

EA1617-01 Tlicho All-Season Road

Pre-hearing Conference

October 24, 2017



Mackenzie Valley
Review Board



Pre-hearing Conference Agenda

- Introductions
- Review Board mandate
- Rules of Procedure
- Review of presentations
- Public participation
- Draft hearing agenda
- Time allotments
- Suggestions for hearing presentations
- Dates and deadlines



Introductions

- Sign-in sheet
- Teleconference participants
 - 1-877-733-5390
 - Code 4631621989
- Review Board staff taking notes
- Meeting report for the registry



Review Board Mandate

Guiding principles from MVRMA 115(1)

- a) the protection of the environment from the significant adverse impacts of proposed developments;
- b) the protection of the social, cultural and economic well-being of residents and communities in the Mackenzie Valley; and
- c) the importance of conservation to the well-being and way of life of the aboriginal peoples of Canada to whom section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 applies and who use an area of the Mackenzie Valley.



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Scope of Development

- Scope of development consists of all physical works and activities required for the project to proceed
 - Includes construction, operation, reclamation and closure
- Scope of assessment defines which issues will be examined in the environmental assessment
 - Includes all potential impacts on valued components of biophysical and human environment
 - Includes past, present and reasonably foreseeable developments



Rules of Procedure

- Hearing overview
- Role of the Chairperson
- New evidence
- Undertakings and commitments
- Teleconference, interpretation and transcription services
- Public participation



List of presenters

1. Department of Fisheries and Oceans
2. Environment and Climate Change Canada
3. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
4. National Resources Canada
5. North Slave Métis Alliance
6. Tłıchǫ Government
7. Yellowknives Dene First Nation
8. Wek'èezhì Renewable Resource Board



Public participation

- Typical EA:
 - community public hearing in affected communities
 - formal public hearing in regional centre
- This EA:
 - Entire public hearing in Whati
 - Public participation throughout
 - Day 1 vs. Day 2 and 3



Hearing agenda and scheduling

- Developer/Parties will make a single presentation each day
- Presentation will cover all topics for that day (in order listed)
 - E.g. Day 3, Developer will present on 4 topics, NRCAN will present on 1 topic



Scheduling – time constraints

For each topic:

- Developer presentation
- Questions from parties & public comment
- Party presentations
- Questions from Developer, parties & public comment



Daily Topics

- **Day 1:** Project description | TG roles and responsibilities
- **Day 2:** caribou and wildlife including birds and species at risk | Traditional Harvesting
- **Day 3:** water and fish | traditional way of life | culture & heritage resources | economic well-being and stable and healthy communities | permafrost | other



Activity	Times
Opening Prayer Welcome from Review Board Chair Opening remarks by Tłıchǫ Government	11:00am
Opening remarks by Review Board Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - procedural matters and agenda - introductions of Review Board and staff 	11:30am
Lunch break (lunch provided)	12:00pm
Developer's Project description presentation	12:30pm
Questions from public parties on GNWT presentation (order TBD)	1:00pm
Tłıchǫ Governments roles and responsibilities presentation	1:45pm
Questions from public and parties on Tlıcho presentation (order TBD)	2:15pm
Public comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - youth - women - Elders 	3:00pm
Dinner break (dinner provided)	5:00pm
Short recap of Developer and Tłıchǫ Government presentations	5:30pm
Public comments	6:00pm
Closing	7:00pm

Hearing Day 1

Activity	Times
Opening Prayer Welcome from Review Board Chair	10:00am
Developer's presentation for the following topics: 1. caribou and wildlife, including species at risk 2. traditional harvesting	10:15am
Questions from parties on above topics (order TBD)	10:45am
Public comment on above topics	
Lunch break (lunch provided)	12:30pm
Party presentations on above topics (order TBD)	1:00pm
Questions from parties to follow each presentation (order TBD)	1:30pm
Public comment on presentation	
Dinner break (supper provided)	5:00pm
Public comments (including youth, women and Elders)	5:30pm
Closing	7:00pm

Hearing Day 2

Activity	Times
Opening Prayer Welcome from Review Board Chair	10:00am
Review of undertakings and commitments	10:15am
Developer's presentation for the following topics: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. water and fish 2. traditional way of life, culture & heritage resources 3. economic well-being & stable and healthy communities 4. permafrost 5. other 	10:30am
Questions from parties on above topics (order TBD)	11:00pm
Public comments on above topics	
Lunch break (lunch provided)	12:00pm
Party presentations on above topics (order TBD)	1:00pm
Questions from parties to follow each presentation (order TBD)	1:30pm
Public Comments on party presentation	
Closing remarks	5:30pm
Adjournment	6:00pm

Hearing Day 3

Time management

- **Presentation by Day**
 - **Be effective:** only present on items from Technical Report
 - Recommend Developer stick to 30min/parties 10-15min. Use longer as necessary.
- **Time for questions:**
 - Prioritize questions in advance
 - Ask hard questions first,
 - Don't build a case slowly... go direct!
 - Listen carefully - eliminate questions other parties have asked



Time management tips

- The Board has reviewed all technical reports – don't repeat everything...
- Mandate not necessary... we know
- Still have Closing Arguments – can elaborate on points or discuss less priority items further there
- Make any printed handouts available to the Board by November 8th.



Suggestions for hearing presentations

- Guidance available on the Review Board registry

General tips:

- Focus on impacts that are most important
- **What** do you think **will happen**, **how** will it happen, and **why is it important** to you
- If you were a Board member, **what would you do** about the impact?



Presentation format

- Submit a separate presentation file for each hearing day
- Include any handouts
- **Power point** or pdf
- No dark background on slides, white only (for printing)



Dates and deadlines: Travel logistics

- Air Tindi Charter flights with (Dash-7)
- GNWT (??? spots) & Review Board (22 spots)
- GNWT: Carmen Griffin
- Review Board: Catherine McManus
- Deal with contact person directly
- Registration deadline of November 8th



Travel estimates – may change

- Wednesday, Nov 15
 - Check-in 9:00am, Depart 9:30am
 - Depart 7:30pm, Arrive 8:00pm
- Thursday, Nov 16
 - Check-in 8:00am, Depart 8:30am
 - Depart 7:30pm, Arrive 8:00pm
- Friday, Nov 17*
 - Check-in 8:00am, Depart 9:00am
 - Depart 7:00pm, Arrive 8:30pm





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Upcoming dates and deadlines

- November 3 - hearing presentations from parties due
- November 6 - hearing presentation from developer due
- November 6 – closing of the public record
- November 15, 16, and 17– public hearings
 - Public record will reopen at start of hearings
- Hearing undertakings TBD
- Closing arguments TBD
- Closure of public record TBD

