

**M.V.E.I.R.B. - PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO MACKENZIE GAS PROJECT
INUVIK - MARCH 30-APRIL 1, 2004**

The Town of Inuvik submits there is sufficient public concern with the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project to warrant its referral to a joint panel review.

The Town of Inuvik supports the Mackenzie Gas Project and is ready to assume a position as a regional distribution and operational centre. The Mackenzie Gas Project will provide:

- Employment opportunities for local residents.
- Business opportunities for local businesses.
- Long term sustainable economic benefits from processing plant positions and an ongoing oil and gas industry.
- Economic benefits to local businesses from the annual petroleum show hosted by the Town of Inuvik.
- Increased demand for land sales in the community.

However, the Town of Inuvik understands that the benefits to be realized do not come without costs and there are concerns in a number of areas:

- Demand for municipal services, including water/sewer services and landfill access will add costs for the municipality.
- Road construction and additional maintenance required to accommodate heavy equipment and increased traffic flows.
- Increased traffic on the local by-pass road will create dust problems for the community and will need to be addressed.
- Safety concerns due to movement of heavy equipment and other additional traffic within the community, on ice roads and on the Dempster Highway .
- Demands on local health services and public protection will increase due to an influx of transient workers and an increase in disposable income for residents.
- Increased potential for environmental concerns such as fuel spills, emissions and noise.
- Higher housing costs to local residents due to increased demand.
- Increased cost of consumer goods for residents due to increased demand.

As the project progresses and further details become available, the Town of Inuvik will have a better understanding of the issues affecting our local residents. It is our intent to minimize the costs of the Project to local taxpayers. It is also an opportunity to work with the Project Partners to provide infrastructure that will benefit the community in years to come.