



Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

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Re: Postponement of Public Hearing

Dear Sirs and Madams,

This letter is to inform you that the Public Hearing on Draft 3 of the Sahtu Land Use Plan scheduled for November 23-25, 2010 in Norman Wells has been postponed. It is tentatively being rescheduled for Feb 1-3, 2011 in Norman Wells.

The Board received requests from the Tulita Renewable Resources Council, the Tulita District Land Corporation, and the Norman Wells Land Corporation to postpone the public hearing currently scheduled for November 23-25, 2010. The Board has been notified that a similar request is forthcoming from the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated. The reasons for the requests are: 1) to allow these community organizations additional time to evaluate the Plan and conduct internal consultations with their membership to prepare their final views on it; 2) the Tulita District Land Corporation and Tulita Renewable Resources Council have requested additional consultations with the SLUPB before a hearing takes place; and 3) holding the Public Hearing in winter will enable greater community participation as the winter road will be open.

The Board considered these reasons carefully. The Board also considered recent events in the park establishment processes for Naats'ihch'oh and Shuhtagot'ine Nene that have the potential to affect the final zoning in the Plan. Taken together, the Board is satisfied that a postponement of the Public Hearing is in the best interest of plan development. We anticipate that through further discussions with communities, and by providing additional time for discussions in the park establishment processes, a few significant planning issues may be resolved.

We thank all those who have submitted comments on the Plan and registered for the Public Hearing. We ask for your patience at this time and will forward additional information regarding the Hearing in the coming weeks, including any changes to the Draft Agenda and Hearing workshop topics that the Board might consider appropriate. For those who have already sent in registration forms, we will keep these on file for the rescheduled dates. If you or your organization has any concerns regarding the tentative new dates, please contact Heidi Wiebe at heidi.wiebe@shaw.ca or (403) 984-3916 no later than 5 pm, Friday, November 5th.

Respectfully,

Judith Wright-Bird, Chairperson
Sahtu Land Use Planning Board
