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File: MV2019C0029

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Sent by email

Dear Mark Cliffe-Phillips,

Re: Redbed Resources Ltd. – Notice of Preliminary Screening Determination – Amendment Request for Land Use Permit – Mineral Exploration – Coates Lakes Area, NT

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (Board) met on August 20, 2026, and considered the Amendment Request from Redbed Resources Corp. (Redbed) for Land Use Permit (Permit) MV2019C0029 for mineral exploration in the Coates Lake Area, NT (Project) in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA).

The Board conducted a preliminary screening based on the public record for the proceedings. Based on the evidence provided, the Board is satisfied the screening has been completed according to section 125 of the MVRMA and has decided **not to refer** the changes to the Project to environmental assessment. The Board's Preliminary Screening Determination and Reasons for Decision, as required by section 121 of the MVRMA, is attached.

If the Board does not receive notice of referral to environmental assessment, it can proceed with issuance of Permit MV2019C0029 on **Wednesday, September 2, 2026**.

The Board and staff look forward to continued communications throughout the pause period. Please contact Kathy Racher via [email](#) or at (867) 766-7457 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

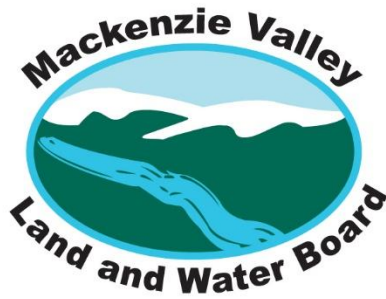
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tanya MacIntosh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tanya" and last name "MacIntosh" clearly legible.

Tanya MacIntosh
Chair, Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board

BCC'd to: Dehcho Distribution List
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 Scott Stewart – Regional Superintendent, Land and Water, GNWT-ECC

Attached: Preliminary Screening Determination and Reasons for Decision



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Preliminary Screening Determination and Reasons for Decision

Land Use Permit Application	
File Number	MV2019C0029
Company	Redbed Resources Corp.
Project	Mineral Exploration – Coates Lake, NT
Location	Coates Lake Area, NT
Activity	Mining Exploration
Date of Decision	August 20, 2026

1.0 Decision

In accordance with subsection 124(1) of the [Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act](#) (MVRMA), the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (Board) met on August 20, 2026, to make a preliminary screening determination on the Amendment Request from Redbed Resources Corp. (Redbed) (Applicant) for Land Use Permit (Permit) MV2019C0029.¹ The subject of this Amendment Request is the introduction of additional claims to the mineral exploration program (Project).

The Board has determined that some Project areas are exempt from preliminary screening because they were previously screened. The Applicant has proposed new Project areas, however, and the Board has conducted a preliminary screening of the proposed changes to the Project. Based on the evidence, it is the Board's opinion that the proposed changes to the Project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment or be a cause of public concern. The Board has therefore decided not to refer the proposed changes to the Project to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board) for Environmental Assessment.

¹ See MVLWB Online Registry www.mvlwb.com for [Redbed Resources – Amendment – Amendment Request Letter – Jul 9 '26](#).

The Board's determination, including reasons for its decision, are detailed in sections [3.0](#) and [4.0](#).

2.0 **List of Defined Terms and Acronyms**

Applicant or Redbed	Redbed Resources Corp.
GNWT	Government of the Northwest Territories
Inspector	An Inspector designated under subsection 65(1) of the Waters Act
MVLWB or Board	Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
MVRMA	Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act
Minister	Minister of the Government of the Northwest Territories – Environment and Climate Change
ORS	Online Review System (www.new.onlinereviewsystem.ca)
Party	As per the LWB Rules of Procedure , an applicant, a person, or an organization participating in the regulatory proceeding for the Application
Permit	Land Use Permit
Prince of Wales	Government of the Northwest Territories – Education, Culture, and Employment – Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre
Project	Mineral exploration at Coates Lake, NT, which is the proposed development (as defined in Part 5 of the MVRMA). ²
Review Board	Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
Standard Permit Conditions	LWB Standard Land Use Permit Conditions Template
TDLC	Tulit'a District Land Corporation

3.0 **Background and Scope of Screening**

On July 9, 2026, Redbed Resources Corp. (Redbed) (the Applicant) submitted a request to amend their Permit MV2019C0029. The Permit currently authorizes Redbed to conduct mineral exploration, drilling, the establishment, operation and maintenance of a seasonal camp, as well as a temporary camp, and the use and storage of fuel (Project). The Applicant is requesting to include six additional claims in the Sahtú Settlement Area, and one additional claim in the Dehcho region to extend their mineral exploration program.

Permit MV2019C0029 is transboundary in nature, and was issued February 4, 2020, for five years. It was extended March 23, 2025, and is scheduled to expire February 3, 2027. No changes are proposed to the conditions of Permit MV2019C0029 or to the scope or nature of the activities it authorizes, or to the Project's conformity with the Sahtú Land Use Plan. The proposed mineral claims are located within the existing Permit boundary.

² "development" is defined in Part 5 of the [MVRMA](#) as:

"any undertaking, or any part or extension of an undertaking, that is carried out on land or water and includes an acquisition of lands pursuant to the *Historic Sites and Monuments Act* and measures carried out by a department or agency of government leading to the establishment of a park subject to the *Canada National Parks Act* or the establishment of a park under a territorial law."

Prior to the Amendment Request submission, Redbed engaged with Indigenous Governments and other local stakeholders to ensure there were no objections to the proposed scale and nature of Project footprint. According to Redbed's Engagement Record, engagement with affected Parties took place between January 26, 2026, and July 8, 2026. It consisted of emails sent with notification packages and invitations to engagement sessions, follow-up messages, and in-person community meetings.

Potentially affected Parties that were contacted included the following:

- Fort Norman Métis Community
- Hamlet of Tulít'a
- Łíídlı́ Kúé First Nation
- Nahanni Butte Dene Band
- Tłegóhı́ Got'ı́nē Government (previously Norman Wells Land Corporation)
- Pehdzeh Ki First Nation
- Raven's Throat Outfitters
- South Nahanni Outfitters Ltd.
- Tulít'a Dene First Nation
- Tulít'a District Land Corporation
- Tulít'a Land Corporation
- True North Copper Corp.
- Town of Norman Wells

During that initial permitting process, the Project was screened for adverse environmental impacts and sources of public concern.³ The Amendment Request includes proposed changes to the Project. Under Part 1, Schedule 1, section 2.1 of the Exemption List Regulations to the [MVRMA](#), project areas and activities that have already been subject to Part 5 of the MVRMA are exempt from preliminary screening. The new Project areas require screening by the Board in accordance with subsection 124(1) of the MVRMA. While the Amendment Request does not include abandonment, decommissioning, or significant alterations to the Project, it does introduce new claims, that have not yet been screened.

In accordance with paragraph 125(1)(a) of the [MVRMA](#), the Board must conduct a preliminary screening of the proposed changes to the Project to determine and report to the Review Board whether, in its opinion, the proposed changes to the Project might have a significant adverse impact on the environment or might be a cause of public concern. The details of the Board's analysis are set out in section [4.0](#) below.

3.1 Scope of Screening

New Areas

The mineral claims are identified in Figure 1 below.

³ See MVLWB Online Registry for [Redbed Resources – Preliminary Screening and RFD – Jan 20 20](#).

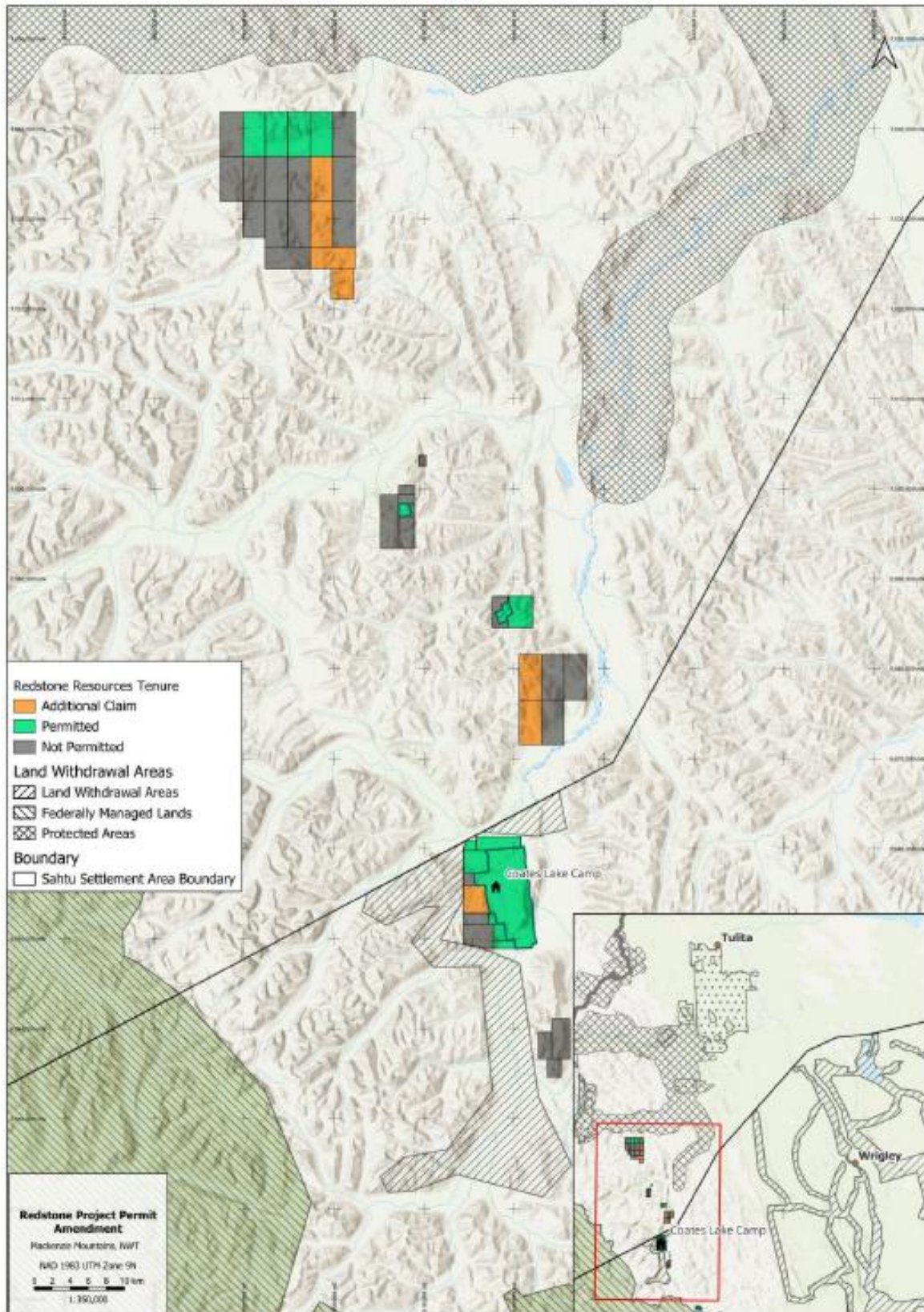


Figure 1: Mineral claims associated with the Project

3.2 Public Record and Regulatory Proceeding

To assist the Board in its preliminary screening determination for the Project, the Board distributed the Amendment Request for public review on July 14, 2026, inviting reviewers to provide comments and recommendations on the Amendment Request and the preliminary screening (e.g., on impacts and mitigation measures) using the Online Review System (ORS). Comments were due July 31, 2026, with responses from the Applicant due August 6, 2026. The Board received comments and recommendations from the following Parties⁴:

- North Slave Metis Alliance;
- Tulít'a District Land Corporation (TDLC);
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada; and
- Government of the Northwest Territories – Education, Culture, and Employment – Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre (Prince of Wales).

Since there were no requests to extend the reviewer comment deadline, the Board is satisfied that a reasonable period of notice was given to affected communities and First Nations, as required by subsection 63(2) of the [MVRMA](#).

Pursuant to section 27, paragraphs (a) and (b) of the [Dehcho First Nations \(DCFN\) Interim Measures Agreement](#),⁵ the Board has determined that written notice was given to the DCFN, and that a reasonable period of time was allowed for DCFN to make representations with respect to the Amendment Request.

4.0 Potential Impacts and Proposed Mitigations

Table 1 below summarizes:

- the potential impacts of the proposed changes to the Project;
- the concerns that were identified during the regulatory proceeding and how the Applicant addressed those concerns;
- the proposed and potential mitigations for the potential impacts; and
- the Board's analysis of the potential impacts and proposed mitigations.

⁴ See MVLWB Online Review System for [Coates Lake – Mineral Exploration – Type A Land Use Permit Amendment – Jul 15 26](#).

⁵ See MVLWB Land Claims, IMAs, and Land Use Plans webpage to access the [Dehcho First Nations Interim Measures Agreement](#).

Table 1: Potential Impacts and Proposed Mitigations for the Proposed Changes to the Project

Potential Impact	Activity	Proposed Mitigations <i>Description of measures to reduce potential impacts, including consideration of cumulative impacts and climate change.</i>	Board Analysis and Determination
Groundwater quality	Spills or improper disposal of sewage or fuel could result in changes to groundwater quality	• All waste will be managed as per the Waste Management Plan. • All spills will be managed as per the Spill Contingency Plan. • The Board has standard permit conditions that are typically used to mitigate the identified potential impacts. These standard conditions include:⁶ ○ FUEL CONTAINMENT ○ CHEMICALS ○ DRILLING NEAR WATER OR ICE ○ DRILLING WASTE ○ DRILLING WASTE DISPOSAL ○ WASTE CHEMICAL DISPOSAL ○ WASTE PETROLEUM DISPOSAL	Based on the described mitigations, it is the Board's opinion that the proposed activities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, nor be a cause of public concern.
Surface water quality	Spills or improper disposal of sewage or fuel could result in changes to surface water quality	• All waste will be managed as per the Waste Management Plan. • All spills will be managed as per the Spill Contingency Plan. • The Board has standard permit conditions that are typically used to mitigate the identified potential impacts. These standard conditions include: ○ FUEL CONTAINMENT ○ CHEMICALS ○ DRILLING NEAR WATER OR ICE ○ DRILLING WASTE ○ DRILLING WASTE DISPOSAL ○ WASTE CHEMICAL DISPOSAL ○ WASTE PETROLEUM DISPOSAL	Based on the described mitigations, it is the Board's opinion that the proposed activities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, nor be a cause of public concern.

⁶ See the MVLWB Policies and Resources webpage to access the MVLWB [Standard Land Use Permit Conditions Template](#).

Potential Impact	Activity	Proposed Mitigations <i>Description of measures to reduce potential impacts, including consideration of cumulative impacts and climate change.</i>	Board Analysis and Determination
Noise in/near water	With the expansion of the mineral exploration program on additional claims, the additional drill holes could increase the frequency and duration of noise near water	It is noted that while some noise near water is expected, this should be localized and limited for a short period of time.	Based on the relatively small size of operations, it is the Board's opinion that the proposed activities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, nor be a cause of public concern.
Soil contamination	Spills or improper disposal of sewage or fuel could result in contamination of surrounding soils	- Sanitary sewage in any privy pails will be dumped into an existing pit privy and limed. - The Applicant has submitted a Spill Contingency Plan to mitigate potential spills. - The Board has standard permit conditions that are typically used to mitigate the identified potential impacts. These standard conditions include: SEWAGE DISPOSAL – PLAN SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN SPILL RESPONSE DRIP TRAYS CLEAN UP SPILLS REPORT SPILLS	Based on the proponent's commitments including management plans, and/or described mitigations, it is the Board's opinion that the proposed activities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, nor be a cause of public concern.
Soil compaction	With the expansion of the mineral exploration program on additional claims, the added use of heavy machinery could increase the risk of soil compaction	The Applicant noted soil compaction is expected to be confined to the immediate location of the drill rig.	Based on the relatively small size of operations, it is the Board's opinion that the proposed activities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, nor be a cause of public concern.

Potential Impact	Activity	Proposed Mitigations <i>Description of measures to reduce potential impacts, including consideration of cumulative impacts and climate change.</i>	Board Analysis and Determination
Effects on Wildlife Harvesting	All mineral exploration related activities on the new claims	• During the public review, TDLC recommended that the added claims avoid or minimize effects on wildlife and harvesting, and that coordination with affected harvesters be maintained.⁷ The proponent indicated that they had been in contact with the outfitters whose operating areas overlap the mineral claims and would continue to keep all interested Parties informed as the project progresses. The submitted Engagement Log also reflects this.⁸ • According to the Waste Management Plan, wildlife attraction will be minimized through diligent management of food and kitchen waste. • If any species at risk are encountered, work activity will be reduced to minimize any effects on the species. • The Board has standard permit conditions that are typically used to mitigate the identified potential impacts to wildlife. These standard conditions include: ○ HABITAT DAMAGE	Based on the proponent's commitments including management plans, and/or described mitigations, it is the Board's opinion that the proposed activities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, nor be a cause of public concern.
Fish and wildlife - effects on rare, threatened or endangered species	All mineral exploration related activities on the new claims	• According to the Waste Management Plan, wildlife attraction will be minimized through diligent management of food and kitchen waste. • If any species at risk are encountered, work activity will be reduced to minimize any effects on the species. • The Board has standard permit conditions that are typically used to mitigate the identified potential impacts to wildlife. These standard	As noted by the Applicant, given the short period of the exploration program, and the absence of critical habitat in the general vicinity of the camp, wildlife impacts are expected to be negligible. Based on the proponent's commitments including management plans, and/or described mitigations, it is the Board's

⁷ See MVLWB Online Review System for [Coates Lake – Mineral Exploration – Type A Land Use Permit Amendment – Jul 15 26](#) ORS Attachment – Letter from TDLC.

⁸ See MVLWB Online Registry for [Redbed Resources – Amendment – Engagement Log – Jul 9 26](#).

Potential Impact	Activity	Proposed Mitigations <i>Description of measures to reduce potential impacts, including consideration of cumulative impacts and climate change.</i>	Board Analysis and Determination
		conditions include: ○ HABITAT DAMAGE	opinion that the proposed activities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, nor be a cause of public concern.
Fish and wildlife – breeding disturbance	All mineral exploration related activities on the added claims	• If any species at risk are encountered, work activity will be reduced to minimize any effects on the species. • The Board has standard permit conditions that are typically used to mitigate the identified potential impacts to wildlife. These standard conditions include: ○ HABITAT DAMAGE	Based on the proponent's commitments including management plans, and/or described mitigations, it is the Board's opinion that the proposed activities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, nor be a cause of public concern.
Fish and wildlife – behavioural changes	All mineral exploration related activities on the added claims	• If any species at risk are encountered, work activity will be reduced to minimize any effects on the species. • The Board has standard permit conditions that are typically used to mitigate the identified potential impacts to wildlife. These standard conditions include: ○ HABITAT DAMAGE	Based on the proponent's commitments including management plans, and/or described mitigations, it is the Board's opinion that the proposed activities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, nor be a cause of public concern.
Fish and wildlife – game species effects	All mineral exploration related activities on the added claims	• According to the Waste Management Plan, wildlife attraction will be minimized through diligent management of food and kitchen waste. • The Board has standard permit conditions that are typically used to mitigate the identified potential impacts to wildlife. These standard conditions include: ○ HABITAT DAMAGE	Based on the proponent's commitments including management plans, and/or described mitigations, it is the Board's opinion that the proposed activities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, nor be a cause of public concern.

Potential Impact	Activity	Proposed Mitigations <i>Description of measures to reduce potential impacts, including consideration of cumulative impacts and climate change.</i>	Board Analysis and Determination
Culture and Heritage – increased pressure on archaeological sites	All mineral exploration related activities on the added claims	• The Board has standard permit conditions that are typically used to mitigate the identified potential impacts. These standard conditions include: ○ ARCHAEOLOGICAL BUFFER ○ SITE DISTURBANCE ○ SITE DISCOVERY AND NOTIFICATION	Based on the described mitigations, it is the Board's opinion that the proposed activities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, nor be a cause of public concern.

4.1 Consideration of Potential Impacts

Based on the potential impacts and proposed mitigations identified above in Table 1, the Board considered whether the Project might have a significant adverse impact on the environment. In general, impacts of the Project on the environment can be mitigated through the use of standard permit conditions and/or project-specific conditions established by the Board as per the LWB [Standard Process for Creating New Conditions](#). These conditions may include requirements for management and monitoring plans that provide detailed information regarding the implementation of mitigation measures and the evaluation of their effectiveness.

4.2 Consideration of Public Concern

In addition to considering the potential impacts of the changes to the Project, the Board considered whether the changes to the Project might be a cause of public concern.

Based on the evidence provided during the regulatory proceeding, the Board did not identify any comments or issues that indicate that the Project is a cause of public concern.

5.0 Conclusion

The Board has reviewed all the evidence received during the regulatory process with respect to the Preliminary Screening of the proposed changes to the Project. Based on the evidence, it is the Board's opinion that the proposed changes to the Project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment or be a cause of public concern, as set out in paragraph 125(1)(a) of the [MVRMA](#). The Board has therefore decided not to refer the proposed changes to the Project to Environmental Assessment. If the Board does not receive a notice of referral to environmental assessment by Tuesday, September 1, 2026, the Board can issue the Permit on Wednesday, September 2, 2026.

SIGNATURE



Tanya MacIntosh, Chair
Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board

August 22, 2026

Date