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Dempster Highway (NWT Highway #8)
Engagement Plan



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Introduction

The Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Infrastructure (INF) is applying for a Land Use Permit for the ongoing operations and maintenance activities for the Dempster Highway (NWT Highway #8). Operations and maintenance activities include accessing granular material, stockpiling, regular maintenance, operation and public safety improvements at infrastructure locations, winter access road construction and maintenance, and all other public highway access roads.

As GNWT public servants, all INF staff are accountable, and open to the public for discussion of all matters regarding the Dempster Highway operations and maintenance. As such, the INF staff are well acquainted with the Communities along the highway and all engagement practices and community relationships are well established.

Affected Parties

The Affected Parties identified include:

- Aklavik Indian Band
- Charter Community of Tsiigehtchic
- Ehdiitat Gwich'in Council (Aklavik)
- Ehdiitat Gwich'in Renewable Resources Council (Aklavik)
- 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
- (Tsiigehtchic)
- Gwichya Gwich'in Council
- (Tsiigehtchic)
- Gwichya Gwich'in Renewable Resources Council (Tsiigehtchic)
- Hamlet of Aklavik



- Hamlet of Fort McPherson
- Inuvik Native Band
- Nihtat Gwich'in Council (Inuvik)
- Nihtat Gwich'in Renewable Resources Council (Inuvik)
- Teetl'it Gwich'in Band
- Tetlit Gwich'in Renewable Resource Council (Fort McPherson)
- Tetlit Gwich'in Council (Fort McPherson)
- Town of Inuvik

INF may engage with other Parties on a case by case basis as appropriate.

Past Engagement Activities

INF has engaged with the above listed affected parties prior to submitting the land use permit application. It's important for INF to keep community members and the public involved in an ongoing basis.

Engagement Approach

INF believes that meaningful community engagement is crucial to build and maintain good relationships with communities, community members and affected parties. Regional Offices are open for residents to provide in-person comments and concerns, or to ask questions regarding INF activities. As a result of INF 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 pre-submission engagement period, INF built on the engagement approach and opened lines of communication for affected parties to provide input on the project at a number of different steps in the process.

Engagement for the Dempster Highway Operation and Maintenance includes activities such as:

- Land Use Permit Renewals, Amendments or Extensions;
- Road Closures an conditions; and



- Road maintenance that could affect the public.

Summary

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

Table 1: Summary of Engagement Triggers and Methods

Engagement	Primary Purpose	Primary Methods	Participants
Land Use Permit Renewals, Amendments, or Extensions	To advise rights holders and stakeholders of the Departments plans regarding the Land Use Permit	Written notification	Identified potentially affected parties
Highway closures and conditions	To advise the public of any highway closures and/or conditions of the highway	Written and/or verbal notification which could include social media platforms	All members of the public
Highway Maintenance	To advise the public of any maintenance activities that could affect the public	Written and/or verbal notification which could include social media platforms	All members of the public

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

1. Pre-Submission Engagement Summary: Dempster Highway (NWT Highway #8) Land Use Permit 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, Teet'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
Aklavik Indian Band egc.director.aklavik@gmail.com	Emailed January 27, 2021 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application with a 2 week comment period. INF followed up with an email dated February 18, 2021 to notify parties of application and that additional comments can be submitted via the ORS.	Pre-submission engagement letter for land use permit G14E002 renewal	No comments provided during pre-submission engagement letter. Notified parties can submit comments or concerns through ORS.	n/a

<p>Charter Community of Tsiigehtchic sao@tsiigehtchic.ca</p>	<p>Emailed January 27, 2021 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application with a 2 week comment period. INF followed up with an email dated February 18, 2021 to notify parties of application and that additional comments can be submitted via the ORS.</p>	<p>Pre-submission engagement letter for land use permit G14E002 renewal</p>	<p>No comments provided during pre-submission engagement letter. Notified parties can submit comments or concerns through ORS.</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>Ehdiitat Gwich'in Council Mike_greenland91@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Emailed January 27, 2021 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application with a 2 week comment period. INF followed up with an email dated February 18, 2021 to notify parties of application and that additional comments can be submitted via the ORS.</p>	<p>Pre-submission engagement letter for land use permit G14E002 renewal</p>	<p>No comments provided during pre-submission engagement letter. Notified parties can submit comments or concerns through ORS.</p>	<p>n/a</p>

<p>Ehdiitat Gwich'in Renewable Resources Council</p> <p>errccoord@northwestel.net</p>	<p>Emailed January 27, 2021 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application with a 2 week comment period. INF followed up with an email dated February 18, 2021 to notify parties of application and that additional comments can be submitted via the ORS.</p>	<p>Pre-submission engagement letter for land use permit G14E002 renewal</p>	<p>No comments provided during pre-submission engagement letter.</p> <p>Notified parties can submit comments or concerns through ORS.</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board</p> <p>planner@gwichinplanning.nt.ca</p>	<p>Emailed January 27, 2021 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application with a 2 week comment period. INF followed up with an email dated February 18, 2021 to notify parties of application and that additional comments can be submitted via the ORS.</p>	<p>Pre-submission engagement letter for land use permit G14E002 renewal</p>	<p>No comments provided during pre-submission engagement letter.</p> <p>Notified parties can submit comments or concerns through ORS.</p>	<p>n/a</p>

<p>Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board aamos@grrb.nt.ca</p>	<p>Emailed January 27, 2021 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application with a 2 week comment period. INF followed up with an email dated February 18, 2021 to notify parties of application and that additional comments can be submitted via the ORS.</p>	<p>Pre-submission engagement letter for land use permit G14E002 renewal</p>	<p>No comments provided during pre-submission engagement letter. Notified parties can submit comments or concerns through ORS.</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>Gwich'in Tribal Council – Department of Cultural Heritage SSnowshoe@gwichin.nt.ca Gwich'in Tribal Council james.thorbourne@gwichintribal.ca Gwich'in Tribal Council – Lands and Resources Godlove.Ngeh@gwichintribal.ca</p>	<p>Emailed January 27, 2021 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application with a 2 week comment period. INF followed up with an email dated February 18, 2021 to notify parties of application and that additional comments can be submitted via the ORS.</p>	<p>Pre-submission engagement letter for land use permit G14E002 renewal</p>	<p>No comments provided during pre-submission engagement letter. Notified parties can submit comments or concerns through ORS.</p>	<p>n/a</p>

Gwichya Gwich'in Band edo@tsiigehtchic.ca	Emailed January 27, 2021 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application with a 2 week comment period. INF followed up with an email dated February 18, 2021 to notify parties of application and that additional comments can be submitted via the ORS.	Pre-submission engagement letter for land use permit G14E002 renewal	No comments provided during pre-submission engagement letter. Notified parties can submit comments or concerns through ORS.	n/a
Gwichya Gwich'in Council ceo@gwichyagwichin.ca	Emailed January 27, 2021 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application with a 2 week comment period. INF followed up with an email dated February 18, 2021 to notify parties of application and that additional comments can be submitted via the ORS.	Pre-submission engagement letter for land use permit G14E002 renewal	No comments provided during pre-submission engagement letter. Notified parties can submit comments or concerns through ORS.	n/a
Gwichya Gwich'in Renewable Resources Council gwichyarrcb@hotmail.com	Emailed January 27, 2021 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application with a 2 week comment period. INF followed up with an email dated February 18, 2021 to notify parties of application and that additional comments can be submitted via the ORS.	Pre-submission engagement letter for land use permit G14E002 renewal	No comments provided during pre-submission engagement letter. Notified parties can submit comments or concerns through ORS.	n/a

Hamlet of Aklavik saoaklavik@permafrost.com	Emailed January 27, 2021 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application with a 2 week comment period. INF followed up with an email dated February 18, 2021 to notify parties of application and that additional comments can be submitted via the ORS.	Pre-submission engagement letter for land use permit G14E002 renewal	No comments provided during pre-submission engagement letter. Notified parties can submit comments or concerns through ORS.	n/a
Inuvik Native Band bandmanager@inuviknativeband.ca	Emailed January 27, 2021 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application with a 2 week comment period. INF followed up with an email dated February 18, 2021 to notify parties of application and that additional comments can be submitted via the ORS.	Pre-submission engagement letter for land use permit G14E002 renewal	No comments provided during pre-submission engagement letter. Notified parties can submit comments or concerns through ORS.	n/a
Nihtat Gwich'in Council financeofficer@nihtatgwichin.ca	Emailed January 27, 2021 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application with a 2 week comment period. INF followed up with an email dated February 18, 2021 to notify parties of application and that additional comments can be submitted via the ORS.	Pre-submission engagement letter for land use permit G14E002 renewal	No comments provided during pre-submission engagement letter. Notified parties can submit comments or concerns through ORS.	n/a
Nihtat Gwich'in Renewable Resources Council rrc@nihtatgwichin.ca	Emailed January 27, 2021 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application with a 2 week comment period. INF followed up with an email dated February 18, 2021 to notify parties of application and that additional comments can be submitted via the ORS.	Pre-submission engagement letter for land use permit G14E002 renewal	No comments provided during pre-submission engagement letter. Notified parties can submit comments or concerns through ORS.	n/a

Teetl'it Gwich'in Band tgcbandmanager@gmail.com	Emailed January 27, 2021 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application with a 2 week comment period. INF followed up with an email dated February 18, 2021 to notify parties of application and that additional comments can be submitted via the ORS.	Pre-submission engagement letter for land use permit G14E002 renewal	No comments provided during pre-submission engagement letter. Notified parties can submit comments or concerns through ORS.	n/a
Tetlit Gwich'in Renewable Resource Council GeorginaVN@tgcouncil.ca	Emailed January 27, 2021 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application with a 2 week comment period. INF followed up with an email dated February 18, 2021 to notify parties of application and that additional comments can be submitted via the ORS.	Pre-submission engagement letter for land use permit G14E002 renewal	No comments provided during pre-submission engagement letter. Notified parties can submit comments or concerns through ORS.	n/a
Tetlit Gwich'in Council ExecDirector@tgcouncil.ca	Emailed January 27, 2021 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application with a 2 week comment period. INF followed up with an email dated February 18, 2021 to notify parties of application and that additional comments can be submitted via the ORS.	Pre-submission engagement letter for land use permit G14E002 renewal	No comments provided during pre-submission engagement letter. Notified parties can submit comments or concerns through ORS.	n/a
Town of Inuvik RCampbell@inuvik.ca	Emailed January 27, 2021 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application with a 2 week comment period. INF followed up with an email dated February 18, 2021 to notify parties of application and that additional comments can be submitted via the ORS.	Pre-submission engagement letter for land use permit G14E002 renewal	No comments provided during pre-submission engagement letter. Notified parties can submit comments or concerns through ORS.	n/a

<p>Hamlet of Fort McPherson sao@fortmcperson.ca</p>	<p>Emailed March 2, 2021 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application with a 2 week comment period. INF followed up with an email dated March 18, 2021 to notify parties of application and that additional comments can be submitted via the ORS</p>	<p>Pre-submission engagement letter for land use permit G14E002 renewal</p>	<p>No comments provided during pre-submission engagement letter. 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

Job 2567 - GNWT INF - Dempster Culvert Replacements - Pre-Application Engagement Log

Date	Organization	Contact	Method	Scope	Description
12-Dec-23	GTC	Alicia McRae	phone	GTC permitting and engagement approach	Initial engagement with GTC to introduce project and determine permitting information needs and engagement requirements / timelines
12-Dec-23	GTC	Alicia McRae	e-mail	GTC permitting and engagement approach	Follow-up on phone call - initial engagement with GTC to introduce project and determine permitting information needs and engagement requirements / timelines. Provision of GLWB application packages for each of the three crossing locations
15-Dec-23	GTC	Alicia McRae	e-mail	GTC permitting and engagement approach	Follow-up on 12 Dec 24 e-mail to ensure the e-mail and application packages were received
05-Jan-24	GTC	Alicia McRae	e-mail	GTC permitting and engagement approach	Follow-up on preceding e-mails to ensure the e-mails and application packages were received
12-Jan-24	GTC	Alicia McRae	e-mail	GTC permitting and engagement approach	Follow-up on preceding e-mails to ensure the e-mails and application packages were received
17-Jan-24	GTC	Alicia McRae	e-mail	GTC permitting and engagement approach	Response to voicemail and e-mail from Alicia regarding confirmation of receipt and review timeline
End of Jan through Feb	GTC	Alicia McRae	phone	GTC permitting and engagement approach	Multiple phone calls and voicemails regarding the application packages and engagement approach, and timeline regarding review process and engagement schedule
07-Mar-24	GTC	Alicia McRae	e-mail	GTC permitting and engagement approach	Follow-up on preceding e-mails, phone calls and voicemails; same scope as above
Remainder of Mar	GTC	Alicia McRae	phone	GTC permitting and engagement approach	Multiple phone calls and voicemails regarding the application packages and engagement approach, and timeline regarding review process and engagement schedule
08-Apr-24	GTC	Alicia McRae	e-mail	GTC permitting and engagement approach	Follow-up on preceding e-mails, phone calls and voicemails; same scope as above
17-Apr-24	GTC	Alicia McRae	e-mail	GTC permitting and engagement approach	Follow-up on preceding e-mails, phone calls and voicemails; same scope as above Provision of GTC permitting applications for review
30-Apr-24	GTC	Willard Hagen	phone	GTC permitting and engagement approach	Follow-up on preceding e-mails, phone calls and voicemails with Alicia McRae, with Willard Hagen, new contact at GTC; same scope as above
30-Apr-24	GTC	Willard Hagen	e-mail	GTC permitting and engagement approach	Follow-up on preceding e-mails, phone calls and voicemails with Alicia McRae, with Willard Hagen, new contact at GTC; same scope as above. Provision of all documents, application and supporting information provided in previous GTC correspondence
01-May-24	GTC	Kanda Gnama	phone	GTC permitting and engagement approach	Discussion regarding application and information request to provide additional information.
02-May-24	GTC	Kanda Gnama	e-mail	GTC permitting and engagement approach	Provision of additional information to support application package per discussion on 1 May
13-May-24	GTC	Kanda Gnama	e-mail	GTC permitting and engagement approach	Confirmation that application packages are complete with approval to submit in an official capacity and confirmation of engagement timelines
13-Jun-24	GTC	Kanda Gnama	e-mail	GTC permit application submission	Submission of finalized application package to the GTC
13-Jun-24	GLWB	AlecSandra Macdonald	e-mail	GLWB permit application submission	Submission of finalized application package to the GLWB pursuant to phone conversation confirming application requirements