

# Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

## Whatì Community Scoping Meeting

### Tlicho All-season Road

August 18, 2016





## Proposed Tłıchō All-season Road

Project Description Report



# Meeting agenda – August 18

- Intro to the Review Board by Board staff, purpose of issues scoping
- Developer describes project
- Input from community – what issues matter?
- Dinner at 5 pm
- Your input continued until 8 pm



# 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”



# What is the Review Board?

- Comes from **land claims**
- Co-management Board
- **Independent**, arms-length from government
- Does environmental assessments and reviews of proposed projects
- Ensures community **participation**



# Review Board Mandate

## MVRMA s.115

“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”

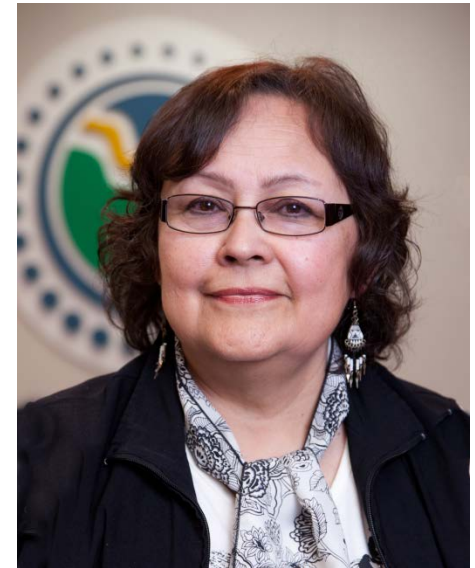
“the importance of conservation to the **well-being and way of life of the aboriginal peoples** of Canada to whom section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* applies and who use an area of the Mackenzie Valley”





# Review Board members

## “sharing decision making between communities and governments”





Preliminary Screening



Scoping/Terms of Reference/Workplan



Developer's Assessment Report



**Mackenzie Valley**  
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Information Requests



Technical Reports



Public Hearings



Recommendation



Responsible Ministers Decision



# Review Board referred Tlicho All-season Road to EA because:

- **might cause significant** adverse biological and social impacts to the **environment and public concern**
- **Legal obligation** to explore these issues through an EA so that the environment and residents of the Mackenzie Valley are meaningfully protected
- Reasons for Decision issued by Review Board July 21, 2016



# Review Board's Reasons for Decision

- **Change to access:** new All-season access to Whatì
- **Potential for increased stress on existing social services:** related to increased drug and alcohol addiction, and increased crime
- **Impacts on caribou:** increased harvesting pressure and predation, increased stress in habitat
- **Uncertainty** regarding the effectiveness of mitigation measures



# Scoping information collected so far

- Project Description Report and supporting documents
- Preliminary screening comments and responses on registry from WLWB
- Review Board Reasons for Decision on referral to environmental assessment



# Why we are here today

- August 18 – Scoping session Whati
- August 24 – Scoping session Yellowknife
- To ask community members their views on the change **from a winter road** to the community of Whati **to an All-season road**





# Purpose of scoping meetings

1. To hear your thoughts on what your issues are with the Tlicho All-season Road project
2. Identify issues, both positive and negative
3. Identify information gaps
4. Prioritize issues to focus on in our environmental assessment





Working together to make wise decisions





# How the Board collects information

- You talk, we listen
- We fill out cards with your issues
- You can fill out cards that identify your issues
- Review Board staff will take notes
- Board makes a summary report from our notes and your cards
- Opportunity to comment on the draft Terms of Reference
- All information is posted to our public registry

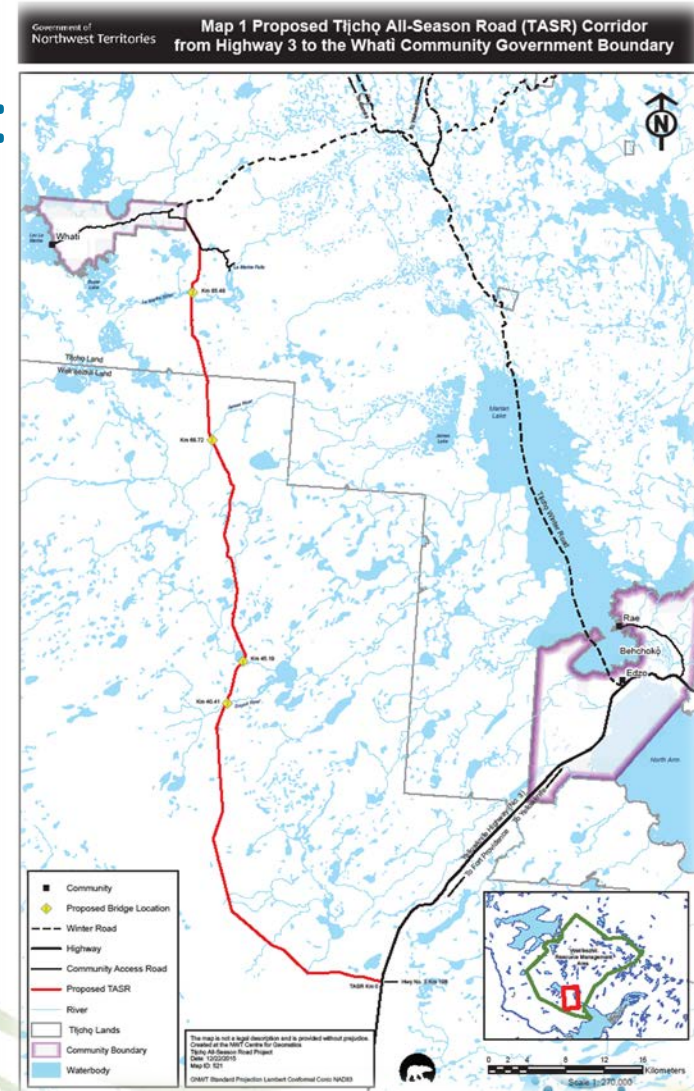




# Type of information collected

Any concerns about the Road:

- Environmental issues
- Social issues
- Economic issues
- Cultural issues



# How you can contribute

- **Please tell us:**
  - **What you want the environmental assessment to look at**
  - **Which issues matter most to you**
  - **How an issue affects you**
- **Ask the developer questions today about the project**



# What happens after scoping?

- We **compile information** from scoping meetings
- Board prepares **draft Terms of Reference** based on scoping
- **Parties comment** on the draft
- Board issues **final Terms of Reference**
- Developer prepares **Developer's Assessment Report** based on the Terms of Reference



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# Things we would like you to share

- What you think the Review Board should study, and why
- Any missing information
- How an all season road might impact things that are important to you
- How an issue affects you

