

November 10, 2020

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Sent by email

Dear Matthew Spence:

RE: CIRNAC Advertising for Sole Discretion Board Appointments

In follow-up to our meeting in Yellowknife on November 5, 2020 I am writing to seek clarification on the process CIRNAC has in place to solicit interest from individuals who would like to be considered for a federal appointment to one of the Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley (the Boards). At our meeting it was indicated that a name was being submitted to the Minister for consideration as a Government of Canada nominee for the MVLWB. If this is the case, has there been a round of public advertisements already published in NWT-wide newspapers? This question is raised based upon a commitment made by Minister Vandal in his October 26, 2020 letter to the Chairs of the Boards in which it was stated:

“For sole discretion Ministerial appointments, I remain committed to a fair, open and transparent process to these appointments and have instructed my officials to launch an advertised selection process this fall in order to solicit expressions of interest for appointments to several seats, including on your respective Boards.”

While the Boards would like to see timely appointments made to ensure our work is not interrupted, we are also committed to fair, open and transparent processes. At this time, we would appreciate an update on the status of advertising for expressions of interest to fill current or pending Board vacancies.

Sincerely,



Mavis Cli-Michaud
Chair
Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board

