

October 26, 2016

Notice of Proceeding

To: Distribution list

Re: Review Board member recusal from involvement in GNWT applications

As an employee of the GNWT's Department of Municipal and Community Affairs, Ms. Doolittle recuses herself from any involvement in any project files for which the GNWT is an applicant (proponent). This recusal is based on a condition set out by Ms. Doolittle's employer and communicated in letters (see attached) to the Review Board immediately after her appointment to the Board.

In the Board's view, this condition is intended to avoid any potential apprehension of bias and/or potential conflict of interest. The rule against bias provides that administrative decision-makers must base their decisions, and must be perceived to base their decisions, only on the relevant law and evidence before them. The rule against bias applies to all administrative tribunals as a fundamental component of the standards of procedural fairness.

With this notice, the Review Board confirms that Board member and Sahtu nominee Yvonne Doolittle has recused herself from participation in the Board's referral decision and the environmental assessment proceeding for the Tliche All-season Road Project. **This Notice of Proceeding also serves as a general notice that Yvonne Doolittle recuses herself from any involvement in any future project files for which the GNWT is an applicant.**

Attachments:

- GNWT letter to Review Board, June 03 2014 – Participation of Ms. Yvonne Doolittle as a Member of the Mackenzie Valley Review Board
- GNWT letter to Review Board, June 05 2014 – Clarification of Participation of Ms. Yvonne Doolittle as a Member of the Mackenzie Valley Review Board

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Dear Mr. Toogood:

**Participation of Ms. Yvonne Doolittle as a
Member of the Mackenzie Valley Review Board**

I wish to confirm that Yvonne Doolittle is the Regional Superintendent of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) for the North Slave Region within the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT).

I wish to advise that MACA has concluded that there is nothing which prevents Ms. Doolittle from being a member of the MVEIRB. She will need to excuse herself from any involvement in any application in which the GNWT is an applicant or a participant, because of her employment with the GNWT. Similarly, in her employment role with the GNWT, she will not be involved in anything which relates to an application on which she has (or is assigned) to sit on the MVEIRB.

I trust this is satisfactory.

Sincerely,



Tom R. Williams
Deputy Minister

- c. Ms. Yvonne Doolittle, Regional Superintendent
North Slave Region
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Dear Mr. Toogood:

**Clarification of Participation of Ms. Yvonne Doolittle
as a Member of the Mackenzie Valley Review Board**

I wish to provide clarification in regards to Yvonne Doolittle's participation as a Member of the Mackenzie Valley Review Board.

In my letter dated June 3, 2014 when I said that Ms. Doolittle needs "to excuse herself from any involvement in an application in which the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is an applicant or participant", I was referring to a specific application by the GNWT.

I trust this is satisfactory and assists in clarifying things.

Sincerely,



Tom R. Williams
Deputy Minister

- c. Ms. Yvonne Doolittle, Regional Superintendent
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