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Initiative to Improve Transparency and Accountability of Review Board Finances

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The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board is announcing its plan for greater public disclosure of information regarding its financial operations. “Our objective is to improve the transparency and accountability of Board management to the public being a government funded Board” said Chairperson Richard Edjericon.

As of today the Board will be posting its Finance, Honoraria and Travel Policies on its website. It will also be posting the schedules to its annual audited financial statements for salary, benefits, honoraria, and travel expenses paid to Board members and staff for each fiscal year going back to 2007/08. While the Board’s audited financial statements have been posted yearly as part of the Board’s Annual Report, the Board believes that the proactive disclosure of finance related policies and the schedules of salary, benefits, honoraria, and travel expenses will benefit our goal of greater financial transparency and accountability.

This information can be found on the Board’s website by clicking on “About Us” on the website homepage (www.reviewboard.ca) and going to “Strategic Plan, Financial Statements and Schedules, and Annual Reports”.

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About the Review Board

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board was established by the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA) in 1998 as an independent administrative tribunal responsible for the environmental impact assessment process in the Mackenzie Valley, Northwest Territories. As a co-management board, aboriginal land claim organizations nominate half of the board members, and the federal and territorial governments nominate the other half of the board members. The Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development appoints all the members to the Review Board.