Tłycho All-Season Road. Hwy 3 to Whati













This newsletter, by the GNWT Department of Transportation and the Thcho Government, is one in a series about the proposed Thcho All-season Road (TASR). It is meant to provide Thcho community members with information about the project. Each newsletter focuses on a different topic and highlights the various processes that will limit environmental and social impacts to the surrounding area from the construction of the road.

Community Consultations

GNWT and Tłıcho Government have worked together on planning for the TASR. This has included hosting many meetings in the communities, including sessions in Whatì, to discuss road options, hear about impacts and discuss commitments to programs and services. Traditional knowledge and social impact reports have been developed by the Tłıcho Government (tlicho.ca/all-season-road). Detailed community summaries are available in the TASR Engagement Record (Appendix E of Project Description Report).

Brief Summary of some of the Community Meetings	
Feb-June 2008: Tłącho Winter Road Realignment Community Meetings in Whatì, Behchokò, Gamètì, Wekweètì, Yellowknife	Jun 2015: Whati Special Interagency Committee
2009-2013: Tłįchǫ Executive Council Meetings	Jan 2016: Community Consultation Meetings in Wekweètì, Gamètì, Whatì, Behchokò
August 2013: Whati Community Government Meeting (Whati)	May 4, 2016 (upcoming): Whatì Special Interagency Committee
Sept 2013: Whati Road Community Consultation Meeting (Whati)	

Summary of Topics Raised

Concerns

- Increased distance to northern Tłįcho communities
- Concerns about caribou impacts
- Increased access to fisheries
- Concerns for social issues, such as more access to drugs and alcohol
- Wildlife and environmental effects
- Increased industrial development
- Community security, housing and social wellbeing

Opportunities

- Economic development, such as restaurants and hotel
- Tłįchǫ All-season Road positive solution to climate change challenges
- Employment and training potential
- Reduced cost of living
- Longer windows of time for winter roads to Gamètì and Wekweètì – improved access
- Increased mobility for students for sports and recreation

Mitigation measures that will be applied during construction that address the above topics will be discussed in future newsletters. Stay tuned to find out more!

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