

Prairie Creek Mine All Season Access Road Project

Technical Session on Cultural Impacts

July 4, 2016

Nahanni Butte



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

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?



