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Sent by email

Dear Mark Cliffe-Phillips,

**Re: Government of the Northwest Territories – Department of Infrastructure – Notice of Preliminary Screening Determination – Application for Land Use Permit – Public Road – NWT Highways 3, 4, and 9**

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (Board) met on March 19, 2026, and considered the Application Package from the Government of the Northwest Territories – Department of Infrastructure (GNWT-INF) for Land Use Permit (Permit) MV2025E0021 for the Public Road – NWT Highways 3, 4, and 9 (Project) in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA).

The Board completed a preliminary screening for a portion of the Project on May 27, 2010.<sup>1</sup> The Wek'eezhii Land and Water Board also completed preliminary screenings for portions of the Project on September 23, 2020<sup>2</sup>, July 22, 2021<sup>3</sup>, and on April 19, 2023.<sup>4</sup> The Mackenzie Valley Review Board completed an Environmental Assessment for a portion of the Project on March 29, 2018.<sup>5</sup> GNWT-INF has not proposed changes to the Project. Accordingly, the Board has determined that the Project is exempt from preliminary screening under Part 1, Schedule 1, section 2.1 of the Exemption List Regulations to the MVRMA. Consequently, no further preliminary screening was conducted.

<sup>1</sup> See MVLWB Online Registry [www.mvlwb.com](http://www.mvlwb.com) for GNWT-INF – [Preliminary Screening and RFD - May27 10](#).

<sup>2</sup> See WLWB Online Registry [www.wlwb.ca](http://www.wlwb.ca) for [W2020L8-0001 – TASR – WL PS Determination Notification and RFD – Sep 24 20](#).

<sup>3</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [GNWT-INF – Whati Access Rehabilitation Project – Preliminary Screening Notification and Determination – Jul 22 21](#).

<sup>4</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [GNWT-INF – TASR – WL Amendment – Water Use – Notification and Determination Preliminary Screening – Apr 19 23](#).

<sup>5</sup> See MVRB Online Registry <https://new.reviewboard.ca/en/registry> for [Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision](#).

If the Board does not receive notice of referral to environmental assessment, it will continue with the regulatory proceeding.

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 written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tanya MacIntosh  
Chair, Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board

BCC'd to: Akaitcho Distribution List  
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