



Engagement Plan for the Mackenzie River Ferry Landings

Government of the Northwest Territories – Department of Infrastructure



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Introduction

The Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Infrastructure (INF) has operated and maintained the Mackenzie River Ferry Landings for over 40 years. Comprehensive community engagement regarding the landings has been undertaken on a continual basis since 1999. As Public Servants, the staff of the GNWT are accountable and open to the public for discussion of all matters. As such, the Department and staff are well acquainted with the communities and community members of Fort McPherson, and engagement practices and community relationships are well established.

Affected Parties

Affected parties for the Ferry Landings were identified in the 2010 water licence renewal and have grown to include a number of aboriginal groups and other affected parties. The groups identified in the 2022 Water Licence Renewal include:

- Aklavik Indian Band
- Charter Community of Tiisgehtchic
- Ehdiiat Gwich'in Council
- Ehdiiat Gwich'in Renewable Resources Council
- Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board
- Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board
- Gwich'in Tribal Council – Department of Cultural Heritage
- Gwich'in Tribal Council
- Gwich'in Tribal Council – Lands and Resources
- Gwichya Gwich'in Band
- Gwichya Gwich'in Council
- Gwichya Gwich'in Renewable Resources Council
- Hamlet of Aklavik
- Hamlet of Fort McPherson
- Inuvik Native Band
- Nihtat Gwich'in Council
- Nihtat Gwich'in Renewable Resources Council
- Teetl'it Gwich'in Band
- Tetlit Gwich'in Renewable Resource Council
- Tetlit Gwich'in Council
- Town of Inuvik

The Department of Infrastructure may engage with other Parties on a case by case basis as appropriate.

Past Engagement Activities

Beginning in 1999, the Department of Infrastructure has engaged with stakeholders regarding the ferry landing operations. Multiple opportunities to engage stakeholders have occurred throughout the years, including during the previous water licence renewal process, the annual meetings as required under the previous water licences, and during the 2021/22 water licence renewal process. Written engagement was carried out as well as a community engagement meeting on December 14, 2021. As a result of the open lines of communication, the Department has kept community members involved and informed on an ongoing basis.

Engagement Approach

The Department of Infrastructure believes that meaningful community engagement is crucial in building and maintaining good relationships with communities and community members. The Department of Infrastructure Regional Offices' are open for residents to provide comments and concerns, or to ask questions regarding the Departments activities. As a result of the Departments open lines of communication, well-established relationships have been built with the people and communities of the Northwest Territories.

Engagement Activities for the Project

During the life of the Ferry Landing Water Licence Term, INF will build on the engagement approach and there will be various opportunities for affected parties to learn and provide input on the ferry landing operations. This engagement plan will ensure that the people of the Community of Tsiigehtchic, the major stakeholder, are fully aware of the schedule of construction, conditions, and operations of the Ferry Landings.

Normal ferry construction should not require a community meeting, but instead verbal or written communication between INF, Community of Tsiigehtchic, and GNWT Water Resource Division.

Engagement for on-going operations could include key activities such as:

- Changes to ferry landing operations or locations of the landings due to high or low water levels;
- Spills;
- Ferry closures;
- Construction of the landings at the start of the season and closure of the ferry at the end of the season;
- Annual community meetings at the beginning of the ferry season to discuss any concerns the communities may have about the ferry landing operations; and
- Amendments to the water licence.

If there is a community meeting to take place it will be open to all members of the community, including:

- Youth;
- Elders;
- Women and Men; and
- Any other community members interested in participating.

Summary

A summary of engagement triggers and methods is provided below in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of Engagement Triggers and Methods

Engagement Trigger	Primary Purpose	Primary Methods	Primary Participants
Changes to the ferry landing operations	Discuss changes to the ferry landing operations	Verbal and/or written notification.	GNWT Water Resource Officer, GLWB
Amendments to the water licence	To advise stakeholders and the public of amendments to the water licences	Verbal and/or written notification	GLWB and parties identified in <i>Affected Parties</i>
Renewing the water licence	To advise stakeholders and the public of the departments intentions to renew the water licence	Verbal and/or written notification	GLWB and parties identified in <i>Affected Parties</i>
Spills	To advise affected stakeholders of spills	Verbal and/or written notification	Spill hotline, GNWT Water Resource Officer, Gwichya Gwich'in Council and renewable resource council
Ferry Closures and opening at the beginning of the season	To advise the public of any ferry closures or opening at the beginning of the season	Verbal and/or written notification, as well as social media	Public
Changes to the location of the ferry landings	To advise stakeholders of changes to the landing positions	Verbal and/or written notification	Gwichya Gwich'in Renewable Resource Council
Annual Meeting at the beginning of the seasons	To discuss any planned changes to the ferry landings, and to discuss any concerns about the ferry landing operations	Verbal and/or written notification, as well as in person meeting	Gwichya Gwich'in council, Community of Tsiigehtchic
Other	To discuss any concerns or other topics that may arise during ferry landing operations	Written, verbal, or as required by affected parties	Gwichya Gwich'in Council and renewable resource council, and/or any other group

			or individual
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Appendix E - Pre-Submission Engagement Record (Summary and Log) Template ¹³

1. Pre-Submission Engagement Summary: Mackenzie and Peel River Ferry Landing Water Licence Renewal

Name of Proponent: GNWT – Department of Infrastructure

Name of Affected Party: Aklavik Indian Band, Charter Community of Tsiigehtchic, Ehdiitat Gwich'in Council, Ehdiitat Gwich'in Renewable Resources Council, Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board, Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board, Gwich'in Tribal Council – Department of Cultural Heritage, Gwich'in Tribal Council, Gwich'in Tribal Council – Lands and Resources, Gwichya Gwich'in Band, Gwichya Gwich'in Council, Gwichya Gwich'in Renewable Resources Council, Hamlet of Aklavik, Hamlet of Fort McPherson, Inuvik Native Band, Nihtat Gwich'in Council, Nihtat Gwich'in Renewable Resources Council, Teetl'it Gwich'in Band, Tetlit Gwich'in Renewable Resource Council, Tetlit Gwich'in Council, Town of Inuvik

Name(s) of representative(s) of affected parties who participated in engagement	Dates of Engagement (e.g. list dates or range of dates)	Reason(s) for Engagement (e.g., application for timber harvesting)	Overview of Issue(s) Resolved	Overview of Issue(s) Unresolved

<p>Aklavik Indian Band egc.director.aklavik@gmail.com</p>	<p>Emailed August 13, 2021 to notify parties of upcoming water licence application with a 2 week comment period. A community meeting with both Tsiigehtchic and Fort McPherson was request. INF was able to hold a community meeting with Tsiigehtchic December 14, 2021. A community meeting was planned with Fort McPherson December 16, 2021 however due to a COVID-19 outbreak the meeting has been postpone. INF followed up with an email dated February 14, 2022 to notify parties of application and that additional comments can be submitted via the ORS and that a meeting with Fort McPherson will be held once it is safe to do so.</p>	<p>Pre-submission engagement letter for Water Licence G15L8-001 and G15L8-002 renewal</p>	<p>The meeting minutes from the Tsiigehtchic meeting have been attached. No other comments have been received.</p> <p>Notified parties can submit comments or concerns through ORS.</p>	<p>n/a</p>
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<p>Gwich'in Tribal Council – Department of Cultural Heritage SSnowshoe@gwichin.nt.ca</p> <p>Gwich'in Tribal Council james.thorbourne@gwichintribal.ca</p> <p>Gwich'in Tribal Council – Lands and Resources leighann.williamsjones@gwichintribal.ca</p>	<p>Emailed August 13, 2021 to notify parties of upcoming water licence application with a 2 week comment period. A community meeting with both Tsiigehtchic and Fort McPherson was request. INF was able to hold a community meeting with Tsiigehtchic December 14, 2021. A community meeting was planned with Fort McPherson December 16, 2021 however due to a COVID-19 outbreak the meeting has been postpone. INF followed up with an email dated February 14, 2022 to notify parties of application and that additional comments can be submitted via the ORS and that a meeting with Fort McPherson will be held once it is safe to do so.</p>	<p>Pre-submission engagement letter for Water Licence G15L8-001 and G15L8-002 renewal</p>	<p>The meeting minutes from the Tsiigehtchic meeting have been attached. No other comments have been received.</p> <p>Notified parties can submit comments or concerns through ORS.</p>	<p>n/a</p>

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****All engagement and follow up letters sent via email.***

Signature of Proponent (representative): _____

Signature of Affected Party (representative): ¹⁴ _____

¹³ A summary sheet for each affected party should accompany the log (which may be a chronological list of all engagement with all parties).

¹⁴ These signatures represent agreement on the contents of the log and record, but do not necessarily imply that the parties agree on the topics that were discussed

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From: Alexis Campbell
Sent: August 12, 2021 9:44 AM
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Subject: Mackenzie and Peel River Ferry Landing Water Licence Renewal
Attachments: Ferry Landing Water Licence Renewal Engagement Letter.pdf

Good morning,

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Sent: August 12, 2021 9:39 AM
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To: SSnowshoe@gwichin.nt.ca; james.thorbourne@gwichintribal.ca; Godlove.Ngeh@gwichintribal.ca
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From: Leigh-Ann Williams-Jones <LeighAnn.WilliamsJones@gwichintribal.ca>
Sent: August 26, 2021 8:37 AM
To: Alexis Campbell
Cc: Patrick McLaughlin; amacdonald@glwb.com; Christina Martin; Mavis Clark
Subject: RE: Mackenzie and Peel River Ferry Landing Water License Renewal
Attachments: 25082021_Letter to GNWT Re Ferry Landing Engagement.docx

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Good Afternoon Alexis,

I apologize for the delay in getting back to you with regards to the Ferry Landings Water License Renewal. Please see attached letter.

Warm Regards,



Leigh-Ann Williams-Jones

Manager, Lands & Resources

GWICH'IN TRIBAL COUNCIL

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From: Alexis Campbell <Alexis_Campbell@gov.nt.ca>
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 9:44 AM
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Re: Water License Renewal Application Pre-submission Engagement: Peel River and Mackenzie River Ferry Landings G15L8-001 and G15L8-002

Dear Alexis Campbell,

Thank you for your notification of your upcoming water license renewal for the Peel River and Mackenzie River Ferry Landings G15L8-001 and G15L8-002.

Based on feedback from the affected Gwich'in communities, GTC would like to request a community engagement meeting for Tsiigehtchic, as well as a meeting with GTC's Lands and Resources Department. Please see below for contacts.

Tsiigehtchic
Mavis Clark
Interim DGO President
Gwichya Gwich'in Council
Email: president@gwichyagwichin.ca

GTC
Lands and Resources Manager
Leigh-Ann Williams-Jones
Email: leighann.williamsjones@gwichintribal.ca
Tel: (867)777-7910

Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you have any questions or concerns.

Warm Regards,

Leigh-Ann Williams-Jones
Lands and Resources Manager

cc. Mavis Clark, Interim DGO President, Gwichya Gwich'in Council
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Sent: December 7, 2021 2:57 PM
Cc: Patrick McLaughlin
Subject: Department of Infrastructure Community Engagement Meeting
Attachments: Community Engagement Meeting Fort McPherson.pdf; Community Engagement Meeting Tsiigehtchic.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find attached letters for the upcoming Community Engagement Meetings in Fort McPherson and Tsiigehtchic. If you have any questions please contact either Patrick or myself.

Thank you,

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Via Email

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Water Licence Renewal Application Pre-submission Engagement: Peel River and Mackenzie River Ferry landings G15L8-001 and G15L8-002

We wish to advise you that the Department of Infrastructure will be submitting an application to the Gwich'in Land and Water Board (GLWB) for the renewal of the ferry landing water licences on the Peel and Mackenzie River, G15L8-001 and G15L8-002.

Activities in the licence application will include depositing up to 500m³ of granular material in the river to construct and maintain the ferry landings.

Prior to submitting the application to the GLWB the Department would like to engage with your organization. Any questions or concerns regarding the proposed application, or if your organization would like to request a community engagement meeting, can be submitted by August 25, 2021 to either Patrick McLaughlin at 867-777-7163 or by email at Patrick.McLaughlin@gov.nt.ca, or to Alexis Campbell at 867-767-9083 ext 31055 or by email at Alexis_Campbell@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

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- c. Patrick McLaughlin – Marine Manager North, INF



Via Email

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Water Licences G15L8-001 and G15L8-002 Renewal Pre-submission Engagement

We wish to advise you that the Department of Infrastructure will be submitting a renewal water licence application to the Gwich'in Land and Water Board (GLWB) for the continued operations and maintenance of Peel River and Mackenzie River Ferry Landings. These ferry landings are currently licenced under G15L8-001 and G15L8-002.

The Department was able to hold a Community Engagement Meeting with the Community of Tsiigehtchic on December 14th, 2021. A Community Engagement Meeting with the Community of Fort McPherson was scheduled for December 16th, 2021, however due to the detection of COVID-19 before the December 16th meeting the meeting was postpone until it is safe to hold in-person meetings. The Department is committed to holding the Community Engagement Meeting as soon as possible.

Any questions or concerns regarding the proposed water licence applications can be submitted through the Online Review System once the application is submitted to the GLWB, or can be provided to Alexis Campbell by email at Alexis.Campbell@gov.nt.ca

Sincerely,

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Ferry Landing Consultation – Arctic Red River & Mackenzie River July 14th 2015 start @6pm end at @7:15pm

In attendance:

- DOT representatives:
 - Jon Posynick – Environmental Analyst;
 - Herbert Blake – Marine Manager Inuvik Region;
 - Stu Niven – Manager, Environmental Affairs; and
 - Alexis Campbell – Environmental Analyst Intern
- Darren Campbell –Gwichin Tribal Corporation
- Grace Blake – Gwichya Gwich'in Council President
- Billy Clark
- Tom – Renewable Resource Council (Last name was not heard)
- Angus (Last name and affiliation with local organization was not heard)
- Roxanne MacLeod - Gwichya Gwich'in Renewable Resource Council
- Anna May MacLeod - Gwichya Gwich'in Renewable Resource Council
- Candace Mitchell (Affiliation with local organization was not heard)
- Rayanne Storr - Gwichya Gwich'in Renewable Resource Council
- John Norbert – Renewable Resource Council
- Bob (Last name and affiliation with local organization was not heard)

Introduction

Consultation started with dinner at 5pm. Consultation meeting started at 6pm. Went around the table to introduce ourselves.

Stu gave some background information on why we are here. He explained that DOT had sent out letters of engagement to all effected stakeholders and Grace had replied requesting a Consultation.

Jon then presented the PowerPoint presentation reflecting DOTs objectives at the consultation.

Questions & Comments

Grace –There should be biannual updates, in spring before Ferry season and in the fall after ferry seasons. There are already concerns with the fishing and the eddies, and there may be new concerns that arise after each ferry season for example, water levels.

Tom – Extending the water licence period bothers him. Water characteristic are not the same as the year before. We don't know what's going to happen in the next 25 years. Wants to keep the licence to a 5 year term.

Grace- There is no current in the water in the spring time as it used to be at one time. DOT should do a survey with elders about the (water and current) situation, and with others who use the land (ex. TK). Water levels aren't what they used to be; now tug boats can't do their seasonal work. There needs to be

lots of water monitoring that has to happen. If we decide to extend the water licence to 25 years, what mitigation measures can you come up with to ensure proper monitoring and consultation will happen?

Stu - we will continue to monitor, continue to consult.

Grace – 25 years is a long time. We need to be ensured everything is monitored. Herbert has been good about amount of materials used at landings. We need to expand what DOT is doing to inform members of the community better, not just RRC or DGO. Darren what are your thoughts on this new application?

Darren – Any thoughts would be on the new application that will be submitted to the GLWB. There will be 90 days to review application, and a number of options that effected communities will have to ask questions or express concerns.

Stu- This consultation is to start engagement early.

Anna May- One of the concerns was to hire monitors when DOT takes out gravel or reloads landings, so that they can monitor if any oil or gas is spilled. That monitor should be hired from Tsiigehtchic. We always seem to be the last to know, and next thing you know the fish are disappearing, why? Is DOT putting chemicals in the water?

Stu – (Went over spill history in the area). Only 3 incidents that have been reported since 2001. We have put in new measures, including updating the spill contingency plan. I was pleasantly surprised about landings. (Went over the SCP). The landings are very neat and tidy, we have a plan in place and the captain is in charge when.

Anna May- We (people in the community) hear about the ones that are not reported.

Stu - if you hear about a spill, you can call the Spill hotline.

Anna May –There are lots of new workers and they come and go, and some aren't properly trained.

Herbert- Everyone is trained, MED certified. It's a transport Canada Regulation.

Grace- There is only 9 seats in Aurora College for people to be trained to work at the ferries. I want to see more people be able to be trained.

Herbert- Those classes are set up by the tribal council and Inuvialuit board.

Grace- We need look out for our people and expand the opportunities. George, the deck hand on the ferry, when is the next step he can take to be captain? Various community members' fathers went out to Hay River to be trained, and limiting people to only being ferry hands isn't working. There should be a wildlife and environmental monitor. On any other project that's what's to be expected, it should be no different for this project.

Stu- I like your point, if there is a pool of certified people they should have opportunities (referring to George).

Grace- There is only 1 person working on the ferry from Tsiigehtchic; there are always opportunities for people from McPherson to work at the ferries. It's a real contentious issue, no one asks Tsiigehtchic Members. Doesn't happen the way we want it to happen. People here need to have first chance at jobs on the ferries.

Jon - Anna you mentioned number of fish have been reducing. (Jon then explained LAMP numbers and how interviewed Tsiigehtchic fishermen and women have reported a consistent number of fish caught throughout the years of the LAMP).

Anna May – How can we be included in the survey, Do we need to ask everyone how many fish they catch?

Jon – (Explained how the LAMP fish survey works. The RRC hires an individual to go around and collect information from community members about the fish they have caught that seas). If there is other information we would like to see it.

Anna May– It was just an example that if there are too many spills fish will be gone.

Grace- There is hardly any fish in Fort Good Hope. We need to be aware of what's going on in the surrounding areas. We need to be conscious of other studies going in the area.

Bob – Positioning of the ferry landings. I've been living here for 25 years, and the ferry is much closer and encroaching on the area of this fish camp on the mouth of the creek. The ferry keeps going past there, and the landings keep getting closer.

Herbert – The landing is going to be moved. We are using the high-water landing at the moment, but the low water landing will be used as of tomorrow. I talked with Margret about it the other day.

Grace- Are you going to be using that landing temporarily?

Herbert- We need to use that landing during high water. We try to get out of there the first week of July.

Grace - There are fewer nets because the ferry is too close/ the ferry landings are too close. This is taking away from the traditional use. It's important for DOT to know this. Herbert you need to notify us when you are going to be using that landing.

Question - How much right of way do you have?

Herbert – That whole landing is our responsibility. That's why we discourage people from parking in that area, because we are responsible for the safety of things.

Question -What do you do with the materials you move out?

Herbert- We stockpile it. Remediate it. Use it again once it's cleaned.

Question - There was a pile and the ice took it away.

Herbert- everything we pulled out is still there. We surveyed it.

Grace- I think for the safety of the community the ferry and community needs to work together. DOT is really encroaching on where the community parks their boats.

Herbert – we need to be safe, that’s our top priority.

Question - Cant DOT put a concert slab instead of gravel. We see it in Simpson, we should use it here. I don’t know what was wrong with putting shale instead of gravel. I put some in the river last year and it’s still there.

Darren – This ferry issues, we hear it all the time. I’ve seen this project from a lot of different angles. One thing I know is that these guys from DOT are very good at engaging. One of the things you’re talking about is the cumulative effects, and in the MVRMA there is a section under the cumulative effects and this is a perfect example of an effect that should be monitored. DOT is trying really hard but they can’t be everything, and there may be an opportunity to shift all this work. A proposal will go to the feds for a cumulative effects study, and a steering committee will be made with feds, GNWT, and Gwich’in groups. The steering committee could make the adjustments and provide various monitors over the years. The steering committee could look at various impacts (ex. Spills, water levels). Steering committee would require a coordinated group with feds, GNWT, and Gwich’in. Even if you could put a concert slab, the silt would pile up. There is always cause and effect. DOT has looked at the shape of the landings, and if we could use other landings. A cumulative effects study could monitor certain things and report on certain things. This is a good candidate for a cumulative effects study.

Grace- we can’t sit around this table and keep talking about the same things every year. The temperature of the water, since the elders can remember the temperature is getting warmer and there are different fish. This is something that needs to be considered.

Darren – these concerns aren’t going to go away, and the licence can’t cover everything. The licence is for a very specific activities (putting gravel in) and these meetings go past that and DOT can’t cover everything. The monitoring could help a lot. Flow of information is the best it’s going to get. The cooperative aspect of DOT is helping with the project.

Grace- There is so many studies; the RRC is swamped with studies. There is an expectation of the RRC to support applications and studies. There is a need to streamline all that. Need assistance from GTC. The expectation to come to the community and talk about only one issue is impossible.

Darren – Work with Stu about the cumulative effects study. Holistic approach is best.

Grace - What is the end result of the cumulative effects study?

John would support a 5 year licence.

Grace- People like John and the elderly, we need to put the mechanisms in place to deal with these concerns.

Anna May – 25 years is too long, the land and water is changing too fast. Government only comes in once a year asks questions then leaves. Season might change.

Meeting ended at 7:15pm

MINUTES

Mackenzie River Ferry Landing Water Licence Annual Meeting

Chief Paul Niditchie School Gymnasium, Tsiigehtchic NWT

July 12, 2016

Participants:

Grace Blake
Roxanne MacLeod
Elaine Blake
Anna May MacLeod
Peter Ross
Russell
Ben

Department of Transportation:

Herbert Blake, Marine Manager
Alexis Campbell, Environmental Analyst
Scott Lundrigan, Field Environment Coordinator

1. WELCOME AND OPENING COMMENTS

- Introduction and why this meeting is necessary
- Reviewed what was spoken to at last years meeting

2. REVIEW OF THE 2015 LAMP

- Alexis describe the aspects of the LAMP and went over the results of the 2015 LAMP

3. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Herbert – The new Water Licence that was issues to DOT in November 2015 was amended further. Nothing in the license has changed besides the language and a few date for submissions. We are obligated under the license to hold an annual meeting. (Then went on to discuss the granular amounts used last year, which are included in the annual report submitted to the GLWB). DOTs focus is taking gravel out of the river and not putting it in. Last year we took much more gravel out of the river than we put it. The department is generous with the removed gravel. We gave the excess gravel to the community and church. The excess and damaged timber was given to the church for stabilization of the foundation.
- Grace – The access gravel and timber given by the department is much appreciated.
- Herbert – Last season ran late – operated until November 8th. There were no breakdowns or issues on the ferry. This spring we removed the existing haul and replaced it with new steel. The next refit will be the

deck and 4 new engines. There were a few engine problems in the spring but they are all fixed now. The refit of the deck and new engines is a good opportunity for the community (in regards to contracts). There was 1 minor spill (10L), and under the SCP we are obligated to report any size spill that occurred. All vessels are equipped with a spill kit, as well as the commercial vehicles. The environmental risk is minimized with the amount of spill response equipment. We have also cut down on fuel consumption and emission by waiting 10 minutes at each ferry landing instead of heading out as soon as everyone has come aboard. We have been doing this for the past 2 years and already seeing great results.

- Grace- Can you talk about the mechanic?
- Herbert – Red River Mechanical is now in charge of all equipment servicing. They are good mechanics and have been very busy. We also rent as much equipment from Red River Mechanical as possible. We need to find a way to get rid of the replaced steel/metal. The contract (for the ferry) got extended (grizzly marine) until December, and not sure what will happen after that.
- Peter- How do you contain an oil spill?
- Herbert – Spill kits are onboard and there is other spill containment equipment, such as booms. There is a SCP for both of the ferry landings which outline what steps to take.
- Peter- When I started working on the ferry in 1980 we had a boat with all the spill stuff on it. Want spill equipment on the landings and not only on the ferry.
- Herbert – noted. Will take that back to HQ
- Peter – Margret wants to go fishing in August. If you guys can move down a bit (from the high water level ferry landing) that would be great.
- Herbert – We will do that. We are hoping to move to the lower water level landing by the end of next week.
- Peter – Worried about spills. Want to keep the booms on the ferry and not in the yard shop
- Herbert – (to grace) I want to work with the community on spill training as they also construct and maintain the ice road crossing, which carries the potential for a spill.
- Grace – That would be good
- Peter – Thank you Herbert for recovering the gravel. Keep doing that we really appreciate it.
- Herbert – Will keep doing it all summer
- Peter – What is the duration of the WL?

- Grace – 5 years
- Herbert – Nothing has changed in the license. We still need to stay engaged and communicate
- Grace – No other concerns? Thank you all for coming



Tsiigehtchic Community Engagement Meeting
Community Learning Centre, Tsiigehtchic, NT
Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 1PM
Marine Water License Renewal Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Community Member:

Phillip Blake – Chief, Mayor
Lawrence Norbert – **Acting Executive Director**
James Andre – **position**
John Norbert – **position**
George Niditchie Jr. - **position**
Grace Blake - resident

Department of Infrastructure (INF):

Merle Carpenter – Superintendent
Mosiul Alam – Regional Highways Manager
Allan Hamilton- Highways Technician
Joao Nuncio – Regional Projects Manager
Allen Lee – Regional Facilities Manager
Dennis Pascal – Maintenance Coordinator – Beaufort Delta
Adele Kalinek – Admin Support Clerk
Pat McLaughlin – Marine Manager, North
Richard James Blake – **Assistant Marine Manager/Highway Technician**

Gwich'in Tribal Council

Leigh-Anne Williams-Jones
John Edwards

COVID Secretariat:

Wayne Norris
Stewart Gibson
Kevin Stevens
Colin Allen



Introductions – round table intro

Marine Water License Renewal – Pat gave brief info session on license renewal – community engagement meeting – license requirements-

1. Amount of material (granulate) goes into the river to build landings, effects of materials going into water.
2. Environmental Aspect – ferry & ground work system- equipment & process might cause hazards- spills on boat and landings.

Audits done on performances, no spills into rivers, identifying leaks are addressed immediately, seasonal updates.

Pat explained cleaning of decks and chemicals, equipment not allowed in waters, preventative maintenance being the “Highest Standard”.

Merle gave a brief history of when he became superintendent how the ferry camps were inspected and fined, 16 inspections in 6 months, now no more violations, fines, ensuring compliant, incorporated a ferry pullout system, fixing of existing camp, new trailer, deferred maintenance envelope maintenance through Facilities. INF has replaced 4 engines, this year new props and shafts to be installed.

Question & Answers

James Andre – Concerns of setting fish nets due to landing being extended out

Pat – If they put in 500 cubic meters of gravel per landing, they ensure same taken out at end of season.

Lawrence – Erosion of landings, have they thought about concrete/steel landings option?

Pat – Topic came up a couple times but no major discussion on concrete/steel. Studies were done a few years ago on bridges, barge plates and solid secure landings. The 2020 washout, switched to 6” plus from Bob’s than topped with pitrun.

James Andre – Is the ferry contract out this year?

Pat – Yes working with PSS to tender, 5 year contract with a 1 year option for extension.

James Andre – Inquired on making 2 contracts, 1 for Tsiigehtchic and 1 for Peel River? It is hard to bid on as we are a small community.

Pat – No discussion n past regarding this

Merle – mentioned community requested for shore labor. The option is there for more training for captains/engineers.



John Norbert – the Merv Hardy ferry hasn't been used for 10 years, can it be moved here? Is it possible?

Pat – the Merv Hardy has been Government surplus as it is past its useful life. It cannot be refitted to make useable.

Merle – Merv Hardy ferry is beached.

- Pat Tuk Point uses long sheets of cement edged in bank & large rocks, good success
- Yukon Government ferry landing, our concrete into slits, they do not have fluctuation of water like we do.

Grace Blake - Need plan in place for landings to be worked on next spring, need information. Rivers are filling with sediment effecting fishing depth further to set net.

Merle – Not all landings will be worked on this year due to Marine budget, will be advising if its Tsiigehtchic or Peel.

Lawrence Norbert – inquired on the water license renewal, sediment aspect permit.

Pat – Ensure what is set out as qualified granular additives, environmental spills, RRC permit- can ensure recommendation make

Lawrence – there is no marine weather station at ferry landing.

Pat – Type of crossing & design of boat by Transport Canada, requires certified captains & engineers to monitor. Boats are equipped directly tied to Coast Guard. Also there is a full weather station in both Tsiigehtchic & Peel camps.

Grace – we need a weather station in our community it is important to have.

Merle – it is an Environment Canada request.

Pat – Contact ECC on how to get local weather station.

James – Landing all over the place, GPS same position

Pat – All in place, changes in landing, water condition to seasons

James – Last year Peel shut down for 6 days, that never happened in past, an you not use rig mats?

Pat – it's the contractor's decision on landings

Phillip – What is the life span of ferry?

Pat - The Louis Cardinal is at its mid-life refit status, another 25 years. Tis year new gen set, cooler, motors, hull replaced. Deck needs work severe damages. 1.2 million To replace.



Lawrence – Climate change down the road? High water landing is used. Late start to ice crossings, how does this effect Dennis work?

Merle – Climate change is happening, Health Center re-leveling of building, monitor.

Philip – Would like a heads up for shutdowns.

Grace – Fuel delivery from Tsiigehtchic?

Pat – As long it meets grade, done by tendered contract

Grace – Since ferry, all services from Inuvik, is there potential for Tsiigehtchic to service?

Pat – Water & sewer from Tsiigehtchic, was cut off by Community we had to go elsewhere.

Merle – leadership can send letter to Merle as to why community of Tsiigehtchic wants fuel service. Pat can provide quantities to leadership.

Grace – When does fuel contract come out for ferry fuel?

Dennis – Not sure, no procurement in Inuvik,

Grace – January to spring, prep for contract to come out, need info on when out.

Merle – In January commit to sending to GTO. Pat is to give information to leadership.

Off Topic

James – Asked about the gravel pits

Merle – GNWT doesn't own any pits, INF pays royalties to GTC

James – Community needs work, need to make living

Merle – Elective people make the decisions

James – Premier was here last year, Yukon shut down for COVID. Why can't we have winter road access to the NWT?

Merle – They are building sections every year

Grace – What is the status of new Airport?

Merle – Doing the runway extension first. They are in talks with IRC & GTC now.

Grace – How long will it take

Merle – 5 – 7 years. Wind turbine budget 9.8 million, 5 km north of Airport building.



Team from COVID Secretariat came to meeting, discussed patrols, # of cases, systems in place, rapid testing. Discussed new travel rules, isolation centers, enforcement, small communities.

Chief Phillip Blake stated community of Tsiigehtchic has put a planning session in place.

Meeting ended 2:55PM