 knowledge baseline. Because we don't have that
19 baseline data as of yet, we will not be able to
20 comment on the question of whether this is outside of
21 the boundaries of -- of what is normal currently.
22 Masi.

23 MR. JOE HANDLEY: Thank you for that
24 clarification.

25 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, Review

1 Board.

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(BRIEF PAUSE)

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5 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, thank you,
6 Tlicho government for your presentation. Masi.

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We're going to, as I had mentioned
8 earlier, switch the schedule around to allow NRCan and
9 Department of Fisheries an opportunity to go first so
10 they can catch their flight back.

11 I would now ask Natural Resources
12 Canada to give their presentation.

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14 PRESENTATION BY NRCan:

15 MS. RACHELLE BESNER: My name is
16 Rachelle Besner, I'm with the Natural Resources
17 Canada. I'm a senior environmental assessment
18 officer.

19 I would like to thank you for your
20 invitation to present here today and also would like
21 to extend my thanks to members of the community and
22 Elders who are participating in this hearing.

23 For my presentation, I will discuss
24 NRCan's expertise as it relates to explosive storage
25 and permafrost related to the Tlicho all-season road

1 project.

2 Natural Resources Canada is a federal
3 government department that works to improve the
4 competitiveness of the natural resource sector, and to
5 grow their contribution to Canada's economy. The
6 department supports sustainable development of
7 Canada's resources and in a manner that advances
8 Canada's global standing as a leader on the
9 environment.

10 NRCan applies its knowledge and
11 expertise of Canada's landmass to support the safety
12 and security of its citizens.

13 NRCan leads science and technology in
14 the fields of earth sciences, energy, forest and
15 minerals and metals.

16 NRCan has been involved in the review
17 of the Tlicho all-season road and has provided
18 Information Requests and a final technical submission
19 that was submitted to the Board on October 11, 2017.

20 NRCan's review focused on explosive
21 storage as it may be required to provide a license
22 underneath the Federal Explosives Act.

23 NRCan does not regulate the use of
24 explosives. The Developer has identified that the
25 project may require several magazine for the storage

1 of explosives which may be moved from quarry to quarry
2 during construction.

3 NRCan is satisfied with the explosive
4 storage information provided. If an application is
5 submitted for the storage of explosives, NRCan will
6 require more detailed information in the application,
7 such as the type of magazines, the location of
8 explosive storage and safety and security measures.

9 The rest of NRCan's review was focused
10 on permafrost, and we reviewed five (5) different
11 issues related to permafrost. So why is permafrost
12 important? Permafrost is an important consideration
13 in the design of roads in northern Canada since
14 changes in permafrost conditions can adversely impact
15 infrastructure, integrity and performance. In
16 addition, climate change can also play an important
17 role and find a permafrost that can also impact the
18 road integrity.

19 The first issue that was with reviewed
20 was the embankment design options. The design options
21 of the road indicates how the typical cross-section
22 could vary under different conditions within the
23 discontinuous permafrost. The design options include
24 embankment design under dry, well-drained conditions,
25 adjacent to water bodies, or in wetland terrain.

1 Permafrost conditions along the road
2 can be accommodated through the design of the
3 embankment. The Developer will provide multiple
4 design options for the embankment to incorporate
5 permafrost considerations to minimize the impacts on
6 the terrain.

7 In NRCan's view, the characterization
8 of permafrost and terrain conditions is adequate for
9 this stage of the design process. As a result, NRCan
10 recommends different design options are done following
11 detailed geotechnical investigations; that permafrost
12 and unstable soils be identified; and that highway
13 embankment heights be constructed with proper drainage
14 to avoid ponding and permafrost thaw.

15 In addition, to field investigations be
16 conducted during detail design to inform management
17 plans; including thermal analysis be conducted if
18 required for the final road design.

19 The second issue reviewed was the
20 embankment geotextiles. Details on road embankment
21 construction materials are required to ensure adequate
22 design of the roadway to accommodate existing and
23 future conditions and minimize environmental impacts.

24 The Developer has indicated that the
25 type of geotextile will be selected during the

1 detailed design phase. In NRCan's view the Developer
2 has done a reasonable job towards identifying areas
3 which will require geotech -- geotextiles beneath the
4 embankment.

5 NRCan recommends that geotextiles be
6 used beneath the embankment based upon site conditions
7 as evidenced by the geotechnical field investigations
8 to minimize the impacts on permafrost.

9 The third issue reviewed was pre-
10 existing permafrost conditions on and off disturbed
11 terrain. An understanding of terrain conditions on
12 and off the existing disturbed terrain needs to be
13 factored in the context of the design criteria.

14 Understanding permafrost distribution
15 is important for road operation, and to minimize the
16 impacts on the terrain. The permafrost conditions
17 vary naturally, and also vary following disturbance
18 such as forest fires or the previous winter road
19 alignment. The Developer will ensure that the
20 contractor addresses these concerns.

21 NRCan generally agrees with the
22 characterization of the permafrost at this stage of
23 the design. NRCan recommends that detailed
24 geotechnical investigations be conducted for the final
25 design to inform monitoring and management plans.

1 In addition, if permafrost is
2 encountered that thermal and hydraulic regime should
3 be monitored to ensure the stability of the
4 embankment.

5 The fourth issue reviewed was the
6 removal of permafrost. Permafrost is ground that
7 remains below zero degrees Celsius for two (2) or more
8 consecutive years. The Developer has indicated that
9 they will clear isolated patches of permafrost and ice
10 lenses that are expected to melt in the next 20 years.

11 NRCan cautions the Developer that the
12 removal of any isolated patches of permafrost should
13 not be undertaken without sufficient knowledge of the
14 depth and lateral extent of the material.

15 NRCan recommends that permafrost only
16 be removed once appropriate geotechnical and
17 geophysical site investigations confirm the extent of
18 permafrost and thaw unstable materials.

19 The fifth issue reviewed was the
20 geotechnical conditions. Information on baseline
21 terrain conditions and sensitivity along the proposed
22 route is required to determine design and minimize
23 impacts of the project on the environment.

24 The Developer has provided a draft
25 geotechnical report.

1 NRCan agrees that the characterization
2 of permafrost conditions is adequate at this stage,
3 but recognizes that further investigations may be
4 required.

5 NRCan recommends that in addition to
6 geotechnical studies further site investigations be
7 carried out to confirm presence of permafrost and
8 subsurface conditions.

9 We also recommend that deeper
10 geotechnical boreholes and salation (phonetic) of
11 temperature cables and geophysical surveys may be
12 useful for the detailed site investigations.

13 And the last issue we reviewed was
14 borrow materials. The borrow material is essential
15 for the construction and maintenance of the road. The
16 Developer has indicated that there is enough gravel
17 available to keep the roadway safe for drivers.

18 NRCan supports the Developer's approach
19 to assessing potential amounts of material available.
20 As a result, NRCan recommends that the Developer
21 provide a finalized assessment of the quality and
22 quantity of granular and quarry materials available.

23 NRCan has reviewed the Proponent's
24 responses to the technical reports, and we're
25 satisfied with the Proponent's response to NRCan

1 issues. Thank you.

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3 QUESTION PERIOD:

4 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you for your
5 presentation. Questions by parties. Questions,
6 Tlicho government?

7 DR. GINGER GIBSON: Ginger Gibson.
8 Thank you for the presentation. No questions.

9 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions,
10 Wek'eezhii Renewable Resources Board?

11 MS. JODY PELLISSEY: Thank you, Madam
12 Chair. Jody Pellissey, with the Wek'eezhii Renewable
13 Resources Board. The Board has no questions. Thank
14 you.

15 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, --
16 questions, Fisheries and Oceans Canada?

17 MR. MARK D'AGUIAR: Mark D'Aguiar,
18 with Fisheries and Oceans Canada. We have no
19 questions. Thank you.

20 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions,
21 Environment and Climate Change Canada?

22 MR. BRADLEY SUMMERFIELD: Bradley
23 Summerfield, with Environment and Climate Change
24 Canada. We have no question.

25 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, North

1 Slave Metis Alliance?

2 MR. SHIN SHIGA: Thank you, Madam
3 Chair. Shin Shiga, North Slave Metis Alliance. Thank
4 you for the presentation. We have no questions.

5 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions,
6 Yellowknives Dene First Nation?

7 MR. ALEX POWER: Thank you, Madam
8 Chair. Alex Power, Yellowknives Dene First Nation.
9 Thank you for the presentation and we have no
10 questions.

11 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions,
12 Government of the Northwest Territories?

13 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
14 GNWT. No questions.

15 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, Review
16 Board staff?

17 MR. MARK CLIFFE-PHILLIPS: Thank you,
18 Madam Chair. Mark Cliffe-Phillips, with the Review
19 Board. Review Board staff have no questions for
20 NRCan.

21 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, legal
22 counsel?

23 MR. JOHN DONIHEE: John Donahue,
24 legal counsel to the Board. I have no questions,
25 Madam Chair.

1 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, Review
2 Board?

3 MR. JAMES WAH-SHEE: James Wah-Shee,
4 Madam Cahir. I just have one (1) question regarding
5 permafrost.

6 You know there was issues that you
7 raised that should be considered by the Developer. I
8 wonder if you could tell me whether you're aware that
9 regarding those issues pertaining to the permafrost,
10 whether these issues have been dealt with in the past
11 when they were constructing the highways.

12 I know we're talking about the -- the
13 route between the Highway 3 and Whati. But I guess,
14 perhaps -- I shouldn't be asking the question of NRCan
15 because you're not really responsible for building
16 infrastructure. But the Developer is and so, are you
17 aware if they're taken your consideration which would
18 be incorporated in this highway route between the
19 Highway 3 and Whati?

20 Because as a member of the Review Board
21 I'm not really aware of whether all of these issues
22 have been considered before. Is this something new?
23 Perhaps you can enlighten me. Thank you.

24 MS. RACHELLE BESNER: Rachelle Besner,
25 Natural Resources Canada.

1 You're right for -- as per if -- for
2 other highways in NWT I wouldn't be able to answer
3 that question.

4 But when the Department of Natural
5 Resources is asked to review projects for road
6 contraction in the North, permafrost is always a
7 consideration in the review. And, for example, the
8 Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway that we've been talking
9 about frequently in the last couple days also had
10 permafrost considerations included in the design of
11 that project.

12 But perhaps the Government of the
13 Northwest Territories could provide additional
14 information on other highway projects in the
15 Territory.

16 Does that answer your question?

17 MR. JAMES WAH-SHEE: James Wah-See,
18 Madam Chair. No, thank you. I just wanted to find
19 out if you could provide additional information
20 regarding issues related to permafrost. I really
21 appreciate your reply. Thank you.

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23 QUESTION PERIOD DFO (NO PRESENTATION)

24 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you again for
25 your presentation.

1 The -- we don't have a presentation
2 from Fisheries and Oceans Canada but DFO would like to
3 give the parties an opportunity to ask questions on
4 their technical report.

5 So, on DFO's technical report is there
6 questions to DFO from Tlicho government?

7 DR. GINGER GIBSON: Ginger Gibson,
8 Tlicho government, no questions.

9 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions,
10 Wek'eezhii Renewable Resources Board?

11 MS. JODY PELLISSEY: Thank you, Madam
12 Chair. Jody Pellissey, Wek'eezhii Renewable Resources
13 Board. No questions.

14 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions,
15 Environment and Climate Change Canada?

16 MR. BRADLEY SUMMERFIELD: Bradley
17 Summerfield with Environment and Climate Change
18 Canada. No questions.

19 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, North
20 Slave Metis Alliance?

21 MR. SHIN SHIGA: Thank you, Madam
22 Chair. Shin Shiga, North Slave Metis Alliance. We
23 have no questions.

24 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions,
25 Yellowknives Dene First Nation?

1 MR. ALEX POWER: Alex Power,
2 Yellowknives Dene First Nation. We have no questions.

3 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, Natural
4 Resources Canada?

5 MS. RACHELLE BESNER: Rachelle Besner,
6 Natural Resources Canada. I have no questions.

7 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions,
8 Government of the Northwest Territories?

9 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Thank you. Russ
10 Neudorf, GNWT. We have no questions.

11 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, Review
12 Board staff?

13 MS. CATHERINE FAIRBAIRN: Thank you,
14 Madam Chair. This is Catherine, with the Review Board
15 Staff.

16 We've heard a few times today about
17 fisheries management. GNWT spoke earlier about
18 supporting DFO and the Tlicho government in working on
19 a plan and the Tlicho government just spoke to working
20 with DFO on fisheries and monitoring.

21 I'm just wanting -- wondering if DFO
22 can confirm the approach that will be taken of working
23 with the Tlicho government and WRRB on fisheries
24 management for the -- related to the project?

25 MR. MARK D'AGUIAR: Mark D'Aguiar,

1 with Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Thank you for the
2 question.

3 I would first just like to introduce,
4 if that's okay, the members I have on the phone that
5 I'll be directing some of the questions to. Is that
6 okay, Madam Chair?

7 THE CHAIRPERSON: Yes, please, go
8 ahead.

9 MR. MARK D'AGUIAR: Thank you. So on
10 the phone with us -- I also want to confirm they can
11 hear us, and we can hear them.

12 We have Larry Dow, who is the director
13 of northern operations and he'll be able to speak to
14 the fisheries management questions. We have Beverly
15 Ross. She's the regional regulatory -- regional
16 manager for regulatory review. And Gerald Fillatre is
17 out regional manager for enforcement operations.
18 They're on the phone.

19 So I'll direct this question
20 specifically to Larry Dow but I'll confirm that, yes,
21 we have made a commitment with them but I'll have
22 Larry Dow speak to the details.

23 MR. LARRY DOW: Larry Dow, fisheries
24 management.

25 MR. MARK D'AGUIAR: Can you hear me,

1 Larry?

2 MR. LARRY DOW: Yeah, we're a hundred
3 percent confirmed. We'll work with co-managing
4 partners and the Tlicho government and the community
5 to put together a fisheries management plan for the
6 project if it goes ahead. Thank you.

7 MS. CATHERINE FAIRBAIRN: Thank you
8 for the response. This is Catherine Fairbairn, with
9 the Review Board.

10 I'll pass it to Alan for a question
11 before it comes back to me for one (1) more as well.

12 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Thank you, Alan
13 Ehrlich, Review Board staff.

14 The Board has heard this morning about
15 some concerns about increased fishing pressure from
16 outside of this area with the increased access from
17 the road.

18 Considering what happened to fish
19 populations when other highways such as the Ingraham
20 Trail were developed around Yellowknife, that's the --
21 the context for this question, is it fair to say that
22 increased access has had a major effect on fish
23 populations in smaller lakes along the Ingraham Trail?

24 MR. MARK D'AGUIAR: Mark D'Aguiar,
25 Fisheries and Oceans. Again, I'll pass this on to our

1 fisheries management, Larry Dow.

2 MR. LARRY DOW: Larry Dow, fisheries
3 management. If you are looking at an overall
4 response, technically yes but the problem of the
5 Ingraham Trail that -- that was done as you know back
6 in the '50s. But nowadays especially the Tuk and
7 Inuvik Highway, we have -- we put fisheries management
8 plans in place. So, if the road goes ahead, the
9 Tlicho road, I'm fairly confident -- a hundred percent
10 confident we will have a plan in place.

11 But, yeah, as there is -- is access
12 there is -- will be fishing no doubt. But I'm pretty
13 confident that we can work on a fish management plan
14 with the Tlicho government and the Wek'eezhii Board
15 and we'll have it under control.

16 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Alan Ehrlich.
17 Thank you for that response. It beautifully
18 anticipates the next question which is:

19 Can you talk about specifically what
20 has been done to successfully mitigate the impacts of
21 increased access not only along Ingraham Trail but
22 also what's been discussed for Husky -- Husky Lakes
23 along the Tuk highway. Thank you.

24 MR. MARK D'AGUIAR: Mark D'Aguiar,
25 Fisheries and Oceans. Larry, for you?

1 MR. LARRY DOW: For the Ingraham Trail
2 we, you know, we reduced sport fishing limits. If you
3 want to talk about Tuk/Inuvik highway, Husky Lakes, we
4 are working with the -- fisheries joint management
5 committee which is a co-management board up there, as
6 well as the hunters and trappers from Tuktoyaktuk and
7 Inuvik. And we -- we have a plan that we're working
8 on and it -- be some community consultation there as
9 well.

10 And some of -- some of the measures are
11 voluntary by the Iqaluit and in terms of fishing
12 regulations, we may be looking at possible catch and
13 release or possible closures. But that's where the
14 consultation comes in but that plan is going well and,
15 you know, we'll work together. We'll get a plan in
16 place and, you know, it's going -- it's going to take
17 some time but I'm pretty confident -- you heard the
18 Tliche government and the Wek'eezhii Board, you know,
19 we're going to work with them and we'll have a plan in
20 place that will be effective.

21 MS. CATHERINE FAIRBAIRN: Catherine
22 Fairbairn, Review Board staff. I have a question
23 related to the Tuk working group, the Inuvik/Tuk
24 working group that we discussed yesterday a bit.

25 DFO, can you describe your experience

1 with the effectiveness of the Inuvik to Tuk working
2 group and how feedback from that group improved the
3 project or informed adaptive management?

4 MR. MARK D'AGUAIR: Mark D'Aguair,
5 Fisheries and Oceans Canada. I'd be happy to.

6 I was a part the Corridor working group
7 and I attended every one of the meetings in person in
8 Inuvik. Some of the outcomes were, as mentioned in
9 presentations on -- what day is it -- on Wednesday
10 regarding a sharing of information.

11 It was also a good place, especially in
12 the first year when Fisheries and Oceans conducted
13 some inspections along with Environment and Natural
14 Resources from GNWT and other regulators. And we had
15 provided our feedback and our site inspection results
16 sometimes identifying some issues with the compliance
17 of the plans. We informed the DOT at the time right
18 away, and they had addressed those concerns.

19 Now, at the working group meetings,
20 those concerns were actually brought up again and we
21 had the opportunity to present our findings to all the
22 regulate -- and everyone who was also in -- the
23 hunters and trappers, regulating departments and the
24 members of the working group.

25 So, we talked about what we have done

1 as DFO in term -- and what the DOT has done to address
2 those concerns.

3 In terms of adaptive management, I can
4 speak to -- after our first year inspections, we
5 noticed some issues with sediment erosion control.
6 The GNWT, in collaboration with the DFO, then worked
7 on a working water workshop where I went, along with
8 GNWT, to both Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik and presented to
9 the contractors and the hunters and trappers best
10 practices when working around in water. So that was
11 implemented in I think the first year or second year.
12 I can't remember off the top of my head, which will
13 help them do a better job of being able to work near
14 and in water.

15 Further from that, we did additional
16 inspections, identified some other issues with the
17 newer crossings that were done because, obviously, it
18 wasn't all done in one year, and resulted in the GNWT
19 actually hiring, I believe, and DOT can -- or sorry,
20 GNWT can correct me, hiring a -- a specialist from
21 Alaska on sediment and erosion control to come in and
22 actually re-train all their staff, as well as offer
23 free training to regulators, whoever wanted to attend,
24 on actually sediment and erosion control in the North.

25 So tended to be pretty effective in

1 terms of -- at least my mandate. I hope that answers
2 your question.

3 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Thank you for that.
4 It's Alan Ehrlich, Review Board staff again.

5 We've heard this morning also that
6 although the Elders point out that there are not many
7 important sources of fish that are harvested by
8 residents of Whati but along the route of the road the
9 James River is one of them, and it's not hard to
10 imagine it getting quite an enthusiastic response from
11 recreational fishermen -- with the pickerel run comes
12 around.

13 Until recently, pressures from
14 increased recreational fishing in the North Slave reg
15 -- in the North Slave were managed by a DFO fisheries
16 manager in this area. There's been considerable
17 change to DFO since then. Where is DFO's newest
18 fisheries manager based now?

19 MR. MARK D'AGUIAR: Mark D'Aguiar,
20 Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Great question. I'll
21 pass this on to Larry.

22 MR. LARRY DOW: It's Larry Dow, DFO.
23 Yeah, you're aware, yeah, we don't have a biologist in
24 Yellowknife, fisheries management biologist.

25 I'm hopeful, please cross your fingers,

1 we'll have someone there by the end of March. I will
2 point out though that even though we haven't had a
3 biologist in there, that area has been covered out --
4 covered out of Inuvik and we haven't had any issues,
5 concerns or fisheries management in that regard.
6 Thank you.

7 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Alan Ehrlich.
8 Thank you for that. So when it comes to dealing with
9 a sudden increase in access and fishing pressure, why
10 do you expect a fisheries manager in Inuvik to be
11 equally responsive?

12 MR. MARK D'AGUIAR: Fisheries and
13 Oceans, Mark D'Aguiar. Larry?

14 MR. LARRY DOW: Like, I work in
15 Iqaluit but I was over in Yellowknife and Hay River
16 last week. I travel a fair amount. So, if there is
17 an issue in -- in -- on the Tliche road, we will deal
18 with it; whether, you know, it's -- you know, done out
19 of Inuvik or Yellowknife, or Iqaluit here, or even Hay
20 River. It's our mandate and we'll ensure that we
21 fulfil the mandate and we will live up to our
22 promises. Thank you.

23 MR. MARK D'AGUIAR: Hi, Larry, it's
24 Mark. We were just asked by IT if you could maybe
25 start over. I think we missed the beginning part of

1 that.

2 MR. LARRY DOW: Okay. Larry Dow here.
3 Okay, I'll start over. Yeah, so, I'm hopeful we're
4 going to have a person in -- in Yellowknife the end of
5 March. But we'll -- even though that -- you know,
6 Inuvik the person is there.

7 We also have other offices. We have
8 Yellowknife and I'm based in Iqaluit as well and I get
9 over there quite a bit. I was there last week. So,
10 even if a person was not physically in Yellowknife, we
11 can still manage the resource. If there are issues,
12 they will come to us and we will deal with. I have
13 no qualms or doubts at all about addressing any issues
14 or concerns that come up.

15 That's our mandate and we will deliver
16 on it. Thank you.

17 MR. ALAN EHRLICH: Thank you for that.
18 Madam Chair, there are no more questions from the
19 Review Board staff.

20 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, thank you.
21 Questions, legal counsel?

22 MR. JOHN DONIHEE: John Donihee. I
23 have no questions, Madam Chair?

24 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, Review
25 Board?

1 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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3 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, thank you.

4 Thank you DFO for being on the line and answers our
5 questions to your technical report. Thank you.

6 At this time we would like to have a
7 health break, ten (10) minutes.

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9 --- Upon recessing at 3:04 p.m.

10 --- Upon resuming at 3:22 p.m.

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12 THE CHAIRPERSON: Everyone take their
13 seats, please. Okay, our next presentation is by the
14 Wek'eezhii Renewable Resources Board. Jody...?

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16 PRESENTATION BY WRRB:

17 MS. JODY PELLISSEY: Thank you, Madam
18 Chair. Good afternoon, my name is Jodi Pellissey, and
19 I'm the executive director of the Wek'eezhii Renewable
20 Resources Board. I have here with me the Board's
21 wildlife management biologist Boyan Tracz.

22 We would like to thank Chief Nitsiza
23 and the community of Whati for hosting this public
24 hearing, with a special thanks to the community youth
25 for being brave and providing their insightful

1 comments today.

2 We also thank the GNWT and other
3 parties involved in this environmental assessment. We
4 would like to acknowledge the interpreters, James and
5 Lean, the sound technician Norbert, transcriptionist
6 Wendy and all of the Review Board staff.

7 As well we would like to thank the
8 Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
9 itself for granting the WRRB party status to present
10 the Board's concerns about the Tlicho all-season
11 road's potential impacts to fish and fish habitat, as
12 well as possible solutions.

13 To allow -- to allow as much time as
14 possible for community comments today, we will skip
15 the next two (2) slides. It's about our mandate, you
16 heard it yesterday, enough said.

17 Roads have long been known to cause
18 effects on terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems.
19 Fisheries are notoriously challenging to manage
20 requiring an understanding about fishing effort and
21 the reaction of the kluwai (phonetic) resource to
22 fishing pressure.

23 The GNWT has noted that there is a
24 reasonable level of certainty that the access created
25 by the all-season road will not pose a risk to the

1 ongoing productivity of local fisheries. However,
2 Fisheries and Oceans Canada has indicated that it does
3 expect increased sport and subsistence fishing
4 pressure on some fish stocks along the proposed road
5 route, particularly, at the major river crossings such
6 as the James River, Dupont River and La Martre River
7 due to improved access to these sites.

8 During WRRB kluwai research in 2016 and
9 2017, elders and harvesters have noted their concerns
10 about the potential of fishers that will use the
11 Tlicho all-season road as easy access to kluwai.

12 The Tlicho that live in Whati have
13 relied on kluwai as an important food resource as far
14 back as memory serves. Relying solely on caribou and
15 Moose was and is not possible as these animals don't
16 always come to be harvested.

17 The Elders repeatedly stressed the
18 importance of respecting kluwai; that respecting
19 kluwai was necessary to ensure they would continue to
20 be available. The WRRB believes that the GNWT's
21 assessment of fishing impact in water bodies directly
22 connected to the Tlicho all-season road is
23 underestimated and is based on a limited appreciation
24 of fish behaviour in the North Slave region of the
25 NWT.

1 It is the WRRB's opinion that kluwai
2 presence close to the Tlicho all-season road, such as
3 an upper Lac la Martre River, as well as other smaller
4 stream crossings and in the lake here will likely
5 experience moderate to high localized effects if
6 active management is absent.

7 While the GNWT has suggested that the
8 three (3) levels of government: Fisheries and Oceans
9 Canada, Tlicho government and the GNWT should work
10 together to administer and manage fisheries resources,
11 they've also indicated they're planning for no
12 additional resources for monitoring, nor any
13 additional inspections or enforcement capacity.

14 Local monitoring is an integral part of
15 using and respecting kluwai. The Tlicho aquatic
16 ecosystem monitoring program or fish camp as it's
17 commonly known uses science-based methodology to
18 collect information on fish, sediment and water near
19 each of the four (4) Tlicho communities. The fish
20 camp will return to Whati in the fall of 2018. And
21 information will be collected and compared to baseline
22 results obtained in 2014.

23 Though information collected by the
24 Tlicho aquatic ecosystem monitoring program helps to
25 assess health of fish and aquatic ecosystems, the WRRB

1 cautions that specific questions related to potential
2 Tlicho all-season road impacts, including increased
3 harvest pressure, requires additional monitoring.

4 During the WRRB's Tlicho knowledge
5 research, Elders have observed many changes, such as
6 fewer fish, smaller fish and fish moving to different
7 locations. Charlie Jim Nitsiza has said, We used to
8 have a net size of 5 1/2 because the fish used to be
9 big. Now today because the fish is smaller, they go
10 right through the nets. You know it wasn't like that
11 before.

12 The benefit of local monitoring is also
13 clearly demonstrated with the example of the
14 commercial kluwai plant. In 1969 and 1970 a man named
15 Casey Jones built and opened a commercial fish plant
16 in Whati. Men set nets and fished with boats and
17 motors and women worked at the plant cleaning the
18 fish. At this time kluwai were -- was very plentiful.
19 The Tlicho people showed respect for them.

20 Based on their respect for kluwai and
21 their observations and knowledge, the leaders and
22 Elders decided to close the plant to help ensure that
23 kluwai thrived. Benny Jeremick'im has said, After
24 five (5) years the fish numbers went down. Jimmy
25 Nitsiza, Sr. and Johnny Nitsiza and Louis Beaulieu

1 (phonetic) mentions they wanted to shut the plant down
2 to see if there will be more fish again.

3 Whati Elders and harvesters have
4 recently experienced some negative changes to the
5 success of local fish populations. Smaller sizes,
6 unusual distribution, fewer numbers and different
7 species. As harvesters, they constantly monitor
8 conditions and quickly become aware of changes.

9 At the same time there is some
10 uncertainty about how these changes will involve in
11 the near and distant future, especially given the
12 multiple factors that contribute to change, some known
13 and some as yet unknown.

14 The WRRB recommends that concerns
15 related to access, tourism and increased fishing be
16 considered carefully. In addition, it is essential to
17 continue to build on the Elders' and harvesters'
18 knowledge and to monitor kluwai and water with a
19 system that coincides with Tlicho knowledge. Only
20 this approach will help ensure the future success of
21 Whati fish populations.

22 It is unreasonable to conclude that no
23 additional management or monitoring is required along
24 the Tlicho all-season road and associated watersheds.
25 In Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada manages

1 commercial fisheries using integrated fisheries
2 management plans. Some plans apply across broad water
3 scapes, while others focus on a specific body of water
4 or fishery.

5 It would be irresponsible to expose a
6 fishery to additional fishing pressure along the
7 Tlicho all-season road and all the way to Lac la
8 Martre without an integrated fisheries management
9 plan.

10 Therefore, the WRRB recommends that
11 Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Tlicho government,
12 along with the WRRB and GNWT's involvement work
13 together to scope out and, as appropriate, design and
14 implement an integrated fisheries management plan
15 using both Tlicho knowledge and science and this would
16 be for the entire corridor of the Tlicho all-season
17 road.

18 The plan would establish fishery
19 objectives, assess yield and harvest, identify
20 management issues such as access and their associated
21 measures, clarify management and stewardship
22 arrangements, design and implement a regulatory and
23 compliance plan and design an adaptive management
24 plan.

25 With that, Madam Chair, we thank you

1 for listening and considering the WRRB's concerns.

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3 QUESTION PERIOD:

4 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you for your
5 presentation. Questions to the presentation, Tlicho
6 government?

7 DR. GINGER GIBSON: Thank you for the
8 presentation. Ginger Gibson, Tlicho government, we
9 have no questions.

10 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, Fisheries
11 and Oceans Canada?

12 MR. MARK D'AGUIAR: Thank you, Madam
13 Chair. Thank you for the presentation. Fisheries and
14 Oceans has no questions.

15 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions,
16 Environment and Climate Change Canada?

17 MR. BRADLEY SUMMERFIELD: Thank you,
18 Madam Chair, Bradley Summerfield with Environment and
19 Climate Change Canada. We have no questions.

20 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, North
21 Slave Metis Alliance?

22 MR. SHIN SHIGA: Thank you, Madam
23 Chair. Shin Shiga, North Slave Metis Alliance. Thank
24 you for the presentation. We have no question.

25 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions,

1 Yellowknives Dene First Nation?

2 MR. ALEX POWER: Thank you, Madam
3 Chair. Alex Power, Yellowknives Dene First Nation.
4 Thank you for the presentation and we have no
5 questions.

6 THE CHAIRPERSON: Question, Natural
7 Resources Canada?

8 MS. RACHELLE BESNER: Rachelle Besner,
9 Natural Resources Canada, I have no questions.

10 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions,
11 Government of the Northwest Territories.

12 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
13 GNWT. No questions.

14 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, Review
15 Board staff?

16 MS. CATHERINE FAIRBAIRN: Thank you,
17 Madam Chair. This is Catherine Fairbairn, with the
18 Review Board staff. I have one (1) question, and
19 possibly a follow-up question depending.

20 We've heard from you just now about the
21 moderate to high impacts that you -- localized impacts
22 that you believe may occur as a result of the project.

23 Would the fisheries management that the
24 Tlicho government and DFO have agreed to resolve those
25 concerns or do you have outstanding concerns?

1 MS. JODY PELLISSEY: Thank you, Madam
2 Chair. Jody Pellissey, Wek'eezhii Renewable Resources
3 Board.

4 It's our expectation that with the
5 integrated fisheries management plan any of our
6 concerns would be dealt with accordingly. Thank you.

7 MS. CATHERINE FAIRBAIRN: Catherine
8 Fairbairn, Review Board staff. Thank you very much,
9 that -- those are all my questions or that's all my
10 questions.

11 MR. MARK CLIFFE-PHILLIPS: Mark
12 Cliffe-Phillips with the Review Board. Review Board
13 staff have no further questions.

14 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Legal
15 counsel?

16 MR. JOHN DONIHEE: Thank you, Madam
17 Chair. It's John Donihee. I have no questions.

18 THE CHAIRPERSON: Review Board?

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20 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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22 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you for your
23 presentation, Jody.

24 Our next presentation is from
25 Environment and Climate Change Canada.

1 PRESENTATION BY ECCC:

2 MR. BRADLEY SUMMERFIELD: Thank you,
3 Madam Chair. And thank you to the community for
4 having us here for the last few days. My name is
5 Bradley Summerfield and I'm with Environment and
6 Climate Change Canada.

7 I'm just going to quickly summarize
8 Environment and Climate Change Canada's review of the
9 proposed road with respect to the aquatic environment.

10 So this portion is based under
11 Environment and Climate Change Canada's
12 responsibilities for the aquatic environment that come
13 from the pollution prevention provisions of the
14 Fisheries Act. The Proponent has committed to
15 avoiding borrow sources that would be characterized
16 with high or moderate identifications of acid-rock
17 drainage or metal leaching potential. This commitment
18 was made during the technical session. So Environment
19 and Climate Change Canada has no further concerns in
20 this area.

21 The next area that Environment and
22 Climate Change Canada raised concerns with -- had to
23 do with erosion and sediment control and the erosion
24 and sediment control plan.

25 During the technical sessions in

1 August, the Proponent committed, excuse me, to
2 providing an updated erosion and sediment control plan
3 that would include response measures and lessons
4 learned from other their projects, as well as
5 requirements for monitoring, reporting and adaptive
6 management and this would be provided upfront with the
7 water licence application.

8 So because of this commitment,
9 Environment and Climate Change Canada has no further
10 concerns with respect to erosion and sediment control
11 at this time.

12 The last area that Environment and
13 Climate Change Canada discussed in the review was the
14 infield water analysis monitoring plan. There were
15 some concerns about the plan and its ability to
16 monitor the project effects on the aquatic
17 environment. Environment and Climate Change Canada
18 noted that monitoring should be completed until
19 results demonstrate that there will be no erosion or
20 water quality issues resulting from construction to
21 confirm the Developer's prediction that the project
22 will not cause changes to the aquatic environment.

23 Again, this was committed to being
24 provided for the water licence phase of the project
25 and that was found acceptable by Environment and

1 Climate Change Canada, along with the recommendation
2 that the plan would include monitoring for
3 preconstruction during freshett and immediately after
4 heavy rainfall events to be added to the sampling
5 regime, as well as monitoring following spring
6 freshett during the summer and in the late fall.

7 If instability or erosion was detected
8 that it is recommended that monitoring and mitigation
9 take place again next year and, again, we would expect
10 to see this in the plan with the water licence
11 application. So at this time there are no outstanding
12 concerns for the EA.

13 And that was a brief summary of our
14 review of the aquatic environment. Thank you.

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16 QUESTION PERIOD:

17 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Thank you
18 very much for your presentation. Questions to the
19 presentation, Tlicho government?

20 DR. GINGER GIBSON: Thank you. Ginger
21 Gibson with the Tlicho government. Thanks for the
22 presentation, we have no questions.

23 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions,
24 Wek'eezhii Renewable Resources Board?

25 MS. JODY PELLISSEY: Thank you, Madam

1 Chair. Jody Pellissey, with the Wek'eezhii Renewable
2 Resources Board. Thank you for the presentation. The
3 Board has no questions, thank you.

4 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, Fisheries
5 and Oceans Canada?

6 MR. MARK D'AGUIAR: Thank you, Madam
7 Chair. Mark D'Aguiar with Fisheries and Oceans
8 Canada. Thank you for the presentation. We have no
9 questions.

10 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, North
11 Slave Metis Alliance.

12 MR. SHIN SHIGA: Thank you, Madam
13 Chair. Shin Shiga, North Slave Metis Alliance. Thank
14 you for the presentation, we have no question.

15 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions,
16 Yellowknives Dene First Nation?

17 MR. ALEX POWER: Thank you, Madam
18 Chair. Alex Power, Yellowknives Dene First Nation, we
19 have no questions.

20 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, Natural
21 Resources Canada?

22 MS. RACHELLE BESNER: Rachelle Besner,
23 Natural Resources Canada, I have no questions.

24 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions,
25 Government of the Northwest Territories?

1 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Russ Neudorf,
2 GNWT. We have no questions, thank you.

3 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions, Review
4 Board staff?

5 MR. MARK CLIFFE-PHILLIPS: Thank you,
6 Madam Chair. Review Board staff have no questions.

7 THE CHAIRPERSON: Legal counsel...?

8 MR. JOHN DONIHEE: John Donihee,
9 Board counsel. Madam Chair, I have no questions.

10 THE CHAIRPERSON: Questions from
11 Review Board?

12 MR. DAVID KRUTKO: David Krutko,
13 Review Board. My question's in regards to Environment
14 Canada's review and assessment of projects.

15 Do you also take into effect the
16 cumulative effect of climate change?

17 MR. BRADLEY SUMMERFIELD: Thank you,
18 it's Bradley Summerfield, with Environment and Climate
19 Change Canada.

20 Not specific to this project, no.

21 MR. DAVID KRUTKO: David Krutko,
22 Review Board. Yeah, the reason I'm asking is that
23 we're seeing a lot of effects, especially in northern
24 Canada, with permafrost slumping, basically reaching
25 of different types of methane gases and whatnot coming

1 out of the permafrost. We talk about, you know, acid
2 rock gradation leaching and whatnot. There's also
3 add-ons coming by way of climate change.

4 So especially to the water table and to
5 the effects on fish and people and I think that that
6 for me is probably one (1) of the biggest threats to
7 northern Canada is going to be the melting permafrost
8 and the effect it's going to have on the water table.

9 So I'm just wondering how do you put
10 that context in line with these type of projects and
11 add it to the impacts that's going to come by way of
12 climate change? Thank you.

13 MR. BRADLEY SUMMERFIELD: Thanks.
14 It's Bradley Summerfield with Environment and Climate
15 Change Canada.

16 So in terms of the specific -- the
17 effects of permafrost that -- that's our colleagues at
18 Natural Resources Canada who look at that but for your
19 -- your point about the broader context, Environment
20 and Climate Change Canada is involved in national and
21 international initiatives that are looking at
22 addressing and reducing the -- the impact of climate
23 change on Canadians and in the North. That would
24 include some of the things you've seen with the -- the
25 Minister of Environment and Climate Change going to

1 the international conferences, putting a cap on
2 greenhouse gases and then the different provincial and
3 territorial plans for limiting carbon and greenhouse
4 gas emissions.

5 MR. DAVID KRUTKO: David Krutko,
6 Review Board. Yeah, I think the other aspect is the
7 whole temperature change we're seeing in Canada and
8 especially in northern Canada, you know, the average
9 temperature increases 2 percent in the northern part
10 of the -- Mackenzie Delta, for instance, it's 6
11 percent increase in temperature.

12 And I think we've seen the maj -- major
13 impact to temperatures in northern Canada and I think
14 one (1) of the big effects of fish is the increased
15 temperature, water temperature, in a lot of our rivers
16 and lakes and tributaries. So I think by not only
17 measuring the quality of the water but also the
18 temperature the water when you take these samples will
19 determine exactly how much of an increase are we
20 seeing overtime in regards to water temperature.

21 So, I'm just wondering, you know, it's
22 -- it's a moving target in regards to climate change
23 but it's moving a lot faster then we expect so I --
24 and that's why I'm asking my questions and I think
25 it's important that whatever you do that you calculate

1 that into any of your -- your studies or basically
2 requests for water licenses or types of licenses that
3 that has to be a factor when you build into these type
4 of a project.

5 So again, I'll -- just like to know:
6 Do you monitor water temperature when you do look at
7 environmental calculations?

8 MR. BRADLEY SUMMERFIELD: Bradley
9 Summerfield, with Environment and Climate Change
10 Canada.

11 I absolutely agree that it -- it is
12 something that is happening in the North and it's
13 happening quick. We under our jurisdiction with water
14 quality, we do not look at water temperature. I don't
15 know if that's something that Fisheries and Oceans
16 looks at, the -- the effects of water temperature on -
17 - on fish. I'll let Mark answer that question for
18 you.

19 MR. MARK D'AGUIAR: Mark D'Aguiar,
20 Fisheries and Oceans Canada. DFO does take water
21 temperatures. Now with respect of water temperatures
22 affecting -- sorry, if -- climate change affecting
23 water temperatures affecting fish, there's science
24 being done with DFO for sure. In terms of your
25 question, if you want us to take an undertaking I can

1 find out specifically what research is being done in
2 terms of water temperature and the effects of climate
3 change on the ocean currents and ocean habitats.

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5 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

6 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. Thank
7 you for the presentation again. Again, we are at the
8 time on our agenda where we are going to open up the
9 floor again for public comment.

10 So that's from anyone from Whati public
11 comment? Just put your hand up, you don't have to
12 come to the mic, put your hand up and the mic could be
13 brought to you.

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15 (INTERPRETED FROM TLI CHO LANGUAGE INTO ENGLISH)

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17 MR. JOE CHAMPLAIN: My name is Joe
18 Champlain. I didn't hear good but some people are
19 talk -- speaking out but I can't -- I don't really
20 understand cause I can't hear that good.

21 Even when those -- they're doing
22 presentation, I don't know what -- what's a paper
23 presentation. I can't really see it. And since he --
24 he's -- my name is Joe Champlain. I'm -- I'm from
25 Rae, Behchoko. I moved here. I just want to help out

1 with -- what I'm thinking about. And the way I -- the
2 way I listen to all the comments that people spoke
3 about, I don't -- didn't -- I think they didn't
4 mention some stuff. They talk about caribou and
5 they're going to put a collar on it. How they going
6 to do it?

7 There's a lot of stuff that we -- and
8 when they put a collar on and some of them then --
9 they -- they died with it. Some of them they shoot
10 the caribou with the collar. I just want to know
11 what's going on, like, why -- why it's like that.
12 Maybe it's better if they -- they -- they don't that -
13 - maybe if -- if they put a collar on maybe they
14 should just leave -- leave it on for about at least a
15 year and then after -- after they -- after they shoot
16 the caribou, the caribou should be -- the collar
17 should be taken back and I'm kind of worried about
18 that -- just like trapping, they -- trapping is --
19 it's kind of different. A lot of people now they --
20 they choose the traps are -- and a lot of people are
21 scared to set -- set the trap and they don't know how
22 -- how some but -- and now they want to use a
23 different -- new -- new traps. So I don't really trap
24 anymore.

25 And just like a lot of fire, a lot of

1 fire that been happen in past years and now we don't
2 really see people going hunting because there's a lot
3 of fire and -- and -- everything burns down. Like,
4 maybe -- all the animals, caribou, Woodland cariboo,
5 all the animals that been burnt down, maybe after the
6 fires been going on. And now we -- we -- because of
7 the fire, there's a lot of stuff that it's destroyed
8 and some people don't like it.

9 And -- and if there's fires -- if
10 there's a fire, there's a lot of Elders that they
11 don't like it. They don't like it because -- and one
12 time there's -- they -- they -- there was a fire
13 destroying everything and that's why -- and we --
14 people don't really want to go around on -- where they
15 used to be burn. It's -- everything's kind of -- it's
16 kind of scarey when there's -- when there's fire going
17 on. What about if everything that burns down, it's
18 kind of hard.

19 We -- how come and when there's a fire
20 they don't really bother, like, they just -- and it
21 would be better if it's worked on. They look after
22 the fire right away but it's not like that. All the
23 fish is -- the bird, everything is all different. So
24 the fire destroyed everything that -- that's -- like
25 fish, all the animals. I'm just worried about that.

1 How come they don't bother with it. There's more --
2 stuff is more destroying than -- with a -- a fire.

3 They're talking about fish. I'm --
4 they're talking about the all-weather road. It would
5 be good if they really work at it good. They really
6 look after the road good and they're -- they're
7 talking about all the -- they're talking about that
8 cariboo. Are they going to have the collar on her for
9 the rest of their life or...

10 Me, I -- I like to go hunting but I'm -
11 - I'm -- about -- I'm 83 now and I have lots of
12 stories to tell. I just wanted to speak to -- maybe a
13 lot of people want to speak so that's all I wanted to
14 say.

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16 (INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED)

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18 THE CHAIRPERSON: Masi. The Chair
19 would like to recognize the Dene -- or pardon me, the
20 Yellowknives Dene First Nation and they have brought
21 an Elder with them and he would like to speak.
22 Jonas...?

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24 (INTERPRETED FROM TLICHO LANGUAGE INTO ENGLISH)

25

1 MR. JONAS SANGRIS: We live in
2 Yellowknife. They're -- they're talking about --
3 they're talking about the road, all-weather road.
4 They told us to help them with information. 1980 when
5 the -- I used to be a Chief and John Nitsiza used to -
6 - John Nitsiza used to speak about all the road -- all
7 the Elders used to talk about that. And finally the
8 road gets here and they're talking about the road.

9 It'd be good if all the government will
10 help each other so this way all the -- with the plane,
11 everything is so expensive if the winter -- all-
12 weather road is here, that would be better. Like,
13 they think that all that -- they're talking about drug
14 and alcohol and all that. But it's like -- it's like
15 that everywhere but you guys shouldn't just talk about
16 it. It would be good if you guys talk about it and be
17 prepared and all the -- talk about and the -- it might
18 -- it might you guys. Maybe it'd be better if --
19 we're thinking that -- I wanted to help and all the
20 Board -- the Board would -- it would be nice if the
21 Board listen to you guys. It would be good and maybe
22 they -- they give you -- they do know information --
23 they get more information.

24 And all the -- in the past, Elders used
25 to talk about and they used to talk about all that

1 stuff and a road that -- now they're talking about
2 people used to go hunting. They used to go hunting
3 and we used to all used to used that word -- if they
4 say the cariboo, we used to travel -- they used to
5 travel around it. That's all I wanted say and
6 everywhere incorporate -- they have a corporation
7 everywhere.

8 And young people need a job. It would
9 be good if we help each other and that way it's better
10 it's -- it's -- the road would be faster. And I just
11 -- I just wanted to mention that so I mention that
12 here. Thank you very much that -- I don't really
13 understand -- my language, I'm just -- known this
14 lady. Thank you.

15 Three (3) days in a row we've been
16 having a meeting and whatever you guys say, it's
17 right. When I go back to Yellowknife I'll tell the
18 Chief what -- what was going on. Thank you.

19

20 (INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED)

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22 THE CHAIRPERSON: That was Elder Jonas
23 Sangris, just for the transcription.

24 Public comments...?

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1 (INTERPRETED FROM TLICHO LANGUAGE INTO ENGLISH)

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3 MR. LOUIS WEDERIN: My name is Louis
4 Wederin and I spoke already yesterday. The way I
5 listen to the people speaking, thank you. I thank for
6 that. All the -- all the people around here, around
7 the people that are here, people -- I just wanted to
8 say, all the people that are around here cause they
9 were saying that when they have a meeting last time,
10 when you guys came in last year there's going to be
11 road -- all-weather road is going to be here soon.

12 And you guys might of seen lots of
13 people, you guys might of seen a lot of people from
14 out of town. It might be alcohol, drugs. It might be
15 affected and if you guys don't want that to happen,
16 you -- you guys are -- who are living here in Whati
17 and maybe in Edmonton from Edmonton, out of town,
18 given they're coming with a boat, with a -- they're
19 going to have kicker -- if they want to go - if they
20 want to go fishing, they might do that too. And if
21 guys don't want it happen to you guys, you guys should
22 -- when you guys going to have an all-weather road,
23 talk about it. You guys should talk about all that.
24 And you guys should be prepared for it before that.

25 And did you guys have a -- did you guys

1 have a meeting about it? Did you guys have a -- being
2 prepared for this already. They were asking a
3 question. They were ask -- ask the question. I'm
4 worried about that. We live here. Our friends --
5 who -- who's a Tlicho government, part of Tlicho
6 government. Somehow -- maybe once a -- once a month
7 maybe we should hear -- we should gather once a month
8 in -- we should do workshop in Whati with -- that you
9 should help us and do that. Help us each other.

10 Even though the young people spoke and
11 the other ones saying that there should be -- it would
12 be good if the road comes -- comes in this way faster;
13 that's what they're saying. But if we do a workshop
14 on what's -- whatever's going on we should be prepared
15 for it. We should talk about.

16 I didn't say that it's not like this
17 but I'm just saying that. When you guys and all the
18 people that are all -- all here working for different
19 departments, I thank you guys that you're working
20 together.

21 All the -- they -- those Kee Morgan
22 (phonetic), all the RCMP, they're going to watch and
23 they're going to watch the road. Whoever -- whoever's
24 using that drugs and alcohol and there's -- there's
25 cops there, there's RCMP there for -- there's all the

1 animals -- animals and moose and all that and cariboo
2 and Natural Resources watching out would -- would be
3 watching out for it. And now this -- everything's
4 changing. A lot of things are changing.

5 Last time when I spoke if -- if we
6 don't have a parent, we don't have dad and mum, we
7 don't have parents, who's going to talk to us? Who's
8 going to tell us what to do this. You guys should do
9 this. You guys should do this and do that. They're
10 not going to tell us that again, they're -- they're
11 gone.

12 And when I think about it, it's -- it's
13 up to you guys that if you guys -- you guys had -- you
14 guys have a head you can think. The way I look at it
15 our parents just left us. They're gone. Who's going
16 to talk to us now? We're all like that. All of us,
17 we do -- we can't say mum and dad. If people from out
18 of town comes in from somewhere out of town and
19 they're not going to tell us to do this and do some
20 stuff, prepare for it you guys, stuff. Us, we have to
21 do it ourself. We're the one that can do it ourself.

22 And like, Air Tindi, it's good that
23 they -- they will go by Air Tindi and if I go -- if I
24 do to Edmonton -- Yellowknife, the pilot want to come
25 back -- I want to go out on the earth again and I tell

1 the pilot thank you. And when I come back here --
2 when I come back from Yellowknife, I get back home and
3 I thank the pilot that it brought me back here. But I
4 was in -- my Elders -- we're kind of always go by
5 plane -- we can't -- we can't always go by airline.

6 And when we get the all-weather road,
7 when we all get all-weather road, when we -- in the
8 vehicle that would be better. The way I look at it
9 that would be better than airline. Sometimes if
10 there's no -- if there's -- if there's -- if the
11 weather's no good, foggy and we can't -- can't get
12 out, if -- if the plane -- if the road is in, like,
13 all-weather road is in, if we have appointment we can
14 just go to Yellowknife. We can go to Yellowknife
15 anytime. Like kids thought they -- like one of the
16 youth spokes and that -- we -- we can go on a soccer
17 or hockey that the teacher will take us out; that's
18 one of the young guys spoke about it.

19 There's a lot of things that -- that
20 it's not good. There's lots with us but we can't say
21 that it's not really -- it's not -- it's too hard.
22 Whoever doesn't drink -- whoever doesn't drink doesn't
23 drink. Whoever drinks, just drinks but we can take it
24 too hard. It's up to a higher power. But we have to
25 -- if we work together -- if we work together, we keep

1 working together we might -- things might change.

2 Three (3) days in a row now you guys
3 have -- are -- you guys give us a lot of information;
4 that's very good. And talk about animals and all the
5 animals, everything that were -- our family been
6 raised up -- were raised up with -- we were raised
7 like that. What about if all the animals is gone, how
8 the generation going to -- going to use. That's why
9 you guys are helping us with information.

10 All the government working together.
11 It would be good if all the government works good --
12 works together. Things would turn out to be easier.
13 Where Tlicho government that they wanted to be a
14 Tlicho government and -- and the Tlicho government
15 that we have, I'm -- I'm happy for it. I'm thankful
16 for it. But we're going to be -- we're going --
17 Tlicho government but we have to do -- we have to make
18 money with the Tlicho government, that's how it's
19 going to -- that's how it's going to run otherwise how
20 is it going run?

21 Now, that -- the way I look at it it's
22 kind of quiet down. When -- when I was young, when I
23 was -- 70 years ago, it used to be hard time. Used to
24 be we don't have any -- we don't have any family
25 allowance, we have no old pension, we have no money.

1 Hardly any people work that time. Now if it's -- if
2 it's snowing around like this people -- our dad used
3 to go trapping. Sometime they get one (1) fur or two
4 (2) or they go to Rae and to cash it in maybe for ten
5 -- maybe \$30 for and we will buy and he and all the
6 matches and stuff that he -- \$30 he bought some stuff
7 and he came back, hard -- if it's -- it's going to
8 happen this time. \$30 was good that time.

9 We don't pay for light bill. We don't
10 pay for phone or we don't pay for water. We don't pay
11 for rent, nothing. So \$30 and my dad went to go to
12 Rae and bought some stuff with it. In the old -- in
13 the old days and he used to work at that, that's how
14 they raised their family. Now we're -- in the -- in
15 the old days people used to help each other and now --
16 nobody was starving back then. They -- if even it was
17 hard they give us -- they give each other some stuff.
18 When our dad used to catch the nets and when we bring
19 the fish back, he give -- give some fish to one
20 another; maybe two -- maybe when they carry -- when
21 they shoot some cariboo and everything, what --
22 whatever they get fish, cariboo, Woodland cariboo,
23 that's how they used to share to people around them.

24 And Elders that they used -- they used
25 to -- but I had a hard time. It was hard. And we're

1 -- we're just going to switch the stories around. I
2 was born 1938 -- 1948 and I went to -- I went with my
3 dad, like, I barely remember -- I barely remember
4 because it must be long. I'm not talk -- I'm -- I'm
5 not saying that I'm better than anybody, I'm just
6 saying that. Every summer that's what I used to go.
7 I used -- I used to go trapping into Wekweti. I went
8 to Wekweti, I bought five (5) times and I went to --
9 people in -- when people and others that it was really
10 a hard time. I know lots of stories about old time.

11 A lot of people that -- what happened
12 in -- in -- yes, I do remember a lot of the history
13 about the -- the past days when they used to have
14 tribal wars, when the peace was made. And then as an
15 elder I guess, you know, like the when you were told
16 some of the history like that, I guess, you -- you --
17 we did listen I guess, that's how come we -- we
18 remember -- did happen just recently.

19 Yes, I went down to the cariboo
20 harvesting on the barren land and that's almost 30
21 thirty years in the past and then to date, to date as
22 an elder I guess, you know, like the -- nobody seem to
23 recognize -- nobody seem to appreciate now what the
24 elder had done in -- during his lifetime. But to date
25 I guess, you know, like the -- the things have

1 changed. I guess, you know, that a lot of times you
2 think of the history in the past, a lot of people that
3 haven't had very much minimal education and some they
4 didn't have education but they led us as leaders and
5 today they -- you pretty well have to -- you pretty
6 well have to be well educated or -- in order to become
7 a leader.

8 But nonetheless, he says that I've been
9 on the land all the way down to the Point Lake area,
10 you know, on the barren land. I guess three (3) times
11 I went down there by packing your own canvass canoe
12 and the outboard motors and all their gears. Just
13 about every year we used to go back almost the same
14 area. A lot of times I guess we went over there to
15 harvest some dry meat, dry -- and cariboo and for
16 clothing and that and then it -- but our leaders of
17 the day that Elders are travelling with us and they --
18 and they never -- and they never did give up by now.
19 They just keep on going into further north into the
20 barren land but -- but they still keep on going until
21 they come across to some herds of cariboo.

22 Yes, I did travel to the long distance
23 like that a few times. Regarding the -- our
24 ancestors, I guess, the -- they have live on the land
25 and how they live he says it's just that they -- they

1 solely on the traditional clothing, mostly with hides
2 and trousers and made their own shirts and coats. So
3 that's how they -- the cariboo was quite valuable back
4 then.

5 Yes, the -- our ancestors I guess, you
6 know, they -- they really go out on the land sometime
7 the first week of August, you know, they met the
8 cariboo migrating back this way to find that the calf
9 with the little fine hair so they could make trousers
10 out of it for the winter and possible for mittens and
11 for the coats. So, that's how -- how tough the life
12 used to be back then.

13 So I'm not saying the -- only Tlicho
14 nation they had to go through all that experience. I
15 think all the nations across the country experienced
16 the same thing. Yes, the -- telling the story about
17 the history, in the evening -- any evening, just about
18 every evening I guess, no different the Elders would
19 tell the legends of the history and -- and then how
20 they did travel on the land with the -- days they used
21 to travel by birchbark canoes and that.

22 Yes, like -- like I said, like I said,
23 that we know that a lot of history because not only me
24 but a lot of people that's living used to travel on
25 the annual hunt on the barren lands. Yes, the area on

1 the lake called Maso Lake (phonetic), I guess, this is
2 where the actual peace has been, you know, made with
3 the Akaitcho and the Edzo.

4 Yes, the -- I understand that there
5 might be more speakers and then I'd like to -- expect
6 to talk too long but now -- yes, that I've been trying
7 to encourage the -- our leaders to build some kind of
8 a launch on the area where the actual peace was
9 signed, peace was agreed on Maso Lake and -- and it
10 would be nice if we all go down to the annual --
11 annual gathering over there where actual peace was
12 made.

13 Yes, I'd like to thank you to come to
14 our community and give us a lot of information about
15 upcoming all-season road connecting to the main
16 highway. And definitely he says all the resource
17 people are here to help us and then -- that's reason
18 why I'm quite thankful that you're assisting us and
19 now that the -- once -- once the agreement is pretty
20 well reached, I guess, you know, that -- that the --
21 the real works begin right after and it's -- there has
22 to be some followup on it.

23 Yes, I do have another concern on the -
24 - on the Whati. When we're talking about the lodge
25 that was created, yes, like once somebody mentioned

1 about Casey Jones developed and opened up a lodge in
2 the Whati. Yes, that once -- once the lodge change --
3 exchanged hands to different -- new ownership I guess
4 on the -- the -- the people were working at the lodge
5 as a guiding for commercial fish -- for sports fishing
6 and then, apparently, it's been replaced by some other
7 groups and then the -- so time -- times I guess like
8 that it did happen over time that, you know, and so.

9 The -- the consultation is very
10 important and when the exchange of the ownership, I
11 guess, you know, like I said we weren't consulted in
12 the past so although I got a lot of mixed messages
13 here, there's -- I just like to pass my information
14 out. Yes, in order to record, you know, the actual
15 activity that took place over time and so there's a
16 lot of information that we have that could be shared
17 but it's -- we have long history of the surroundings.
18 I'm originally from Behchoko. I was raised in
19 Behchoko and then the -- like I said, I've been going
20 down towards -- towards Whati about five past the
21 winter lake area, I guess. We went down there by
22 Camas (phonetic) canal about five (5) times maybe,
23 somewhat more between here and Point Lake and maybe a
24 couple of times towards Lutsel K'e area.

25 So, yes, the history -- the history

1 tells us that our ancestors that they really had to
2 work hard to do their living back then but one thing -
3 - one thing they did was that they were supporting one
4 another. They shared all their -- whoever has kills
5 from cariboo they shared; if they had moose meat they
6 shared it; if they had abundance of fish they shared
7 it. So that's how the people survived back then.

8 Yes, I'm not saying that my only --
9 people that we know around here did that, I guess, you
10 know, and people from around all over the country did
11 the same thing. Yes, the -- I see some other nation
12 across the country on the television, I guess, you
13 know, like on the history channel I guess, you know,
14 we've learned that now some other nations that they
15 had a tough living back then and now that the -- with
16 people supporting one another I think that life seem -
17 - tends to be simpler.

18 Yes, I was medevac to Edmonton about a
19 year ago. Yes, I did pray a lot about the -- about
20 the -- when I was sick in bed in hospital -- yes, when
21 I was in hospital I was sick in bed I guess I often
22 thought a lot about the peace was made and tried to --
23 said a lot of prayer and that's how I survive and our
24 religion do help us as well too.

25 Yes, that it's always good to see that

1 young people, you know, listen to their elders
2 because, you know, our elders would say that the -- if
3 you have -- if you listen to your forefathers and
4 grandfather that, you know, you could live long;
5 that's reason why I live to see my grey hair.

6 So, today, I'm thankful and thank you,
7 thank you and thank you. Masi.

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9 (INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED)

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11 THE CHAIRPERSON: Masi for your
12 comments. Masi. The floor is open to public comment.

13 MR. RICHARD WILLIAH: My name is
14 Richard Williah, I'm Whati. I speak two (2) language
15 but I Tlichho.

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17 (INTERPRETED FROM TLICHO LANGUAGE INTO ENGLISH)

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19 MR. RICHARD WILLIAH: He wants to talk
20 about some stuff that -- I'm not going to say what --
21 whatever that used to happen in the past. I'm not
22 going to -- 1900 and 1970, around there, that is the
23 animals that -- animals weren't sick that time. That
24 -- at that time they -- they had no -- there was no
25 sickness with -- for animals but now -- because there

1 was no mine back then.

2 After -- after the mine is open and all
3 the -- and -- cariboo is going different, when I think
4 about it and when we're Tlicho -- we know all the
5 people -- people are getting sick more. Some people
6 get -- and they're sick with their heart. Some of
7 them they with -- they're sick with the head and
8 again, and -- again, the animals are -- they have a
9 heart and they must be thinking too. They have a head
10 to think. I don't know why all the animals getting
11 less and less. I'm just kind of worried about it.

12 I wanted to speak about it. And I want
13 people, there's all the medicine, all -- all kind of
14 the sickness there is and then they give a flu shot to
15 people. What about the animals? Sometime it's a
16 hundred and maybe together but maybe in '98 hasn't
17 been checkup. Maybe only two (2) cariboo or something
18 been checkup and that's why it's kind of hard. It's
19 not easy and the -- and the -- it's -- all the animals
20 are going less because maybe we're been attacking the
21 -- and those cariboo, when I think about it, how can -
22 - can we find out if it's -- if it's easier. Maybe we
23 can -- maybe we can do it, we can help out each other
24 so somebody can find out how come those animals are
25 going less and less.

1 All the animals are going less. Why is
2 that? How come all the animals are going less? The
3 animals and cariboo is sick. They're -- they're --
4 sometimes they -- they just died on the side of the
5 road and all that -- on the store too maybe --
6 sometime at the store that I don't really use those
7 store-bought. I like to use cariboo meat. I like to
8 use fish. Now that -- now I'm worried about it
9 because there's all kind of sickness out there now.

10 There's cariboo and I worry about maybe
11 you guys should think about it. Not only that but
12 all the mine is open now and there's maybe the water
13 do -- the water too is in different -- we don't know
14 the waters, they're no more -- maybe it's affected.
15 But a lot of people get sick and now the animals are
16 getting sick and people -- people when they're sick --
17 when we're sick, we take medication. What about if
18 that animals if they get sick they don't take
19 medication. How do them get better if they get worse
20 and worse, that's how they died. And maybe you guys
21 should think about all that.

22 I just wanted to mention all that.

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24 (INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED)

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1 THE CHAIRPERSON: I have public
2 comments at the back and I think they're -- they're
3 just going to sit in their chairs. So, there's three
4 (3) ladies at the back that would like to speak.

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6 (INTERPRETED FROM TLICHO LANGUAGE INTO ENGLISH)

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8 MS. SOPHIE WILLIAH: My name is Sophie
9 Williah, she said. I'm from Whati. I'm worried about
10 the all-weather road that you guys came in for to talk
11 about all-weather road. All the people that they
12 talking about all-weather road. We're going to have
13 all-weather road and now you guys came in to talk
14 about it.

15 I'm -- and we're worried about it, all
16 of us and all of us that we have kids, we have
17 children, we have grandchildren, we have to think
18 about them. What -- if you don't -- if we don't -- we
19 says we don't want that road to be built but it's
20 still going to be like that. It's still going to be
21 road. Here, everything's different now. Sometime it
22 doesn't freeze up, it's climate change. So, things
23 are -- sometimes it doesn't freeze up good. It's not
24 really cold and like before. Everything is changing
25 now.

1 And I'm just worried about that.
2 Everything that, how it's going to be, what's going to
3 happen. How we're going to live. You guys talk about
4 all that already. And all the drugs and the alcohol,
5 you guys how -- how it's going to be drug and alcohol
6 and all the road that, how you guys going to do -- how
7 you guys going to -- the road's going to be built.
8 You guys talk about all that even though we say it's
9 no -- we don't want that road to happen but it's going
10 to be happening anyways. Now we use airline. It's
11 kind of scared to use airline all the time.

12 Like myself and two (2) times I went
13 out for meeting to Behchoko in Rae and I went -- went
14 to Edzo airport and something -- the plane couldn't
15 land. I don't know what happened but had to go back
16 to Yellowknife and then we when were -- we went closer
17 to Yellowknife that -- I'm going to tell you guys the
18 pilot said that you guys want to -- one (1) of the --
19 one of the -- one of the airplane fin wasn't working
20 good. So that's why I said.

21 Last year too about forty (40) people
22 were in the plane and I went around two (2) times here
23 and went back to Yellowknife. I don't know what was
24 going on but I anyway when -- after we pass Rae and
25 the pilot said that everything's there and they can't

1 land here because of the weather. And so -- but
2 Yellowknife, when they get back to Yellowknife the
3 plane could land good.

4 And one of the -- so the plane wasn't -
5 - the engine wasn't running good and -- cause it's
6 good that -- it's better that it was to land it in
7 Yellowknife good. So after we land good, we landed in
8 Yellowknife we said thank you to -- and my higher
9 power. You guys talking about all-weather road and
10 you guys already told us already and here we live
11 here. We live here being -- we live here in Whati.
12 Our relative or our family look after us and they --
13 they raise us up with cariboo meat, with fish,
14 everything.

15 And maybe the way I look at it is we're
16 not going to be -- nothing and it's going to happen
17 that much -- we don't know whether -- you know the
18 road is -- that Chief can help us. We can help each
19 other to talk about it. You guys came in for a road
20 and I think -- and you all guys came in with airline,
21 wherever you guys going back to, it would be good if
22 you guys landed safe; that's what I'm thinking. It
23 would be good if you guys get home safe. It's up a
24 higher power but...

25 And I just -- I just think that it

1 would be good if you guys get home safety and I want
2 to go by airline. I'm kind of scared to go by airline
3 once and awhile when I fly out. We tell -- you guys
4 talk about road and even though we say it's not going
5 to happen but it's going to happen, you know. We
6 don't pass the question to the agency that -- if we do
7 you guys say and it's going to be no road but it's --
8 it's going come anyways and we don't have -- after we
9 pass, the road still going to be built; that's what he
10 was saying.

11 I hope everything is okay with you
12 guys; that's what he was saying. I still remember
13 what he used to say to us. I just want to say -- I
14 just want to say -- I'm just worried about what I want
15 to say and spoke to you guys. Thank you.

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17 (INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED)

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19 MS. CAROLYN COEY: Good day. I'm
20 Justice of the Peace Carolyn Coey since... Masi,
21 Jimmy. Justice of the Peace Carolyn Coey since 1994.
22 Been a resident since 1998. Nurse by profession.
23 Church communion minister. Wife of Charlie Simpson
24 who doesn't want the road. Mother of three (3)
25 children, ages 22 to 32 who don't want the road.

1 Grandmother of three (3) who want the road for Grandma
2 to take them shopping and to MacDonallds.

3 I wish to speak to the Review Board
4 first about the youth. Today is the first time I've
5 heard an expression of the youth -- or the youth
6 expressing concern about drug use, drug dealing, drug
7 muleling and intoxication. Since 1990, by my
8 attendance at many meetings of particular concern for
9 me is the muleling comment because it is often the
10 young and women and mentally compromised or more --
11 more volatile segments of a population who are sought
12 out after for drug and alcohol illegal transporting.

13 I'm aware over the past 20 years of
14 women and spouses, in particular, being found guilty
15 of the illegal transporting under the Canadian
16 criminal code. I am concerned now that the youth are
17 expressing this view. My worst fears would be that
18 the youth, as a group, are experiencing this pressure.

19 The youth expressed thoughtful mature
20 concerns about their culture, language, social well-
21 being. They are living these impacts now and its
22 importance cannot be understated nor undervalued.

23 The youth also expressed concerns about
24 fun, school, sports trips or seeing family; all valid
25 in and of themselves. However, it is organizations

1 and groups and family wage earners, who will have to
2 commit and are financially responsible. So while this
3 is an important expression of culture and language,
4 and social well-being, I doubt they are in control of
5 either the vehicles or the budget.

6 On a more personal note, as a
7 grandmother of course, I -- I do desire to take my
8 family out, but I feel pressure to stay on this land
9 and participate in the culture and the language and
10 family community activities that are needed here to
11 revitalize.

12 On the road, I anticipate driving past
13 families driving in to join the same Whati culture and
14 language and family community prized, no dare I say,
15 renown activities such as our drum dances. This makes
16 me sad. It will compound the loss already being felt
17 and expressed by my youth. I will say "my youth"
18 because in seven (7) months I will be 60 years old --
19 young and I hope to graduate to an elder.

20 I had more concerns -- I had more
21 concerns quickly, such as, when will two (2) more RCMP
22 members be added to our community? As is done with
23 the added influx in our population each year with
24 special gatherings due to the increased community
25 security demands and the increased highway patrol

1 demands.

2 And where will an additional ambulance
3 or air ambulance service for emergencies be based for
4 the additional highway emergency needs?

5 And do both our local government
6 employers, the TG and community government, have
7 employee drug and alcohol policies and HR directives
8 for any anticipated addiction related issue spikes?

9 And of course lest we forget, do our
10 local employers have marijuana use and misuse employee
11 policies and HR directives to address workplace
12 incidents that may contribute to any of the
13 anticipated social impacts spikes with the 2018
14 legalization laws imminent?

15 To conclude, yes, there are many
16 unknowns. WhatI has been working together through an
17 interagency since 2001 or so, on and off. WhatI's
18 strength has been in its culture, its language and
19 community. The youth spoke the truth here.

20 I do thank the Board for listening to
21 all the presentations. I thank everyone, especially
22 our young people, for speaking and listening. From
23 Justice of the Peace Carolyn Coey. Thank you.

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25 (INTERPRETED FROM TLICHO LANGUAGE INTO ENGLISH)

1 MR. JIMMY RABESCA: You talk about
2 the road, all-weather road. His name is Jimmy
3 Rabesca. The road is going -- they're going be build
4 the road and you know -- and we talk about it long
5 time ago that some of them, they already pass one.

6 We don't -- we went around put the --
7 before -- before the road, we took -- we took a
8 petition around town and we talk about it and we
9 already sign the paper. Now they said they're going
10 to work on the road.

11 We already did it before, we did a
12 petition before. But if we talk about something we
13 can't always say that it's too hard, we can't do it.
14 It's up to -- one (1) of the Elders and ladies speak -
15 - spoke and said that it's -- it's up to -- a higher
16 power. We can't always say it's hard to do this.
17 That's how -- we have no family, have no dad or mum;
18 that's how we live. We can't always use by airline
19 that's -- that's the truth.

20 Three (3) years ago and we -- we -- we
21 got lost with the plane three (3) years ago and -- and
22 someone from Emery Lakes (phonetic) or Fred he knows
23 about it. When we -- when we were going to -- when we
24 were going by plane and he took off again for -- just
25 close to Yellowknife and the pilot was saying that and

1 all the ice went on the plane, there was just icy and
2 -- and they keep going down. He said, I'm going --
3 I'm going to put it up, the plane. I'm going to put
4 up the plane he said, that pilot, but it's going to be
5 nosie but you guys are -- are Catholic, you guys can
6 pray. And asked for our God that we land -- we land
7 good.

8 And he put the plane, pulled out of it,
9 just ever loud, the plane was ever loud he said. And
10 when the plane could land he said to hold on to the
11 chair, hold on to the chair good. He was going to try
12 to -- he's going to try and land it and then it keep
13 going like that and finally all the -- finally they
14 landed all the -- all the ice came out that plane;
15 that's how we're asking for a road, all-weather road.

16 If we go on the all-weather road and
17 we're may be -- may be good. We can't always but it's
18 hard. We'll have to be positive sometime. If
19 nothing's going to happen on the road, nothing's going
20 to happen. That's all we're asking for, all-weather
21 road.

22 Now that the young people and -- by
23 that time they should be older; that's for them to...
24 And then us, maybe we won't be there that -- at that
25 time. We talk about all-weather road. All those

1 things that and drugs and alcohol, it's going to go
2 on. It's up -- it's us, we have our own home. We
3 have our kids. We have their kids -- or our kids, we
4 will have to talk to them. And other people are -- we
5 can't always look at the other people to talk to our
6 kids for us now.

7 Like me, like right now and my -- my
8 wife start -- start talking about -- to -- to the kids
9 and she -- cause she's speaking this pretty good and
10 it's talking to kids and it's all his son and
11 daughters, if you listen to us, if you listen to me
12 every time it'll be okay. If they don't listen to me
13 if anything happen to you guys, it's going to be up to
14 you.

15 So if we listen to each other, it's
16 good. And when somebody is -- somebody is speaking
17 good, somebody's speaking, if you lis -- if you live
18 your life, whoever take a good words, you live your
19 life it's going to be good. That's how we used to
20 live. That's how our father or grandfather used to
21 talk to us like that and now we talk about road.
22 That's what -- if you don't order us, I still want the
23 road to be built but it would be good if we help each
24 other.

25 And I just -- I just told you guys,

1 it's up to us that we speak to -- my wife and I we --
2 we speak to our kids, how they should live. What is
3 bad and what is good. It's up us. When -- how you
4 guys going to live when we take them to bush where we
5 have to talk to them about how to work on -- out on
6 the land and how did -- if the road is built before
7 that we have to be prepared and talking to them.

8 When my wife -- when my wife and I we
9 speak about -- the Chief is here. Before the winter
10 road come out -- before the road comes we should just
11 let -- help -- help the kids. Let them pray, teach
12 them how to pray.

13 The Chief is here, he should think
14 about -- just about all that that's how we're going to
15 survive. We have to talk to each -- talk to each
16 other good; that's how -- we talk -- we talk about
17 road. We can't always say negative stuff, like, it
18 would be good if everything goes easily. Now, we just
19 have to help each other, read the Bible, teach the
20 kids about Bible, how to pray and Bible study, that
21 would be good. Maybe they will change some day.
22 Maybe they'll listen us.

23 I just want to speak to you about that
24 and just happy. And if we don't I'm ov -- I'm over 80
25 years old so I'm thinking -- I thank you. And even

1 you guys we don't understand you, we don't understand
2 you guys but you guys give us a good word. I can't
3 say you guys have lied. We just have to think --
4 thank each other. That's how -- that's how we live.
5 In the future if you don't -- we don't understand each
6 other when we look at each day, some day we're going
7 to be happy.

8 Now, I -- I'm speaking to you guys
9 there's lots of stories -- there's lots of stories
10 that we don't know you guys share with us, it's good.
11 I thank you that you guys give me good words. Thank
12 you.

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14 (INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED)

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16 MS. MARY ANN JEREMICK'IM: My name is
17 Mary Ann Jeremick'im. I'm a government service
18 officer for GNWT. Listening to not what all was said,
19 I was in and out of the meeting, but I just want to
20 highlight on some information that was given and some
21 other things that this community had lack in many
22 years.

23 Working with different organization but
24 always been a service provider for this community for
25 many, many years, I noticed that there's a lot of

1 things that we could have better service been deliver,
2 but because we're outline communities and everything
3 is flown in, we don't get the complete services that
4 we always needed.

5 One example is that we do have children
6 that have disability need, like, speech therapists,
7 all these kind of stuff that could be provided here if
8 we do have the road, and that's one (1) thing that
9 came into my mind

10 And then the other thing too I wanted
11 to touch on is that I felt very honour and proud that
12 our Tlicho government is involved with this and wrote.
13 In the past I know there's a lot of things that have
14 been brought up to different outline communities that
15 we never have input into it. Where the -- when a
16 project -- a major project is brought into our
17 communities, we just said -- we just stood or sat
18 aside never was told that this was going to happen and
19 this is how it's going to be happening.

20 This is something that we should really
21 cherish that we're involved. And one (1) of the
22 things that I'm very proud of is that all the research
23 that's done for the caribou, the Woodland caribou, the
24 fish, the plants, what would happen and how it
25 happened. All these things are very good information

1 and this is where the elders came in big time because
2 they're the one with the knowledge. They're the one
3 with the degree that have ideas as what's going on in
4 our community, around our community on our land. So
5 that's one thing that I really wanted to express.

6 And the other thing too is that I know
7 a lot of elders talked about it. My late father
8 Phillip Nitsiza also had brought it up that he talked
9 about the road 30, 40 years ago. I never thought that
10 I would see the day but thinking about it, I know
11 there's going to be a lot of community social problems
12 and that and like the Elder said, It's up to
13 individuals in the community to help their community
14 to be safe. It takes a community to make a community
15 and that's what he meant.

16 But there's a lot of things that we
17 need to work with our community and there's a lot of
18 things that can be delivered and we could have access
19 to, and that's what we're lacking on and especially --
20 like, I have a granddaughter that's living in
21 Yellowknife. They had to move to Yellowknife because
22 of cer -- speech therapy. We couldn't provide that
23 here and that's the reason why they're moving and
24 those are the things that could be easily brought to
25 our community.

1 So I just wanted to also say big thank
2 you to our Chief Alfonz Nitsiza. He was the one that
3 initiated this special interagency that started in
4 2013. This is the reason why he started it because we
5 knew this day was going to come. At the time when we
6 had our special interagency meeting, we talked about
7 all the pros and cons of that's what's going to bring
8 into this road. We wanted people to participate. We
9 wanted to hear everybody's ideas and how we can come
10 together and try to find solution of certain things,
11 like the drugs that's going to be coming into our
12 community; that alcohol.

13 But as a community we need to work
14 together. We need to find solution and try to help
15 each other and I also want to see a big thank you to
16 GNWT for supporting us and making us connect to the
17 other world. Thank you.

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19 (INTERPRETED FROM TLICHO LANGUAGE INTO ENGLISH)

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21 MR. FRANCIS SIMPSON: Thank you. Once
22 again, my name is Francis Simpson. I'm originally
23 from Whati.

24 Yes, I'm quite thankful and then the
25 reason why I'm thankful, I want to explain it. Yes,

1 we seen some youth that did participate in -- in the
2 hearing. And I for one have spoke out about not
3 having students, you know, in the public hearing. And
4 to date they showed up. I'm quite thankful because
5 the reasons why I said that was because of what we're
6 doing here in the last three (3) days was their future
7 that we were talking about and so they should see it
8 for themselves but Elders had envisioned and for
9 future developments.

10 Yes, hopefully that any time that, you
11 know, we have some Elders do participate in the
12 activities such as this should have Elders invol --
13 not the Elders but youth involved in it.

14 Yes, the -- we were young one time too
15 and now let's -- we've become an Elder and the -- the
16 younger generation today, especially the youth, we're
17 discussing their future and then, you know, some day
18 if we live through it and then they live to see that
19 they might become an Elder in the future as well too.
20 So, history in the making today and then the -- a lot
21 of times, I guess, you know, that maybe a dream come
22 true from the past leaders that had envisioned that,
23 you know, one day that the reality might come in to
24 being.

25 Yes, when you're here some people spoke

1 about the high living, the high cost of living over
2 here in a remote community and the freight costs and
3 the -- there's a lot of things that are associated
4 with the -- with the transportation that, you know,
5 and has been identified too to the Board. The -- it's
6 -- I'm quite thankful that, you know, that we have
7 that many people that are supporting the project and
8 then once it's all -- once the Board finalize and make
9 decisions and make a final report should the Minister
10 now is under Minister's discretion to approve it.

11 And then the -- once it's done then the
12 really work begins and the -- yes, that I too have a
13 lot of history of the past and then in the past we did
14 rely heavily on our Elders and then including -- we
15 used to have a prophet too. The -- for spiritual
16 guidings and what future might be like, I guess, you
17 know, were identified by our prophets and we don't
18 have prophets any more so that we have to rely heavily
19 on one another expertise.

20 So, to date, I like to see that the
21 students and church are well taught already in
22 religion and then the -- and hopefully that having our
23 own interagency could -- you know, on a regular basis
24 would be great. Thank you for listening to me.

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1 (INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED

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3 (INTERPRETED FROM TLI CHO LANGUAGE INTO ENGLISH)

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5 MR. CHARLIE JIM NITSIZA: My name is
6 Charlie Jim Nitsiza, originally from Beh -- come
7 community of Whati.

8 I've been observing the discussion
9 for last three (3) days here in -- through the public
10 hearing. The thing where just doing the -- the proper
11 thing by using the -- the -- although the amount of
12 time it takes to get this far and then the -- we think
13 we're that many here to make a sound decision under
14 the majority rules, but nonetheless I think if I look
15 back in the history I think we're more than the amount
16 of people we have here to date.

17 The history tells us that, you know,
18 that we have a future. Elders of the past, about some
19 forty (40) years ago have discussed the all-weather
20 road. And, of course, the past leaders like Joe Makwi
21 (phonetic), Alexia Omaker (phonetic) and John Nitsiza
22 have -- had under the radar as well too. So I said
23 something new and, yes, that the -- if the Elders
24 think that it's safe to proceed with the all-weather
25 road, you know, maybe they might have the right

1 reasons.

2 Yes, the -- to date -- to date the --
3 the idea has been brought to the Tlicho government and
4 the Tlicho government took it quite seriously and
5 considered and now that -- I was part of the Tlicho
6 government and as a Chief and the -- due to
7 circumstances, you know, that -- other circumstances
8 it took that long on to -- come to the conclusion.

9 Yes, that we used to remember a wise
10 Elder like Alexia Omaker from Wetweki. Yes, the -- if
11 you want to make a sound decision that, you know, just
12 don't try to make decision that -- that wouldn't last
13 very long. If you want to have a long term item that
14 you want on, you know, and try to work all -- work it
15 out altogether I think we just -- we did just that to
16 date.

17 And then he reminder us to -- to look
18 after your wildlife with the conjunction with the
19 territorial government and including federal
20 government to -- to look after your wildlife, you
21 know. So to date we have that capacity that works
22 well for us so I think it's a long time coming and
23 then these things should have been happened and we
24 were encouraging government to help us in the past
25 but, you know, they -- they waited that long but to

1 date they're here with us and then we're with them.

2 And then like I said there's more than
3 us. I think past leaders were -- it was their vision
4 that was -- we're still working on.

5 Yes, the -- definitely he says that the
6 -- we got a lot of government and agencies and
7 companies and organizations that work and they listen
8 to us and including the Review. I think that the
9 Review Board Chair -- are listening to us to make a
10 good sound decision on -- on our behalf. I think you
11 were happy that all the Elders and youth had the
12 concern heart and now the other -- other communities
13 and -- are here supporting us as well. And then so
14 that the -- they give us more clout that, you know,
15 that there's more than one (1) community supporting
16 this initiative.

17 Yes, the -- this isolate -- isolated
18 community I guess, you know, once the road connected
19 we wouldn't be, you know, that isolated into the
20 future. Now that -- although, there might be some
21 minimum impact on the social problems but nonetheless
22 it might be good for the future youth because for
23 recreational purposes if they want to play national
24 games or international games, I guess, they want to go
25 across they're going to have to drive out of here and

1 drive home. They're going to have, you know, for good
2 healthy in sportsmanship, I guess, you know, the --
3 the avenue will be open.

4 So these are the things that, you know,
5 that's been brought to our Leader's attention and --
6 and we convey all that to the Board. I too know --
7 we're hoping that a road could have come in, you know,
8 some time ago but to date it's coming to reality.
9 Thank you.

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11 (INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED)

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13 THE CHAIRPERSON: Is there anyone else
14 that would like to speak that has not had the
15 opportunity to speak today? Any new speakers.

16 MR. SONNY ZOE: My name is Sonny Zoe.
17 I've been a community leader for fifteen (15) years.
18 Also work as an energy program coordinator for fifteen
19 (15) years. I work with Arctic Energy Alliance.

20 I want to say to you in my language.

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22 (INTERPRETED FROM TLICHO LANGUAGE INTO ENGLISH)

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24 MR. SONNY ZOE: He said he -- he just
25 want to talk about there are people that when we live

1 here and a lot of things that going on and all the --
2 it's good for us to save some animals and all that,
3 but, it's not like that. We always just want more and
4 more. If we -- if we see like a rabbit and fish, when
5 I was young and I remember grand -- grandpa, they --
6 we used to catch the nets with our grandpa and we used
7 to take the fish -- because we don't have any bins so
8 we just use our fingers to take the fish out and fish
9 to the -- now there's lots of -- it's different now
10 and everybody's using all that 40 horse and 20 horse,
11 all the boats, they're loud and all that.

12 There's a lot of activities going on so
13 -- there used to be lots of fish by around September
14 15 now it's not like that. Some people set the nets
15 way far from here and that's -- that's when they --
16 they can catch some fish. Now they said -- now
17 there's lots of activities that's why it's like that.
18 There's hardly any fish. Now the skidoo too, like,
19 will go all over the place with the skidoo, that's why
20 there's -- right now we have a power plant. It's too
21 loud. There's lots of -- there's lots of black bird
22 and it's coming out and it's too noisy.

23 And now when I was members and I was --
24 I supported all-weather road. What -- when is an all-
25 weather road -- when all-weather road is in when they

1 have -- there's no hydro that would be good; that's
2 what I'm thinking that way from no hydro would it be
3 good. Now it's -- the power bill goes to -- too much.
4 Only one -- one kilowatt is about a hundr -- a dollar
5 and sixty-five cents (\$1.65). It's too much. Some
6 people are not working and they even pay for light
7 bill like that. It can't always be like that.

8 And now there's greenhouse gas and
9 around the earth. Everything climate change. The
10 weather's changing, climate changing. Last year we
11 barely got gas in for our -- because it's -- it's
12 really hard for weather that -- it's hard -- this
13 month and next month might be only cold for two (2)
14 months and now it's going to get warm up again.

15 So if it keeps -- if it's like that all
16 the time, how are we going to get our gas, our
17 supplies in? And -- so it's better we should think --
18 we should start thinking about that. What are we
19 going to -- how get things in sometimes how and -- on
20 -- all-weather road stuff will come in. Some people,
21 young people, have kids and when it gets warm up and
22 they just sit -- they just stay like that. Some of
23 them nine (9) months they don't go anywhere.

24 What about if -- if you go to down
25 south you see a lot of things. Some people when they

1 go out maybe kids -- kids will go out for activities
2 and this way and the -- I work as a -- I work as an
3 energy -- energy and I want -- I'm trying to help out
4 and I say a plant and around the town to help out and
5 put -- with a stuff and all that. They're using all
6 that so right now they're giving -- they give me out a
7 wood stove too so if they give out a wood stove maybe
8 they won't -- won't use that much and furnace, that's
9 what they're thinking so they're giving out some -- or
10 giving them -- giving out stove.

11 We know that if the -- all-weather road
12 is going be -- it's in, it's going to be hard. A lot
13 of people are saying that. Some people, who's going
14 to talk to them. Some young -- young people don't
15 have mum and dad, maybe if we'll go see them and talk
16 to them, maybe we can change and they're working
17 together. But it's going to be and take time. The
18 road -- and maybe the road's going to come sometime
19 but not it was -- where I was living it was kind of
20 quiet, now it's getting noisy. It's getting a lot of
21 activities going on.

22 But I know that all-weather road is
23 going to be -- it's going to help though. And how --
24 how it's going to help us, like, maybe we should work
25 together. Thank you.

1 (INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED)

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3 THE CHAIRPERSON: Comments? We
4 probably could take another comment before supper is
5 ready.

6 MS. REANNA SMITH: Hi, my name -- hi,
7 my name is Reanna Smith. I've lived in Whati most of
8 my life. My only concern about all -- about the all-
9 season road is that once the road is open, people are
10 going to be going back and forth for gambling, booze,
11 et cetera.

12 People can possibly become homeless and
13 poor because of spending money elsewhere. Some of the
14 houses can become boarded up because of the all-season
15 road and it will have people move away from their
16 hometown. It will destroy our way of life in our
17 community.

18 People in the future won't be going to
19 the -- be going on the land as much as we are today.
20 Some will let in drugs in our community. People who
21 are abusing drugs will let in more and more narcotics.

22 We Tlicho citizens of Whati have worked
23 so hard to get where we are now. We are strong like
24 two (2) people. If you agree to this then you are
25 letting in booze and drugs into our community.

1 The plants we use to make our
2 traditional medicine will become populated. Once you
3 construct the all-season road you can't go back to
4 redo your mistakes. So, what will happen to our way
5 of -- to our way of life if they build this road?

6 If you want to build this road for
7 another reason, it's job, right? When people bring in
8 drugs, alcohol, they're bound to get criminal records.
9 Other from out of town will get jobs than Whati
10 citizens.

11 These are my reasons why I strongly
12 disagree. Thank you.

13 THE CHAIRPERSON:

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15 (INTERPRETED FROM TLI CHO LANGUAGE INTO ENGLISH)

16

17 MR. JOHN BEAVERHO: My name is John
18 Beaverho. I just want to tell ya, I never talk --
19 spoke out like this in the public before. I'm just
20 thinking thirty-seven (37) years ago how was it -- now
21 it's tough. We're not going to go back and fix
22 everything. Now, we're going to have a winter road,
23 we're going to have an all-weather road. We should
24 just wait and everything is -- everything is going to
25 go.

1 And kids they what -- the youth are
2 talking about the -- they said there's going to be
3 booze is coming in on that. Might be boarded -- some
4 place might be boarded up. Some people around here,
5 everybody's not going to have a job. And -- and
6 people they say that all -- if the all-weather road is
7 going -- it's going to be in and people are going to
8 work, they said that, but not everybody's going to
9 work, not -- they're not going -- they're not going to
10 have that job forever.

11 About and thirty-seven (37) years ago
12 how was it in Behchoko? Nobody was drinking before.
13 They used to have drum dance. They used to have a
14 good drum dance. They used -- used to have a drum
15 dance til 6:00 in the morning. And now -- now it's
16 different and there's a lot of -- and I, myself, use
17 the alcohol. There's lots of -- lots of alcohol
18 involved. If we know -- if we know what -- what's --
19 we know for sure that everything's going to go and --
20 but -- but I kind of shouted to speak.

21 1978 and we used to set the nets.
22 Seven o'clock in the morning my -- my dad woke me up,
23 we set the nets by the lake and it's nosie and in the
24 morning it's nosie and all that. How it's going to be
25 in the future with this? It's going to be different.

1 My dad used to tell me, he said, thirty-seven (37)
2 years ago he said. Now and -- people can skate in
3 Behchoko and it's just lot of activities going on.
4 You guys should think about it.

5 Some people that -- and you guys should
6 speak up. Whoever don't want that all-weather road
7 should speak out. Like me, myself, I'm not worried --
8 I don't -- I'm not going to say "yes" or "no" because
9 at this time I don't know. We're not the boss and we
10 don't make -- we don't make stories how people used to
11 work and how we used to live. It's -- it's for us
12 that we're living now, not the past. Well that -- we
13 have to speak for ourself.

14 Thirty-seven (37) years from -- from
15 now on, what's going to happen? Every -- everybody's
16 house might be boarded up. Kids that they -- they're
17 walking around. Kids they go back to school in the
18 morning. Some kids -- kids, they go back to school.
19 Their family going back -- their family pick them up
20 at lunchtime. What's going to happen if -- once the
21 road came in, it's going to be a lot of money in
22 Yellowknife. There's a lot of -- there's a lot of
23 money in Yellowknife cause it's big.

24 Here what we have, look around. If we
25 go out we don't have a gas bill. We don't have

1 nothing. We just have Tlicho government store, just
2 one (1) of them and an office, government office.
3 Everything can be prepared, everything before. All
4 the government taking everything. They -- the
5 business is not really. We're Tlicho citizen. We're
6 -- let's help each other. Only one (1) person had a
7 business and he's not in business anymore. Maybe
8 nobody supporting him.

9 Now we're going to have -- well, we're
10 going to have all-weather road, we should have -- be
11 prepare and there's a lodge over there. They -- they
12 said the lodge is -- belong to Tlicho but Tlicho
13 people not working. Only one (1) person is working
14 over there.

15 That's now we used to and -- and our
16 family, our dad, he used to talk to us. You guys know
17 that I came in with nothing. I wasn't thinking I was
18 going to speak out in the public like this. For three
19 (3) years that I live in that tent, tent frame.

20 If we're going -- if we're going to do
21 something, it's better to talk -- to speak to
22 somebody. If everybody's agreed to it but that's how
23 it should be. Working thirty-seven (37) years and
24 what's going to happen from -- from now, what's going
25 to happen. We have to speak for our youth. What's

1 going to happen? What they going to do? Thirty-seven
2 (37) from -- futures, in the future thirty-seven (37)
3 years from now what they going to do? They might get
4 lost.

5 We're supposed to and help each other.
6 Now only here there's a -- there should be more --
7 there should be more Elders and with us. Elders will
8 help you. Thank you that -- I'm not going to thank
9 you for the road but I thank you that you came in guys
10 came in. I know that it's going to be more problems
11 once -- once the road comes in. We have a good fish
12 here. There's fish and everybody's saying that --
13 most of the people around town they're saying all the
14 fish is good here.

15 So think about the road and -- good,
16 that's all I wanted to say.

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18 (INTERPRETATION CONCLUDED)

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20 (INTERPRETED FROM TLI CHO LANGUAGE INTO ENGLISH)

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22 MR. ARCHIE NITSIZA: His name is
23 Archie Nitsiza and he's been -- you guys been here
24 three (3) days and you guys talk about fish. You guys
25 must be hungry there's -- there's fish cooked for you

1 guys. You guys must be hungry.

2 Thank you it's -- sometime when -- when
3 we talk, when we speak and we joke around, just that
4 we have our respect for each other. You guys from all
5 over the place. I don't know where you guys from.
6 Maybe you're from Yellowknife, Rae, where you guys
7 come from, I don't know.

8 But when I was -- since I was young
9 I've been living here. I've been living here. We all
10 live here. People know how I work. Since I was young
11 I've been trapping. I go hunting. I set the nets.
12 Now, I set the nets. When my brother -- when my
13 brother was living, still alive with me, he -- he
14 teach me how to do all this. Now, and Elder said,
15 that's all -- here, that's all we have. We don't have
16 that much Elders. We don't know if they're going to
17 be here another five (5) years.

18 And when -- they learn -- they teach
19 us. Joe Champlain, he's -- I used to go and trapping
20 with him. He -- I used to go and trapping with him
21 with the dogs. Now, how they used to speak back then.
22 I still remember it. Now you guys talk about that
23 all-weather road.

24 I thank you. You guys came in. You
25 guys came in. You guys not only talking about the

1 road today, you guys been talking about the road and -
2 - and when -- when I want to -- when I go to store if
3 I have -- if I don't have \$25 I won't have cigarette.
4 If I don't have \$50 -- if I don't have \$50 for gas my
5 skidoo is not going to work.

6 Sometime when the -- it's -- when
7 there's freezeup, there's -- there's -- people are set
8 the nets, yeah, because we grew up with the fish. We
9 grew -- there's lots of fish. If we set the nets we
10 make dry fish and some of them -- when there's people
11 coming fil -- they're filet. We'll sell some filet.
12 We'll sell some dry fish; that's how we buy gas.
13 Whatever we need, that's how we buy it.

14 Me, I'm not working. My wife working
15 and if -- if we don't pay for the light bill we're not
16 -- and -- and my light bill goes over \$400 a month and
17 the water cost like 50 -- water delivered is \$50 a
18 month. And Elders that they get -- they get pension.
19 How they live? I wonder when I -- when I look at
20 them, how did they live?

21 Now, when I walk -- when I go in the
22 bush and setting -- setting the snares and when I get
23 some rabbit, I give some to Elders. And what about
24 now, we talk about cariboo. We live with cariboo meat
25 and cariboo for a long time. We don't know where they

1 are now. They move far away. And when they talk
2 about cariboo all our -- our family used to use it
3 when they -- when they get cariboo and our mum used to
4 get meat -- dry meat. They don't -- they don't throw
5 that bones away. They used to make bone grease. They
6 make a grease with the bones.

7 Last year when I was in the bush I say
8 some -- and branch and I got some -- the recreation,
9 they told me to do some -- make some snowshoes so I
10 was making some snowshoes. So when it's warm out I
11 was working -- I was working on the snowshoes. I used
12 to -- they used to make and they don't -- in the past.
13 They don't used to have -- they used to make all this
14 stuff for us and to go to go set the nets. Now, I
15 made some -- some stuff and all the drum and all --
16 everything is there. How am I going to use our rabbit
17 -- how am I going to use sineo (phonetic)? How am I
18 going to make a sineo. My mum used to make a sineo
19 with hide; that's how we used to do it. My mum taught
20 me how to do it. My dad 6 -- when he's 69 my dad pass
21 away. My mum don't -- mum -- mum is the one taught us
22 in the bush. My -- used to be my -- she been my mum,
23 my dad now he's passed away.

24 My brother was -- my brother was with
25 me. Him he -- my -- my brother often used to be with

1 me. Now my -- my young brother Gibbons is I used to
2 go trapping. Him too he passed away due to -- he
3 gone. I can -- I can trap. I can tra -- do some
4 trapping but now two (2) times -- two (2) times I --
5 the trap went through. I went on my -- on my hand, my
6 fingers two (2) times the trap -- got into my trap and
7 they -- take a picture and then they can go on UIC.
8 They said, minus 42 they want me to -- they want me to
9 get -- they want me to take a picture and all that to
10 -- to send to them but how am I going to take
11 pictures.

12 You guys talk about Woodland cariboo
13 we're only -- we're only talk about it when the --
14 when there's a Woodland cariboo. Yeah, everybody
15 knows that I go trapping. Everybody knows me in town
16 I go trapping far away. I know where there's Woodland
17 cariboo goes. Where does martin live. All the people
18 that I -- the Elders that I used to live with, they
19 taught me. If the -- if the -- nothing's. Sometime
20 when I go back to go out and sometimes it's like
21 before Christmas, I used to get 2 -- 200 to 300
22 martin. Everybody knows me around town. I used to
23 work like that.

24 Since last year my hands, my fingers
25 sore. What I'm going to do my fingers get -- I can't

1 even -- can't even -- my -- my fingers sore that's why
2 I can't even -- I bought a phone. When I go on --
3 when I'm going to head back I used to phone my -- call
4 my wife; that's how I go back. Now this year, I don't
5 know what I'm going to do.

6 I'm still young. I can work but my one
7 side start to paralyze and my son -- my friend Freddie
8 Flunkie he's got stroke so one (1) of them is Freddie
9 Flunkie, John Simpson, Sonny, we're all -- Johnny
10 Simpson is right now in -- I don't know what he's
11 doing.

12 That's all I wanted to say and what I'm
13 going to say last is you guys came in by airline, all
14 of you. You guys have family back home, your wife,
15 your kids, your husband, I hope -- I hope you guys
16 came home safety, arrive back to Yellowknife safety
17 back. Wherever you guys coming from it'd be good if
18 you came back safe. You guys going to get all-weather
19 road. I just want to say thank you.

20 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, talking about
21 all that good fish, supper has been ready for the past
22 thirty (30) minutes so if we could get a quick half
23 hour break and then we'll just finish up with some
24 comments. So dinnertime.

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3 (INTERPRETED FROM TLICHO LANGUAGE INTO ENGLISH)

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5 MR. CHARLIE QUITTE: My name is
6 Charlie Quitte. I am originally from Whati --
7 Behchoko I'm living. For last 10 years the -- the
8 climate change -- are changing and then -- even the
9 birds, I guess, and a lot of songbirds are -- a lot of
10 other birds that usual -- usually don't come this part
11 of Territories they're all here due to the face of the
12 climate change.

13 Yes and even in September, in the fall
14 time, things too have changed. To date we're
15 discussing the -- the possible -- having the all-
16 weather road coming into our community. When you do
17 all the research and then you do a lot of construction
18 to undertaking including blasting and then all the
19 fumes and the dust of the -- from the basting of how
20 far it goes off the -- of the land and it's even
21 affecting all the ponds and affecting all the muskrats
22 and ponds and lakes where the beavers are at.

23 Yes, since the discussions of the --
24 the constructions of the all-weather road is under --
25 would be underway, we understand that the Elders had

1 been discussing it some years ago when we were young
2 at a time we were wondering what they were talking
3 about. But understanding that they had a reason too
4 because they noticed that the -- the food prices and
5 all the living costs had gone up because of the
6 isolated community as we are.

7 Yes, that they had some mines around
8 the -- Rae Rock mines and I guess the -- some -- some
9 mines, I guess, around Rae Rock mines, the one area
10 where the -- the poll -- the pollution was and the
11 lake was contaminated but the community members didn't
12 knew about and one family that live in the one -- in
13 that area, they had a dog teams and, I guess, in one
14 summer, hot summer, and that this individual one to --
15 to feed some freshwater to his dog team and then
16 eventually he fed the freshwater to them from the lake
17 and next -- sometime out -- few hours later all of
18 this six (6) dog team died.

19 So since then, I guess, they moved away
20 from the site knowing that the lake was contaminated.
21 So to date -- to date regarding the constructions of
22 the new all-weather road or all-season road that, you
23 know, that I agree with them to a certain extent
24 because there's a lot of the changes that we went
25 through and a lot of changes it be -- for -- in the

1 future and what the future generations would be facing
2 with.

3 These are things that all have been
4 undertaken into consideration. Yes, we do live off
5 the land and especially the wildlife, caribou --
6 caribou...

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8 (INTERPRETATION CUT SHORT DUE TO FLIGHT ISSUES)

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10 --- Upon recessing at 5:28 p.m.

11 --- Upon resuming at 6:04 p.m.

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13 THE CHAIRPERSON: The public session
14 of this hearing has ended, but there is an opportunity
15 until January 19th when the public record is closed
16 that individuals will have a chance to submit their
17 written comments. So January 19 is, again, when that
18 public record closes and you have the opportunity to
19 send in your written submissions.

20 I would like to do just a brief --
21 because I think there's people to catch the plane
22 again. I think Behchoko has a charter to go and we
23 need to move quickly now again.

24 So at this time, I would like to do a
25 short round table from all the parties and I would

1 like to start with the Tlicho government, please.

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3 CLOSING COMMENTS BY TLICHO GOVERNMENT:

4 MS. TAMMY STEINWOUND-DESCHAMBEAULT:

5 Tammy Steinwound-Deschambeault, Tlicho government.

6 Masi, Madam Chair. In our closing
7 comments I just like to say thank you to the community
8 of Whati for hosting the hearing. Also like to thank
9 the community director Shirley Beaverho for all her
10 help and coordination and organization and also to
11 Lisa and her staff and the cooks. Thank you
12 everybody.

13 For our closing comments Lisa and I are
14 both going to share so I'll just hand it over to Lisa
15 to start.

16 MS. LISA NITSIZA: Thank you, Madam
17 Chair. The community of Whati has been working
18 collaboratively with the GNWT for seventeen (17) years
19 to advance the construction of all-season road to our
20 community.

21 The Tlicho agreement recognizes that
22 Tlicho people are in the best position to make
23 decision on what will bring about the best future for
24 our people in the community. Whereas community
25 government provides services, we're a municipality.

1 The Tlicho government, the GNWT and partners, include
2 the Review Board are all working together to consider
3 all the issues of the -- of the road and move forward
4 towards the important decisions that we need to make.

5 An all-season road is a solution that
6 will help advance our people and the journey to self-
7 reliance and independence. The Tlicho government
8 recognizes that the road to Whati will bring changes,
9 both positive and negative. We can anticipate
10 negative changes will be from increase access to drugs
11 and alcohol and increase pressure on the RCMP.

12 There are positive changes that will
13 come with the road. An all-season road will encourage
14 people to stay in the community by providing residents
15 with meaningful employment, practical skills training,
16 lowering their overall cost of living; create an
17 opportunity for tourism and improving residents'
18 access to social services.

19 The Tlicho government, Tlicho community
20 service agency, community government of Behchoko and
21 Whati and the GNWT have been working together to
22 proactively develop programs, policies and approaches
23 to manage these issues and adapt where needed. We
24 will continue to do so.

25 The Tlicho government recognizes that

1 the road to Whati may bring negative changes to the
2 people's health, such as increased sexual transmitted
3 infections, increase access to drugs and alcohol and
4 addictions. However, as we heard so passionately from
5 the women of Whati on the first day by our hearing,
6 the road will also provide children and Elders with
7 much easy access to health services that have never
8 been accessed before. Health services can -- includes
9 speech therapists, increased medical appointments
10 specialized to see doctors, dental appointments, eye
11 doctor.

12 The Tlicho community service agency is
13 currently working in -- proactively and implement
14 health programs in Whati before the road is even
15 built. These programs will be adaptly managed and
16 health concerns emerge and when the road is in
17 operations. Masi.

18 MS. TAMMY STEINWOUND-DESCHAMBEAULT:
19 Tammy Steinwound, Tlicho government. Continuing with
20 our closing comments.

21 The road to Whati has the potential to
22 increase the connection between communities allowing
23 improved access to Tlicho lands for Tlicho citizens.
24 The road will increase the opportunity and
25 accessibility for Tlicho harvesters, especially youth,

1 to practice Tlicho culture and connect more easily
2 with the land.

3 Simply put, investing in our role -- in
4 the road is investing in our people, our culture and
5 our way of life. The Tlicho government recognizes
6 there is potential for wildlife to be affected by the
7 road to Whati. It's possible the road may be a
8 deterrent for wildlife with noise, dust, or a more
9 visible linear path through the land.

10 At the same time, the road to Whati
11 will provide improved access to Tlicho lands for
12 Tlicho citizens. The road is proposed along an
13 already cleared tractor-trail. It is not viewed as an
14 intrusion on untouched lands.

15 We understand that there will be
16 mitigation and adaptive man -- management in place
17 through the various agencies and authorities. We are
18 collaborating on the design of these programs and we
19 look to adapt them as concerns arise.

20 We support a corridor working group to
21 advise and communicate on issues about monitoring and
22 mitigations for the road. The Tlicho government does
23 not support an oversight body. We have the tools and
24 jurisdictions within our agreement to manage this
25 project. The Boards have our support and we continue

1 to work with them to protect our lands and resources.

2 It is important to acknowledge the
3 Tlicho government's authority and ability from the
4 Tlicho agreement to implement laws, develop its own
5 strategies, as well as control and effectively manage
6 uses of the land.

7 The Tlicho government recognizes the
8 potential for fishing to increase in the project area
9 with the construction of the Tlicho all-season road.
10 This creates an opportunity for our people to work on
11 tourism opportunities, but also a potential impact on
12 the fishery. In order to effectively manage fisheries
13 the Tlicho government will work closely with the DFO
14 and GNWT to develop monitoring and management
15 strategies based on traditional knowledge and
16 scientific data.

17 Elders have told us about the healthy
18 fish stocks in the lakes, rivers and streams. Their
19 knowledge and first-hand experience in examining water
20 crossing options allows us to predict that the impacts
21 on fisheries in the future -- in the future Tlicho
22 all-season road scenario will be minimal. It is our
23 Elders' knowledge and harvester monitoring programs
24 that will help us ensure we do not impact this
25 resource.

1 Madam Chair, we have asked -- we have
2 been asked questions on our fin -- financing ability.
3 We want to assure the Board that our new assembly is
4 currently reviewing our planning for 2017 to 2021
5 programming. We are planning for the programs
6 proposed and characterized in our mitigation plans.

7 Madam Chair, if it pleases the Board,
8 we could table our strategic intentions from 2013 to
9 2017 to assist the Board in understanding our planning
10 processes and capacity as an Aboriginal government.

11 MS. LISA NITSIZA: Thank you, Madam
12 Chair, Lisa Nitsiza, community government of Whatì.

13 In closing, the Tlicho government
14 recognizes there will be impacts. We have carefully
15 considered them. We are developing strategies and
16 programs to monitor these impacts throughout the
17 construction and operations of the Tlicho all-season
18 road. We have many commitments -- committed
19 mitigations in place are being developed to manage
20 potential impacts. We will continue to adaptly manage
21 impacts as we see them.

22 We are resilient. We can overcome
23 change and adapt. Historically, we are nomadic
24 people. This is a community-led project. The
25 community and the Tlicho government care about the

1 land and the people who will be impacted. We are
2 working together to prepare strategies that will
3 minimize the impacts and minimize the benefits for the
4 community of Whatì, its future leaders and people.
5 Masi.

6 THE CHAIRPERSON: Finished? Okay, can
7 I ask legal counsel if we -- if the document is
8 needed? Staff, Mark Cliffe-Phillips...?

9 MR. MARK CLIFFE-PHILLIPS: Thank you,
10 Madam Chair. Mark Cliffe-Phillips with the Review
11 Board.

12 I just want to clarify which document
13 you would wish to file? There were a series of
14 documents in the community government strategic plans
15 and road -- resiliency plans that were submitted after
16 scoping but I'm not certain if this is an additional
17 document on top of that.

18 DR. GINGER GIBSON: Masi, Ginger
19 Gibson, Tlicho government.

20 It's the Tlicho government's strategic
21 framework and intentions from 2013 to 2017.

22 MR. JOHN DONIHEE: Madam Chair, it's
23 John Donihee, Board counsel.

24 I spoke with Mr. Nevitt about this
25 earlier. My understanding is that the document is --

1 it's a public document. It's publicly available. I
2 don't think it's -- but I propose to suggest the Board
3 take the document and file it, subject to hearing from
4 any other party that might have a concern about it.
5 But as a public document we probably could have
6 recourse to it in any event. Thank you.

7 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, thank you.
8 Two (2) minute closing remarks. Our next presenter is
9 Wek'eezhii Renewable Resource Board.

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11 CLOSING COMMENTS BY WRRB:

12 MS. JODY PELLISSEY: Thank you, Madam
13 Chair. Jody Pellissey, for the Wek'eezhii Renewable
14 Resources Board.

15 We would like to thank the Chief and
16 community of Whati for your hospitality, to the
17 Elders, the youth and the rest of the community that
18 spoke. Thank you for your passionate insights on the
19 road. We thank the GNWT and other parties for their
20 very good presentations and all the great information.

21 The WRRB looks forward to seeing how
22 the Review Board deals with all of this information
23 and we look forward to being included in the corridor
24 working group in developing the multi-species wildlife
25 management and monitoring plan, as well as an

1 integrated fisheries management plan. Thank you.

2 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, thank you.

3 Closing comments Environment and Climate Change

4 Canada.

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6 CLOSING COMMENTS BY ECCC:

7 MR. BRADLEY SUMMERFIELD: Thank you,

8 Madam Chair. It's Bradley Summerfield, with

9 Environment and Climate Change Canada.

10 We too would just like to thank the
11 Board and all of the other Intervenors and our host
12 community here, and then to everybody who has shared
13 with the group over the last few days.

14 We appreciate the opportunity to
15 participate and to be a part of this efficient
16 productive hearing. So thanks very much for having
17 us.

18 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, thank you.

19 Closing comments, North Slave Metis Alliance.

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21 CLOSING COMMENTS BY NSMA:

22 MR. SHIN SHIGA: Thank you, Madam

23 Chair. Shin Shiga, North Slave Metis Alliance.

24 We -- we made many recommendations and
25 suggestions over the last three (3) days and what I

1 like to do is to highlight just a few of those -- more
2 -- more of the important comments.

3 I changed my mind, just one -- one as a
4 closing and that is that NSMA made a case that while
5 NT-1 levels sustainability of the boreal cariboo is an
6 important consideration with respect to Species At
7 Risk Act, what really matters to our members and the
8 reason why we are here is to protect all -- the
9 potential impact on our members' ability to harvest
10 boreal cariboo where they traditionally harvested
11 cariboo, boreal cariboo. card or incurred.

12 In other -- in other words, Species At
13 Risk Act protect the species. We are here to protect
14 our members' ability to use -- to harvest boreal
15 cariboo in the area that they traditionally did. And
16 -- and -- and that what we heard throughout the EA
17 process is that within our members' traditional use
18 area, which is north and east of the Great Slave Lake
19 area, boreal cariboo habitat condition is such that
20 the probability that there will be a self-sustaining
21 boreal cariboo population in this area is only
22 slightly better than the flip of a coin.

23 Given that the probability of
24 expectation of boreal cariboo is nearly 50 percent
25 now in this area due to habitat degradation, adding

1 extra disturbance by building a road and operating it
2 indefinitely will pose a significant threat to our
3 members Aboriginal right as Metis to harvest boreal
4 cariboo within our members' traditional use area.

5 So that -- that is what Dr. Bears was
6 saying during the presentation. I just wanted to make
7 sure that didn't go unnoticed because she did speak
8 very fast. So, in closing, I would echo everyone's
9 thank you to everyone in the room, especially people
10 from Whati for hosting this over the three (3) days. I
11 had a wonderful experience. Thank you very much, good
12 night.

13 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. Closing
14 comments, Yellowknivies Dene First Nation.

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16 CLOSING COMMENTS BY YKDFN:

17 MR. ALEX POWER: Thank you, Madam
18 Chair. Alex Power, Yellowknives Dene First Nation.

19 I will -- I will spare the room any
20 sort of closing arguments. There's nothing I can say
21 that I can't just put in writing on the -- for the
22 final piece.

23 But instead, I would just like to, you
24 know, as anybody does, thank the community of Whati.
25 It was -- it's my first time here, it was great. I've

1 got a belly full of fish. It was delicious. I agree,
2 the fish here is great.

3 I would like to thank the Board for
4 sitting for three (3) days and listening to everybody.
5 I'm -- that always impresses me the -- the way you're
6 all able to sit and listen for three (3) days is -- is
7 remarkable. And I would like to say thank you on
8 behalf of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation for
9 affording the opportunity to hear the concerns of the
10 nation and the leadership. And of course, everyone
11 involved whether it's logistics or just being here and
12 speaking and it's, you know, it's a long three (3)
13 days. And, you know, we appreciate everyone's
14 involvement and contribution. Thank you.

15 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, Alex. I
16 should just let you know a little secret. We have a
17 cushion, just the Board members have a cushion. But
18 after this, we're getting new ones.

19 Closing comments from the Government of
20 the Northwest Territories.

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22 CLOSING COMMENTS BY GNWT:

23 MR. RUSSELL NEUDORF: Thank you, Madam
24 Chair. Russ Neudorf, GNWT.

25 I'd just like to thank the Board staff,

1 in particular, for organizing this session and for
2 working with us on the timing to make it happen the
3 way we did.

4 Thank you to the Board members
5 yourselves and committing your valuable time to being
6 a part of this.

7 Thanks to the community of Whati.
8 You've been a very gracious host for us so -- a
9 beautiful room that we could meet in, great meals and
10 a taxi system that any airport would be jealous of.

11 And I would like to acknowledge as well
12 the Chief who sat here with us for all these three
13 (3) days I think highlighting the importance of this
14 project to the community of Whati. So thanks for
15 committing that time.

16 Thanks to our Tlicho government and our
17 partnership approach that we've taken here. I think
18 working with you it allows us to conclude that given
19 our mitigation and management that there are no
20 significant environmental impacts -- adverse
21 environmental impacts associated with this project.

22 And I'd also like to thank the -- all
23 the comments and questions that we received from the
24 public, from the Elders, from the youth. It did a
25 great job in highlighting the significance of what --

1 of the project and what we're actually proposing to do
2 and, of course, highlighted the need that we do have
3 to work together in partnership to -- to address the
4 comments and concerns that were brought forward.

5 And we are looking forward to
6 continuing to work with the Board and our partners on
7 the next steps. Thank you.

8 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, thank you. I
9 think we've gotten through all the parties. I think I
10 forgot one.

11 Do have closing comments, Fisheries and
12 Oceans?

13 MR. UMAR HUSANY: No -- Umar Husany.
14 On behalf of Fisheries and Oceans and Natural
15 Resources Canada. Unfortunately they had to leave a
16 little bit earlier but they don't have any comments at
17 this time, apart from that they want to thank the
18 community for hosting us for the last three (3) days.

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20 CLOSING REMARKS BY THE CHAIR:

21 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. Well, we
22 have arrived at the end of the hearing for the Tlicho
23 all-season road.

24 Before closing and adjourning the
25 hearing, I will clarify the final process steps for

1 parties and the GNWT. After this hearing documents
2 will be posted on the record, including official
3 hearing transcripts, commitments and hearing
4 undertakings. Well get to that.

5 During December and January, the GNWT
6 and parties will submit their closing arguments. Then
7 the Review Board will close the public record as we
8 deliberated. The due dates that follow the hearing
9 are: Friday, December the 15th closing argument from
10 parties.

11 Friday, January 19th is closing
12 argument from the GNWT.

13 Friday, January 19th, closure of the
14 public record.

15 I will now ask our legal counsel John
16 Donihee to tell you about the closing arguments.

17 MR. JOHN DONIHEE: Thank you, Madam
18 Chair. It's John Donihee for the Board.

19 I would simply say that with the
20 exception of the four (4) documents that -- and I
21 haven't checked with staff, but if they have been
22 filed, that's great but if they haven't there are four
23 (4) documents that were -- that Tlicho government
24 requested be filed today, and we'd ask you to file
25 them as soon as possible.

1 Beyond that, as indicated by the Chair
2 earlier, transcripts should be ready and filed by
3 sometime Monday. That -- that pretty -- that ends the
4 evidentiary phase of the process. So, there won't be
5 any new evidence accepted after that point and then we
6 move on to the argument phase. The Chair has
7 identified the timing of arguments from the parties.
8 Everyone else but GNWT on the 15th of December and
9 then GNWT on the 19th of January and then the record
10 will be finally closed after which the Board can
11 deliberate.

12 I would just say to the parties if
13 there are any doubts or questions about process or
14 perhaps what we mean when we talk about argument, it's
15 the intention of Board staff to post a note to file on
16 the registry sometime early next week which will
17 perhaps give a little bit more explanation beyond
18 what I'm offering right now.

19 What I would suggest -- and of course,
20 it's up to you in terms of how you shape your
21 arguments but what I would suggest is simply that you
22 conduct a review of the evidence, transcripts, any of
23 the new documents, you know, that commitments were
24 made, review your recommendations if you made any and
25 you come to a final conclusion about what your

1 recommendations to the Board ought to be.

2 And as has been indicated by the Chair
3 on -- at several stages along the way in the last
4 three (3) days, you know, the Board makes
5 recommendations ultimately to responsible ministers
6 about not only whether or not the project ought to go
7 forward or not, but perhaps more importantly, what, if
8 any, terms or conditions, measures might be
9 appropriate in order to mitigate significant impacts,
10 if there are any.

11 So, I -- when I'm referring to the
12 parties, I mean the Tlicho government as well. So
13 their arguments should be filed at the same time as
14 the other parties on the 15th of December.

15 So that's -- that's the process. As I
16 said there will be a bit better explanation provided
17 on -- on the registry early in the week and if there
18 are any questions about process or -- or, you know,
19 expectations of the Board or the schedule, feel free
20 to contact Mark or his staff.

21 But that, Madam Chair, is my short
22 description of the process going forward. Thank you
23 very much for that opportunity.

24 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, thank you,
25 John.

1 So after deliberating, the Review Board
2 will produce a report of environmental assessment
3 describing its EA decision and the reasons for it.
4 The Board will give its report to the Tlicho
5 government and the GNWT, minister of Lands for their
6 objective consideration and its final decision make --
7 in its final decision makers -- of them being the
8 final decision makers.

9 The Review Board will carefully
10 consider the views of all parties and all the people
11 that spoke over the course of these hearings as it
12 deliberates and writes the report of EA. In addition,
13 the Review Board will consider all the material on the
14 public record.

15 The Review Board will complete the
16 report of EA by the end of March 2018. This
17 assessment will be completed within the legislated
18 time frame of sixteen (16) months as set out in the
19 MVRMA.

20 At this time, I would like to thank the
21 following people who helped make this hearing
22 successful. As was mentioned before, the caterers for
23 all their hard work and that endless bowl of banic, as
24 I mentioned before, and to make us all good catholics
25 we ate fish on Friday. Thank you to the caterers.

1 To our wonderful interpreters James
2 Rabesca and Lena moosenose. Thank you. I never saw
3 that pink card once. Pido for the sound, but really
4 it's Norbert Poitras. Thank you, Norbert, for keeping
5 us -- keeping us all being able to hear each other
6 loud and clear. Wendy, thank you for your
7 transcription services. She's sitting over there in
8 the corner quietly about once and awhile you'll hear
9 Wendy say -- and I can hear it right up from the front
10 here, he didn't say his name.

11 The community of Whati, we can't say
12 enough for your hospitality. We didn't freeze out
13 there at the airport. You were all there to pick us
14 up immediately. We didn't even get a chill or
15 anything for the -- leading us around, talking to us,
16 expressing your views to us, it was all greatly
17 appreciated, young, old, women, masi cho. Thank you
18 from the bottom of our hearts for expressing your
19 views to us all.

20 My fellow Board members, for asking
21 your questions and sitting beside me here so
22 diligently. The odd time, they just can't help it
23 they have to leave the room for other reasons.

24 And to our staff members, our hard-
25 working and dedicated staff who does tons and tons of

1 writing and writing and keeping us all on the straight
2 and narrow here. Thank you to the staff members.

3 This hearing is sad in one aspect that
4 it's the final one for a senior environmental
5 assessment officer Ruari Carthew is leaving us and the
6 poor thing is moving to Sweden. Can you believe it?
7 Ruari, stand up, so everybody can see you.

8 I would like to express the Board's
9 gratitude in the years of superb work that Ruari has
10 given to our organization. We will miss you. You
11 know where we live. Thank you.

12 MR. RUARI CARTHEW: Tuson Tuk,
13 (phonetic) masi cho.

14 THE CHAIRPERSON: At this time, I
15 would like Alfonz now to make some closing statements.
16 Chief Alfonz...?

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18 CLOSING COMMENTS BY CHIEF ALFONZ NITSIZA:

19 CHIEF ALFONZ NITSIZA: Thank you, Madam
20 Chair. I'd like to say thank you very much to the
21 Board, the staff and legal counsel, GNWT, my Tlicho
22 government as well as the -- all the Intervenors and a
23 special recognition to my Elders that sat here
24 through the whole hearing and also the youth as well,
25 the cooks, the interpreters, and all your chauffeur

1 and the back-and-forth. Thank you.

2 You know, to have the -- we had the
3 opportunity, the citizen of Whatì, have -- made their
4 -- their view known to you as a Board and I must say
5 that sometimes people do not understand what kind of
6 meeting we're in so this is kind of -- the way I
7 explain, this is kind of a court setting so that
8 there's time when you can speak, who can speak.

9 I say that because I was part of the
10 regulatory board for many years. I was on Mackenzie
11 Valley Land and Water Board; involved in setting up
12 Wek'eezhii Land and Water Board and also have been the
13 Chair for Wek'eezhii Renewable Resource Board for --
14 for many years before becoming a chief. So I must say
15 it's a -- I kind of miss the work so. It's -- it's --
16 you know, you sit for many hours sometimes. But it's
17 all good.

18 So, it was a very good learning for
19 most of the people here I think and there was a lot of
20 -- lot of information share from all side. And
21 everything you can think of almost was said and was
22 explained. That's that's what's needed. You know, if
23 we are to do any projects, big or small, it's -- need
24 to be communication to the people. The more people
25 understand about it they feel better about it and I

1 seen that through years of working in the leadership
2 and the regulatory board; that is true, consultation
3 and communication that things get a little easier.

4 And in working collaboration and
5 partnership. I know GNWT has, you know, very well
6 working with our government closely, side by side.
7 Through that we have made good friendships; that's
8 what usually happen, a working relationship.

9 I like to acknowledge Mike Conway --
10 Michael Conway who's been the force behind all this
11 cause he's the man that has great knowledge about the
12 winter road. We were just chatting outside about the
13 last three (3) years that we seen the weather change.
14 We just made -- had enough time to do the last, you
15 know, last fill up of the fuel in the community.

16 You know if the -- if the weather got
17 so bad that we couldn't get our resupply in -- in the
18 communities it has to be flown in, like fuels. But we
19 don't have the capacity in the community, like,
20 equipment to get the fuel out of the aircraft into the
21 tank. So there's a lot of things like that that
22 Michael reminded me of how difficult it could be.

23 But I'm here as Chief, I'll be part of
24 the decision-maker at the end of this whole process.
25 So I was advised not to say very much, but I must tell

1 you that about ten (10) years ago Mike came to town
2 here with a small plane and we begin talking about how
3 do we proceed to work on trying to get this road to
4 Whati.

5 And yesterday we're standing outside
6 and you say, hey, we got two (2) Dash 7 on the tarmac
7 out there. Something's happening or about to happen.
8 Anyways, you know, it's been a long process. And I
9 think there's a lot of people were involved in this
10 hard work. Elders were there all the time. Want this
11 road, as you have heard in the last three (3) days.
12 And look like we're -- we're getting there slowly.

13 But I want to leave you with the -- a
14 little food for thought or something. You know, next
15 summer 2018 will -- Whati will be hosting a summer
16 gathering, a Tlicho -- under our Tlicho constitution
17 we have a summer gathering for all our citizens where
18 we bring in all the Tlicho from four (4) communities
19 and we rotate that -- that gathering every year in
20 one (1) of these communities.

21 So a lot -- this past summer we have it
22 in Behchoko because of the election year, every four
23 (4) years it's in Behchoko and then the next one is
24 here. So the next summer it will be here in 2018. So
25 four (4) year after that it will back here, that will

1 be in 2021. By then most of you from Yellowknife,
2 Behchoko might be driving here. So if all goes well
3 that is.

4 So that's -- I just like to leave you
5 with that and I'm watching my time here. I don't want
6 to keep you too long. I know you've got -- you've
7 been here for three (3) full days and you have to get
8 back to Yellowknife, some of you have to drive to
9 Behchoko I hear or wherever and away from family.

10 So I wish you all well and safe travel
11 back to your loved ones. We hope that -- that
12 everything goes well, and we'll be seeing you all
13 again. I'm sure. Masi cho.

14 THE CHAIRPERSON: The chair would just
15 like to recognize our staff member over by the door
16 that has stayed here the entire time, has stayed for
17 the whole week, Catherine McManus has stayed here the
18 whole week. Yeah, and Chuck, but he didn't really do
19 that much. Very good guy, Chuck.

20 I would now like to invite Elder Joe
21 Champlain to close the hearing with a closing prayer.

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23 (CLOSING PRAYER)

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25 THE CHAIRPERSON: The hearing for the

1 Tlicho all-season road is officially closed. Masi cho
2 and thank you.

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4 --- Upon adjourning at 6:44 p.m.

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11 Wendy Woodworth, Ms.

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