



August 21, 2026

JoAnne Deneron
Chairperson
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
200 Scotia Centre
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Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N7

Dear JoAnne Deneron:

I am writing to inform you that Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) is making additional participant funding available through its Northern Participant Funding Program (NPFP) to facilitate meaningful participation in the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's environmental assessment of the Government of the Northwest Territories' proposed Mackenzie Valley Highway Project. Funding will be made available for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 fiscal years and is intended to support **Indigenous and public participation in the community and technical re-scoping meetings, review of the revised Terms of Reference and Developer's Assessment Report, and associated technical meetings and public hearings.**

The intent of this funding program is to help Indigenous peoples and other Northerners access the resources and expertise needed to participate effectively in impact assessments of major resource or infrastructure development projects in Canada's North.

CIRNAC is inviting applications from those seeking participant funding to take part in the environmental assessment of the Mackenzie Valley Highway Project. Applications will be accepted up until **11:59pm (EST) on September 18, 2026** (see attached Public Notice).

We request that the Board staff please upload this correspondence along with the Participant Funding Guide, Funding Application, and Public Notice to the Board's registry. Interested individuals or organizations can also contact program staff at aidefinancierparticipants-participantfunding@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca to request the Funding Guide and Application. Program staff are happy to assist with questions relating to the application process, eligibility, timing, or expense details. Additional information can be found on the NPFP webpage (<https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1545150205116/1547478360408>).





Once funding has been approved, CIRNAC staff will forward correspondence to the Board announcing the successful applicants and funding levels.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Program or the availability of funding to support participation in the proposed Mackenzie Valley Highway Project, please email aidefinanciereparticipants-participantfunding@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Pawley', with a stylized, cursive script.

Kim Pawley
Director, Environment and Renewable Resources
Northern Affairs Organization
Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada