



January 28, 2010

To: Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Yukon Conservation Society
Selkirk First Nation
Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation
Selkirk Renewable Resources Council
Environment Canada
Government of Yukon
Carmacks Copper Ltd.

RE: Public Hearing, Water Use Application QZ08-084, Carmacks Copper Ltd.

This letter is to provide information to you as interveners on the above application regarding the public hearing that will take place next month.

The public hearing will be conducted according to the Yukon Water Board's Rules of Procedure (http://www.yukonwaterboard.ca/policy/Rules_of%20procedure.pdf). The procedures are attached to this letter for your information and I encourage you to familiarize yourself with its contents. Please specifically review Rules 8, and 16 - 21 as they pertain to the conduct of public hearings.

Date and Location of Public Hearing

The hearing will take place at the High Country Inn, Whitehorse. It will begin at **9:00 am on Feb. 15, 2010**. Further logistical arrangements, such as start and end times, lunch breaks, etc. will be communicated by the Chair at the beginning of the hearing.

Duration of Public Hearing

The duration of any public hearing is impossible to predict because it is affected by so many factors. Potential factors include, but are not limited to, the complexity of the issues, the duration of the presentations, and delays caused by late submissions and procedural discussions. We have booked the hearing facility for five days. If the hearing is not concluded by the end of the fifth day (Feb. 19), then the Board will determine whether to adjourn and reconvene at some point in the future.

Order of Appearance

We are attaching a schedule to show the step-by-step outline of the public hearing proceedings.

The order of appearance for interveners is determined by the order in which interventions have been received by the Board. Since the Department of Fisheries and Oceans advised us that they will not be attending this hearing, the order will be as follows:

Exhibit 4.3

1. Yukon Conservation Society
2. Selkirk First Nation
3. Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation
4. Selkirk Renewable Resources Council
5. Environment Canada
6. Government of Yukon

Those parties that have not yet advised us of the names and numbers of their representatives at the hearing are kindly requested to forward that information to our office by Feb. 5 so that our staff can organize the layout of the hearing facility.

Late Filings

Please review Rule 17 prior to the hearing. It sets out the Board's Rules of Procedure for late submissions. Except for the applicant's response to interventions, any party who wants the Board to consider any document which is not already included in the water use register (as per the exhibit list dated January 28, 2010, attached to this letter) is asked to contact our office to coordinate late submissions.

At the commencement of the hearing, the Chair will provide an opportunity for parties to ask for approval to submit late exhibits, and will ask if any party objects to the late submissions. There is an expectation that, in fairness, you will have provided the other parties with copies of late filings sufficiently in advance of the hearing so that they can speak to the matter.

Conduct During the Hearing

Your cooperation is requested in helping us to maintain the public nature of our process by not initiating conversations with Board members. Contact with Board members during the public hearing could be misconstrued as a conversation about the application.

Please review the attached schedule, which outlines the order in which the Board will proceed with the hearing.

Please call me if you have any questions or if I can provide any other assistance.



Carola Scheu, Manager
Yukon Water Board

encl: Yukon Water Board Rules of Procedure
Carmacks Copper Ltd. Public Hearing Schedule
exhibit list, Jan. 28, 2010