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RE: SAVE THE DATE - Upcoming Diavik and Ekati Closure Workshops

Dear Parties to the Diavik and Ekati Distribution Lists,

The Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board (WLWB) will be hosting two closure workshops in 2023 to discuss the respective Diavik and Ekati Closure and Reclamation Plans. **The Diavik Closure workshop will be held during the week of March 6th and the Ekati Closure workshop the week of May 1st.** Agendas for each event will be distributed approximately two weeks in advance of the event.

The WLWB recognizes the integrated co-management system set forth by the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA) and modern Land Claim and Self Government Agreements relies on the participation and input of individuals and organizations. The WLWB also recognizes that the federal government's Northern Participant Funding Program¹ does not currently include the licensing and permitting processes carried out in the Mackenzie Valley despite ongoing advocacy by the Land and Water Boards. As these closure workshops are critical to the successful and effective closure of these two mines, the WLWB will be providing support in the form of flights and accommodations for up to two individuals from within the NWT (or one from outside the NWT) representing each organization. While the WLWB recognizes this will not fully address the need for adequate resources to ensure meaningful participation, it will work towards closing the gap for those organizations who require support and ideally support the Board's decision-making process as envisioned by the MVRMA.

As the WLWB's resources are finite, support will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis. Any organizations wishing to obtain support should email [Pat Knutson](mailto:Pat.Knutson@wlwb.ca) with the relevant details **on or before January 13, 2023.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Fequet', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ryan Fequet, Executive Director
Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board

¹ Northern Participant Funding <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1545150205116/1547478360408>