

Appendix I4

Document: *Wildlife Protection Protocol on the Meadowbank Road*



To: Road Supervisor, Security Service, and Road Operations

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Speed Limits

- Vehicular traffic speeds on the access road must not exceed **50 km/hr**.
- Where small to moderate aggregations of caribou (i.e., 1-50 animals) are observed within 100 m of the road, travel speeds should be reduced to **30 km/hr**
- Where large aggregations of caribou (i.e., 50 or more) are observed within 100 m of the road, at the discretion of the road supervisor, vehicle movements **may be suspended** until animals have moved away from the road.

Animal Right-of-Way

- Caribou and all wildlife will be given **right-of-way** on the road. Vehicles must stop until caribou are off the road.
- Locations of **large aggregations of animals must be reported** to the road supervisor who will inform all potentially affected employees.

Wildlife incident reporting and investigation

All incidents between vehicles and wildlife must be reported to the Agnico-Eagle road supervisor whether they are:

- near-miss
- collision with injury to the wildlife, or
- accidental death

Each incident will be investigated by the road supervisor and the environment department and measures taken to avoid re-occurrence put in place. Disciplinary measures will be taken against any employee if the investigation concludes that the accident is the result of negligence.

In the case of accidental death, the Meadowbank Environmental team will contact the GN Conservation Officer in Baker Lake.

Environment Department