

GNWT Pipeline Office to Open in Hay River

Yellowknife (June 25, 2004) - The Government of the Northwest Territories will open a Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Office in Hay River.

The decision, based on a recommendation by the Joint Cabinet/Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight Pipeline Planning Committee, was made by Brendan Bell, Minister of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development.

“The Mackenzie Valley Pipeline office will provide a comprehensive, coordinated GNWT planning approach to the pipeline project. It ensures all NWT residents benefit from the sustainable development of our natural resources,” said the Minister. “As a transportation hub, Hay River will play an important role in the supply route for the construction of the pipeline and associated developments.”

The eight-person office will include a director, agreements and pipeline specialists, coordinators for interdepartmental planning and information and communications along with support and clerical staff.

The pipeline office will operate temporarily in Yellowknife until new staff is hired and office space is established in Hay River. It is expected to be fully operational in Hay River by April 1, 2005.

The Legislative Assembly approved funding for the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline office on June 2, 2004.

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