



Engagement Plan for the NWT Highway 4 Km 7.94 to Km 10.18 Water Licence

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Introduction

The Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Infrastructure (INF) has held a permit for the operations and maintenance of the NWT Highway 4 for over 20 years and as a result comprehensive community engagement regarding the highway has been undertaken on a continual basis. 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 along the highway, and engagement practices and community relationships are well established.

Affected Parties

Affected parties identified for the Highway 4 Km 7.94 to Km 10.18 Water Licence include:

- Tłıchǫ Government (The Lands Regulatory Division)
- Community Government of Behchokǫ
- Yellowknives Dene First Nation
- Akaitcho Territory Government
- NWT Métis Nation
- City of Yellowknife
- North Slave Métis Alliance
- Ingraham Trail Group

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

Past Engagement Activities

Since the Department of Infrastructure has operated and maintained the NWT Highway 4 multiple opportunities to engage stakeholders have occurred throughout the years, including during land use permit renewals and amendments. 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 water licence activities INF will build on the engagement approach and there will be opportunities for affected parties to learn and provide input on the water licence application. This engagement plan will ensure that the stakeholders and public are aware of the construction schedule.

Construction activities should not require a community meeting, but instead verbal or written communication between INF and affected parties.

Engagement for this water licence includes key activities such as:

- Advising the communities along the highway when construction is expected to start and when it is expected to end;
- Advising the stakeholders if an amendment is required;
- Advising the stakeholders and public if there are delays or changes to the condition of the highway.

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
Once construction starts and when it ends	To notify stakeholders and the public of the start and end of construction.	Verbal and/or written notification.	Affected parties as well as the public.
Updates on Road conditions	To advise affected parties of the road conditions (such as delays due to the work).	Verbal and/or written notification, as well as social media.	Affected parties as well as the public.
Amendments to the Water Licence	To provide an update on proposed changes to water licence, as	Written communication and phone conversation (upon request).	Lands Regulatory Division of the Tłıchǫ Government, as

	well as to answer and record any comments or questions.		well as all affected parties.
Other	To address any other requests or concerns raised by the Tłıchǫ Government.	As required by the Tłıchǫ Government.	As required by the Tłıchǫ Government.