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## Mackenzie Valley Highway, Government of the Northwest Territories

Dear President Greenland, President McLeod, Chief Edwards, Chief Charlie-Tetlitchi, Ms. Koe, and Ms. Clark,

In follow-up to the [August 28<sup>th</sup> letter](#) from Grand Chief Frederick Blake Jr., the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board) would like to invite your leadership and members to participate in the **Mackenzie Valley Highway Environmental Assessment re-scoping session** to be held in **Inuvik on September 8, 2026**. This is a meeting open to the general public.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the potential expansion of the current environmental assessment to include the full Mackenzie Valley Highway corridor from **Wrigley to near Inuvik**. The Review Board is seeking input from Indigenous governments and communities before considering any changes to the scope of the assessment, building upon the [current](#) and [original](#) Terms of Reference.

Discussion topics will include:

- the proposed corridor approach for the northern section of the highway;
- potential environmental, cultural, and socio-economic considerations;
- Gwich'in Knowledge and community priorities;
- opportunities for ongoing community participation and oversight.



The meeting is intended to be an open discussion, and no decisions have been made regarding the scope of the environmental assessment. The Review Board values the knowledge and perspectives of the Ehdıitat and Nihtat Gwich'in and looks forward to hearing your views.

A formal [Notice of Proceeding](#) and a [poster](#) with meeting details have been posted to the Review Board's [Public Registry for the Mackenzie Valley Highway project](#). An agenda will be provided prior to the meeting.

Additionally, comments can be provided at our re-scoping session in Tsiigehtchic on September 9, at our upcoming technical scoping sessions in Yellowknife in early October, or on the Online Review System where a review will be opened shortly.

We hope you will be able to attend and participate in this important discussion.

## Contacts

If you have questions, please contact Ellie Adjun, Gwich'in Community Liaison (1-780-660-2263 or [eadjun@reviewboard.ca](mailto:eadjun@reviewboard.ca)), or Catherine Fairbairn, Senior Environmental Assessment Advisor (867-766-7054 or [cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca](mailto:cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca)).

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