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Sr. Environmental Assessment Advisor Catherine Fairbairn

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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Re: Letter of Support for the Mackenzie Valley Highway

Dear Catherine Fairbairn,

The Hamlet of Tulita is writing to express our strong support for the construction and development of the Mackenzie Valley Highway (MVH). This project is crucial for addressing the unique challenges faced by our communities here in the Sahtu region and ensuring our long-term resilience and connectivity.

The existing construction timeline does not sufficiently address the urgent climate adaptation challenges faced by the Sahtu region. As emphasized in the DAR Non-Technical Report, the consequences of an extended timeline could be disastrous, especially given the increasing effects of climate change. The Hamlet of Tulita supports an expedited project construction timeline.

The establishment of the MVH aligns with Canada's national defense and sovereignty goals by connecting the North with the rest of Canada. It is a critical investment in our infrastructure's long-term resilience and sustainability. As climate change continues to impact traditional transportation routes, the need for alternative and reliable modes of transportation becomes increasingly evident. The MVH will mitigate the risks associated with climate change, ensuring access to vital resources and services for our Sahtu communities.

In conclusion, I and my colleagues on Council, urge the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board to support the construction of the Mackenzie Valley Highway. This initiative is vital for promoting economic growth, enhancing regional connectivity, and supporting the well-being of our communities. We request that our government of the NWT and the Federal Government of Canada, find the necessary resources to make this project a reality.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Respectfully,

Mayor Douglas Yallee

Copy to: The Hon. R. J. Simpson, Premier
Danny McNeely, MLA Sahtu Representative
Michael V. McLeod, MP for Northwest Territories