



## Notice: Update to Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Guideline

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The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) is continuing the process of updating its *Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Guideline* (the Guideline). This Guideline, first published in 2007, outlines the Review Board's expectations for assessing socio-economic and cultural impacts for environmental impact reviews in the Mackenzie Valley.

### Why this matters:

The Review Board's mandate is to consider impacts on people and protect the social, cultural, and economic well-being of Mackenzie Valley communities. In past engagement on this Guideline update, and in the environmental assessments we've conducted, we have heard that **social, cultural and economic impacts are interconnected**. Understanding impacts on well-being requires a **holistic approach**.

### What's changing:

The update is focused on moving towards a holistic approach: how the Review Board can consider social, cultural and economic impacts to residents and communities in the Mackenzie Valley to make sure projects and processes help build lasting well-being.

### Engagement and Consultation

As required by the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* we will consult with communities across the Mackenzie Valley. We will share opportunities for input, discussion, and review throughout the process.

### Next Steps

We look forward to hearing from Indigenous governments, organizations, and the public on what matters most for their well-being so that these priorities can be fully integrated into our updated Guideline and environmental assessments. More details on engagement opportunities and ways to participate will follow and can be found on our [website](#).

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