

Resource Co-management in the Mackenzie Valley
Workshop 2021 - Well-being & MVRMA: making good
co-management decisions in the Mackenzie Valley

Date: March 9-11, 2021

Location: Virtual and limited in-person options in Yellowknife, Inuvik, Behchokò, Yellowknife, and Hay River.

BACKGROUND

The MVRMA resource co-management Workshop is being hosted by the Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley, the Mackenzie Valley Review Board, the Government of the Northwest Territories, and Government of Canada. This year's workshop theme is **Well-being & MVRMA: making good co-management decisions in the Mackenzie Valley**. The goals, format, and content for this workshop are based on feedback from participants who attended the MVRMA resource co-management workshops held over the past five years.

WORKSHOP GOALS

The goals of this workshop are to discuss the elements of the co-management system and how it works, and to identify opportunities for improvement - all with the lens of well-being. This is a chance to share knowledge, ideas, experiences, and an opportunity for dialogue on existing co-management processes.

AGENDA - TUESDAY March 9th, 2021 - DAY 1	
Understanding the historical context and developing common understanding	
In person arrival time and COVID screening & Virtual check-in (coffee and snacks provided in hub locations)	8:30 - 9:00 am
Opening Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Virtual feeding the fire.</i> 	9:00 - 9:15 am
Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Opening comments, objectives of the workshop/overview of the agenda, ground rules and goals of day 1.</i> 	9:15 - 9:30 am
Keynote Presentation - The spirit and intent of well-being in land claim agreements and the MVRMA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>John B. Zoe, Tł̨chq̨ Government</i> 	9:30 - 10:00 am followed by 15min of Q&A
BREAK (coffee and snacks provided in hubs)	10:15 - 10:30 am
Keynote Presentation - Centering First Nations concepts of well-being. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mark Podlasly, British Columbia Assembly of First Nations</i> 	10:30 - 11:00 am followed by 15min of Q&A
Presentation - Overview of well-being considerations in the MVRMA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Mackenzie Valley Review Board</i> 	11:15 - 11:45 am followed by 15min of Q&A
LUNCH (provided in hubs)	12:00 - 1:30 pm
Networking Yoga	12:00 - 12:30 pm 1:00 - 1:30 pm
Break-out Groups - Building a common understanding of well-being.	1:30 - 2:30 pm
Reflections and wrap-up Day 1	2:30 - 2:45 pm

AGENDA - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10th, 2021 - DAY 2

How well-being is considered in the Mackenzie Valley

In person arrival time and COVID screening & Virtual check-in (coffee and snacks provided in hub locations)	8:30 - 9:00 am
Review of ground rules and zoom etiquette	9:00 - 9:15 am
Keynote Presentation - Overall well-being and sustainability. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Dr. Bob Gibson, University of Waterloo - School of Environment, Resources and Sustainability</i> 	9:15 - 10:00 am including Q&A
Presentation - Overview of well-being in land use planning. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Justin Stoyko, Sahtu Land Use Planning Board</i> 	10:00 - 10:15 am
Presentation - The Review Board and examples for well-being in recent environmental assessments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Kate Mansfield, Mackenzie Valley Review Board</i> 	10:15 - 10:30 am
BREAK (coffee and snacks provided in hubs)	10:30 - 10:45 am
Panel - Ongoing considerations of well-being under the MVRMA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator: <i>Kate Mansfield, Mackenzie Valley Review Board</i> ● Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Justin Stoyko, Sahtu Land Use Planning Board</i> ○ <i>Jody Pelissey, Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board</i> ○ <i>Ginger Gibson, Tłı̄chǫ Government</i> ○ <i>Bob Gibson, University of Waterloo - School of Environment, Resources and Sustainability</i> 	10:45 am - 12:00 pm
LUNCH (provided in hubs)	12:00 - 1:30 pm
Networking	12:00 - 12:30 pm
Yoga	1:00 - 1:30 pm
Presentations - Indigenous business, industry, and government supporting socio-economic well-being. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Paul Gruner, President and CEO - Det'on Cho Corporation</i> ● <i>Pam Strand, Deputy Minister - GNWT-Industry, Tourism, and Investment</i> ● <i>Menzie McEachern, Director, Mineral and Petroleum Division - GNWT-ITI</i> 	1:30 - 2:15 pm
Panel - Indigenous Business, Industry and Government supporting well-being in the Mackenzie Valley. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator: <i>Paul Gruner, Det'on Cho Corporation</i> ● Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Mark Brajer, CEO - Tlicho Investment Corporation</i> ○ <i>Claudine Lee, VP of Corporate Social Responsibility - NorZinc</i> ○ <i>Pam Strand, Deputy Minister - GNWT-ITI</i> ○ <i>Darrell Beaulieu, President and CEO – Denendeh Inc.</i> 	2:15 - 3:15 pm
Reflections and wrap-up Day 2	3:15 - 3:30 pm

AGENDA - THURSDAY, MARCH 11th, 2021 - DAY 3 Thinking about the future: managing long-term impacts on well-being by making good decisions	
In person arrival time and COVID screening & Virtual check-in (coffee and snacks provided in hub locations)	8:30 - 9:00 am
Review of ground rules and zoom etiquette	9:00 - 9:15 am
Keynote Presentation - Metlakatla cumulative effects management Framework. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Ross Wilson, Metlakatla First Nation and Katerina Kwon, Simon Fraser University</i> 	9:15 -9:45 am followed by 15min of Q&A
Presentation - Human-health indicators from the Tłıchq all season road. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Jointly presented by the Ginger Gibson of the Tłıchq Government and Morgan Moffitt of GNWT - Health and Social Services</i> 	10:00 -10:30 am
BREAK (coffee and snacks provided in hubs)	10:30 - 10:45 am
Break-out Groups - Looking at what well-being will look like in the future	10:45 am - 11:45 am
Panel - Emerging Leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator: <i>Tanya Lantz, Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board</i> ● Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Mason Mantla</i> ○ <i>Nigit'stil Norbert</i> ○ <i>Dakota Erutse</i> ○ <i>Thomsen D'Hont</i> ○ <i>Chloe Dragon Smith</i> 	11:45 am - 12:45 pm
Wrap-up and evaluation	12:45 - 1:00 pm
CLOSING PRAYER	1:00 pm

Resource Co-Management Workshop 2021 COVID Exposure Control Plan

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the organizers of the workshop are taking proactive and precautionary steps so that all workshop participants can limit their potential exposure to COVID-19.

To both encourage local participation in the 2021 MVRMA Workshop and limit the potential for exposure to COVID-19, workshop organizers have planned options for both virtual and in-person participation. People who choose to participate virtually can do so from any location with adequate internet access. Individuals who wish to participate in person can do so in one of four (4) regional hubs in:

- Inuvik (Hub Coordinator – [Catherine Janz](#))
- Hay River (Hub Coordinator - [Fritz Griffith](#))
- Behchoko (Hub Coordinator – [Chuck Hubert](#))
- Yellowknife (Hub Coordinators – [Melissa Pink](#) and [Jane Fitzgerald](#))

Workshop organizers recognize that providing an option for in-person participation means additional risk for exposure to COVID-19. Because of this increased risk, a plan has been developed to limit COVID-19 exposure based on:

- The requirements established by the Chief Public Health Office (CPHO) of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada
- The importance of local engagement in the ongoing effectiveness of resource co-management in the Mackenzie Valley
- Experience from other jurisdictions including Nunavut, as developed by the Nunavut Impact Review Board

Organizers of the workshop recognize that the following safety protocols described below require all participants to take additional precautions for their own safety and for the safety of others. We appreciate the cooperation and patience of all participants and thank you for your continued interest in the 2021 MVRMA Workshop. If you have questions or need any additional clarification, please contact your respective Hub Coordinator.

Sincerely,

The Workshop Planning Committee

Sign in and daily screening requirements

Each venue will have a coordinator present that will ensure all in-person participants undergo screening upon arrival. The screening will include signing in with their name and contact information for the purposes of contact tracing, hand sanitization, and [completion of the COVID screening tool](#) provided by the Government of the Northwest Territories on each day of the workshop. Any participant who triggers the COVID screening tool will be asked to participate virtually rather than in person.

Group size limits

Based on the requirements of the CPHO, group sizes in all hub locations will be limited to 25 people including workshop hosts and contractors, unless venues have received approval from the CPHO for a variance to the person limit.

Social Distancing

Participants, workshop hosts, and contractors will be asked to maintain physical distancing of 6ft/2 meters whenever possible.

Personal Protective Equipment

Masks will be mandatory for everyone at the workshop if they are walking around or if social distancing cannot be maintained. Workshop hosts will supply disposable masks for workshop participants. Disposable gloves, hand sanitizer, and cleaning supplies will also be available for use at all hub locations.

Cleaning and Disinfection

Hand sanitizer will be distributed throughout each hub location and the use of hand sanitizer throughout the day by participants is encouraged. Workshop hosts will ensure high touch areas and equipment is disinfected between uses. At the end of each day, technicians will ensure all equipment is ready for the next day's use, including cleaning and disinfection. Hub venue staff will be required to do a deep cleaning at the end of each meeting day, as part of their contract obligations.

Public Health and Health Centre Notification

Workshop organizers will advise local health centers or public health units that a public meeting is scheduled in advanced so that they are aware of a public gathering taking place. Workshop organizers will provide all COVID-19 action plans and measures for Public Safety to Public Health and local Health Centers.

Signage

Workshop hosts will post current publications and signage from the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada at all hub venues. This will include signs on social distancing, handwashing, and other relevant signs in English and local Indigenous languages, if available.

Catering

Catering services will be available at all hub locations. Caterers will be required to provide individually wrapped snacks and beverages.

Updates to this policy

This policy will be updated if advice from the CPHO changes, or if the situation in any of the hub venues changes. Changes to the policy will be communicated to all participants.