



The Board’s Vision: A healthy and diverse aquatic ecosystem for the benefit of present and future generations.

## Mackenzie River Basin Board Secretariat

### Mackenzie River Basin Board Meeting No. 80

June 11, 2024

Virtual Meeting

9:00 am to 12:30 pm PST; 10:00 am to 1:30 pm MST; 11:00 pm to 2:30 pm CST

#### Attendees

Leon Andrew	Indigenous Member	Northwest Territories
Meghan Beveridge	Government Alternate	Northwest Territories
Julian Kanigan	Government Member	Northwest Territories
Ella Parker	Government Member	Yukon
Morna Hussey	Government Member	Alberta
Alden Armstrong	Indigenous Member	Alberta
Nadine Stiller	Government Member	ECCC
Jonah Mitchell	Government Member	Parks Canada
Ted Zimmerman	Government Member	British Columbia
Thon Phommavong	Government Member	Saskatchewan
Nick Mitchell	Government Alternate	CIRNAC
Patrick Cherneski	Government Alternate	ECCC
Sean Moore	Government Alternate	British Columbia

#### Secretariat

Bradley Summerfield                      Executive Director

#### Guests

Megan Peloso	Government of British Columbia
Natasha Overduin	Compass Resources
Merrell-Ann Phare	Center for Indigenous Environmental Resources
Emily Hoppe	Center for Indigenous Environmental Resources

#### 80.1 Welcome Roundtable

- No changes noted.

#### 80.2 Agenda

- The agenda was approved.

#### 80.3 Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for Meeting 78 were approved
- Send comments on Meeting 79 minutes to Secretariat.

## **80.4 Secretariat**

### HR updates

- Co-op student from U of A working with the secretariat until December.
- Exploring CWA possibility for extension of Government of Alberta interchange.
- 2024-25 budget was approved.

### Orientation Video

- An orientation video for new MRBB members is in the members only section of the MRBB website.
- The public facing MRBB overview video is now live on YouTube and the MRBB website

## **80.5 Updated TOR for SOAER and Water Quality Committees**

- The updated draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the SOAER Committee and Water Quality Committee were discussed.
- The SOAER Committee ToR was approved.
- The Water Quality Committee ToR was sent back with revisions and will be revisited at Meeting 81.

## **80.6 TKSP Newsletter**

- MRBB Members were asked to review the draft newsletter and send comments to the MRBB Secretariat. The Secretariat will need support with mailing lists and contact information for distribution lists.

## **80.7 Terrestrial Snow Mass Mission**

- Long standing project to fill gaps in snow pact in cooperation with CSA and NRCan.
- Approved for budget request, additional funding from National Adaptation Strategy (NAS).
- This mission is the first and only earth observation to monitor snow nationally and globally.
- Large implications for water management, flooding, drought, climate change, monitoring and predicting – target launch of 2030 – will provide snow mass info weekly at 500 m level.
- MRBB members were supportive of this project. A motion was approved to send a letter of support for the Terrestrial Snow Mass Mission Project.

## **80.8 Water Governance Contract**

- N. Overduin joined and presented the final report of the Water Governance contract.
- Overview of graphic showing how governance and management interact as well as federal and provincial/territorial roles.
- Strategic questions for consideration: What is the role of the board in the context of complete agreements? What is the future role in Indigenous representation? How can the board build a stronger identity?
- Reflection: The board is at a key juncture with when and how to be more influential.

- MRBB members discussed that key roles, MRBB ED and Chair, are important drivers of the work. The work of the MRBB needs to be relevant in complex and, at times, challenging circumstances.

### **80.9 Collaborative Leadership Initiative Update**

- CIER staff shared an update on the CIER-CLI process.
- Most of the interviews are complete. CLI has approval to bring MRBB members together for up to three days to advance this work.
- Location and timeline options from CIER to be shared with MRBB Secretariat.

### **80.10 Strategic Planning**

- Work to date, and discussion around timeline and Strategic Plan horizon was reviewed.
- The goal is to have a solid draft within 4-6 months for MRBB members to review and discuss.

### **80.11 Look Ahead**

- Meeting 81 – In person meeting in Saskatchewan.
- Meeting 82 – Virtual meeting; January 2025

### **80.12 Meeting Close**

**Goal 1. Evaluate the health of the whole basin**

**Goal 2. Investigate matters concerning the ecological health of the whole basin**

**Goal 3. Advocate for the maintenance and improvement of the ecological health of the whole basin**

**Goal 4. Educate the public, share information, and learn from others about matters concerning the ecological health of the whole basin**

**Goal 5. Support and facilitate the increased participation of Indigenous Peoples in MRBB activities**

**Goal 6. Encourage the development and implementation of bilateral water management agreements**

**Goal 7. Ministers, Indigenous leaders and appropriate staff of jurisdictions are informed of and engaged in MRBB activities**

**Goal 8. Information, knowledge and research are shared among jurisdictions – written reports**

**Goal 9. MRBB affairs are administered effectively.**