Prairie Creek Mine All Season Access Road Project

Technical Session on Cultural Impacts
July 5, 2016

Fort Simpson





Who we are

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

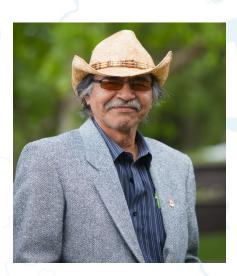
Our mission:

"to conduct fair and timely environmental impact assessments in the Mackenzie Valley that protect the environment, including the social, economic and **cultural well-being** of its residents"





Review Board members















Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Our mandate from *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*:

"the protection of the environment from significant adverse impacts of development"

"the protection of the social, cultural, and economic well-being of residents and communities in the Mackenzie Valley"



Why we are here today

- To ask community members about cultural impacts from the Prairie Creek Mine All Season Road
- To ask community members their views on the change from a winter road to the Prairie Creek Mine to an all season road
- July 4 Cultural impacts technical session in Nahanni Butte
- July 5 Cultural impacts technical session in Fort Simpson

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Purpose of cultural impacts technical session

- 1. to gather community knowledge about potential **cultural impacts** from the proposed all season road
- 2. to understand how cultural impacts from an all season road may be different from a winter road
- 3. to gather traditional knowledge on **newly disturbed areas** and **new seasons of road use**



Purpose of cultural impacts technical session

4. Community members to suggest **how to** reduce or eliminate impacts from the project on people and the environment

5. Help the Review Board understand impacts on community and land users and meaningfully consider TK in decision making



End of presentation

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Questions to think about...

- 1. What **TK** should the Review Board know about the proposed all season road?
- 2. How will cultural impacts from an all season road be **different from a winter road?**
- 3. Is there TK on **newly disturbed areas** or for **different seasons** of road use?
- 4. If there are community concerns, how can they be managed? Are there **ways of changing or improving** the road to solve the concerns?



