

Technical Sessions Final Draft Agenda

Project: Mackenzie Valley Highway (EA1213-01)

Developer: Government of the Northwest Territories

Purpose: The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) is hosting technical sessions for parties to ask detailed questions about the impacts of and mitigation for the proposed Mackenzie Valley Highway Project to extend Highway #1 from Pehdzéh Kǐ (Wrigley) to Tulít'a (Tulita) and Tłęgǫhtǐ (Norman Wells).

Technical Sessions Overview

November 19	November 20	November 21
Project description Caribou and Moose Other Wildlife Species at Risk	Impacts on Communities Socio-economics Culture Traditional Land Use Harvesting	Water Quality and Quantity Fish and Fish Habitat Terrain and Permafrost Climate Change Air Quality and Noise Vegetation

If there any concerns with the agenda or the timing, please contact Catherine Fairbairn (cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca or 1-867-766-7054) by November 13. The details of the agenda may be changed at the discretion of the Review Board. Notice of any changes will be provided.

Additional short breaks may be announced as needed throughout the day. Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be provided. Interpretation can be organized if necessary.

The meeting will be hybrid, with the option to participate in-person and online. Parties and their technical advisors are strongly encouraged to attend the technical sessions in person. Each party should try to have at least one individual in person to coordinate with their consultants or other staff online. For those who wish to participate virtually, please join the following Zoom meeting:

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82971593300>
Meeting ID: 829 7159 3300

Day 1 – Tuesday, Nov. 19 - Project Description and Wildlife

Tree of Peace Friendship Centre, 5011, 51st Street, Yellowknife

Time	Topics	Organization
8:30-9:00	Coffee and Tea	
9:00-9:30	Opening the session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yellowknife Drummers - Introductions 	Review Board staff
9:30-9:45	Opening remarks and presentation	Review Board staff
9:45-10:00	Overview of the project	GNWT
10:00-10:15	Break	
10:15-11:45	Questions/discussion on the project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road design - Routing - Accidents and malfunctions - Effects of environment on project (climate resilience) 	All parties
11:45-13:00	Lunch	
13:00-13:10	Overview of developer's predictions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impacts on caribou and moose 	GNWT
13:10-14:45	Questions/discussion on caribou and moose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts - Impacts on movement - Mortality and health - Impacts of alternate routes/schedules 	All parties
14:45-15:00	Break	
15:00-15:10	Overview of developer's predictions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impacts on other wildlife - Impacts on species at risk 	GNWT
15:10-15:45	Questions/discussion on other wildlife Questions/discussion on species at risk	All parties
15:45-16:00	Wrap-up	Review Board staff

Day 2 – Wednesday, Nov. 20 - Socio-economics, Culture, Traditional Land Use
Tree of Peace Friendship Centre, 5011, 51st Street, Yellowknife

Time	Topics	Organization
8:30-9:00	Coffee and Tea	
9:00-9:10	Welcome and Introductions	Review Board staff
9:10-9:20	Overview of developer’s predictions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impacts on communities (social, economic, etc.) 	GNWT
9:20-10:15	Questions/discussion on impacts on communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social impacts - Economic impacts - Mitigation for increased drugs and alcohol - Cumulative impacts - Preparing for the road/community readiness 	All parties
10:15-10:30	Break	
10:30-11:45	Continued: Questions/discussion on impacts on communities	All parties
11:45-13:00	Lunch	
13:00-13:10	Overview of developer’s predictions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impacts on culture, traditional land use, harvesting 	GNWT
13:10-14:30	Questions/discussion on culture, traditional land use, harvesting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harvesting (hunting, fishing, plants, wood) - Cultural impacts - Culturally important areas - Traditional Knowledge 	All parties
14:30-14:45	Break	
14:45-15:45	Continued: Questions/discussion on culture, traditional land use, harvesting	All parties
15:45-16:00	Wrap-up	Review Board staff



Day 3 – Thursday, November 21 - Water, Fish, Terrain, Air, and other topics
Tree of Peace Friendship Centre, 5011, 51st Street, Yellowknife

Time	Topics	Organization
8:30-9:00	Coffee and Tea	
9:00-9:10	Welcome and introductions	Review Board staff
9:10-9:20	Overview of developer’s predictions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impacts on water and fish 	GNWT
9:20-10:15	Questions/discussion on water quality and quantity Questions/discussion on fish and fish habitat	All parties
10:15-10:30	Break	
10:15-10:25	Overview of developer’s predictions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impacts on terrain and permafrost - Impacts on climate change 	GNWT
10:25-11:45	Questions/discussion on terrain and permafrost Questions/discussion on climate change	All parties
11:45-13:00	Lunch	
13:00-13:10	Overview of developer’s predictions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impacts on air quality, noise, vegetation 	GNWT
13:10-14:30	Questions/discussion on air quality Questions/discussion on noise Questions/discussion on vegetation	All parties
14:30-14:45	Break	
14:45-16:00	Review of undertakings Wrap up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Closing remarks - Closing prayer 	Review Board staff

