

Engagement Plan and Record

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<u>When will you be engaging:</u>	<u>What is the purpose of engaging:</u>	<u>Who will be engaged at each of the stages?</u>	<u>How will you engage?</u>
<p>We engaged with local Indigenous groups and cabin lease holders in the immediate area. When it came to Indigenous groups, emails were sent to all groups in October with follow-up emails sent two weeks later.</p> <p>The trigger for engaging with these groups and people was to advise and ensure there were no objections from them to the construction of an 1.7 km long 15 foot wide driveway constructed to access our cabin at Lot 340 (near prelude east).</p>	<p>When engaging with these groups we let them know where the road will be constructed, how long the construction is expected to take and how we will be constructing the roadway. Any questions asked by interested parties were addressed during engagement.</p>	<p>Indigenous governments/orgs and close by cabin lease holders were engaged during permit application process to ensure details of road access construction were shared and any concerns mitigated from the beginning.</p> <p>Prior to construction beginning, we will engage with cabin lease holders again to give them a heads up of the start of construction.</p>	<p>We have and will engage with interested parties by text, and door-to door/face-to-face communication and will continue to utilize these engagement methods throughout the project.</p> <p>Indigenous government/groups were engaged through email, phone and face to face.</p>

The purpose of engaging is to inform the adjacent leases and those leases who use the same access trail that we are applying for a permit to construct a new access road. We want to make sure they know what’s involved with our permit application, how close we are proposing it be to their lease and to see if we can mitigate any concerns that they may have.

Our plan is to go in person and send text messages to the lease holders directly beside us, and those people who have leases along the current access trail. Its hard to know when people will be out there, so I will first try to do in person and then ask them how they would like to be kept in the loop. We intend to follow up with each lease however they request after the initial in person or text, and keep them updated anytime our permit changes or there is a development in the process.

List of Indigenous organizations contacted by email during engagement process:

Dene Nation – lands@denenation.com

North Slave Metis Alliance – lands@nsma.net

NWT Metis Nation – lands@nwtmetis.ca

Tlicho Government – yk.admin@tlicho.ca

Yellowknives Dene – jblack@ykdene.com

Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation - Chief.lkdfn@gmail.com

List of Leaseholders contacted in person or text during engagement process:

1. Marie and Peter Fast
2. Dylan Cumount
3. Brian Potvin and Melissa Pink
4. Sherry and Dave Budzinski
5. Health and Greg Riverie
6. Amy Maud
7. Cathy Cudmore and Ann Lynagh

Engagement Record

Initial Engagement

We have and will continue to engage with interested parties. On June 29th 2024 I went to these cabins, as they are adjacent to or use the same access road, to talk to people in person:

Fast – was not there

Cumount – was not there

Pink/Potvin – was not there

Budzinski – was not there

Riverie – was not there

Maud – Laughin Lichen – text was answered

No one was there to speak to at any of the cabins (except text to amy), so I sent a text to each of the lease holders letting them know we were applying for a permit to construct a better access road, considered both options to upgrade current access via prelude east or cut a new access trail from the highway. That we were considering both options but not sure which would be better – and that we would like to know their thoughts on this or if they have any questions or concerns. I also let them know that I will keep updated them via text, or in person if they prefer when they are out at their cabin, of any developments as we move through the permit process.

After this I continued to follow up with each lease holder individually through text– which gave me better responses documented below.

I sent a second group text on September 23 2024 with updates on the proposed construction equipment, timelines, etc as through discussion with the regulatory specialist and ACE construction the plan had become more clear/finalized for the application.

We worked with each lease holder to address any concerns they had. To summarize three lease holders had concerns: Cumount, Riverie and Amy and Laughing Lichen.

Cumount – was uneasy about the new access road encouraging people to use the road. I confirmed that the current access road anyone can use that as well, he didn't know that. I also spoke to him about changing access from the parking lot to the highway. Dylan felt more people would explore the road if it was at the parking lot. Highway access turned out to be better access anyways so he was pleased when we let him know we changed it.

We also plan to re-route the access road away from his 'driveway access' (and the Potvins cabin as well), to discourage people who may use the access road to 'explore' into their lease and around their cabin. He was also in favour of this.

Riverie – had lots of questions about the access road. Wanted to know who was going to pay for it and maintain it, and who was allowed to use it. They were not in favour of improving the current access road as they felt it would increase the amount of people coming down it.

Responded to let them know we would pay for it and maintain it, and that according to Lands, anyone is able to use this access road (same as the current access road). They were not in favour of any access road improvements.

I texted them again after doing some work with Lands and walking the highway access route, and let them know that we decided to change to do an access road off the highway. I thought this would be better for them as well as the proposed access road would merge onto the existing in access road after where the current trail split off to their cabin. I received no response from them regarding this (but texted them about a dogs and they did respond to that).

Amy @ Laughin Lichen – originally had concerns over the road bringing more traffic. They don’t want any development around them, period. I worked with amy and looked at maps and walked a few different trail options, we were able to move the trail away from her lease so they could not see or easily hear each other. Amy and her partner were happy with the final marked trail that is being submitted with the permit.

We plan to continue to inform this group of all developments as we move through permit process. If permit is grated, special communication with Cumount, Potvin and Fast will take place as their will be directly impacted for the time the excavator and dump truck is close to their leases.

Engagement Record – Lot 340 Access Road

	Names	Type	Dates of Engagement	Method and Details	Issues Raised	Resolved or unresolved, details
1.	Melissa Pink and Brian Potvin	Cabin owners, will partially share the new access road (0.6km of it)	July 4 th 2024 July 15 2024	Original group text to let everyone know we were thinking about applying for a better access road, considered both options to upgrade current access via prelude east or cut a new access trail from the highway Text – texted for a response on the original plan for upgrading current access road (this has changed as we decided to go with applying to	No response to group text. Responded with “no issues from us”	Nothing unresolved.

			<p>August 26 2024</p> <p>September 23 2024</p>	<p>cut a new access road off the highway)</p> <p>In person – discussed new access from highway, where it connects to current access trail, and also the plan to re route new access trail away from the back of her lease (current access trail is like 20 feet away from her cabin).</p> <p>Group text: Texted up date that we seem to have a good permit application almost ready to submit. Confirmed the construction aspects and there will be an excavator clearing trees for 3-4 days, one dump truck hauling crush, one pick up to refuel the excavator in the morning. Looking to complete the work from possibly this Nov 2024 to Nov 2026 (two year permit).</p>	<p>They liked this idea better and was in favour of re routing the section close to their cabin so the new access road is farther away from their lease</p>	
2.	Sherry and Doug Bunzinski	Cabin owners, will partially share the new access road (0.6km of it)	July 4 2024	Original group text to let everyone know we were thinking about applying for a better access road, considered both options to upgrade current access via prelude	No issues – didn't think it would affect them much as long as it ended at our lease, as they barely use the trail – only during break up and freeze up	Nothing unresolved, want to be kept in the loop

			<p>August 26 2024</p> <p>September 24 2024</p>	<p>east or cut a new access trail from the highway</p> <p>Text to update her that we chose to apply on the new route/access from the highway, described where it would go and how we would re route away from cumounts driveway and Melissa/Brian cabin.</p> <p>Group text: Texted up date that we seem to have a good permit application almost ready to submit. Confirmed the construction aspects and there will be an excavator clearing trees for 3-4 days, one dump truck hauling crush, one pick up to refuel the excavator in the morning. Looking to complete the work from possibly this Nov 2024 to Nov 2026 (two year permit).</p>	<p>Thanked us for the update – warned us that their nephew has been trying to get a permit for years, so they don’t think ours will go through. No issues from them, and good luck.</p>	
3.	Heather and Greg Riverie	Cabin owners, will not share the new access road	July 15 2024	Texted for a response to the original info text I sent out (re: upgrading current access trail)	<p>Wanted to know who was going to pay for it and maintain it</p> <p>Questions about who could use it – concerns re: people coming down it, and what other cabin leases could use it. Not in favour of this plan.</p>	Resolved – we are paying for it and maintaining it (anyone can help, but we don’t expect anyone to).

			<p>August 26 2024</p> <p>Sent out update text to let her know about new proposed access road route from highway, where it would connect to our current access trail (that is it after her 'driveway').</p>	<p>No response.</p>	<p>Discussed that anyone can come down the trail as it is now, so that is not different.</p> <p>Unresolved - Still felt unsure about it as anyone can come down it. As resolved as it is going to be.</p>
		<p>September 23 2024</p> <p>Group text: Texted up date that we seem to have a good permit application almost ready to submit. Confirmed the construction aspects and there will be an excavator clearing trees for 3-4 days, one dump truck hauling crush, one pick up to refuel the excavator in the morning. Looking to complete the work from possibly this Nov 2024 to Nov 2026 (two year permit).</p>			

4.	Dylan Cumount	Cabin owners, Will partially share the new access road (0.6km of it)	July 4 2024	Original group text to let everyone know we were thinking about applying for a better access road, considered both options to upgrade current access via prelude east or cut a new access trail from the highway	No response	
			July 15 2024	Second text to get response to first text	Had some concerns that people would come down the new access road – as this has happened with the current access road. He also stated he understood as it would “make things easier” if it was drivable.	
			July 15 2024	phone call	Dylan and Dene spoke on the phone about the trail route and where it could go instead of from prelude east parking lot (dylan thought it would have more people wandering down it from there than the highway. Made a plan to walk it tomorrow.	
			July 16 2024	In person (walked new trail together)	Dylan and Dene walked and mapped the route from the trail out to the highway and back. Both liked it and felt that it would be less disruptive to cabin people and also less impact to the land (less clearing, less fill, less equipment).	Resolved. He likes this plan. No issues.

			<p>August 26 2024</p> <p>Sent text to update we would also be applying to re route the trail away from his 'driveway' and melissa/brian cabin by 40-50 feet back south/east to avoid connecting directly by his 'driveway' and melissa's cabin.</p>	<p>No response.</p>	
			<p>September 23 2024</p> <p>Group text: Texted up date that we seem to have a good permit application almost ready to submit. Confirmed the construction aspects and there will be an excavator clearing trees for 3-4 days, one dump truck hauling crush, one pick up to refuel the excavator in the morning. Looking to complete the work from possibly this Nov 2024 to Nov 2026 (two year permit).</p>	<p>Responded that he would be cutting trees by above the current access road this weekend – no response re: update.</p>	
5.	Amy Maud	Cabin owner/business owner (Laughin Lichen), will not share the new access road but its close to their lease (approx. 300	<p>July 5 2024</p> <p>Original text to her to let her know we were considering either upgrading our access trail or we are also looking at potentially accessing from highway and making a new access trail. Wanted to get their feedback as it would be closest to their driveway on the highway if we did highway access.</p>	<p>Did not respond.</p>	

		<p>meters away at closest point)</p> <p>September 23 2024</p>	<p>July 15 2024</p> <p>July 23 2024</p> <p>August 26</p>	<p>Offered to send maps of what we were considering.</p> <p>Sent another message wondering if they had considered what we had texted them. They said upgrading prelude east doesn't affect them so they don't care, and they think that would be the best route for us.</p> <p>Texted Amy to let her know Clint at lands had given us the go ahead to pursue a permit with one of the proposed trails with access from the highway. Sent her a screen shot of the map of the proposed trail. Acknowledged that a part of the trail is a snowmobile trail that they cut in previous years, but it only follows their trail for a short period as its not truck passable (but is skidoo passable).</p> <p>Texted amy to see if they had any thoughts on the new proposed access.</p>	<p>Responded with showing them a few different maps of routes we had in mind for their feedback.</p> <p>No response from them.</p> <p>Responded with questions about the route, and if it was part of the trail they had previously cut. We responded and stated part of the trail did follow it. We let her know its marked with tape and they could go check it out/we could walk it together if they wanted. Let her know that the overlap part could still be skidooed on by them as lands says anyone can use the trail. She said she would talk with Ian and get back to me. She did not get back to me.</p> <p>They stated they would prefer no improvements that close to their lease. Concerned that they would hear or see traffic from their lease. She sent a screen shot of her buildings, and I said I would re walk it and see if we could shift it over and if we can hear/see their lease activities/properties. Amy responded and was happy we would go out and look at it again.</p>	<p>Unresolved – they don't want any improvements or developments anywhere near them.</p>
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			September 23 2024	<p>Texted up date that we seem to have a good permit application almost ready to submit. Confirmed the construction aspects and there will be an excavator clearing trees for 3-4 days, one dump truck hauling crush, one pick up to refuel the excavator in the morning. Looking to complete the work from possibly this Nov 2024 to Nov 2026 (two year permit).</p> <p>Also texted updated map picture that we will be submitting in our permit application. Let her know we slightly changed it where we could to move farther away from her lease as she had requested. Offered to send directly in google earth as a project so she could see it better. Confirmed that we walked this trail a few times and each time specifically checked to see if we could see or hear activities/buildings from her lease and we could not. As its 400 meters at the closest point to her buildings.</p>	<p>Happy with the trail (as much as they can be for not wanting any development). Asked to be kept in the loop still as we go forward.</p>	<p>Resolved – moved trail cant see her buildings, cant hear them.</p>
6.	Peter and Marie Fast	Cabin owner, directly beside our property, very close to	July 8 2024	<p>Text – forgot him in original text. Re-sent him original group text to let everyone know we were thinking about applying for a better</p>	<p>Thanked us for letting him know, wanted to be kept in the loop on the route and if we get the permit</p>	<p>No issues to revolve.</p>

		<p>the proposed new access road</p>		<p>access road, considered both options to upgrade current access via prelude east or cut a new access trail from the highway</p>		
			<p>August 2 2024</p>	<p>In person – updated him in person at his cabin re: new proposed access trail from highway, described proposed route and where it would merge with current trail, and where we would re route around Cumounts and Melissas. Physically walked the section where it would be close to his lease.</p>	<p>No issues. Said he understood how much easier it would be with two small children as they get older. Gave some insight into talking to the board before submitting the application – I said I would be!</p>	
			<p>September 23 2024</p>	<p>Group text: Texted up date that we seem to have a good permit application almost ready to submit. Confirmed the construction aspects and there will be an excavator clearing trees for 3-4 days, one dump truck hauling crush, one pick up to refuel the excavator in the morning. Looking to complete the work from possibly this Nov 2024 to Nov 2026 (two year permit).</p>		
			<p>October 3 2024</p>	<p>Marie and Peter sent a text stating that they want to make sure the new access road is as far away from their lease as reasonably</p>	<p>Response – yes lets meet and go over where the trail best suits both of us next time they are out. They said they would tentatively be</p>	

				possible. And they asked if we could look at the way the new access road is mapped close to their lease.	out Thanksgiving weekend to confirm the exact route together.	
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	Cathy Cudmore Ann Lynagh	Cabin Owners In person	Feb 23 2025	After reading the online comments and finding out they had concerns over our land use permit, on Sunday Feb 23 rd I noticed that they had smoke at their cabin. I decided to take my girls and skidoo over and speak to them.	I spoke more to Cathy than Ann. Cathy and Ann were shoveling snow and after I introduced myself, Ann returned to snow shovelling instead of speaking with us (she did not engage in our discussion). I let Cathy know that I would like to clarify and talk more about some of her concerns. Main concern: Her first concern she brought forward was about us turning our home into a commercial operation. I let her know that this was not the case, and we have no intention to do this, nor would it be allowed. Concern 2 – we then discussed that she was worried that once this driveway was put in, that other cabin owners would use it and make off shoots. She is worried it will become another subdivision. I let her know, that although we are the ones putting in for this access road, we also don't want this land to turn into a subdivision. We designed and planned the road to have the least disruption to the land as possible, which also gave us	Ann – who submitted concerns online chose not to engage with me and continued to shovel snow instead of speaking with me. Worry of commercial operation – resolved Worried about it becoming a subdivision – still worried as I got the impression she is against all development outside of Yellowknife.

				<p>another outcome of keeping the road as 'rough' as possible while being safe. I told her in the application we did not apply for the access road to be wide enough for two vehicles to pass each other. It is intended for single use and its single lane.</p> <p>I let her know there are a lot of assumptions to think this road access will turn into a subdivision – including change in zoning, development plans, all work that must be put in motion by GNWT, where there is nothing to indicate this is something they are pursuing. I told her there is even a development hold for more lots/cabins– but she responded with concerns over general overdevelopment and how development is moving farther and farther outside of Yellowknife and that she is against that. She stated that it is nothing against us personally or as a family, that someone has to stand up for the cabin owners, as no one else will take a stand against development.</p> <p>Concern 3 – Cathy let me know that while they have nothing against me personally, they wonder why we would buy out here and then ask for better access. She told me to live in town if that is what we wanted. I let her know that we had looked for a long time for a safe space to live our life according to our values and how we relate to the land – we also didn't know that our daughter youngest 2 year old would develop</p>	<p>I don't think I can resolve this concern, as Cathy is against and does not want any development in the area or along the Ingraham trail leading up to Prelude.</p> <p>I don't believe I will be able to resolve or mitigate her opinion that we should live somewhere else.</p>
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					I sent a message on March 12 2025 to Cathy on facebook, requesting an exchange of contact information (phone or email), she agreed to share and Ann's information which I have saved. I responded and provided them with my phone number and email as well.	is a two-sided process.
7.	Yellowknives Dene First Nation	In Person, phone and email	In person to speak to YKDFN Lands Dept Oct 14 th 2024	Dene went in person to speak to lands to inform them of our application and to inquire about their process, dropped off the engagement letter in person.	After initial in person visit, emails ongoing between October 17 th and current to decide whether Dene as a LKDFN member needs to go in person in front of chief and council to request land use – this was confused by the fact YKFN office in error thought he was a YKDFN band member. Once this was cleared up that he is LKDFN as we submitted a LKDFN letter of support to them Dec 13 2024, we have not heard from them since. We have sent 3 emails asking for an update if they want their chief and council to review our application, with no response from them.	We will continue to keep YKDFN informed of our application process, and continue to work with them to ensure as a LKDFN member YKDFN is ok with our land use.
8.	Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation	In Person and Email	Week of Nov 4 th in person, ongoing email until November 14 2024	I met with chief James Marlowe of LKDFN, and spoke with him regarding our permit application. I went over our application, focusing largely on the maps and the construction we plan on doing to create the road. I left him copies of our application and requested a letter of support	No issues raised. Letter of support provided by LKDFN Chief Marlowe November 14 2024.	
9.	Dene Nation	Email	October 17 2024,	See Email below for content	No response Follow up email sent October 31 2024	

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10.	North Slave Metis Alliance	Email	October 17 2024, October 31 2024	See Email below for content	No response Follow up email sent October 31 2024 No response	
11.	NWT Metis Nation	Email	October 17 2024, October 31 2024	See Email below for content	No response Follow up email sent October 31 2024 No response	
12.	Tlicho Government , Department of Lands	Email	October 17 2024, October 31 2024	See Email below for content	No response Follow up email sent October 31 2024 No response	

Copy of Letter sent to Indigenous Governments/Organizations

Hello:

My name is Denezize Basil. I am Treaty 8 from Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation. I was raised in Lutsel K'e by my grandparents Sarazine Boucher and late Albert Boucher. I now live in Yellowknife with my wife, and two young children (2 and 5 years old). We strive to live as traditionally as possible, and work hard to keep our traditions alive – I am a subsistence harvester, we have a dog team and we live off grid on our lease year round with our family.

We are writing to inform you of our application to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board for a land use permit. We are applying to build a gravel driveway to our existing cabin on a leased parcel of land at Prelude Lake East; accessible via Highway 4. A lease map is attached as well as another map showing the location of the proposed project. Currently, there is no vehicle access to our lease. In the summer, my family and I use quads to travel in to our property through a very rough trail that is becoming dangerous as it degrades. We access this trail from the prelude east

parking lot. Another option in the summer is to boat from prelude main to our cabin where we then have to walk up a steep rock face to our cabin. In the winter, we can skidoo from prelude east parking lot across the bay or use the trail from prelude east. The proposed drive way will start on highway 4 (Ingraham trail) and go directly to our cabin – it will be approximately 1.7 km long, 15 feet wide. The new proposed road will merge with the old trail as it gets closer to our cabin, as it is on the best route that causes the least disturbance.

If approved, trees and brush along the route will be cleared by chainsaw, and removal of trees will be kept to a minimum. There is one section close to the highway that will require an excavator. Any trees suitable for firewood will be kept and used for heating fuel. The construction will be completed by the cabin ACE construction and myself/family. There will be no excavation of any soils. We plan to have a dump truck dump aggregate/crush on the cleared sections. Excavator work is expected to take 3-4 days. Placement and compacting of the gravel is expected to take one to two days. Feel free to email us if you have any questions or comments about this proposed project. If there are any other organizations or individuals that may also require notification, please let us know. If possible, please respond within 14 days (October 31, 2024) so that our application to the MVLWB can proceed in a timely manner. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards, Dene Basil and Becky Broderick

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