



Mackenzie Valley
Environmental Impact Review Board

WELCOME EA PRACTITIONERS'!!!

Join us while we take a “closer look” at
Socio-Economic Impact Assessment





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Overview

- WHO . . . WHAT is the MVEIRB?
- WHAT HAPPENED AFTER LAST YEARS' WORKSHOP?
- WHAT DO YOU WANT?
- WHO IS HERE?
- WHY DO WE HAVE EA PRACTITIONERS' WORKSHOPS?



What is the MVEIRB?

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The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board is a co-management board set up to handle environmental assessments in the Mackenzie Valley.





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TEAM MVEIRB





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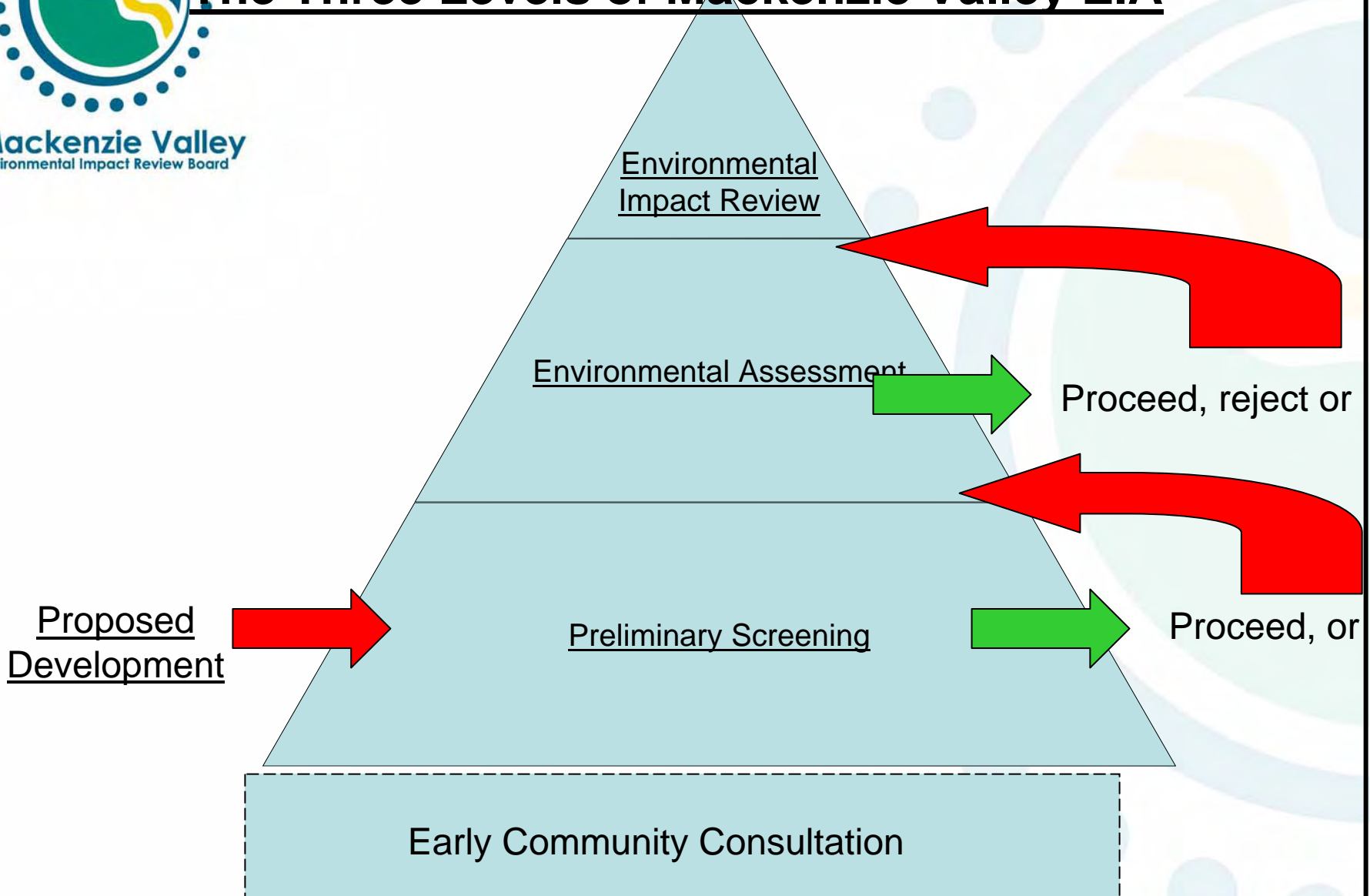
Responsibilities of the Review Board

- To enable MV residents to participate in the management of its resources for the benefit of MV residents and all Canadians
 - To ensure the concerns of aboriginal people and the general public are taken into account
 - To protect the bio-physical environment and the social, cultural and economic well being of MV residents and communities
- ...through the conduct of EA and EIR processes



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The Three Levels of Mackenzie Valley EIA





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Is it Significant?

We test developments to see if there are:

1. Significant adverse environmental impacts, or
2. Significant public concern

Tests

Preliminary Screening = “Might” test

Environmental Assessment = “Likely” test



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Our Job

- 1. Administrator:** Run the *EA* Process
- 2. Educator:** Develop Guidelines for how the *EIA* Process works
- 3. Facilitator:** Engage all Interested/Affected Parties into the Process as fully as possible and assist dialogue on development changes
- 4. Decision Maker:** Make quality decisions on whether developments should proceed, and under what conditions



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What We Heard from you Last Year . . . WORDS into ACTION

SCOPING should focus on unique aspects of each development

CAPACITY is limited particularly in communities

COMMUNICATION & CONSULTATION need improvement

IMPROVE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS to clarify mandate responsibilities and clarify issues upfront in an EA

TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE – keeping it in the forefront of EAs



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We ASKED.....

- 1. What are your roles & interests ?**
- 2. What expertise is in your organization & how can you contribute to SEIA?**
- 3. How does your organization participate in reviewing and/or mitigating social, cultural and economic impacts?**
- 4. What are your top 3 SE IMPACT CONCERNS and top 3 PROCESS CONCERNS?**



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You ANSWERED...

TOP IMPACT CONCERNS:

- Health & Well Being
- Education, Employment & Training
- Economy
- Political & Governance Issues
- Cumulative Impacts
- Land, Wildlife & Land Use



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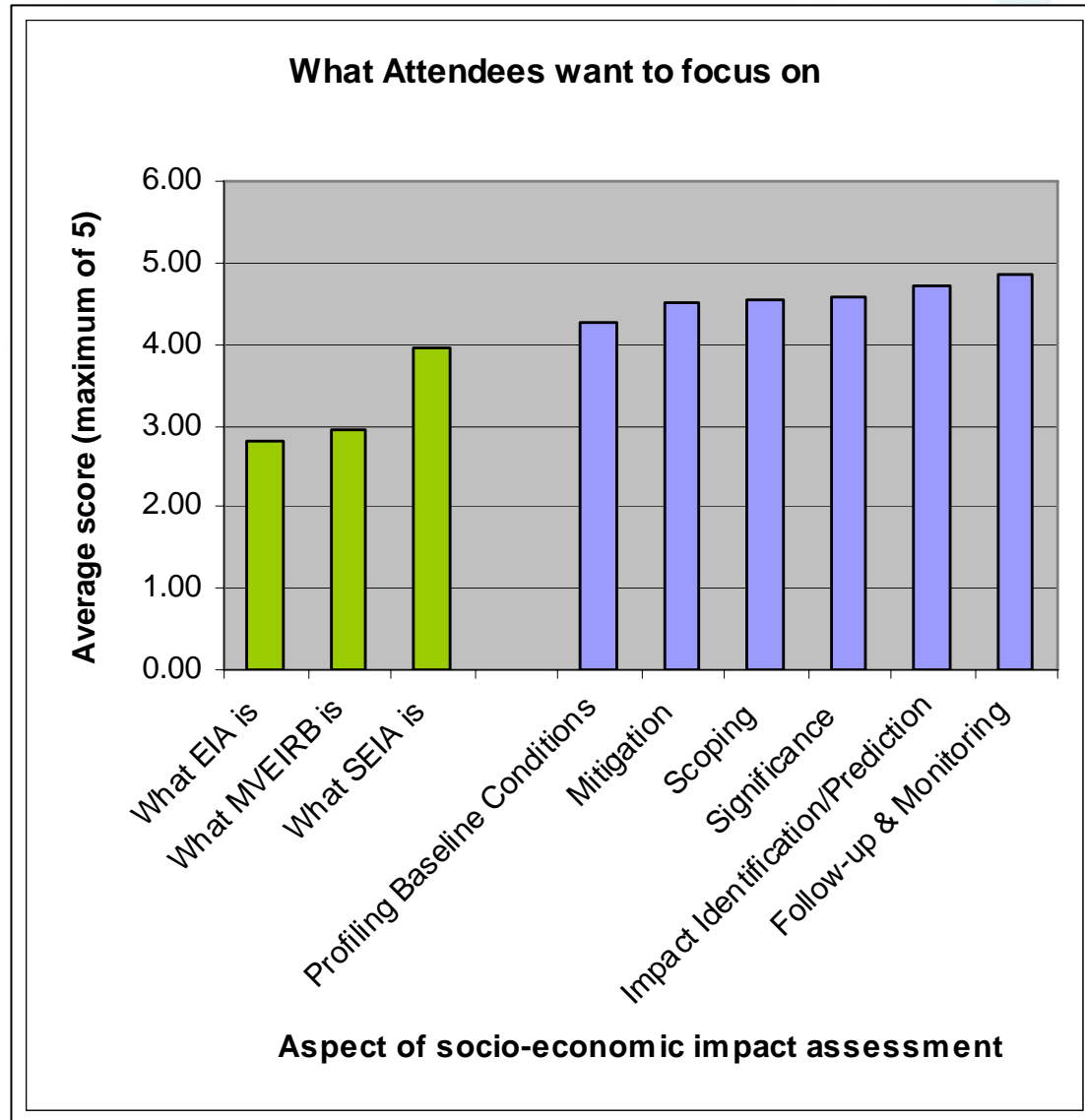
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TOP PROCESS CONCERNS:

- Timelines & Deadlines
- Resource & Capacity Issues
- Monitoring & Mitigation



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Who's Here??

Over 30 community people

Over 30 government representatives

Over 20 representatives from various Boards across
the North

Over 20 consultants

Over 20 academic, industry and non-government
representatives

WOW!!!



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Why are we here?

- To discover each other
- To learn from each other
- To gain better understanding of important topics
- To identify issues **AND** potential solutions

But most importantly . . .





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