Déline 2021 ?elets'ewéhkwe Godi Virtual Public Listening Session (PLS) Update



Notice of Postponement



Notice to Parties and the public, January 13, 2022

This notice provides an update on the Dél₁ne 2021 Virtual Public Listening Session (PLS). The SRRB has decided to postpone the Dél₁ne 2021 Virtual PLS due to the current COVID-19 situation in the Sahtú Region. All Dél₁ne 2021 Virtual PLS activities are postponed until further notice.

Following the SRRB's January 6, 2022, COVID-19 Safety Planning Notice, the SRRB received oral and written feedback from three communities, Tulít'a, Fort Good Hope and Délınę. Each of these communities expressed concern with proceeding in light of impacts from the current COVID-19 situation, community-specific responses and the temporary Public Health Order put in place by the Chief Public Health Officer on January 4, 2022. The feedback was that these circumstances impede preparations for the 2021 Délınę Virtual PLS.

The SRRB is aware of how important it is to ensure a COVID-safe PLS, and recognizes that due to the current circumstances, it would not be appropriate to continue with the Revised Timeline issued on September 28, 2021. The SRRB seeks to facilitate a full and open hearing process, including avoiding obstacles to important community work leading up to the next PLS.

At this time, the SRRB is not able to provide information about when the Dél₁ne 2021 Virtual PLS will continue.

Ongoing Preparations

The SRRB encourages parties to continue their ongoing preparations, where and when it can be done safely.

Parties are reminded the following outstanding activities for the Déline 2021 Virtual PLS:

To be determined	Deadline for responses to Round 3 IRs
To be determined	Summary of responses to Round 3 IRs
To be determined	• Teleconference #3
	Deadline for written presentations
To be determined	Délıne 2021 Public Listening Session
To be determined	Deadline for Final Written Arguments

The deadline for Round 3 Information Request responses was January 14. While this deadline will be affected by this postponement notice, parties are invited to submit their responses if they are able.

Funding provided by the SRRB for PLS preparation may still be used to facilitate work during this time.

Next Steps

The SRRB will provide notice of the revised timeline, including new dates for the Dél₁ne 2021 Virtual PLS, when it is able.

Contact Us!

Please do not hesitate to contact the SRRB at (780) 686-5318 or <u>info@srrb.nt.ca</u> if you have any questions or concerns.