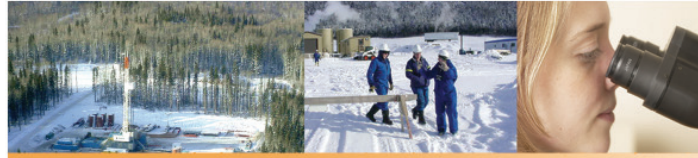


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Message

FROM THE INTERIM CHAIR

Fiscal year 2005-06 was an interesting and challenging year, from which the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board emerged stronger and united. Under the leadership of the Chairs of the Mackenzie Valley, **Gwich'in**, Sahtu and **Wek'èezhìi** Land and Water Boards, and with the co-operation of their members the Board instituted some important structural changes which allowed opportunities to strengthen ties within the organization. These changes also demonstrated the potential for mutual benefit through the implementation of the integrated process envisioned by the authors of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act.

This was also a remarkable year in that we welcomed the **Wek'èezhìi** Land and Water Board, established pursuant to the **Tłı̨chǫ** agreement. This was the first Board to be put into place since the establishment of the MVLWB and we have made every effort to assist in the establishment of this Board. We look forward to continued work with them in the new fiscal year to help to ensure their success.

The process of renewing the BHP Billiton Ekati Water Licence was completed this past fiscal year and the lessons learned will help guide us through larger projects in the future. The Diavik Water Licence renewal process, the De Beers **Gahcho Kué** project and the Mackenzie Valley Gas Project come readily to mind.

In February the Board determined that the applications submitted for the Mackenzie Gas Project were transboundary and would be handled by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board as per s.103.(1)(a) of the MVRMA. In doing so, the Board demonstrated its commitment to the "one footprint" approach to the licensing and permitting of the project that was envisaged by the signatories to the Cooperation Plan for the Environmental Impact Assessment and Regulatory Review of a Northern Gas Pipeline Project through the Northwest Territories and the Regulators Agreement. At the same time, the manner in which the panels are proposed to be structured is a reflection of our appreciation of the will of the people of the NWT to be a part of development decisions.

Also late in the fiscal year there was a lot of work accomplished towards the establishment of a comprehensive training plan for Board members throughout the NWT. This long overdue initiative brought together boards, industry, educators and government in a joint effort, culminating in the submission to DIAND of a Business Plan for the Development and Delivery of Orientation and Training Programs for Regulatory, Advisory and Environmental Assessment Boards in the NWT. I am excited by the prospect of continuing that work in a new fiscal year.

Over the past year there have also been some vacancies and interim appointments as terms expired and people have left the Board. We look forward to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs fulfilling the commitment to expedite those appointments to get us back to a full working complement that is representative of all regions.



Finally, I would like to note that throughout the year, Board members and staff have demonstrated their professionalism and their commitment to the concept of an integrated and responsible public board as we continue with the task entrusted to us by the people of the NWT. I would like to express my appreciation to them for all the hard work and dedication.

I look forward to serving with the Board in the forthcoming year.

Willard Hagen

2005/2006

YEAR IN REVIEW

OPERATIONS

New Applications received during the fiscal year:

- 33 Land Use Permits and 13 Water Licences.
- Of the 46 total applications, 1 Land Use Permit was subsequently withdrawn and 1 did not require a Water Licence.
- Of the remaining 44 total applications, 12 were deemed incomplete when received but were subsequently completed by the proponents.
- Average number of days to decision on the majority of Land Use Permits was 39 (does not include those applied for in conjunction with a Water Licence).
- Security assessed on permits and licences (excluding BHP Billiton Water Licence renewal) – **\$492,500**.
- Security on BHP Billiton Water Licence renewal – **\$77 million**.

Land Use Permit and Water Licence matters dealt with during this fiscal year:

- Land Use Permits issued – **17**
- Water Licences issued – **8**
- Amendments approved to existing permits/licences – **11**
- Extensions approved to existing permits/licences – **26**
- Assignments of existing permits/licences – **4**
- Storage Authorizations for equipment approved – **3**
- Applications referred to Environmental Assessment – **6**
- Reports approved as a condition of a permit/licence – **24**
- Land Use Permits closed – **18**

Land Use Permits

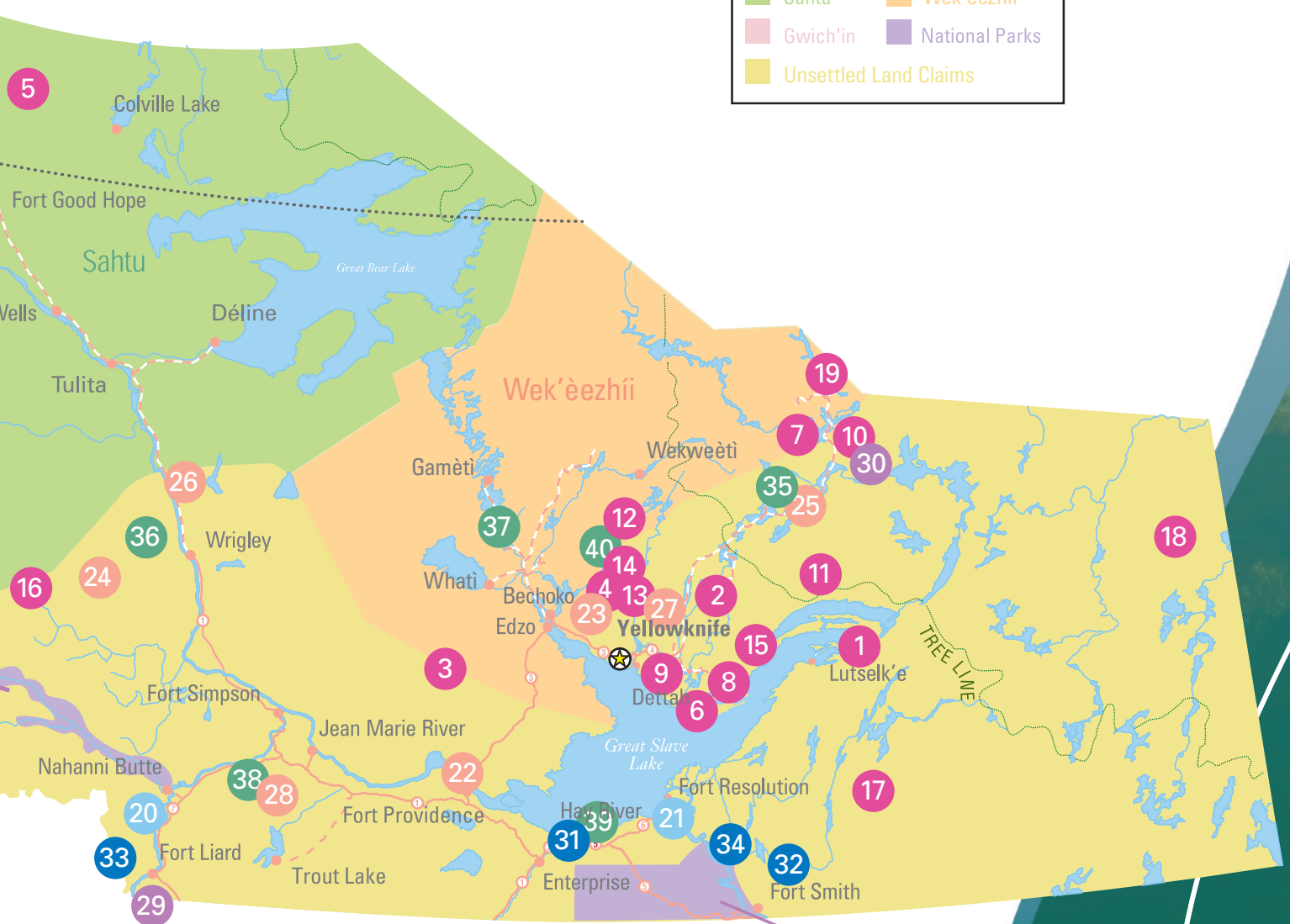
& WATER LICENCES

Type	PERMIT #	Applicant
Mineral Exploration		
1	MV2004C0021	Fortune Minerals
2	MV2004C0024	Mike Murphy
3	MV2004C0025	Jane Lind
4	MV2004C0026	Allyn Resources
5	MV2004C0027	Diamondex Resources
6	MV2004C0032	Garnet Resources Ltd.
7	MV2004C0036	New Nadina Exploration
8	MV2004C0038	Consolidated Goldwin
9	MC2004C0039	Sidon International Resources
10	MV2004C0044	Peregrine Diamond Ltd.
11	MV2004C0046	Trigon Exploration Canada
12	MV2004C0048	Majescor Resources
13	MV2004C0050	Viking Gold Exploration
14	MV2005C0001	Tyhee Development Corp.
15	MV2005C0002	Wyn Developments Inc.
16	MV2005C0005	Lumina Copper Corp.
17	MV2005C0006	Alberta Star Development
18	MV2005C0007	Charlton Mining Exploration
19	MV2005C0008	Diamondex Resources
Oil & Gas Exploration		
20	MV2004A0042	Canadian Natural Resources
Woodlot Operations		
21	MV2004W0041	G&G Wood Products
Miscellaneous		
22	MV2004X0020	Deh Cho Bridge Corp.
23	MV2004X0023	DIAND – CSO
24	MV2004X0031	South Nahanni Outfitters
25	MV2004X0033	Dillon Consulting
26	MV2004X0047	GNWT – Department of Transportation
27	MV2004X0052	DIAND – CSO
28	MV2005X0004	GNWT – Department of Transportation
Roads		
29	MV2004F0022	Devon Canada
30	MV2004F0045	Peregrine Diamond Ltd.
Quarries		
31	MV2004Q0034	Daniel Beck
32	MV2004Q0035	NWT Power Corp.
33	MV2004Q0049	Duke Energy
34	MV2005Q0003	Locust Mowing
Water Licences		
35	MV2004L8-0003	Dillon Consulting
36	MV2004L8-0004	GNWT – Department of Transportation
37	MV2004L2-0005	Fortune Minerals Ltd.
38	MV2005L8-0001	GNWT – Department of Transportation
39	MV2005L8-0002	WERI – Denis Antony
40	MV2005L2-0003	Tyhee Development Corp.



MVLWB Administration Region

Legend	
	All season road
	Winter road
	Sahtu
	Wek'èezhii
	Gwich'in
	National Parks
	Unsettled Land Claims



Wood Buffalo

Forward

INTO THE FUTURE

Wek'èezhì Land & Water Board

The MVLWB is pleased to welcome the newly formed **Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board (WLWB)**. Established under the Tłjchǫ Land Claim and Self-Government Agreement and recent amendments to the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act, the new board commenced work in October 2005, and in February 2006 assumed responsibility for land use permitting and water licensing throughout the **Wek'èezhì Management Area**.

The WLWB office is open in **Wekweètì**, although the Executive Director and Transition Officer will continue to work out of the MVLWB office, ensuring a supported and efficient transfer of files. The WLWB intends to recognize and continue, subject to any limitations of law and procedure, any work carried out by the MVLWB on active applications.

Keeping The Public Informed

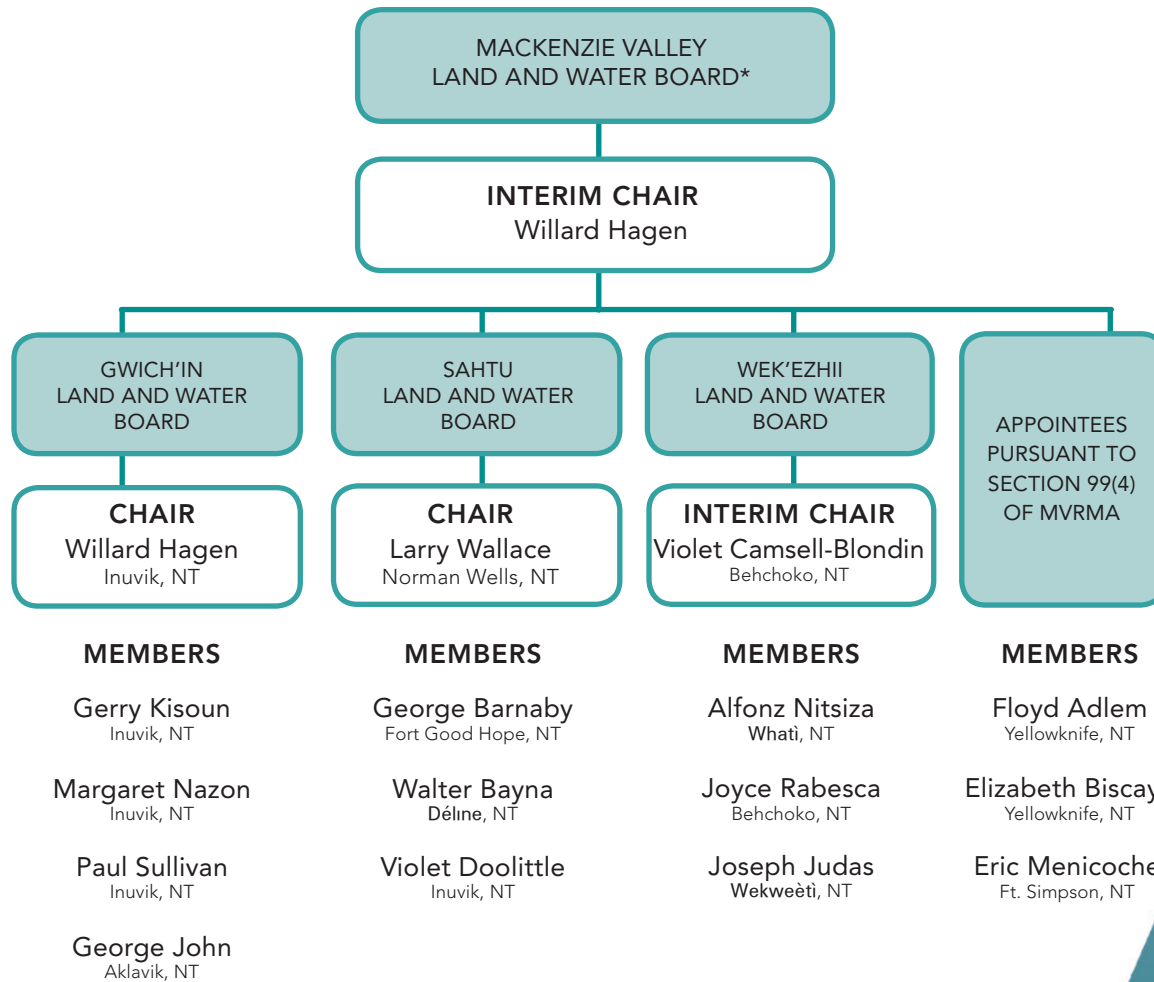
The MVLWB strives to keep the public up to date about permits and licences being applied for and issued in the Mackenzie Valley. To effectively do this, we publish a weekly Notice of Application in the NewsNorth paper. This advertisement outlines all complete permit or licence applications received in the previous time period.

Our publications ensure people are informed about what is happening at the MVLWB office. Visit our website to download a PDF version or drop by the office to pick up a copy.

- Water Licences Explained
- Land Use Permits Explained
- MVLWB Quarterly Newsletter
- MVLWB Annual Report

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