



August 28, 2026

Notice of Proceeding

Mackenzie Valley Highway, Government of the Northwest Territories

RE: Re-scoping session dates and revised draft workplan

The Review Board is re-scoping the environmental assessment

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board) is **re-scoping the environmental assessment to reflect changes in the project scope** proposed by the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT, the developer) in its [letter about the expansion of the proposed Mackenzie Valley Highway](#).

Re-scoping session dates

As part of its engagement, the Review Board plans to host the following community re-scoping sessions:

Region	Community	Date
Gwich'in	Inuvik	September 8
	Tsiigehtchic	September 9
Sahtu	Tłegóhłı (Norman Wells)	September 22
	RádeyılıKó (Fort Good Hope)	September 23
	Tulít'a	September 24
Dehcho	Pehdzéh Kı (Wrigley)	TBD
	Łíídlıı Kúę (Fort Simpson)	TBD

The Review Board will also host a **technical re-scoping session in Yellowknife**. The Review Board is engaging parties on their availability for **October 1st**. The details of this meeting will be released when available.



Who is invited?

All Indigenous governments, organizations, community members, and the public are invited to the community sessions. All parties, including Indigenous, territorial, and federal government departments and their technical experts are invited to the technical re-scoping session.

In addition to Review Board staff, the developer (GNWT) will be present at all meetings. There will also be representatives from the federal government (Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs and the Major Projects Office) in person or online.

What can be expected at these meetings?

The intent of these re-scoping meetings is to identify and prioritize issues on the extended route the developer is proposing. Review Board staff will describe the **EA process**. The information from the meetings will inform the Review Board when it updates the 2015 **Revised Terms of Reference** (TOR) to reflect changes in the project scope.

Dinner will be provided during the community meetings. Interpretation will be provided if requested in advance.

The GNWT will present and be available to engage on its **revised project description**.

Opportunity to provide written comments

The Review Board will open a **public review** on the Online Review System for all parties to submit written comments about the scope of assessment and the information required in the TOR. The online review will open in September and close in October, after the community and technical re-scoping sessions.

Updated draft workplan

The Review Board has updated the workplan for this environmental assessment (see attached). Key upcoming dates include:

- **September 2026:** community meetings
- **October 2026:** technical meeting and written comments deadline from parties on the GNWT's draft revised TOR
- **November 2026:** developer responds to ORS comments and the Review Board issues a revised TOR
- **March 2027:** developer submits revised Developer's Assessment Report

More information on these dates will be provided in the near future.

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EA1213-02 – Mackenzie Valley Highway Project Government of the Northwest Territories

Updated Draft Workplan – August 28, 2026

This draft workplan describes the process steps for EA1213-02. Refer to the [October 8, 2025](#) workplan for all steps prior to this current workplan.

In the table below:

- Process steps that are complete have dates shaded in grey.
- Process steps that are on Review Board or party time are shaded in green.
- Process steps on developer time are shaded in orange.
- Future process steps include approximate deadlines or end dates that are subject to the timing of the developer's responses.

EA Phase	Process Step		Date
Re-scoping	Developer submits a request to change the project description		August 14, 2026
	MVEIRB requests an updated project description		August 24, 2026
	Developer provides an updated project description		TBD
	In-person community re-scoping meetings (hybrid option)	Inuvik	Sep 8, 2026
		Tsiigehtchic	Sep 10, 2026
		Tłegóhtł (Norman Wells)	Sep 22, 2026
		RádeyılłKó (Fort Good Hope)	Sep 23, 2026
		Tulít’a	Sep 24, 2026
		Pehdzéh Kı (Wrigley)	TBD
		Łíídlıı Kúę (Fort Simpson)	TBD
	In-person technical re-scoping meeting (hybrid option)	Yellowknife	Early October 2026
	Party online review comments due		October 2026
Developer responds to comments		Early November 2026	
Review Board issues revised TOR ¹		November 2026	
Analytical	Developer submits a revised DAR		Mar 31, 2027 ²
	Public Review of the revised DAR (exact steps TBD)		
	Closing of the public record		

¹ Additional review at the discretion of the Review Board

² As estimated by the GNWT in its [August 14 letter](#) to the Review Board.

Hearing	Deadline to apply for intervenor status	
	Pre-hearing conference	
	Interventions	
	Developer responds to interventions	
	Public hearing preparation (Review Board, parties)	
	All interveners and the developer submit hearing presentations	
	Public hearings	
	Hearing undertakings (developer, parties)	
	Closing arguments from parties	
	Closing argument from developer	
	Closure of the public record	
Decision	Evidence analysis by the Review Board	
	Board deliberation and initial report drafting	
	Board, legal, and editorial reviews	
	Review Board issues Report of Environmental Assessment	
	Minister(s) responses to Report of Environmental Assessment	