



Tłıchǫ All-Season Road Report of Environmental Assessment, Measures Review and Implementation Planning: Reporting

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- Health and Well-being Working Group – coordinated through TG
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- Cultural Heritage Working Group – coordinated through TG
- Whatì Interagency Working Group (since 2013)– coordinated through Whatì Community Government
- Behchokò Interagency Working Group – coordinated through Behchokò Community Government

Table 1: Reporting on Measures for which the TG holds authority

| Measure 5-1 Socio-economic/Health/Way of Life | |
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| Lead Responsible | Health and Well-Being Working Group - Joint Working Group of TCSA, HSS, TG, Community Governments and proponent |
| Resources | Health and Well-Being Working Group identified core set of indicators for health and well-being. Two meetings were held, and reporting information is forthcoming from GNWT-HSSS. We have identified key areas such as spikes in adverse behaviours, traffic and vulnerable populations, employment, and harvest success and availability of country foods. Data sources are from the following agencies, and we continue to have monthly meetings on the topic. RCMP (traffic, crime) GNWT-HSS (health, hospitals, shelters) |



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| | <p>GNWT-TCSA (e.g., student attendance, counselling, homelessness)</p> <p>GNWT-ECE (e.g., income support, daycares)</p> <p>GNWT-Social Services (e.g., data on children in care)</p> <p>GNWT-ENR (e.g., community harvester assistance; fur harvest, use of programs)</p> <p>TG (e.g., career development, skills and partnership funds; students with funding top ups)</p> <p>Proponent based data on employment</p> |
| Implementation approach | <p>Established a Terms of Reference (HSS and TG)</p> <p>Core Group: Community Governments, HSS, TG and TCSA and Proponent, with later engagement with DOJ, ECE and RCMP</p> |
| Annual reporting plan | Development of core indicators, including thresholds for actions and adaptive management plans |
| Key outcome | Reporting Index for baseline data |
| Measure 5-2 Tłıchǫ Reporting | |
| Lead Responsible | Tłıchǫ Government with Health and Well-Being Working Group |
| Resources | Funding to be provided through Proponent for implementation of monitoring |
| Implementation approach | Monitoring of all core indicators and annual reporting in Whatì Interagency Working Group, through Tłıchǫ and proponent websites. Reporting effort still emerging. |
| Annual reporting plan | Reporting indicators have been identified, although baseline data is still not all aggregated |
| Key outcome | Reporting indicators for baseline data |

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| MEASURE 7-1 Incorporate TK into monitoring of barren-ground caribou | |
| Lead Responsible | TG with support from INF |
| Resources | Resources: TG to develop community-based program to monitor habitat and caribou (to monitor in winter and summer) in the region. TG particularly concerned to review: routes that caribou are taking in |



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| | <p>the area and if they are being blocked; access; observations on habitat, and develop new baseline data. TG at the point of developing the funding proposal.</p> <p>GNWT identified that there is funding through AVSAR Funding for Species at Risk.</p> |
| Implementation approach | Tłıchǫ Corridor Working Group will be the central place for reporting. |
| Annual reporting plan | <p>Preliminary report</p> <p>Plan for engaging reporting</p> |
| Key outcome | Reporting on TK Monitoring Program |

MEASURE 7-2 Barren Ground Caribou Mitigation and Policy Changes

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| Lead Responsible | ENR/TG |
| Resources | See GNWT response to this measure |
| Implementation approach | See GNWT response |
| Annual reporting plan | See GNWT response |
| Key outcome | See GNWT response |

MEASURE 8-1 Fisheries Management Plan

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| Lead Responsible | DFO and TG |
| Resources | Resources: In 2019, new resources were identified, including fisheries study completed in the 1970s (Bond 1970), Fisheries Guardians Program and the Fisheries Management Plan for the Inuvik Tuk Highway Plan, WRRB Final Statements, 1972 Lac La Martre Study, and Bill Bond Lac La Martre study (in files). |



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| | Working Group struck, but not implemented as was not required during construction: Fisheries Working Group: DFO, TG, INF and with the WRRB. |
| Implementation approach | Fisheries Working Group |
| Annual reporting plan | 2019: Establishment of Working Group, and development of Terms of Reference and key data sources. In 2020 the WG will begin work on the Fisheries Management Plan, and in 2021 the Fisheries Enforcement Plan |
| Key outcome | Fisheries Management Plan in 2021 |

| MEASURE 14-2 – Annual Reporting from government and regulatory authorities | |
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| Lead Responsible | Tłıchǫ Government |
| Resources | TG submitted annual reporting on measures. |
| Implementation approach | Draft reports and annual reports, as included here. |
| Annual reporting plan | October 25 set as a final reporting date |
| Key outcome | Annual reports on implementation by each agency |



October 28, 2020

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Re: Report on Tłıchǰ Government Measures of Environmental Assessment for 2019

Dear Mark,

The Tłıchǰ Government is providing this cover letter as part of our report on activities to implement the Report of Environmental Assessment for 2019-20, to implement measures of the Tłıchǰ All Season Road EA-1617-01.

The Tłıchǰ Government has participated over the past year in many working groups, as well as initiated studies to ensure the implementation of these measures. We look forward to reviewing the results of the other government parties.

In Tłıchǰ Unity,

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| Resources | Resources: TG to develop community-based program to monitor habitat and caribou (to monitor in winter and summer) in the region. TG particularly concerned to review: routes that caribou are taking in the area and if they are being blocked; access; observations on habitat, and develop new baseline data. TG in process of hiring a Wildlife Monitoring Coordinator to start the project. Funding was received from GNWT-ENR through a contribution agreement for up until March 31 2023. GNWT identified that there is funding through AVSAR Funding for Species at Risk. |
| Implementation approach | Tłıchǵo Corridor Working Group will be the central place for reporting. |
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| MEASURE 14-2 – Annual Reporting from government and regulatory authorities | |
| Lead Responsible | For Tłichq Government, CGW, CBW there will be one report |
| Resources | TG submitted annual reporting on measures. There will need to be internal working groups prepared for TG and Community Governments. There may need to be internal resources allocated for these projects. |
| Implementation approach | Draft reports and annual reports, as included here. |
| Annual reporting plan | October 25 set as a final reporting date |
| Key outcome | Annual reports on implementation by each agency |



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December 13, 2021

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Re: Report on Tłıchǫ Government Measures of Environmental Assessment for 2020

Dzẹ nezı Mark,

The Tłıchǫ Government is providing this cover letter as part of our report on activities to implement the Report of Environmental Assessment (EA) Measures for the Tłıchǫ All-Season Road (EA-1617-01) as required by Measure 14-2.

Please see the attached table (Table 1) with updates on EA measures for which the TG holds or shares responsibility. Please also refer to the Government of the Northwest Territories' (GNWT) Annual EA Measures [Report](#) for additional information on the measures that have shared responsibility for implementation.

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Measure 14-2 requires the TG to:

a) describe the actions being undertaken to implement the measures or the part(s) of the measures for which the regulatory authority or government is responsible; and,

b) explain how these actions, including those implemented through adaptive management, fulfill the intent of the EA measures, including consideration of the following questions:

- i. How are implementation actions addressing a likely significant adverse impact on the environment?
- ii. How effective are implementation actions at reducing or avoiding the impact or its likelihood?

Table 1: Reporting on Measures for Which the TG holds Authority and/or is a Collaborative Partner

| <u>Measure</u> | <u>Required completion date</u> | <u>Measure 14-2(a) TG's Recent Progress and upcoming dates</u> | <u>Measure 14-2(b)</u> |
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| <p>5-2 Tł̄chq̄ Monitoring, engagement and reporting of adverse health and well-being impacts</p> | <p>Annually during construction & for at least 10 years of operations</p> | <p>April 2021: Socioeconomic report card and action plan presented for CEC review</p> <p>Quarterly: updates to CEC</p> <p>Community meetings: before November</p> <p>Annual Reports: Once each year in September</p> <p>The GNWT and Tł̄chq̄ Government have been working slowly to prepare social, economic reporting. The effort has been hampered by lack of commitment of funding from ITI, as per the measure, as well as lack of capacity. The raw data is collected now, and will be rolled up for an Interagency meeting to be held in the New Year.</p> <p>Risks: Compared to other measures, The GNWT does not fund the work the way they do for other measures. Progress is slow.</p> | <p>At this point, it is too soon to tell how effective these actions are or will be in fulfilling the intent of the EA Measures.</p> |
| <p>5-6 Include Behchokq̄ in Accident Response Planning</p> | <p>Before Road open to public</p> | <p>Ambulance and Highway Rescue Action Plan</p> <p>Ongoing discussion with GNWT-MACA, TG, and community governments.</p> <p>MACA provided the following update: <i>MACA provided an operational risk assessment presentation to the Tł̄chq̄ Highway Working Group, which included a summary of the current operating environment and other important service expansion considerations. The Tł̄chq̄ Highway Action Plan Project (Measure 5-6) is now largely complete, with the exception being the implementation of community specific action plans based on each community's decision on whether to expand local services to include</i></p> | |

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| | | <p><i>highway rescue and/or ground ambulance services.</i></p> <p><i>MACA has recommended a phased approach to developing community emergency service capacity, with a focus on ensuring critical fire service components are in place prior to making any decisions around service expansion (i.e. highway rescue and ambulance services). MACA's North Slave regional office continues to work closely with the community governments of Behchokq and Whati to help address identified fire service gaps while providing ongoing capacity building support. Although forward progress has been achieved, the community governments have been faced with competing priorities such as pandemic impacts, elections, and changes in staffing.</i></p> <p>The Fire chief and MACA continue to work with Whati and Behchokq Community Governments on Emergency Response. This past week the SAO of Fort Providence met with the SAOs to describe their approach to local community-based response to support peer to peer learning. The SAOs in both communities are now preparing job descriptions and the equipment needs for Fire Chiefs, which they are taking to their Councils for approvals. MACA continues to support the effort through engagement and support. The next meeting is in the third week of January. The SAOs in both communities are focused on in community response, and not on the TASR road response. The team did receive costs and a proposal for response to services from Mr. Peter Siemens; however, both SAOs have the capacity only to focus on in community boundary capacity at the moment.</p> | |
| <p>6-1 Implementation of the Recovery Strategy for the Boreal Caribou in the NWT, and required range plans, for boreal caribou affected by the Project</p> | <p>Submit to WRRB under s.12.5.1 of Tłı̨chq Agreement at least 90 days before road open to public.</p> | <p>Woodland Caribou Recovery Strategy & Range Plan</p> <p>April 20, 2021: CEC-Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>April-May, 2021: Working Group meetings</p> <p>May 24, 2021: GNWT final draft plan sent to TG</p> <p>June 7, 2021: TG comments due</p> <p>August 13, 2021: Submit to WRRB</p> <p>ENR will be resubmitting the interim Wek'èezhii range plan to the WRRB by November 05. They did receive comments from 7 parties during the public review phase, but no comments resulted in significant changes to the range plan, only some minor edits.</p> | <p>.</p> |

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| <p>6-2, 7-1, 9-1 Temporary no-hunting corridor for boreal caribou (tòdzì)</p> <p>Incorporate Traditional Knowledge into Monitoring of Barren-ground Caribou (ʔekwò)</p> <p>Monitoring Harvest and Managing Wildlife to Maintain Successful Harvest</p> | <p>GNWT to set Sustainable harvest level: before road open to public</p> <p>TG to report on monitoring: Annually</p> | <p>Caribou habitat & harvest monitoring</p> <p>January 2021: Hired the WMP coordinator, and established elder/harvester committee to provide advice & oversight of monitoring</p> <p>February 2021: Animal track survey & interviews for habitat report completed. Added 2 youth to the committee.</p> <p>March 2021: Baseline habitat report</p> <p>April 2021: 2nd committee meeting with Elders, harvesters, youth. Baseline habitat report finalization.</p> <p>June 2021: Tour Tłıchq Highway with Kiewit to view habitat</p> <p>August 2021: vegetation survey done and trip to Inuvik to job shadow the highway monitors</p> <p>October 2021: vegetation survey report done</p> <p>November 2021: continued monitor training and committee meeting</p> <p>Ongoing: Develop voluntary harvest report program and communications (radio, poster, signs, pamphlet).</p> <p>Need to do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish checkpoint for harvest monitoring at the entrance of TH/highway 3. • monitoring to start in December | |
| <p>6-3 Habitat Offset and Restoration Plan</p> | <p>Submit to WRRB under s.12.5.1 of Tłıchq Agreement at least 90 days before road open to public.</p> | <p>Woodland Caribou Habitat Offset Plan The Final Caribou Habitat Offset Plan was completed, submitted, and approved by the WRRB. Approval was given on September 2, 2021.</p> | |
| <p>8-1 Integrated Fisheries Management Plan</p> | <p>Submit to WRRB under s.12.5.1 of Tłıchq Agreement at least 90 days before road open to public.</p> | <p>January 2021: Draft plan finished. Ongoing: Meetings with DFO, TG, WRRB</p> <p>February-April 2021: Meetings and surveys of community members, Tłıchq Citizens, and the general public</p> <p>August 1, 2021: submitted draft plan to WRRB for review and comments</p> | |

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| | | October 22, 2021: Submitted to all the working group partners for final review prior to board submission | |
| 10-1 Bird Species at Risk and Migratory Bird Data, Mitigation, Monitoring, and Adaptive Management | | <p>No new updates</p> <p>Part 1 Pre-construction bird surveys: Completed</p> <p>Part 2 Mitigation: No additional mitigation measures required</p> <p>Part 3 Monitoring and reporting: Ongoing and reporting captured in weekly environmental report and EA annual report, respectively</p> <p>Part 4 Adaptive management: Has not been triggered so far as proposed mitigation measures have been working</p> | |
| 10-2 Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan Approval, Annual Review, and Reporting | | <p>Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan approval, annual review and reporting</p> <p>Currently, the 2020 Annual Review is in progress. The WMMP Version 5.0 was submitted to the WLWB, posted on their ORS for public comments, which ended on October 20, 2021, and responses from INF to the public comments were submitted on November 3, 2021. Version 5.1 will be submitted the WRRB on November 12, 2021.</p> | |



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Re: Report on Tłıchǫ Government Measures of Environmental Assessment for 2022

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Report for the 2022-23 Tłıchǫ Government Annual Reporting on the Tłıchǫ Highway

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| 5-1 Developer's support of monitoring and adaptive management of adverse health and well-being impacts | Annually during construction & for at least 10 years of operations | <p>Ongoing: Consisting of Whatı and other Tłıchǫ Government and GNWT representatives, the Tłıchǫ Highway Socio-Economic Working Group continues to meet monthly to discuss and assess progress on monitoring activities for the following indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population health • Mental health and addictions • Child & family services • Economic well-being • Cultural well-being • Early childhood & education • Community safety & policing <p>Utilizing the report and data tracking system established in June 2020, the Working Group continues to track and compile relevant data to inform the development of bi-annual progress reports.</p> | <p>Reflections/Recommendations:</p> <p>All key indicators have spiked when the road initially opened. At the moment, Client Services has prepared Community Action Plans to address impacts. However, the parties haven't yet managed to address impacts with new programs or funding.</p> |
| 5-2 Tłıchǫ Monitoring, engagement and reporting of adverse health and well-being impacts | Annually during construction & for at least 10 years of operations | <p>Updates: With consultant support, Tłıchǫ Highway Socio-Economic Working Group is working together to synthesize findings from data collection into the next Highway Health & Well-Being Technical Report. The goal is to complete the next report by November 2023. Efforts to gather and synthesize data have been hampered by lack of data availability. Data requirements and timelines are being solidified in an MOU between stakeholders. The MOU has been approved by Tłıchǫ Government and is currently awaiting GNWT review and approval.</p> | |
| 5-6 Include Behchokǫ in Accident Response Planning | Before Road open to public | <p>Ambulance and Highway Rescue Action Plan</p> <p>MACA conducted an operational risk assessment and developed recommendations for community specific action plans that would develop community emergency service capacity in a phased approach. No funding has been made available to implement these recommendations.</p> | <p>Whatı has hired a new Fire Chief and has new volunteers. There have been accidents on the road.</p> |



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| | | <p>TG continues to work with partners to explore options for building first responder and emergency response capacities despite lack of funding. A number of community members have been identified as willing to act as volunteer fire fighters. But lack of funding for training and gear is a barrier to engaging volunteer services.</p> | |
| <p>6-1 Implementation of the Recovery Strategy for the Boreal Caribou in the NWT, and required range plans, for boreal caribou affected by the Project</p> | <p>Submit to WRRB under s.12.5.1 of Tłı̨chǫ Agreement at least 90 days before road open to public.</p> | <p>Woodland Caribou Recovery Strategy & Range Plan: ENR/ECC resubmitted the interim Wek'èezhii range plan to the WRRB on November 05, 2022. TG and GNWT are now actively co-developing a permanent range plan that will be completed in the next 2 years. This process involves adapting the interim plan with traditional knowledge insight and other collaborations and proposed amendments.</p> | <p>Reflections/Recommendations: It would be beneficial for TG to know how many tags are being used by non-Indigenous peoples. Unsure if ENR/ECC keeps track of where caribou and moose are harvested, but they should report it to Indigenous governments. This would help determine sustainable harvesting.</p> |
| <p>6-2, 7-1, 9-1 Temporary no-hunting corridor for boreal caribou (tǫdzı)</p> <p>Incorporate Traditional Knowledge into Monitoring of Barren-ground Caribou (ʔekwǫ)</p> <p>Monitoring Harvest and Managing Wildlife to Maintain Successful Harvest</p> | <p>GNWT to set Sustainable harvest level.</p> <p>TG to report on monitoring: Annually</p> | <p>Caribou habitat & harvest monitoring</p> <p>TG continues to receive advisory support from the K'ą̀gǫ̀dǫ̀ Tłı̨ Deè Committee to support the incorporation of traditional knowledge into monitoring of barren-ground caribou (ʔekwǫ). There have been 5 Committee meetings that have occurred in January 2021, April 2021, November 2021, April 2022, and November 2022. In response to input from the Committee, TG is monitoring dustfall along the road and the impacts of dust on plants and habitat that are important for ʔekwǫ, tǫdzı, and other wildlife.. With consultant support, TG highway monitors have set up 36 vegetation plots along the road, which are monitored each year to determine whether vegetation is changing. In addition, TG highway monitors are collaborating with NRCan and graduate students from Sir Wilfred Laurier to monitor dustfall and vegetation using drones. TG has a MOU with NRCan, who have agreed to provide financial, material, and analysis support to implement the dust study program.</p> <p>TG highway monitors also monitor hunting and fishing activity along the road during the fall, and conduct highway patrols every weekday to identify other issues and concerns along the highway. All monitoring data from the monitors to date has been compiled into a report. The monitors have not reported any Indigenous harvest of caribou or moose on the Tłı̨chǫ Highway. Data has been collected on the animals sighted, animal tracks sighted, instances of woodcutting, garbage left along the highway and instances of roadkill. The monitors have also highlighted the need for a washroom on Highway 9.</p> <p>April 2023: Highway monitoring program reinstated with updates to the program including: (1) Elders hired as part of the highway monitoring staff, (2) Monitors re-trained to complete data entry digitally on iPads as opposed to paper entries,</p> | <p>Reflections/Recommendations:</p> <p>The TK measures are important as Elders know how things were before the road. They understand health and abundance and how things will change.</p> <p>TASR monitors have noted that the current way the monitors are scheduled to be on the road they miss a lot of wildlife, as they're not on the road in the early morning or at dusk when they say the animals are usually out. This might have been brought up in the committee meeting too. There are some employment hurdles that would need to be addressed to make this a reality.</p> <p>TASR monitors have noted that they have seen people harvesting on the roads or at least know of people harvesting on the roads, but they don't seem to see them when they are on their shift. Hunting occurs early in the day and on weekends. The idea has been proposed to do check-stops along the roads to find out information regarding hunting. This would help with reports on wildlife data.</p> |



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| | | <p>(3) Opportunities and incentives for public volunteers to participate in monitoring and reporting. In April, TG highway monitors also set up 9 dustfall monitoring stations.</p> <p>June 2023: One week of drone dust studies occurred to collect imagery of the habitat surrounding the highway and analyze the imagery to see if dust can be detected on the vegetation. This information will help us understand the impact of the road on habitat for both zekwò and tòdzi.</p> <p>Upcoming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitors will establish reference point for dust/vegetation surveys 3 kilometers from road to establish control of natural dust levels to compare with the 3 current transept locations. • Vegetation and dust fall survey reports from June and July 2023 will be shared to Committee members at the next meeting. TG has identified intention to increase female Elder participation in the K'agòò Tìlì Deè Committee as female Elders often contribute additional insights on plants. | |
| 6-3 Habitat Offset and Restoration Plan | Submit to WRRB under s.12.5.1 of Tlicho Agreement at least 90 days before road open to public. | <p>Woodland Caribou Habitat Offset Plan</p> <p>The Final Caribou Habitat Offset Plan was completed, submitted, and approved by the WRRB. Approval was given on September 2, 2021.</p> | |
| 8-1 Integrated Fisheries Management Plan | Submit to WRRB under s.12.5.1 of Tlicho Agreement at least 90 days before road open to public. | <p>Plan was submitted</p> <p>April 2023: In the retraining of the Highway Monitors, Paul Vesce gave a presentation to the monitors about what to look for in relation to fish and when to contact/ flag an issue for Paul.</p> <p>Ongoing: There are information pamphlets, signs, and angler diaries created to respond to the measure.</p> | |
| 10-1 Bird Species at Risk and Migratory Bird Data, Mitigation, Monitoring, and Adaptive Management | | <p>April 2023: Updates to the highway monitoring data entry process included the introduction of a bird and migratory bird data entry process. Specific migratory bird forms are now included as part of wildlife monitoring.</p> | |
| 10-2 Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan Approval, Annual Review, and Reporting | | <p>Ongoing: Wildlife monitors continue to submit daily reports of wildlife and harvesting on their digital data entry program. The Wildlife Monitoring Program continues to be managed by Tlicho staff who ensure proper protocol and update equipment and policy as necessary.</p> | |