

**Engagement Plan**  
**Arctic Kingdom Wilderness Holdings Inc.**  
**Blachford Lake Lodge**

Project	<b>MV2017L3-0005</b>
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This template approximates the suggested structure and contents outlined in Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board's [Engagement and Consultation Policy](#) and the [Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Water Licences and Land Use Permits](#).

The purpose of the Policy is to, "Ensure that its obligation for meaningful consultations (as set for in the land claims and applicable legislation) with all affected parties, including Aboriginal groups in the Mackenzie Valley, are met and clearly articulated. In particular, the Policy outlines:

- The requirement for proponents to initiate dialogue and engagement planning with affected parties, including particular Aboriginal organizations and groups;
- Application on consultative approaches throughout proceedings wherein affected parties contribute meaningful assessment of impacts and establishment of appropriate mitigation pursuant to the legalisation; and
- The process for assessing and ruling on, if necessary, the adequacy of Crown consultation prior to a final decision or recommendation taking into account the information gathered during engagement and consultative process.

The Guidelines provide requirements and recommendation to proponents for meeting the Board's requirements for engagement. Specifically, the Guidelines outline:

- The proponent's submission requirements for engagement prior to and during the life of the project and authorization;
- The engagement criteria against which the Board will assess adequacy of engagement;
- The recommended step by step process for successful engagement outcomes; and
- Suggested best-practices for conducting engagement.

## 1. Introduction and Project Details

Arctic Kingdom Wilderness Holdings Inc. (further referred to as Blachford Lake Lodge) has developed this Engagement Plan for the onsite lodge location (Latitude – 62° 09' 55" N, Longitude – 112° 40' 59" W ) in accordance with the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board's [Engagement and Consultation Policy](#) (Policy) and the [Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Water Licences and Land Use Permits](#) (Guidelines).

### 1.1. **Project Description**

The aim of Blachford Lake Lodge is to carry out tourism in a wilderness resort catering to local, Canada, wide, International guests, and also to indigenous activities, indigenous use, and educational programming.

Blachford Lake Lodge anticipates these activities will occur January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, annually until further notice.

The footprint left behind must be acceptable to the affected aboriginal people for their future use and to ensure the safety of local wildlife and plants.

## 1.2. Site Description

Blachford Lake Lodge is a 2 acre lands lease on the peninsula of Blachford Lake, approximately 100km land miles east of Yellowknife. What started out as a trapping site with guest cabins, Blachford is now a world renowned tourism destination.





### 1.3. Corporate Contact Information

The following Table 1 presents the key corporate information for Blachford Lake Lodge

**Table 1: Blachford Lake Lodge Contact Information**

Position	Information
<b>Company (On-Site)</b>	Lodge Manager – TBC - (Rotating Position)
	PO Box 1568 Yellowknife, NT (ON SITE @ LODGE)
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### 1.4. Effective Date

This Plan, Version 4 is effective as of July 8th, 2024. While this Plan is undergoing a public review, the previous version of the Plan shall take precedence and be acted in accordance with until the Board approves a subsequent Plan version.

### 1.5. Revisions

This Plan is a living document that will be reviewed annually, at a minimum, and prior to the start of any site activities, with additional reviews as warranted. Updates should be made to reflect changes in engagement plans and practices, new personnel and associated contact information, and to regularly update the engagement log. Table 2 presents a summary of the versions of this Plan and any revisions made; it is updated each time a revision is made to the Plan. This ensures stakeholders have the most current copy of the Plan.

Table 2: Version and Revision History

Version #	Date	Sections/Pages revised	Summary of Changes/Comments
v.1	28-July-2017	Entire Document	n/a
v.2	27-July-2020	Select dates and contacts within the document	See Summary of Changes Document.
v.3	2-February-2022	Select dates and contacts within the document	See Summary of Changes Document.
v.4 (VAK)	June 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Contacts and Ownership information are updated Taiga to Arctic Kingdom	Summaries will be reported in annual reports of changes.

Version 1	July 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	First Version updated by Arctic Kingdom	Contact information and engagement information updated.
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## 1.6. Recipients

Table 3 identifies who the most recent version of this Plan has been distributed to:

Table 3: Recipients of this Version of the Plan

Name	Position
Erica Janes	MVLWB
Blachford Lake Lodge	Yellowknife Office
Engagement Contacts	Once finalized.

## 1.7. Copies of Current Version of the Plan

Copies of the most current version of this Plan are available on-site at all times at the following locations:

- Blachford Lake Lodge Yellowknife Office
- MVLWB Online Profile
- Blachford Lake Lodge Staff Online Drive

Additional copies of the Plan can be obtained by contacting:

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## 2. Engagement Strategy

The purpose of this Plan is to provide a formal written framework on how Blachford Lake Lodge will communicate with and reach out to potentially affected parties throughout the various phases of the development of this specific Project. Blachford Lake Lodge recognizes the political, social, environmental, and economic landscape of the North and acknowledges that this Project is located on the traditional lands of aboriginal peoples. Blachford Lake Lodge considers the Plan to be a living document, meaning that it will evolve and be updated as site activities progress, change, or advance towards further development. Further engagement will be conducted if Blachford Lake Lodge needs to apply to or request the following items from the Land and Water Board: amendments, modifications, extensions, renewals, storage authorizations, or assignments. Blachford Lake Lodge recognizes that the benefits of engaging are long-term and are an investment in achieving our vision of being a responsible and welcome member of the communities in which we operate.

This Plan will help Blachford Lake Lodge do a better job because it provides a means to share ideas, plans, and values while receiving input from affected parties about potential concerns and mitigations.

Once affected parties were selected as further described in Section 3 below, the following steps were taken to develop Blachford Lake Lodge overall engagement strategy:



### 3. Affected Parties

For this Project, Blachford Lake Lodge has identified several indigenous governments and organizations as affected parties. Additional organizations have been identified which have a potential, indirect, or more general interests in the Project. These parties and organizations include:

Arctic Kingdom Wilderness Holdings Inc. / Blachford Lake Lodge Engagement Contacts		
Akaitcho Screening Board	<a href="mailto:screeningofficer@eastarm.com">screeningofficer@eastarm.com</a>	n/a
Akaitcho Implementation Officer - Ethel Liske	<a href="mailto:ethel@akaitcho.ca">ethel@akaitcho.ca</a>	867-394-3313
Dene Nation	<a href="mailto:lands@denenation.com">lands@denenation.com</a> <a href="mailto:admin@denenation.com">admin@denenation.com</a>	867-873-4081
Deninu K'ue First Nation	<a href="mailto:admin@dkfn.ca">admin@dkfn.ca</a> <a href="mailto:lands@dkfn.ca">lands@dkfn.ca</a>	867-394-4335
Fort Resolution Metis Council	<a href="mailto:frmcenvironment@northwestel.net">frmcenvironment@northwestel.net</a> <a href="mailto:frmc@northwestel.net">frmc@northwestel.net</a>	867-394-4151
Lutselk'e Dene First Nation	<a href="mailto:ea.lkdfn.2012@gmail.com">ea.lkdfn.2012@gmail.com</a>	867-370-7000
North Slave Metis Alliance	<a href="mailto:lands@nsma.net">lands@nsma.net</a>	867-873-6762
Northwest Territory Metis Nation	<a href="mailto:Lands.Clerk@nwtmetis.ca">Lands.Clerk@nwtmetis.ca</a>	867-872-2770
Tlicho Government	<a href="mailto:Violet.CamsellBlondin@tlicho.ca">Violet.CamsellBlondin@tlicho.ca</a>	(867) 392 6381 ext. 1336
Yellowknives Dene First Nation (Dettah)	<a href="mailto:dettahadmin@ykdene.com">dettahadmin@ykdene.com</a>	867-873-4307
Yellowknives Dene First Nation (Ndilo)	<a href="mailto:ndiloadmin@ykdene.com">ndiloadmin@ykdene.com</a>	867-873-8951
Vital Metals- Natalie Pietrzak-Renaud	<a href="mailto:npietrzak-renaud@vitalmetals.com">npietrzak-renaud@vitalmetals.com</a>	519-777-3134

#### 4. Goals of Engagement

In assessing the current stage of the Project, Blachford Lake Lodge identified three engagement goals:

	<b>Engagement Goals</b>	<b>Commitment to the Public</b>
1.	<p><u>Inform:</u> by providing information to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notify affected parties of an issues/Project decisions.</li> <li>• Assist affected parties in understanding the Project and issues that may arise.</li> <li>• Prepare affected parties for more intensive forms of engagement should the project change or advance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep the public informed.</li> <li>• Proactive, timely communication.</li> <li>• Help affected parties understand the complexities of issues.</li> </ul>
2.	<p><u>Listen:</u> to affected parties and their feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the needs and priorities of the affected parties so that decisions can be made with these needs and priorities in mind.</li> <li>• Build cooperative and inclusive relationships.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledge when and how public input influenced decisions.</li> <li>• Understand views, concerns, interests and expectations.</li> </ul>
3.	<p><u>Involve:</u> work directly with affected parties to ensure that aspirations are consistently understood and considered.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledge when and how concerns and aspirations are reflected in the design of the Project.</li> </ul>

#### 5. Engagement Triggers and Methods

Blachford Lake Lodge has defined engagement triggers at key milestones in for this Project, as they relate to project activities authorized under a land use permit and/or water licence. Engagement may be conducted as written notification, a face to face meeting, or a community public meeting, once consideration is given to the following guiding principles, as recommended by Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board:

1. The nature and scope of engagement efforts should reflect the magnitude and complexity of the Project.
2. Both the affected parties and/or Proponent can run the risk of “consultation fatigue” from too many or inappropriate engagements. Engagement methods and schedules must, by mutual agreement, be reasonable and sustainable for both Proponents and affected parties.
3. The nature of the Engagement methods and frequency of engagement will change through time as affected parties and Proponents gain trust and the Project develops. The Engagement Plan should be reviewed as the relationship of the affected parties and Proponent and/or Project reaches mutually determined milestones.

The following table outlines Blachford Lake Lodge’s triggers, methods, and outcomes of engagement for this Project. At each stage of engagement, an Engagement Log will be complete and will be submitted to

the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board with the request from Blachford Lake Lodge. A templated Engagement Log is provided in Appendix B of this document. The Engagement Log is submitted as a separate document from the Plan however, both documents work together. An Engagement Log will be complete for each trigger outlined below.

Table 1 – Triggers for Engagement

<b>Engagement Trigger</b>	<b>Purpose for Engagement</b>	<b>Organization to be Engaged</b>	<b>Format of Engagement</b>	<b>Information to be recorded</b>
Planning to submit applications for land use permits or water licences	Pre submission Engagement	MVLWB; See Appendix A	Phone and Email	Engagement Log
Submission of land use permit or water licence applications	Application to MVLWB	MVLWB; See Appendix A	Email	Application will become a matter of public knowledge.  Engagement Log
Submission of updated and revised management plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spill Contingency Plan</li> <li>• Waste Management Plan</li> <li>• Engagement Plan</li> <li>• ANY OTHER PLAN</li> </ul>	Dissemination of the updated Plan	MVLWB; See Appendix A	Letter with accompanying plan in electronic format and/or paper	Email/Regular mail  Engagement Log
Notification of any spills or unauthorized discharges as outlined in the Spill Contingency Plan	Dissemination of information to affected parties	See Appendix A	Notification will be sent out via email or possible phone conversation	Email and engagement records.  Engagement Log
New land disturbance that has not yet been assessed for archaeological potential	Dissemination of Archeological Impact Assessment submission	See Appendix A	Summary Report	Email  Engagement Log
Changes to initial operation plans	Notification of proposed changes to allow for concerns to be met	MVLWB; See Appendix A	Email/Phone call	Email and engagement records.  Engagement Log
Material information from the proponent regarding the project.	Dissemination of information to affected parties	See Appendix A	Notification via email or possible phone conversation	Email and engagement records. Engagement Log

## 6. Follow-Up Reporting

During engagement activities, Blachford Lake Lodge will track comments, concerns or inputs, received relating to a permitted or licensed activity and will provide a summary as detailed in Section 5 above. In order to process comments, concerns and input throughout the engagement process, Blachford Lake Lodge will endeavor to respond in a timely manner, respecting the nature of the input.

Reporting on an engagement after it has been completed is an important step in the engagement process as it ensures that those involved see their input was received, understood, and valued. All Engagement Logs will acknowledge those that participated and will provide an accurate record of the engagement process, and how final decisions were reached.

## 7. Communicating the Plan

Communicating the Engagement Plan is an important element to the success of the engagement process. Affected parties need to be aware who they can contact in the event they are seeking information or clarification on a project related matter. While Blachford Lake Lodge intends to use engagement methods already familiar to them, they do recognize that not all potentially affected parties are the same and that what might work for one particular group or individual may not be the best method of engagement for another. Blachford Lake Lodge is open to applying methods that work best for a particular situation and affected party. Keeping that line of communication open will build a rapport and establish a trust.

## 8. Implementing the Plan

For the company, this reduces the uncertainty in approaches, application of methods, and expectations for both affected parties and the Proponent. This version of the Engagement Plan incorporates the thinking and guidelines of the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board, best practices, hence, represents “the forward looking document” that will be implemented according to the recommend workplan and schedule.

## 9. Plan Review

It is important that engagement efforts be monitored and where a method does not appear to be effective or when the scope of importance of an issue changes, it will be necessary to modify the Engagement Plan. Evaluating the effectiveness of the engagement process is a fundamental part of the Engagement Plan as it is important to understand what was done well and what could be improved upon moving forward. COMPANY and the affected parties will assess the effectiveness of its engagement efforts over the course of time and will make necessary changes on a case by case basis. Any revisions to the Engagement Plan will be forwarded to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board.

## Appendix A: Affected Parties

As referred in Section 2 above. These include; Territorial Departments, Agencies, and Board, associations, and other private companies.

**North and South Slave Region (Example) (Please contact the MVLWB for a specific list these only serve as examples)**

Akaitcho IMA Implementation Office	Gov of Canada
Athabasca Denesuline Council CO Prince Albert Cou	Hamlet of Fort Resolution
Bathurst Inlet Development Ltd.	Hay River Metis Council
Bathurst Inlet Lodge	INAC - Contaminants and Remediation Directorate
BNT Gold Resources Ltd.	INAC - NWT Inspectors
Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency	Katloodeeche First Nation
CanNor NWT Region	Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation - Chief or Wildlife, Lands and Environment
Chamber of Mines NWT & Nunavut	Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
City of Yellowknife	Manitoba Denesuline
Dene Nation	National Energy Board
Deninu K'ue First Nation	North Slave Metis Alliance
Environment and Climate Change Canada	Northwest Territory Metis Nation
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Salt River First Nations
Fort Resolution Metis Council	Smith Landing First Nation
Fort Smith Metis Council	Snap Lake Environmental Monitoring Agency - SLEMA
GNWT - ECE	Tlicho Government
GNWT - ENR	Tlicho Lands Protection Department
GNWT - Health	Town of Fort Smith
GNWT - INF	Wek' eezhii Renewable Resources Board
GNWT - ITI	West Point First Nation
GNWT - Lands	WLWB
GNWT - MACA	Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission
GNWT- OROGO	Yellowknives Dene First Nation
Golder Associates	

## Appendix B: Engagement Log

As referred to in Section 5 above and Appendix # of the Engagement Guidelines.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Engagement Type</b>	<b>Issue(s) Raised by Affected Party</b>	<b>Recommendation from Affected Party</b>	<b>Proponent Response to issue; including if issue resolved</b>	<b>Information materials provided to Affected Party</b>	<b>Written Correspondence and Notes</b>