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Mackenzie Valley Highway, Government of the Northwest Territories

Dear Mr. Auge,

Thank you for your [letter](#) of August 14, 2026, advising the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board) of your revised approach and northern extension of the proposed Mackenzie Valley Highway.

The Review Board will consult with parties on the new proposed alignment

The Review Board will re-scope the environmental assessment to reflect changes in the project's geographic scope. Consultation with Indigenous governments, organizations, and communities is a legal requirement under section 127.1 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

The Review Board will consult with potentially affected groups along the proposed highway corridor to validate the Wrigley-to-Norman Wells section and gather feedback on the northern extension to Inuvik. We want to hear if original priorities have shifted and if any new concerns exist for the northern portion, ensuring that the most important issues are included in the updated Terms of Reference.

Public registry available

The Review Board has an online public registry available for this project. You can find it at: [Mackenzie Valley Highway - EA1213-02](#). The public registry provides access to the [developer's project description and impact assessment](#), latest [workplan](#), past information requests from parties and the Review Board, and engagement records with Indigenous governments, organizations, and communities along the proposed highway.

Participant funding will be available

The Review Board has been notified that Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada will make participant funding available for the next steps of the environmental assessment. Any group along the proposed corridor can apply for funding for the remainder of the fiscal year (August 2026 - March 2027). More funding will be available in the next fiscal year for the next steps of the environmental assessment. Details on how to apply will be posted to the public registry as soon as they are available.



Next steps

The Review Board will issue a Notice of Proceeding outlining the next steps of this environmental assessment.

Contacts

If you have questions, please contact Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Executive Director (867-766-7055 or mcliffephillips@reviewboard.ca).

On behalf of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board,

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JoAnne Deneron,
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