



News Release

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New board member appointment to the Review Board

YELLOWKNIFE – The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) is pleased to announce that John Curran has been appointed to the Review Board as a Federal nominee for a three-year term. The Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada confirmed Mr. Curran’s appointment to the Review Board on July 23rd, 2012.

On behalf of the Review Board, Chairperson Richard Edjericon would like to congratulate Mr. Curran on his appointment and looks forward to working with him during his term.

John Curran was born in Ottawa and went to school at LaSalle Secondary School in Kingston, ON. John holds a Journalism diploma from Loyalist College in Bellville, ON. He is an award-winning journalist and has held numerous positions in the media industry. Since John moved to the north in 2003, he’s held several positions, including serving as the Executive Director for the NWT Chamber of Commerce and later as the Northern Services Marketing Manager for Discovery Air. While with Discovery Air, John had the opportunity to successfully build and maintain mutually profitable relationships with Aboriginal groups throughout the north. He has also served as a director on the Yellowknife Direct Charge Co-operative Board of Directors, including two years as the Vice President of the Board.

John has most recently focused his talents on operating his own consulting business in Yellowknife, Curran and Associates, specializing in organizational support solutions for businesses.

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. Though the federal government enacted the MVRMA, the legislation resulted directly from land claim negotiations. The MVRMA gives aboriginal peoples of the Mackenzie Valley a greater say in resource development and management.

The Review Board is a co-management board responsible for the environmental impact assessment process in the Mackenzie Valley, Northwest Territories. 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 entire board nominates its Chair. As the federal minister responsible for the MVRMA, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada appoints all the members to the Review Board.

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