

Gwich'inat Eenjit
Gàdatr'igwijiłcheii Gidilii
Gwich'in nan, nakhwek'yuu ts'at gwitr'it
tthak nakhwidavee gwiheezàa eenjit



Gwich'in Tribal Council
Gwich'in land, culture & economy for a better future

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RE: Mackenzie Valley Highway Extension Project Community Scoping Meetings

Dear Ms. Fairbairn and Ms. Adjun,

Thank you for meeting on August 25, 2026, with Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC) Special Advisor to Grand Chief, David MacMartin, and Director of Lands and Resources, Kanda Gnana, to discuss the GTC project consultation and engagement protocols and plans for upcoming Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) meetings in Gwich'in communities regarding the Mackenzie Valley Highway Extension Project (from Wrigley to the Dempster Highway, south of Inuvik). I am writing to confirm arrangements for these meetings that were discussed during the meeting on August 25th.

I understand that MVEIRB plans to convene two upcoming Mackenzie Valley Highway Extension Project (MVH Extension Project) community project scoping sessions meetings – one in Inuvik on September 8 and one in Tsiigehtchic on September 9. These meetings are being arranged following the announcement earlier this month by the MVH Extension Project sponsor, the Government of the Northwest Territories, of plans to extend the scope of the previously planned MVH Project to Inuvik. The purpose of these MVEIRB community project scoping sessions is to update the Terms of Reference for the MVH Project that were previously developed in 2013.

You advised Mr. MacMartin and Mr. Gnama that you have made plans to invite representatives from Fort McPherson to join Tsiigehtchic community representatives for the project scoping session planned for Tsiigehtchic on September from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM on September 9. This meeting will follow an initial community project scoping meeting to be held in Inuvik on September 8, to which I would recommend that you invite representatives from Aklavik to attend.

In advance of these meetings, consistent with the briefing provided to you on August 25th regarding the GTC consultation and engagement protocols, please contact the Gwich'in Designated Gwich'in Organization (DGO) Presidents in each community identified below, as well as the Gwich'in Renewable Resource Councils (RRCs) and *Indian Act* Band Chiefs in each community in advance, to advise them of MVEIRB's plans to convene these scoping meetings and to confirm the timings and locations for each of the planned meetings.

The following are contact references for each of the Gwich'in community contacts to be made in advance of the planned meetings in Inuvik and Tsiigehtchic.

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