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Dear Ms. Fairbairn:

EA1213-02: Update on Routing Related Work with Pehdzéh Kí First Nation on the Mackenzie Valley Highway Project

The Pehdzéh Kí First Nation (PKFN) and the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) are pleased to share an update on the recent routing work completed for the Dehcho portion of the proposed Mackenzie Valley Highway project (MVH).

The GNWT and PKFN have reached an important milestone under the joint workplan established in September 2025 to address PKFN's concerns related to project routing.

Over the past several months, PKFN and the GNWT have been working together to explore the development of a hybrid corridor through the Dehcho region. A key part of this work included two community-based workshops held in Wrigley, which provided an opportunity to discuss concerns directly and work jointly toward identifying an alignment that both parties support. Participants included the PKFN Chief and Council, PKFN members, the GNWT project team, and technical experts from both sides.

The workshops were structured to support meaningful dialogue and information sharing. At these workshops the GNWT provided updates on engineering, environmental, and biophysical studies conducted in the area. Discussions throughout the workshops were respectful, open, and productive.

Through this collaborative process, several corridor options were initially identified, with the advantages and challenges of each option discussed in detail with PKFN members. Upon completion of the work, PKFN and the GNWT reached consensus on a new corridor located approximately 5 km east of the route previously proposed by GNWT. Attachment A provides an overview of the new corridor.

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Next Steps

As a next step, the GNWT will continue working with its engineering team and PKFN to further explore a potential route within the corridor. This collaborative approach with PKFN will help to ensure that PKFN's Aboriginal and Treaty rights and community perspectives continue to inform the development of an alignment before it is advanced as an Issued for Environmental Assessment (IFEA) alignment and brought into the environmental assessment process.

Both the GNWT and PKFN are encouraged by the outcome of the workshops and the collaborative progress achieved to date. There is a shared commitment to continuing this respectful, cooperative approach as the project moves forward.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our staff Sharon Pellissey, PKFN Lands Director at landsdirector@pkfn.ca or Patricia Coyne, Manager Mackenzie Valley Highway Environmental Affairs at Patricia_Coyne@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

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Attachment A – Overview of the GNWT and PKFN preferred corridor option

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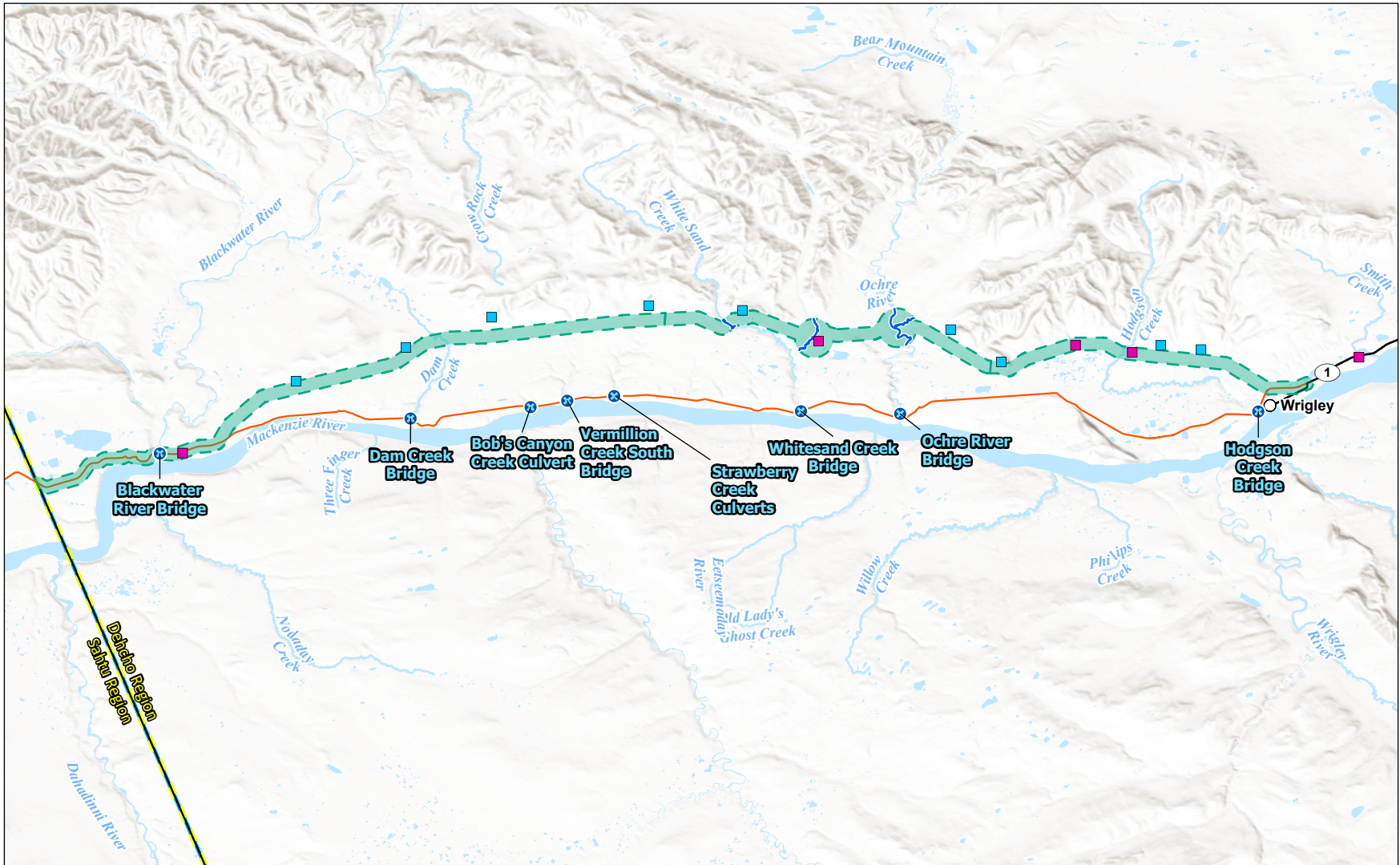
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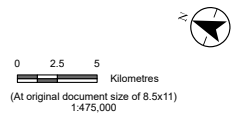
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- Preferred Corridor
- Potential Quarry or Borrow Source
- Borrow Source
- Quarry
- Existing Major Crossing
- Potential New Bridge Location
- Community
- Northwest Territories Highway
- Mackenzie Valley Winter Road
- District Boundary
- Region Boundary
- Settlement Area Boundary



Notes

1. Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM 10
2. Data Sources: GNWT (Government of the Northwest Territories) Centre for Geomatics. n.d. Inventory of Landscape Change Map Viewer, GNWT, Centre for Geomatics. n.d. Open Data, MVLWB. n.d. Public Registry, Sahtu Land and Water Board. n.d. Public Registry, Environment and Natural Resources GNWT, Government of Canada, Stantec, Wilson and Haas 2012, and Caslys Consulting Ltd. 2015-2016
3. Background: World Topographic Map: Esri, TomTom, FAO, NOAA, USGS, NRCan World Hillshade: Esri, USGS

Project Location: Wrigley to Norman Wells, NWT
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Figure No.: 1
 Title: PKFN and GNWT Preferred Corridor Option