

Heidi Wiebe

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Sent: Monday, August 16, 2004 11:13 AM
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Cc: Heidi Wiebe; 'Alison D.'; 'kelly pennycook'
Subject: Re: FW: Land Use Planning Consultations

Albert, I thought that you received funding from DCFN to update the Metis land use maps in Providence. I also remember printing out a bunch of base maps for you to use and sending you a sample interview guide.

By the way, the existing Fort Providence traditional land use data does include SOME Metis harvesters.

Let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Cheers, Petr

Heidi Wiebe wrote:

Hi Albert,

Thank you for your comments and especially for your participation during our consultations. I have double checked our advertising and must apologize for the oversight in not mentioning the Métis more prevalently. I assure you it was not intentional and we will ensure future advertising is directed equally at all people in the community.

As for the absence of Métis representation in the traditional land use and occupancy mapping, I'm afraid I can only refer you back to Dehcho First Nations for that. I have cc'd Alison, Kelly and Petr to bring your concerns to their attention. Traditional land use and occupancy mapping is considered Traditional Knowledge that must be kept confidential. This is information that should be owned, maintained and compiled by the individual aboriginal organization and no one else. As a public planning office we cannot collect, hold or maintain any traditional use data. The Committee's Terms of Reference (Appendix 2 of the Interim Measures Agreement) states that DCFN will complete the traditional land use mapping with communities and provide only resulting sensitivity maps to the Committee. We will not have access to the raw data other than for viewing as requested on a case by case basis. As such, we are unable to do the mapping with you and your Elders or harvesters.

That said, we very much need to have your information included in our process in the near future to ensure appropriate land use planning for this area. To that end, I ask DFN to respond and let both of us know what plans are being made to incorporate the Fort Providence Métis (and other communities not previously included) into the Density of Traditional Use data provided to the Committee for use in planning. If DFN is unable to complete mapping with your organization this fall, I will need to discuss this with the Committee Board members to see how we can address your concerns and get your information included.

I will be traveling the next few weeks for further consultations then on annual leave until mid September. Therefore I will not be available to sit down with you further until the end of September/early October. I appreciate your patience in this matter. If anything arises in the interim, you can speak with our planner Paul Wilson.

Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

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Subject: FW: Land Use Planning Consultations

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-----Original Message-----

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Subject: Land Use Planning Consultations

Hi Heidi,

I am writing in follow up to last week's public consultations on the Deh Cho Land Use Planning Process. We were quite impressed with the work in progress to-date. Thanks for the update and overview on the status of the Land Use Planning Process.

One area which still needs attention is the documentation and recording of historic land use patterns of Deh Cho Métis, in particular the Métis of Fort Providence. I had previously raised this with Peter Cizek and the local Resource Management Board. To-date Metis elders have not been interviewed by the local Resource Management Board to record and document historic land use and trapping areas.

I am therefore requesting that your office work with us here to set up a meeting specifically with our local Metis elders to record and document historic land use of our members.

Please advise as to whether we can make arrangements for this in the near future. Rather than have a large public meeting I would like to suggest that we have a low profile informal meeting to discuss and document land use patterns.

As far as we know, the Deh Cho Land Use Planning Committee has the responsibility to acknowledge and work with the Métis in documenting our interests in this process as well. I think it would be fair to say that todate (for various reasons) we may not have made the time or effort to try and obtain Deh Cho Métis interests in the land use planning process.

In closing, I also would like to note that your public advertising for the consultation process here in Providence made no reference to Métis interests or the Fort Providence Métis Council - Local No. 57. Therefore it is rather misleading to the general public. We noted that the sessions in Fort Simpson made reference to participation of the Band, Métis and Village. The same approach should have been taken locally rather than an exclusive reference to the Deh Gah Gotie Dene Council. Please keep this in mind for future public announcements.

We look forward to hearing from you further on the above noted requests. Thank You.

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