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# Note to File

## **RE: Mackenzie Valley Highway, meeting with Environment and Climate Change Canada**

On March 27, 2024, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) staff met with Mackenzie Valley Review Board (Review Board) staff to discuss ECCC's role in assessing aspects of climate change related the Mackenzie Valley Highway project.

### **Participants**

ECCC: Eva Walker, Melissa Pinto, Jennifer Sabourin,

Review Board staff: Catherine Fairbairn, Simon Toogood, Chuck Hubert, Leila Cai

### **Overview of discussion**

ECCC and Review Board staff discussed the following topics:

- scope of the assessment relating to how a changing climate could affect the project
- assessing the project's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions and related climate change issues
- assessing impacts on the project under future climate scenarios
- resilience in a changing climate
- how ECCC can provide advice using the Strategic Assessment on Climate Change
- focusing on issues that could lead to significant adverse impacts
- arranging a future meeting with ECCC climate change experts to discuss how they could participate in this environmental assessment.

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