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**GABRIELLE MACKENZIE-SCOTT BROUGHT VALUABLE
EXPERIENCE TO MVEIRB CHAIR POSITION SAYS MP**

YELLOWKNIFE – The replacement of Gabrielle Mackenzie Scott as the chair of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board means a significant loss of experience said Western Arctic MP Dennis Bevington.

“I worked with Ms. Mackenzie Scott when I sat on the board and found she brought a level of knowledge that was important to bringing a holistic approach to protecting the environment,” said Bevington. “I want to thank her for all her work as chair.”

Ms. Mackenzie Scott joined the Review Board in September 2003 as the Dogrib Treaty 11 Council nominee. She worked as the enrollment coordinator under the Tlicho Land Claim and Self-government Agreement as well as in the human resources department at Diavik Diamond Mine. Ms. Mackenzie-Scott was also a Dogrib Language Instructor for Aurora College and a Researcher on Whaehdoo Naowoo Ko, the Dogrib Treaty 11 Council Traditional Knowledge Project. Ms. Mackenzie-Scott has served as a board member for the Native Women's Association of the NWT, the Dene Cultural Institute, the NWT Status of Women and the Aboriginal Council of World Vision Canada. She was also board member for seven years and served as President for three years at the Ottawa-based National Anti-Poverty Organization. In 1993, Ms. Mackenzie-Scott received a Canada 125 award for her contributions to the National Anti-Poverty Organization.

Replacing Ms. Mackenzie Scott is Richard Edjericon who was appointed to the board by Conservative Indian Affairs and Northern Development Minister Jim Prentice. Mr. Edjericon was the Conservative candidate for the riding of Western Arctic in the 2006 general election.

“I hope Mr. Edjericon will place the interests of the Northwest Territories ahead of the interests of the Conservative Party in his new job as chair,” Bevington said. “This is particularly important considering the ongoing Conservative regulatory reform initiative.”

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