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Tammy Steinwand

Tłıchǫ Government

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Via email: tammy.steinwand@tlicho.ca

Dear Ms. Steinwand,

RE: Mackenzie Valley Highway, Review Board information request

The Review Board is writing to respectfully request that the Tłıchǫ Government share certain insights and learnings from the Tłıchǫ All-Season Road, for the Mackenzie Valley Review Board (Review Board) to consider in its current assessment of the Mackenzie Valley Highway project. This project has many similarities to the Tłıchǫ All-Season Road, which the Review Board assessed from 2016-2018.

The Review Board has reports on the implementation of measures¹ from both the Tłıchǫ Government and the GNWT. It wants to learn more about the actual impacts that happened, and how effective mitigations were. This could help the Review Board understand some of the possible adverse impacts of the Mackenzie Valley Highway, and if more mitigation may help prevent significant impacts to the people and the Land.

Request

The Review Board would greatly appreciate the Tłıchǫ Government sharing its insights into the following:

1. What have been the most significant impacts of the Tłıchǫ highway on Tłıchǫ communities?

¹ [2022 Tłıchǫ Government EA Measures Report](#); [2020 Tłıchǫ Government EA Measures Report](#); [2019 Tłıchǫ Government EA Measures Report](#); [2018 Tłıchǫ Government EA Measures Report](#);



2. Which plans and programs have worked well at avoiding or reducing significant impacts from the Tłıchǫ highway on communities or the Land?² Were there any plans or programs that have not work well in mitigating these impacts?
3. Were there any significant negative impacts that happened but were not predicted in the Tłıchǫ highway assessment? What about unforeseen benefits?
4. Knowing what you know now, how would the Tłıchǫ Government have prepared differently for the impacts of the Tłıchǫ highway? Are there any mitigations the Tłıchǫ Government wishes it could have had in place to prevent impacts?

The Review Board would appreciate any response the Tłıchǫ Government has by the end of April 2025.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Catherine Fairbairn at 867-766-7054 or cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JoAnne Deneron".

JoAnne Deneron

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² Note: Review Board staff asked the GNWT in IR#21 if the Tlıcho Highway Harvesting Program was effective.

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