



THE MACKENZIE RIVER BASIN BOARD

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Meeting 84 was an in-person meeting hosted by the Center for Indigenous Environmental Resources. The meeting was held in Yellowknife, NT. The text below is copied from the CIER report.

Since late 2023, the Mackenzie River Basin Board (the Board; MRBB) and the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources' (CIER) Collaborative Leadership Initiative (CLI) have partnered to advance water and reconciliation as a central pillar and strategic direction of the Board's work. The Board chose CIER's CLI process as an important way to start working on reconciliation. In December 2023, during a virtual meeting, all MRBB members agreed to take part in the CLI. This process helps address gaps in governance and the combined impacts on the Mackenzie River Basin – one of Canada's most complex transboundary watersheds. The CLI MRBB is moving forward through a series of meetings and activities, guided by the Board's direction.

On June 18-19, 2025, the MRBB held its second in-person meeting as part of the CLI process – a two-day on-the-land gathering in Yellowknife and Dettah, Northwest Territories, in the heart of the Mackenzie River Basin. CIER worked with the Board to develop a focus for this meeting: the bridging/braiding of governance systems. All parties agreed that reconciliation could be strengthened by better understanding how Indigenous and Crown governance systems could work together to achieve the goals set out in the Master Agreement.

