



Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

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Re: Sahtu Land Use Plan Approved

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The Sahtu Land Use Plan (SLUP) has been approved and is effective as of August 8, 2013. Its approval by the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated, Government of the Northwest Territories, and the Government of Canada marks a major milestone for realizing aims set in the *Sahtu Dene Metis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement (SMDCLCA)* and *Mackenzie Valley Resources Management Act (MVRMA)*.

The Sahtu Land Use Planning Board adopted the SLUP on April 29, 2013. To come into effect it had to be approved sequentially by the three parties as per section 43 of the *MVRMA*. In recent months the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board has worked collaboratively with them and local leaders. Since the release of the third SLUP Draft in 2010, the Board has sought and carefully reviewed community, government, industry, and other stakeholder input. This was provided through a public hearing, multiple technical workshops, and written comments. Overall the plan is the product of 15 years of stakeholder involvement, research, and collaboration.

The final land use plan represents a balanced approach that provides greater certainty for resource development and allows for land uses that balance the region's economic, cultural, and environmental goals. The plan contains maps that zone areas for development and conservation. Other special management elements of the plan protect values important to the Sahtu Settlement Area. Every 5 years the SLUP will be reviewed and revised. There is also flexibility built into the SLUP that allows for exceptions and amendments between plan reviews.

Now approved, bodies having the authority under federal or territorial law to issue licences, permits, or other authorizations relating to the use of land or waters or the deposit of waste, shall carry out their powers in accordance with the land use plan. The Board will continue to work closely with the public, industry, and regulators to communicate the plan and monitor its implementation.

To recognize this accomplishment, the SLUPB and approving parties will present the SLUP at the annual SSI Assembly in Tulita currently scheduled for August 27th.

Download the SLUP at: www.sahtulanduseplan.org

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