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CONSERVATIVES AREN'T ACCOUNTABLE ON BOARD APPOINTMENTS, MP CHARGES

OTTAWA – The Conservative government has responded with bafflegab when asked about the rejection of Gabrielle Mackenzie Scott as chair of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board. said Western Arctic Member of Parliament Dennis Bevington.

“Today, during Question Period, I asked that the government come clean about their appointment of failed Conservative candidate from the last election to the chair of this important board,” said Bevington.

In response the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Rod Bruinooge said all the government’s appointments are of qualified individuals.

“Ms. Mackenzie Scott brought many years of experience to the position of Chair including years serving as chair,” said Bevington. “The reality is that the Harper Government, just like the Liberals before them, is using these appointments to stack these boards in favour of industrial interests from outside the NWT. These boards were created to give Northerners a voice on how development occurs North of 60, not as job opportunities for unemployed Tories.”

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