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Public Release: Mackenzie Valley Review Board's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) is pleased to present its Strategic Plan for 2023-2027 (the Plan). The Plan outlines the mission, vision, and values that guide our organization in its work. It also describes the goals and objectives that we will prioritize over the next five years while conducting environmental impact assessment in the Mackenzie Valley.

The Review Board is an independent co-management board responsible for the environmental impact assessment process in the Mackenzie Valley. The Review Board was established through the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (the Act) which resulted from comprehensive land claims in the Mackenzie Valley. The Act gives Indigenous people of the Mackenzie Valley a greater say in land and resource management.

The Plan outlines how the Review Board seeks to advance and improve:

- environmental impact assessment processes
- public participation in environmental impact assessment and the Mackenzie Valley resource co-management system
- the Review Board's role as a leader within the integrated and coordinated resource comanagement system and
- our position as an efficient, innovative, adaptive, and values-based organization.

The Plan outlines the strategies and actions the Review Board will apply when adapting to the changes, challenges, and opportunities we will face, such as the Canadian Critical Minerals Strategy, climate change, and regional strategic environmental assessment.

The Review Board is strongly committed to advancing reconciliation throughout the Mackenzie Valley and Canada, within its mandate as described in the Act, and this commitment is reflected throughout the Plan.

The Review Board will review and report on the Plan annually and will post updates on our public dashboard, which will be available soon at www.reviewboard.ca. We expect that this Plan will help us better achieve our goals and responsibilities through fair, timely, and effective environmental impact assessment processes. We will continue to work with our partners in the integrated land and resource co-management system to improve the way land and resources are managed in the Mackenzie Valley, now and in the future.

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