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To Whom It May Concern at the Yukon Water Board:

Re: Selkirk First Nation Water Licence Application MN07-071 for Long Term Sewage Disposal Facility

Please accept this letter as the Selkirk Renewable Resources Council's official Intervention of Selkirk First Nation's water licence application number MN07-071 for a Long-Term Sewage Disposal Facility.

The Selkirk Renewable Resources Council recently discussed this application, and although we see the proposed facility as an improvement on the existing one, it is still not satisfactory in our eyes.

Our primary concern with the proposed new facility is its location. We believe that although it is located on the west side of the North Klondike Highway, it is still located in the Mica Creek drainage. Selkirk Renewable Resources Council would like to see the existing landfill (garbage dump) relocated so it no longer threatens the Mica Creek drainage. Therefore, we cannot support a new long-term sewage disposal facility located in the same drainage we are working to protect.

The SRRC wants to keep Mica Creek clean and safe because it is important salmon spawning habitat, and it empties into the Pelly River immediately above the community of Pelly Crossing.

SRRC would consider supporting a new long-term sewage disposal facility if it were located over the hill from the proposed site. If this change were to be made, the drainage would flow in a more westerly direction, and would bypass the community and the sensitive environment of Mica Creek.

It may be noted that SRRC did not sound these alarm bells when this proposed project was screened through the YESAA process. This was because our organization was in transition, and we did not travel to the site for a thorough investigation. We regret this oversight and hope that it is not too late to rethink the site location of a new long term sewage disposal facility.

Sincerely,

Jerry Kruse
Co-Chair
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