



January 29, 2025

Note to File

To all parties:

Re: Mackenzie Valley Highway – Retention of expert advisor Naviq Consulting

Retention of expert advisor

The Review Board has retained an expert advisor¹ for the Mackenzie Valley Highway environmental assessment (EA). The expert advisor is Dr. Jim Oswell, Ph.D., P.Eng., with Naviq Consulting. His area of expertise is geotechnical and permafrost engineering. His *curriculum vitae* was posted on the public registry on Dec. 20, 2024, and parties raised no concerns.

Scope of participation in the proceeding

Dr. Oswell will help the Review Board evaluate and analyze evidence and carry out other specific activities as required throughout the Analysis phase of the environmental assessment, including the review of the Developer's Assessment Report. He may also help with further phases of the EA at the Review Board's discretion.

For questions or more information, please contact Senior Environmental Assessment Advisor Catherine Fairbairn at (867) 766-7054 or cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca.

¹ "Expert advisor" is used in this Notice of Proceeding in place of a "specialist", as referred to in Rule 16 of the Review Board's 2005 Rules of Procedure.