

Our File: EA1617-01

Oct 23, 2017

Note to File

To: Parties

Re: EA1617-01 – James Wah-Shee’s participation in the Whatì Public Hearings

Mr. James Wah-Shee is a Board Member of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board who plans to participate as a Board member in the upcoming Tłıchǵ All-Season Road Project public hearings in Whatì on November 15-17, 2017.

The Tłıchǵ Government is an active party in this environmental assessment and will be participating in the public hearings in Whatì. Mr. Wah-Shee is currently the Speaker of the Tłıchǵ Assembly. The duties and responsibilities of the Speaker is to chair all sessions of the Tłıchǵ Assembly and to enforce the Rules of Order. The Speaker is not an active member of the Tłıchǵ Assembly and does not participate in any decisions of the Assembly. The Speaker’s role is neutral and non-partisan.

Mr. Wah-Shee has stated that he has not been involved in any matters related to this environmental assessment in his capacity as Speaker of the Tłıchǵ Assembly and does not believe there is any bias or conflict of interest with regard to his participation at the hearings and deliberations as a Review Board member.

The Review Board has sought advice from counsel, and is not of the view that this creates any bias or conflict of interest.

Parties are asked to contact the Review Board by 4:00 pm on Friday October 27, 2017, if there are any concerns with Mr. Wah-Shee’s participation in the remainder of this environmental assessment. The Review Board contact for this matter is:

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