

March 18, 2020

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RE: **Mackenzie Valley Review Board response to COVID-19**

In light of the rapidly changing situation regarding the risks of transmission of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the Northwest Territories, the Mackenzie Valley Review Board is taking a proactive approach to limit the possible spread of the virus by closing its offices as of Thursday March 19, 2020.

This decision was made to ensure the health and safety of our staff, Board members, individuals involved in our proceedings, as well as the public at large. We continue to monitor the situation and are adhering to all recommendations of the relevant public health authorities. We have directed all staff to work remotely at this time and have limited all face to face interaction between our staff/Board and our stakeholders and general public.

The Mackenzie Valley Review Board will continue to operate as best as possible to fulfill its mandate under the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act. We kindly ask that persons trying to engage with the Board do so by email or by phone. Our staff will try to respond to any inquiry in as timely a manner as possible under the circumstances.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our response or the impact it may have on our services, please feel to reach out me at mcliffephillips@reviewboard.ca or by phone at (867) 766-7055.

On behalf of the Review Board we wish you, your colleagues and family the best during this difficult time.

Mark Cliffe-Phillips
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