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File: MV2026J0006

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Sent by email

Dear Mark Cliffe-Phillips,

Re: Trifecta Gold Ltd. – Notice of Preliminary Screening Determination – Application for Land Use Permit – Campsite – Mile 222, Canol Heritage Trail, NT

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (Board) met on June 25, 2026, and considered the Application Package from Trifecta Gold Ltd. (Trifecta) for Land Use Permit (Permit) MV2026J0006 for the Campsite and associated activities at Mile 222 on the Canol Heritage Trail, NWT (Project) in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA).

The Board conducted a preliminary screening based on the public record for the proceeding. 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 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 MV2026J0006 on **Monday, July 13, 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.

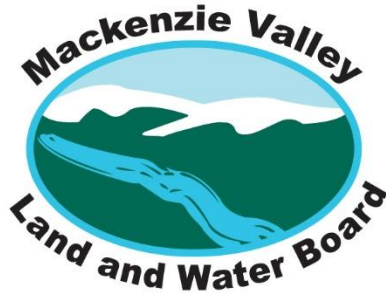
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tanya MacIntosh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tanya MacIntosh
Chair, Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board

BCC'd to: Tulita ORS Distribution List
Jack Morton – Trifecta Gold Ltd.

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	MV2026J0006
Company	Trifecta Gold Ltd.
Project	Camp 222
Location	Mile 222, Canol Heritage Trail, NT
Activity	Campsites
Date of Decision	June 25, 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 (MVLWB/Board) met on June 25, 2026 to make a preliminary screening determination on the Application from Trifecta Gold Ltd. (Trifecta)(Applicant) for Land Use Permit MV2026J0006 (Permit)¹ for the for the 222 Camp and associated activities (Project).

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

¹ See MVLWB Online Registry www.mvlwb.com for [Trifecta Gold Ltd. - Camp 222 - Updated Application Form - May 4 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	Trifecta Gold Ltd.
Application	The complete application package submitted by the Applicant for Land Use Permit MV2026J0006
EA/EIR	Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Review
Inspector	An Inspector designated under subsection 84(1) of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act
LWBs	Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley
MVLWB/Board	Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
MVRMA	Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act
ORS	Online Review System (www.new.onlinereviewssystem.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 MV2026J0006
Project	Camp 222, 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

3.0 Background and Scope of Screening

On March 10, 2026, the Applicant submitted an application for a new Permit MV2026J0006, which was deemed incomplete on March 20, 2026. On April 21, 2026, the Applicant submitted a revised application, which was deemed incomplete on April 23, 2026. On May 13, the applicant submitted a revised application, which was deemed complete on May 15, 2026 (the Application).

The Application is to have a seasonal campsite and store fuel near the Mile 222 airstrip, on the Canol Heritage Trail in NT close to the border with the Yukon, approximately 273 km Southwest of Tulit’a, NT. The campsite will also be used as a staging area for mineral exploration in the Yukon (Rye project), approximately 43km Southwest.

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 Application, Rackla Metals Inc. held Permit S19C-003, which was issued March 25, 2019, and expired March 24, 2026. The Applicant proposes the activities of Camp 222 to be previously screened under Permit S19C-003. Although the Applicant notes the proposed activities of Camp 222 are a subset of what was assessed in 2019; the activities associated with the Rye project were not included in the scope and screening of Permit S19C-003 and may have cumulative effects to be considered.

The Application includes proposed changes from Permit S19C-003. 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 activities and areas require screening by the Board in accordance with subsection 124(1) of the MVRMA.

In accordance with paragraph 125(1)(a) of the [MVRMA](#), the Board must conduct a preliminary screening of the proposed Project to determine and report to the Review Board whether, in its opinion, the proposed 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:

Previously Screened or Assessed Areas and Activities:

The previously assessed areas included the camp at Mile 222 on the Canol Heritage Trail in the NT, and mineral exploration north of the camp at the Astro project. The previous scope and screening only pertain to activities inside the NT.

Activities that the Board understands to have been previously considered,³ and which therefore do not require preliminary screening at this time, are listed below:

- Construction, operation and decommissioning of a temporary camp;
- Use of vehicles and equipment;
- Storage of fuel;
- Use of water for domestic needs; and
- Site closure and progressive reclamation.

The scope of the previously screened activities is larger in scope than the Application. Permit S19C-003 included exploration and drilling activities on the Astro project in the NT, which is not applicable to the Application.

³ See MVLWB Online Registry for [S19C-003 - SLWB Preliminary Screening - Mar 22 19](#).

New Areas and Activities:

The Applicant notes the proposed activities of Camp 222 are a subset of what was assessed in 2019; however, the direct or indirect activities of the Rye project were not included in screening conducted under Permit S19C-003 and may have cumulative effects to be considered.

3.2 Public Record and Regulatory Proceeding

To assist the Board in its preliminary screening determination for the Project, the Board distributed the Application and a draft Permit for public review on May 15, 2026, inviting reviewers to provide comments and recommendations on the Application and the preliminary screening (e.g., on impacts and mitigation measures) using the Online Review System. Comments were due June 5, 2026, with responses from the Applicant due June 12, 2026. The Board received comments and recommendations from the Government of the Northwest Territories – Education, Culture and Employment - Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, Crown-Indigenous and Relations Canada (Yellowknife), and Crown-Indigenous and Relations Canada - Contaminants and Remediation Division.⁴ Board staff also submitted comments and recommendations for the purposes of clarification.

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](#).

The Board is also satisfied that notice of the Application was provided to the Délı̄nę Got'ine Government (DGG) and that a reasonable period of time was provided for the DGG to make representations to the Board in accordance with section 63 of the [MVRMA](#).

4.0 Potential Impacts and Proposed Mitigations

Table 1 below summarizes:

- the potential impacts of the proposed 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 Registry for [Trifecta Gold Ltd. – Application - Review Summary Table – Jul1_26](#).

Table 1: Potential Impacts and Proposed Mitigations for the Proposed 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
Cumulative Effects	Direct or Indirect activities associated with using the Campsite as a staging area for exploration projects in the Yukon.	<p>The activities in the Yukon are assessed by the Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Board.</p> <p>The Application as applied for, is assessed by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board.</p> <p>During the public review the Applicant noted that “taken together, the NT and Yukon assessments address the potential impacts of the Project as a whole.”</p>	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 and/or will not 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.

A draft Permit was circulated for review during the regulatory proceeding, and all Parties were given the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations on the draft conditions. In finalizing the conditions, the Board will consider all of the evidence provided through the regulatory proceeding.

4.2 Consideration of Public Concern

In addition to considering the potential impacts of the Project, the Board considered whether 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

A preliminary screening was conducted on March 22, 2019;⁵ however, the Application includes proposed changes to the Project as previously screened. Accordingly, the Board has determined that Project activities that have already been subject to Part 5 of the [MVRMA](#) are exempt from preliminary screening under Part 1, Schedule 1, section 2.1 of the Exemption List Regulations to the MVRMA. The Board has conducted a preliminary screening of the proposed changes to the Project.

The Board has reviewed all the evidence received during the regulatory process with respect to the Preliminary Screening of the proposed Project as well as any cumulative effects from trans-regional components from the mineral exploration being conducted in the Yukon and the Camp 222 Project (Project as a Whole). Based on the evidence, it is the Board's opinion that the proposed Project as a Whole 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 Project to Environmental Assessment.

⁵ See MVLWB Online Registry for [S19C-003 - SLWB Preliminary Screening - Mar 22 19](#).

If the Board does not receive a notice of referral to environmental assessment by July 12, 2026, the Board can issue the Permit on July 13, 2026.

SIGNATURE



Tanya MacIntosh, Chair
Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board

July 2 2026

Date