



Mackenzie Valley Highway – Summary of Engagement with Communities on the Proposed Socio-economic Mitigations

Project/File: Mackenzie Valley Highway Project / EA1213-02
Main Issue: Summary of GNWT engagement with communities (May 2024 – December 2024)

The Government of the Northwest Territories conducted engagement in the following communities between May 2024 and December 2024 to present and discuss the Community Readiness Strategy (CRS) that has been proposed to mitigate adverse socio-economic effects and maximize positive socio-economic effects. The dates of community visits are shown in the table below.

Date	Community
May 6 – 11, 2024	Norman Wells
May 13 – 16, 2024	Tulita
July 29 – 31, 2024	Fort Simpson/Łíídlıı Kúę First Nation
December 2 & 3, 2024	Fort Good Hope
December 4, 2024	Colville Lake

Engagement with other communities including Délıne and Pehdzeh Ki First Nation is currently being planned with community representatives and is anticipated to take place in 2025.

The following pages provide a high-level summary of the organizations and/or individuals met with in each community.



Mackenzie Valley Highway, meetings in Norman Wells

Project/File: Mackenzie Valley Highway Project / EA1213-02
Date/Time: May 6 – 11, 2024
Participants: Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Infrastructure (GNWT-INF): Anita Ogaa
Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Health and Social Services (GNWT-HSS): Zoe Zwaigenbaum
DPRA Canada: Timm Rochon, Jen Heneberry

Representatives from GNWT-INF, GNWT-HSS and DPRA Canada met with organizations and individuals in Norman Wells to discuss the proposed CRS and answer questions about the MVH Project.

Interviews were conducted with representatives from:

- Mayor and Council of the Town of Norman Wells
- Staff of the Town of Norman Wells
- Fire Chief
- Norman Wells Land Corporation
- Health and Social Services staff
- Arctic Energy Alliance
- Ramparts Rentals
- Sahtu Secretariat Inc. Staff
 - Economic Development
 - Health
- Education Culture and Employment Service Centre Staff
- North Wright Air



Mackenzie Valley Highway, meetings in Tulita

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Date/Time: May 13 – 16, 2024
Participants: Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Infrastructure (GNWT-INF):
Kelly Bourassa
Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Health and Social Services (GNWT-HSS): Melissa Pink
DPRA Canada: Timm Rochon, Jen Heneberry

Representatives from GNWT-INF, GNWT-HSS and DPRA Canada met with organizations and individuals in Tulita to present information on the proposed CRS, gather feedback and suggestions from community representatives, and answer questions about the CRS and the MVH Project more broadly.

Interviews were conducted with representatives from:

- Tulita MVH Working Group
- Tulita Dene Band Chief and Council
- Tulita Health Centre staff
- Hamlet Mayor and Council
- Chief Albert Wright School Principal
- Sahtu Renewable Resources Board (virtual)
- Tulita Renewable Resources Council
- Staff supporting the Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area initiative
- Coordinator for the Child Development Centre
- Income Support Staff
- Fire Chief

The GNWT hosted a focus group with Elders in the community on May 15, 2024, and a community meeting that was open to the public on May 14, 2024.



Mackenzie Valley Highway, meetings in Fort Simpson/ Líídlıı Kúę First Nation

Project/File: Mackenzie Valley Highway Project / EA1213-02
Date/Time: July 29 – 31, 2024
Participants: Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Infrastructure (GNWT-INF): Kelly Bourassa
Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Health and Social Services (GNWT-HSS): Melissa Pink
DPRA Canada: Timm Rochon

Representatives from GNWT-INF, GNWT-HSS and DPRA Canada met with organizations and individuals in Fort Simpson and Líídlıı Kúę First Nation to present information on the proposed CRS, gather feedback and suggestions from community representatives, and answer questions about the CRS and the MVH Project more broadly.

Interviews were conducted with representatives of:

- Líídlıı Kúę First Nation Chief and Council
- Líídlıı Kúę First Nation Staff
 - Executive Director
 - Lands Director
 - Economic Development Officer
- Aurora College representative (virtual)
- Mayor Sean Whelley

A focus group was conducted with Elders on July 29, 2024, and with harvesters on July 30, 2024.

Additionally, the GNWT hosted a community meeting that was open to the public on July 30, 2024.



Mackenzie Valley Highway, meetings in Fort Good Hope

Project/File: Mackenzie Valley Highway Project / EA1213-02
Date/Time: December 2 & 3, 2024
Participants: Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Infrastructure (GNWT-INF):
Kelly Bourassa
Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Health and Social Services (GNWT-HSS): Melissa Pink
DPRA Canada: Timm Rochon

Representatives from GNWT-INF, GNWT-HSS and DPRA Canada met with organizations and individuals in Fort Good Hope to present information on the proposed CRS, gather feedback and suggestions from community representatives, and answer questions about the CRS and the MVH Project more broadly.

Interviews were conducted with representatives from:

- Chief and Council
- Cassien Edgi Health Center
 - Acting Nurse in Charge
 - Community Health Representative
 - Social Worker
 - Mental Health Nurse
- RCMP
- Chief T'Selehye School
 - Social Studies Teacher
 - Grade 10-11 students
- Executive Director, Land and Water Board
- Executive Director, Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

Additionally, the GNWT hosted a community meeting that was open to the public on December 3, 2024.



Mackenzie Valley Highway, meetings in Colville Lake

Project/File: Mackenzie Valley Highway Project / EA1213-02
Date/Time: December 4, 2024
Participants: Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Infrastructure (GNWT-INF):
Kelly Bourassa
Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Health and Social Services
(GNWT-HSS): Melissa Pink
DPRA Canada: Timm Rochon

Representatives from GNWT-INF, GNWT-HSS and DPRA Canada hosted an open house community meeting in Colville Lake on December 4, 2024, to present information on the proposed CRS, gather feedback and suggestions from community representatives, and answer questions about the CRS and the MVH Project more broadly.