

2022 Virtual Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA) Workshop Series: Closure and Reclamation Workshop, June 8 & 9

BACKGROUND

The MVRMA Workshop Planning Committee is pleased to host a series of four virtual workshops in 2022 related to the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. The topics of the workshops were selected based on the results of a Fall 2021 survey given to participants of the MVRMA co-management system. The first workshop on March 30 and 31, 2022, introduced the co-management and integrated system of land and water management established through the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA) and the Full Report is available on the LWB websites.

On **June 8 and 9, 2022**, the Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley, the Review Board, and government departments and agencies involved in the co-management system will host the second instalment of the workshop series, specifically on the topic of Closure and Reclamation. **Participants are invited to access a voiceover video about closure and reclamation in the Mackenzie Valley (on the LWBs' Outreach page [here](#)) in preparation for the workshop.**

WORKSHOP GOALS

The purpose of the workshop series is to help familiarize participants with the co-management and integrated system of land and water management established through the MVRMA.

The goals of the June workshop are to:

- Share knowledge, ideas, and experiences on existing co-management processes with regard to closure and reclamation
- Provide information on current closure and reclamation-related initiatives, projects, and opportunities for engagement

The registration deadline for this workshop closes at the end of the day on June 6.

DETAILS FOR JUNE WORKSHOP

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| Date | Wednesday, June 8 and Thursday, June 9 |
| Time | 9am -12pm (MDT) each day |
| Link (same for each day) | ***will be provided upon registration |

PLATFORM & ACCESSIBILITY

We will use Zoom as the technology platform. **The Zoom link is the same for each of the two days.** Speakers will have video, but participants will not be required to share their video and audio. Please advise if you have any concerns or specific accommodations to assist with your participation.

CONTACT

If you have any questions regarding this upcoming workshop, please contact [Sarah Elsassser](#), Senior Regulatory Policy Advisor at the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board.

AGENDA

Please note that this agenda is subject to change.

Day 1: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 (9am – 12pm MDT)

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| 8:45 - 9:00 | Virtual check-in <i>We ask that you sign in to Zoom in advance to ensure a proper start at 9am</i> |
| | Welcome & Guest Speaker – Andrew Richardson and George Lafferty |
| 9:00 - 10:15 | <i>After our welcome remarks, we will have guest speakers share their perspectives on closure and reclamation processes for the Colomac site followed by a Q&A session.</i> |
| 10:15 - 10:30 | <i>Break</i> |
| | Considerations for Closure and Reclamation <i>In this session, we will introduce general closure considerations and then dive deeper into specific closure and reclamation topics including progressive reclamation and</i> |
| 10:30 - 12:00 | <i>security. Speakers include representatives from the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board, the Land & Water Boards, and the GNWT Department of Lands. Following presentations, there will be time for questions and comments from participants.</i> |

Day 2: Thursday, June 9, 2022 (9am – 12pm MDT)

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| 8:45 - 9:00 | Virtual check-in <i>We ask that you sign in to Zoom in advance to ensure a proper start at 9am</i> |
| | Armchair Discussion: Traditional Knowledge and Closure Planning |
| 9:00 - 10:15 | Panelists: Rosy Bjornson, Dr. April Hayward, and Dr. John B. Zoe <i>We will have representatives from various regions of the Mackenzie Valley speak on the importance of traditional knowledge in closure planning, followed by a Q&A session.</i> |
| 10:15 - 10:30 | <i>Break</i> |
| | Closure & Reclamation in the Mackenzie Valley: Reflections and Looking into the Future |
| 10:30 - 12:00 | <i>This session will include presentations from OROGO, the Diavik Diamond Mine, and the Land and Water Boards on ongoing initiatives, projects, and opportunities for engagement with regard to closure and reclamation. Presentations will be followed by a discussion session.</i> |