
MVH - Recent Public Registry Submissions and Request for Clarity

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Hi Catherine,

Following our federal working group meeting last week, we are hoping the Review Board can provide some clarification on several procedural matters that seem outstanding on the Mackenzie Valley Highway Assessment Process. We understand the Board is awaiting some outstanding information from the Developer but we are seeking more clarity, in the short-term, to inform plans, budgets, and to prioritize work, particularly where submission deadlines and/or travel requirements are affected.

[PKFN Letter MVRB Mark C-Phillips about hearing in Wrigley -February 28, 2025](#)

PKFN sent the above letter to the Review Board asking for a Community Public Hearing in Wrigley.

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- Will the Board be responding to this request?
- If so, when can federal departments expect to get the information it may need to plan attending Public Hearing associated with this assessment?

[Correspondence PKFN to MVEIRB – EA update and concerns re timeline -March 17, 2025](#)

PKFN sent the above letter to the Review Board expressing concerns about the current workplan's ability to allow for meaningful consultation. This letter requests that the Board consider the need to modify the workplan to reflect the volume of information needing to be reviewed and considered.

- Will the Board be responding to PKFN's request regarding the workplan?

[\[-%09Will%20the%20Board%20be%20responding%20to%20this%20request?\]GNWT Response to MVEIRB Notice of Proceeding -March 27, 2025](#)

GNWT acknowledged and agreed with PKFN's concerns regarding the workplan timelines and noted that 'Parties should have enough time to prepare and share information to review and respond to each other's information before EA1213-02 enters the hearing stage.'

In a subsequent letter ([GNWT Response to MVEIRB Directive \(PR347\) – March 28, 2025](#)) the GNWT suggests that while they are working to meet the April 11, 2025 deadline for IR responses, and submission of DAR Addendum, the *Mackenzie Valley Alternative Highway Route Alignment Study* submitted by PKFN may require additional time to consider. This noted potential for an extension adds additional uncertainty around the existing workplan.

The current workplan identifies a need to have Interventions prepared by 'early May'. This is only a month away. Departments are working to prepare their interventions with the information so far available on the Public Registry, but a better understanding of precise submission deadlines is needed to help plan and prioritize work, including the consideration of internal review requirements. In light of the above correspondences, NPMO and federal departments would like to express some similar concerns with the workplan and the volume of information that remains outstanding.

- Can the Board provide clearer deadline for the intervention submissions?

We look forward to your response to these questions.

Regards,

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