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## **RE: Application, Land Use, and Water Use Fee Exemption for Indigenous and Community Governments**

As of April 2024, the Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley (LWBs) have implemented a new policy regarding fee exemptions for Indigenous Governments and community governments. The LWBs will no longer require fees from Indigenous Governments<sup>1</sup> for non-commercial projects on their traditional lands, or from community governments for non-commercial projects within their community boundaries. This policy applies to all application fees, land use fees, and water use fees.

The LWBs are implementing this policy in the interest of fairness and consistency with the intent of section 95 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*:

Despite subsection 72.03(1) or any territorial law, the Gwich'in and Sahtu First Nations, the Tłı̄chǫ Government and the Délı̄nǫ Got'ine Government are not required to pay any fee in respect of the use of waters or the deposit of waste for non-commercial purposes on their first nation lands, Tłı̄chǫ lands or Délı̄nǫ lands as the case may be.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in the LWB [Engagement and Consultation Policy](#): A government representing the rights and interests of a First Nation (as defined in section 2 of the MVRMA), Métis or Inuit organization, the Tłı̄chǫ First Nation, the Tłı̄chǫ Government, or the Délı̄nǫ Got'ine Government.

As you are the recipients of these fees, the LWBs are informing you of this standard practice and are open to answering any questions you may have. Please contact Kathy Racher at (867) 766-7457 or by [email](#).

Sincerely,



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