

Community Sessions Agenda

Project: Mackenzie Valley Highway (EA1213-01)

Developer: Government of the Northwest Territories

Purpose: The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) is hosting community sessions to provide an opportunity for community members to share their ideas, issues, concerns, questions and comments about the proposed Mackenzie Valley Highway Project to extend Highway #1 from Pehdzéh Kí (Wrigley) to Tulít'a (Tulita) and Tłegóhłı́ (Norman Wells).

Community Sessions Overview

Region	Date	Community
Dehcho	October 16	Łíıdlı́ Kúę́ (Fort Simpson)
	October 17	Pehdzéh Kí (Wrigley)
Sahtú	October 21	Tłegóhłı́ (Norman Wells)
	October 22	Déłı́ne
	October 23	Tulít'a

More detailed agendas for each community are on the next pages. The details of the agenda may be changed at the discretion of the Review Board. Short and as-needed breaks will be announced throughout the day at the Review Board Chair's discretion. Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be provided.

Interpretation will be available at each session. In person participation is encouraged whenever possible. For those who wish to listen to the sessions virtually, please join the following zoom meeting:

[Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83618677142](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83618677142)

Meeting ID: 836 1867 7142

Day 1 – Łíídlı́ Kúé (Fort Simpson)

Łíídlı́ Kúé (Fort Simpson) Recreation Centre

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Activity	Time	Details
Elder’s Lunch	12:00 pm	This lunch is a gathering for Elders who wish to share a meal and meet the facilitators in advance.
Session for Elders, Traditional Knowledge Holders, and Land Users <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer • Opening comments by Review Board Chair Joanne Deneron • Opening comments from Chief (or representative) • Review Board presentation • Developer presentation • Open Discussion • Closing Prayer 	1:30 pm	This session is a focused opportunity for Elders, Traditional Knowledge Holders, and Land Users to share their expertise, insights, questions, comments, concerns, issues and advice with the Review Board. Youth are encouraged to participate. Joanne Barnaby and Natasha Thorpe will provide facilitation support.
Community Feast	5:00 pm	Everyone is invited to the feast.
Community Roundtable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer • Opening comments by Review Board Chair Joanne Deneron • Opening comments from Chief (or representative) • Review Board presentation • Developer presentation • Questions and comments from the public • Closing Prayer 	6:00pm	This roundtable session is an open opportunity for any community member to share their expertise, insights, questions, comments, concerns, issues and advice with the Review Board. Youth are encouraged to participate.
Drum Dance	TBD	A drum dance will follow the community roundtable. Everyone is invited.





Day 2 – Pehdzéh Kí (Wrigley)

Pehdzéh Kí (Wrigley) Community Hall

Thursday, October 17, 2024

Activity	Time	Details
Community Feast	12:00 pm	Everyone is invited to the feast.
Community Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer • Opening comments by Review Board Chair Joanne Deneron • Opening comments from Chief (or representative) • Review Board presentation • Developer presentation • Open Discussion • Questions and comments from the public • Closing Prayer 	1:30-4:30 pm	<p>Elders, Traditional Knowledge Holders, and Land Users are invited to share their expertise, insights, questions, comments, concerns, issues and advice with the Review Board. Youth are encouraged to participate.</p> <p>This roundtable is an opportunity for everyone in the community to speak to the Review Board about the project. Joanne Barnaby and Natasha Thorpe will provide facilitation support.</p>



Day 3 – Norman Wells

Tłegóhłı (Norman Wells) Legion (Melnik Hall)

Monday, October 21, 2024

Activity	Time	Details
Elder’s Tea and Bannock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer • Opening comments by Review Board Chair Joanne Deneron • Opening comments from Chief (or representative) • Review Board presentation • Developer presentation • Open Discussion • Closing Prayer 	3:00pm	This session is a focused opportunity for Elders, Traditional Knowledge Holders, and Land Users to share their expertise, insights, questions, comments, concerns, issues and advice with the Review Board. Youth are encouraged to participate. Joanne Barnaby and Natasha Thorpe will provide facilitation support.
Dinner	5:00 pm	Everyone is invited to the feast.
Community Roundtable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer • Opening comments by Review Board Chair Joanne Deneron • Opening comments from Chief (or representative) • Review Board presentation • Developer presentation • Questions and comments from the public • Closing Prayer 	7:00 pm	This roundtable session is an open opportunity for any community member to share their expertise, insights, questions, comments, concerns, issues and advice with the Review Board. Youth are encouraged to participate.



Day 4 – Délı̄nę

Délı̄nę Culture Centre

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Activity	Time	Details
Elder’s Lunch	12:00 pm	This lunch is a gathering for Elders who wish to share a meal and meet the facilitators in advance.
Community Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer • Opening comments by Review Board Chair Joanne Deneron • Opening comments from Chief (or representative) • Review Board presentation • Developer presentation • Open Discussion • Questions and comments from the public • Closing Prayer 	1:30 pm	<p>Elders, Traditional Knowledge Holders, and Land Users are invited to share their expertise, insights, questions, comments, concerns, issues and advice with the Review Board. Youth are encouraged to participate.</p> <p>This roundtable is an opportunity for anyone in the community to speak to the Review Board about the project. Joanne Barnaby and Natasha Thorpe will provide facilitation support.</p>
Community Feast	5:00 pm	Everyone is invited to the feast.



Day 5 – Tulít’a

Tulít’a Cultural Centre

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Activity	Time	Details
Elder’s Lunch	12:00 pm	This lunch is a gathering for Elders who wish to share a meal and meet the facilitators in advance.
Community Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer • Opening comments by Review Board Chair Joanne Deneron • Opening comments from Chief (or representative) • Review Board presentation • Developer presentation • Open Discussion • Questions and comments from the public • Closing Prayer 	1:30 pm	<p>Elders, Traditional Knowledge Holders, and Land Users are invited to share their expertise, insights, questions, comments, concerns, issues and advice with the Review Board. Youth are encouraged to participate.</p> <p>This roundtable is an opportunity for anyone in the community to speak to the Review Board about the project. Joanne Barnaby and Natasha Thorpe will provide facilitation support.</p>
Community Feast	5:00 pm	Everyone is invited to the feast.



Questions for discussion

- In what ways could the proposed project affect the environment (such as water, land, air, wildlife, fish)?
- In what ways could the proposed project affect people (such as traditional harvesting, community structure and relationships, culture, economy, social fabric)?
- Are the families whose traditional territory most impacted by this project present today?
- What are the most important issues you would focus on if you were on the Review Board?
- Can you tell us about areas of special concern along the proposed route?
- What do you think about the impacts the Developer (GNWT) has identified?
- What impacts do you currently experience each year when the winter road opens? How might cultural and social impacts from the highway be different or build upon the impacts during the winter road season?
- What do you think about identified impacts to rivers, creeks, harvesting and other areas of possible concern?
- How have your concerns raised previously been addressed?
- Can you share your insights into further traditional knowledge or land use (other than through your independent TK studies) that may need to be brought forward?
- What kinds of recommendations would like to make to reduce impacts?
- What are your solutions to any of the issues shared today or otherwise identified?