

## **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 Michael McLeod has been appointed to the Review Board as a Government of the Northwest Territories nominee for a three-year term. The Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada confirmed Mr. McLeod's appointment to the Review Board on July 19, 2013.

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

Mr. Michael McLeod, born and raised in Fort Providence, Northwest Territories, is a former Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Deh Cho electoral district. He served for three terms. He was a founding member of the Fort Providence Resource Management Board and the Dehcho Regional Council, a former Vice President of the Northwest Territories Métis Development Corporation and past President of the Métis Nation Local #57. Mr. McLeod also served two terms in the territorial Cabinet as a Minister with multiple portfolios, including Transportation, Public Works, Environment and Municipal and Community Affairs.

Since leaving public office in 2011, Mr. McLeod has worked as a tourism development officer with the Government of the Northwest Territories, where he has assisted in the planning and organization of new development projects and policies. He has also played an important role in conducting research and feasibility studies on development projects in the region.

Mr. McLeod and his wife Joyce have 3 children. Mr. McLeod and his wife live in Fort Providence.

### **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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