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Mr. Jess Fortner
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Re: Request to Postpone the SLUPB Public Hearing

Dear Jess,

The Sahtu Land Use Planning Board (SLUPB) Office received your e-mail requesting a postponement of the Public Hearing, which is scheduled for May 3-5, 2011 in Norman Wells, NT, in order for members of the Norman Wells Land Corporation to go out on a spring hunt. Unfortunately the Board cannot postpone the Public Hearing at this time for numerous reasons.

The SLUPB has already postponed the Public Hearing, which was scheduled for November 23-25, 2010 in response to requests from the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated, Tulita and Norman Wells organizations in order to work out numerous issues for the Plan. The SLUPB, SSI, The Tulita District Land Corporations, INAC, GNWT and various organizations have worked very hard to resolve some of these issues and as a result the Public Hearing was announced in order to work toward completing the Plan.

The Board has come to a consensus that the Public Hearing is to go ahead in order to move the Plan forward to completion. The Board would like to also state that a number of participants have already registered for the Public Hearing and have made commitments in their work to attend the Public Hearing as well as committed to travel and accommodations.

We apologize that the SLUPB cannot comply with the request to postpone the SLUPB Public Hearing.

Respectfully,

Judith Wright-Bird,
Chairperson,
Sahtu Land Use Planning Board