

February 28, 2025

Note to File

Re: Meeting between GNWT and MVEIRB Staff – Clarification on Cover Letter to MVEIRB Information Requests

Attendees:

- Seth Bohnet, GNWT-Infrastructure
- Kim Wickens, ADM GNWT-Infrastructure
- Nathan Richea, ADM GNWT-Environment and Climate Change
- Mark Cliffe-Phillips, MVEIRB

Summary:

On February 12, 2025, GNWT representatives met with MVEIRB Executive Director, Mark Cliffe-Phillips, to seek clarification on the intent and expectations outlined in the Review Board's January 23, 2025, letter regarding the Mackenzie Valley Highway Project.

Mark Cliffe-Phillips reiterated the Board's concerns about the lack of detailed mitigation information and the need for GNWT to identify specific mitigation measures and assess their effectiveness to support the Board's impact assessment process. Additional context was provided on the importance of this information to ensure parties can make meaningful interventions during the hearings.

GNWT acknowledged the clarification and advised they would review the letter further and discuss internally how to address the Board's request.

Mark Cliffe-Phillips stated that the Board remains committed to maintaining the timelines in its workplan but requires sufficient information from GNWT to allow all parties to develop their interventions and participate meaningfully in the hearing process.

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