

January 23, 2024

Note to File

RE: Mackenzie Valley Highway, meeting with the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Northern Projects Management Office

On January 17, 2024, Mackenzie Valley Review Board (Review Board) staff met with the Mackenzie Valley Highway developer—the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT)—and the Northern Projects Management Office (NPMO) to discuss the engagement schedule for January and February 2024.

Participants

Review Board: Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Alan Ehrlich, Catherine Fairbairn, Donna Shear

GNWT: Patricia Coyne, Kelly Bourassa, Alison Heslep, Anita Ogaa, Kelvin Ilgwe

NPMO: Shannon Allerston, Katie Baker, Chantal Grey

Overview of discussion

Board staff gave a short presentation of the draft trip schedule and planned meetings, describing plans to travel by road to Wrigley and Fort Simpson in late January. Board staff said they will present the environmental assessment process and take questions from community members during an open house. It also described plans, in early February, for the Review Board staff to travel to Fort Good Hope, Norman Wells, and Tulita for the same purpose. All community members will be welcome at these meetings.

Board staff encouraged the developer (GNWT) to present the Mackenzie Valley Highway project Developer's Assessment Report to community members as part of the Board's sessions. NPMO was also invited.

If you have questions or require more information, please contact Senior Environmental Assessment Advisor Catherine Fairbairn (867-766-7054, cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca).