

“What We Heard”

Public Meeting

Location: Behchoko Community Hall

Date: **Thursday, February 26, 2015**

Time: 7:00pm to 8:45pm

Approximately sixteen (16) people attended the meeting. The evening began with an introduction by the facilitator and an opening prayer. Translation services were provided. A representative of the GNWT Department of Lands then gave a short presentation about the Recreational Land Management Framework that explained “where are we, how we got here, where we are going and how you can help”. After the presentation participants took turns speaking, and the facilitator recorded comments related to the Recreational Land Management Framework.

- (in response to a question) it was confirmed that on Tłıchq Lands there are no GNWT leases
- There are trappers cabins on Monfwi lands (outside of Tłıchq Lands) that Environment and Natural Resources knows about
- Don't want to pay taxes, especially if the cabin isn't used all the time
- On Tłıchq lands only Tłıchq can build cabins – no one else can lease
- On GNWT lands Tłıchq people can apply for a lease
- Leased lands need to be kept clean
- There are too many rules – it should be simple
- Lease costs should only be \$1.00 for a lifetime for Tłıchq inside Monfwi territory
- Vehicles should be cleaned up
- There are lots of graveyard sites – they should be registered so that no-one develops near them
- Around Russell Lake there are lots of cabins – built by non-aboriginal people – they have blocked entrances and people are concerned about hunting in the area
- It should be known where all the wood cutting permits are – information should be available at government offices, and on a website – using a system similar to industrial permits
- Should know who to report problems to – a central location – like exploration leases, if you know the latitude and longitude
- The GNWT should have made the purpose of the meeting clearer – explain the context, and the difference between GNWT lands and Tłıchq lands
- Now that we rely on our own government – it's confusing and conflicting, when there are more governments – we do not always know who we should deal with
- Information about the Recreational Land Management Framework should be provided to the Tłıchq Lands Department
- A copy of the ‘what we heard’ report should be sent to the Tłıchq Lands department