

Mackenzie River Basin Board (MRBB)

Traditional Knowledge and Strengthening Partnerships (TK/P) Steering Committee Terms of Reference

Champion: Chair: Membership:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MRBB Member, as Designated by the Board.• Appointed by the Champion.• Membership consists of the Committee Champion and MRBB Aboriginal Board Members.• Up to four additional Committee Members can be appointed at the discretion of the Board.
Policy Statement	<p>The Mackenzie River Basin Board recognizes that the Aboriginal Peoples of the Basin have acquired a vast store of traditional knowledge through their experience of centuries of living in close harmony with the land. The Board recognizes that Aboriginal traditional knowledge is a valid and essential source of information about the natural environment and its resources, the use of natural resources, and the relationship of people to the land and to each other. The use of traditional knowledge in decision making provides a long term, holistic perspective. The Board will incorporate, where appropriate, traditional knowledge with scientific knowledge to assist in making water management decisions.</p>
Goals:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To assist the MRBB in establishing common principles for the cooperative management of the Aquatic Ecosystem in the Mackenzie River Basin. This includes the collaborative application of Traditional Knowledge in appropriate reports and documents and ensuring full Aboriginal participation in the administration and application of these principles.• To recognize the inherent value of full Aboriginal participation and governance in the Mackenzie River Basin Board activities and encourage the meaningful integration of Traditional Knowledge and effective engagement practices into the MRBB's activities.• To provide an advisory function to the Mackenzie River Basin Board with respect to Aboriginal partnership functions and activities including those related to Traditional Knowledge.• To monitor the jurisdiction's levels of Aboriginal participation and engagement in the Board's activities, providing advice and guidance when asked and when necessary.
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The TK/P Steering Committee is a committee of the Mackenzie River Basin Board. The TK/P Steering Committee will:• Make decisions by consensus.• Half plus one of the committee must be present to have quorum. If the

	<p>Committee does not have quorum and a decision must be made, the remaining members will be polled via email and phone.</p>
Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TK/P Steering Committee will report and provide advice to the MRBB. • The TK/P Steering Committee may, at its discretion appoint Members to a Traditional Knowledge Working Group. The Working Group will report directly to the TK/P Steering Committee. • The TK Working Group will be responsible for implementing elements of the workplan of the TK/P Steering Committee. The TK/P Steering Committee will provide direction to the Working Group.
Scope / Jurisdiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TK/P Steering Committee must respect the approach of each jurisdiction with respect to its legal obligations, and the direction of the MRBB.
Resources and Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Steering Committee's recommends a workplan and budget to the MRBB for consideration and approval. The Steering Committee will report to the MRBB on its progress at each Board Meeting, providing deliverables as they are completed. • The MRBB will be responsible for the costs associated with the participation of MRBB Aboriginal Board Members. • TK/P Steering Committee activities will be supported by the MRBB Secretariat. These activities will constitute part of the overall MRBB workplan.