



MOUs SET NEW DIRECTIONS FOR BOARD

- **HEADLINES:**
- **NWT Water Board signs Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC).**
- **Co-Operation Agreement signed between NWTWB and MVLWB**

The NWT Water Board (NWTWB) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with INAC on 27 May 2008 on the occasion of the NWT Board Forum meetings in Calgary, Alberta. The MOU defines responsibilities for administration and support to the Board from INAC, and it sets out core responsibilities, accountabilities and reporting relationships for staff of the NWTWB.

Rudy Cockney, Interim Chairman, commented: "This MOU is significant for the Board because it defines how INAC will provide administrative and technical support to us while not interfering with the inde-



Rudy Cockney (NWTWB) and Trish Merrithew-Mercredi (INAC) jointly sign the MOU 27 May 2008

pendent authority of the Board. It provides for greater accountability for both parties on operational and technical matters. The MOU further builds on our success in April when we signed the 2008

Contribution Agreement between the NWT Water Board and INAC. The MOU sets the stage for continued, or expanded, administrative support by INAC for initiatives planned by the Water Board, including the staffing actions for new Board staff to be based in Inuvik."

NWTWB and MVLWB Sign Co-operation Agreement

The NWT Water Board and the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board have signed a Memorandum of Co-Operation to facilitate the exchange and sharing of technical and administrative information. The Agreement provides for mutual support between the Boards while not jeopardizing the legally mandated

roles, duties and responsibilities of either party. Interim Chairman Rudy Cockney commented: "We look forward to continuing our co-operative work with the MVLWB to strengthen and expand the administrative and

technical capabilities of our staff. This Agreement allows us to use more efficiently our mutual financial, technical and personnel resources. It will also enhance our abilities to protect the northern environment while we develop our collaborative strengths throughout the NWT."