



# Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

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To: Distribution List

## Re: Fall Technical Meetings – Discussion Document

Dear Sirs and Madams,

As described in the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board (SLUPB)'s last update of August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the SLUPB is moving forward with a series of technical meetings to discuss and resolve outstanding issues on key elements of the Sahtu Land Use Plan. The Board has reviewed all comments submitted since Draft 3 was released in July 2010 and has developed a "Discussion Document" outlining proposed revisions for a Final Draft Sahtu Land Use Plan and outstanding issues as a basis for discussions this fall. The Discussion Document is attached and can be downloaded off the Board's website at [www.sahtulanduseplan.org](http://www.sahtulanduseplan.org).

As proposed in the August 10<sup>th</sup> letter, the Board is planning 3 workshops. Each workshop will tackle different topics and will build on the preceding one, so participation at all three is strongly encouraged. The date and focus of each workshop is as follows:

Workshop #	Date	Location	Topic
1	Oct 4-5	Yellowknife	Scope of Authorizations, Grandfathering Existing Uses, Conformity Determination Process
2	Nov 1-2	Norman Wells	CRs, Actions and Recommendations
3	Nov 29-30	TBD	Test Implementation using actual applications

The Board had previously requested confirmation of participation by September 2, but has received limited response so far. **Please confirm your participation with Heidi Wiebe no later than Sept 23<sup>th</sup> ([Heidi.wiebe@shaw.ca](mailto:Heidi.wiebe@shaw.ca) or (403) 984-3916)**. The Board will follow-up with confirmed participants on final meeting details once meeting space has been arranged. This information will also be posted to the Board's website under "Upcoming Events".

In preparation for the first meeting, participants are asked to review those sections of the Discussion Document pertaining to the Scope of Authorizations, Grandfathering Existing Uses, and the Conformity Determination Process and come prepared to discuss them. In particular, the Board is interested in discussing the idea of an exclusion list for the Scope of Authorizations subject to the Plan and is asking participants to undertake preparatory work to make the workshop more effective.

The Board asks that any party that would like to see an authorization exempted from the Plan, identify the authorization and outline for the Board why they feel it should be exempted. The



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Board is looking for certainty that it won't be exempting any key land uses from the application of the Plan by exempting individual authorizations. For each authorization that a party identifies for exemption, please identify:

- the nature of the authorization (what does it authorize the holder to do?);
- the nature of the land use activity it is typically inked to (what is the land use it is authorizing?);
- any rights or interests in land typically associated with the authorization (e.g. associated with O&G or mineral rights, leases, etc);
- if it is ever issued in the absence of other authorizations or always one of many (e.g. does this use also always require a land use permit or water licence, or is it sometimes issued on its own?); and
- rationale for why it should be exempt.

**The Board requests that each organization that would like to propose exemptions prepare a summary of proposed exemptions with the above information and submit it to the Board by Sept 30th** so that the Board can review and distribute these documents to participants prior to the meeting to enable fuller discussions.

While the Board will be working with a smaller group of representatives to discuss Plan revisions this fall, input in the process is still open to all participants on the distribution list. For those who cannot attend and participate in these meetings, we invite you to review the Discussion Document, and forward any comments you have to Heidi Wiebe before the start of the meetings. These will be shared and discussed with meeting participants. Detailed summary notes will be taken of the meetings as per the Board's usual process. All documents, comments and notes will be posted to the Board's website. The Board invites anyone with concerns or comments regarding the Fall Technical Meetings or the Discussion Document to discuss them with Heidi directly.

We look forward to working with our planning partners to resolve outstanding issues and complete the Sahtu Land Use Plan. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Heidi Wiebe at [Heidi.wiebe@shaw.ca](mailto:Heidi.wiebe@shaw.ca) or (403) 984-3916.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judith Wright-Bird'.

Judith Wright-Bird  
Chairperson  
Sahtu Land Use Planning Board