



la Convention  
de la Baie-James  
et du Nord québécois

Comité d'évaluation  
Evaluating Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE 282<sup>ND</sup> MEETING  
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE (COMEV)**

**(Adopted)**

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**DATE:** September 4, 2018

**PLACE:** Conference call

**PRESENT:** John Paul Murdoch, Chairman, CNG  
Alexandra Roio, Québec  
Brian Craik, CNG  
Daniel Berrouard, Québec  
Louis Breton, Canada

Vanessa Chalifour, Executive Secretary

**ABSENT:** Kambale Katahwa, Canada

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**1) New COMEV Chair**

The process to appoint a new Chair of the COMEV is under way. Kambale Katahwa will inform COMEV as soon as his appointment becomes official. Meanwhile, Louis Breton will look into the status of this request.

**2) Meeting declared open and adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted as written.

**3) Adoption of the minutes of the 281<sup>st</sup> meeting**

The minutes of the 281<sup>st</sup> meeting were adopted as presented.

**Action: Translate and post the minutes of the 281<sup>st</sup> meeting.**

**4) Correspondence**

Correspondence and follow-up between June 12 and September 3, 2018 is listed in Appendix A.

**5) Project to reposition and operate a bituminous concrete plant near Waskaganish, by Construction Michel Lacroix Inc.**

**Ref. No.: 3214-08-015**

➤ Preliminary information

- For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process or on the scope of the impact study to be conducted

The Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information on the above project on August 17, 2018.

For this the project, Construction Michel Lacroix Inc. plants to relocate and operate a bituminous concrete plant for the purpose of carrying out road resurfacing in the Waskaganish sector. The plant will be installed in an operating quarry about 28 kilometers from the community. There are no sensitive zones nearby and the existing access road is 900 meters away from the road leading to Waskaganish.

After reviewing the documents submitted by the proponent, the members of the COMEC agreed to recommend that the project be exempted from the assessment process.

**Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator recommending that the project be exempted from the assessment process.**

**6) Construction of a structural steel bridge at km 19.8 on the LA1 road to the Laforge 1 dam by the James Bay Development Corporation**

**Ref. No.: 3214-05-085**

- Preliminary information
- Additional information
  - For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process or on the scope of the impact study to be conducted

The Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information on the above project on August 27, 2018. Additional information was received on August 29, 2018.

Due to an exceptional flood in the late spring of 2018, the array of six culverts under the road at km 19.8 on Road LA1 washed out, leading to its collapse. The repair work planned by the James Bay Development Corporation consists essentially of: a) the relocation of the temporary bridge that was built in the emergency. It must be moved to allow the construction of the permanent structure in the current road axis. The temporary bridge will then remain in place during the construction of the permanent arch, b) the construction of the permanent structural steel multiplate arch over the watercourse, c) the dismantling of the temporary bridge and (d) the recovery of the washed out culverts caused by the flood, and bank work to restore the watercourse to its original characteristics.

After reviewing the documents submitted by the proponent, the members of the COMEC agreed to recommend that the project be exempted from the assessment process.

However, the COMEV wishes to remind the proponent that it must be sure to obtain the correct authorizations for the completion of the various stages of the project.

**Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator recommending that the project be exempted from the assessment process.**

**7) Operation of a quarry and mobile concrete plant at km 254.4 of the James Bay Highway by the James Bay Development Corporation**

**Ref. No.: 3214-05-081**

- Preliminary information
  - For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process or on the scope of the impact study to be conducted

The Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information on the above project on August 28, 2018. In this project, the James Bay Development Corporation plans to continue operating an existing quarry at km 254.4 on the James Bay highway. As part of the same project, a mobile concrete plant will also be installed in the site. The quarry operations will supply the material requirements for repairs to the James Bay Highway in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

The COMEV suggests that the proponent inform the tallyman of the project so that he is aware of potential repercussions.

After reviewing the documents submitted by the proponent, the members of the COMEV agreed to recommend that the project be exempted from the assessment process.

**Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator recommending that the project be exempted from the assessment process.**

**8) Nemiscau CCDC camp by Nemaska Eenou J.V**

**Ref. No.: 3214-06-029**

- Preliminary information Additional 'information
  - For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process or on the scope of the impact study to be conducted

The Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information on the above project on January 19, 2018. Additional information was received on June 26, 2018.

This project concerns the plan from Nemaska Eenou J.V. to upgrade the septic systems following the addition of three (3) dormitory blocks and a cafeteria. However, in a letter dated April 3, 2018, the proponent's consultant mentioned that the new dormitories and the cafeteria have been in existence since at least 2015. Also, in the additional information provided by the proponent, it is stated that the only remaining step in the project is the construction of the new septic installations.

Thus, after reviewing the documents submitted, the COMEV would like to point out that it will not comment on installations that have already been built and, consequently, on the present application. As for the construction of the new septic installations, the COMEV understands that a number of people are already served by the drinking water supply system and the existing logistical installations, and that this number is not likely to change in the short term.

On the other hand, the COMEV notes that any expansion of capacity would be considered as a grey-zone project to be submitted to the Provincial Administrator in advance, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 22 of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Quebec and Title II of the Environment Quality Act.

**Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator to follow up on this project.**

**9) Varia**

**a) COMEV website**

No new developments re the COMEV website. .

**b) Projects pending**

- i. Operation of a mobile concrete plant in the two quarries located at km 168 et on the James Bay Highway, by the James Bay Development Corporation, Ref. No.: 3214-05-081 (waiting for responses from the proponent)
- ii. Application for exemption for mining exploration work on the Eleonore, Wabamisk and Olga properties by Opinaca Mines Ltd., Ref. No.: 3214-14-061 (waiting for responses from the proponent)
- iii. Construction of a road for the installation of a wind measuring mast by the Projet éolien Oujebougoumou Skakeegun S.E.C., Ref. No. 3214-05-082 (waiting for responses from the proponent -- 2016 project)
- iv. Installation of a launch ramp by the Festival du Doré Baie-James, Ref. No.: 3214-04-035 (project on the agenda of the next meeting)
- v. Installation and operation of a bituminous concrete plant in the Waswanipi sector by Pavex Ltd., Ref. No.: 3214-05-084 (project on the agenda of the next meeting)

**10) Date and place of next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2018, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., in the offices of John Paul Murdoch, 407 McGill Street, Suite 410, in Montréal.

**Appendix A**  
**Correspondence and follow-up – June 12 to September 3, 2018**

<b>Project</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Document</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Action - comments</b>
Operation of a quarry and a hot mix asphalt plant at km 85.5 and operation of a quarry at km 168 of the James Bay Highway by the Ref. No.: 3214-05-081	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Raymond Thibault James Bay Development Corporation	Attestation of exemption	Sent June 7, 2018 Rec'd COMEV June 12, 2018	
Bulk sampling at Windfall site, Lynx and Underdog sectors, by Osisko Mining Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-059	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Recommendation of exemption	Sent June 14, 2018 Acknowledgement receipt June 14, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Alexandra Drapack Minière Osisko Inc.	Attestation of exemption	Sent June 21, 2018 Rec'd COMEV June 21, 2018	
Installation of hydrometeorological stations by Hydro-Québec Ref. No.: 3214-28-005	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Recommendation of exemption	Sent June 14, 2018 Acknowledgement receipt June 14, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Claude Major Hydro-Québec	Attestation of exemption	Sent June 27, 2018 Rec'd COMEV June 27, 2018	
Operation of a gravel pit and crushing unit in Waswanipi by Entreprise PJS Ref. No.: 3214-03-039	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Jean-Sébastien Bergeron Entreprise PJS	Attestation of exemption	Sent June 15, 2018 Rec'd COMEV June 15, 2018	
Nemiscau CCDC camp project by Nemaska Eenou J.V. Ref. No.: 3214-06-029	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Additional information	Sent June 21, 2018 Rec'd COMEV June 26, 2018	<i>For recommendation</i>

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Project to reposition and operate a bituminous concrete plant near Waskaganish, by Construction Michel Lacroix Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-08-015	Michel Lacroix Construction Michel Lacroix.	Patrick Beaudesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Preliminary information	Sent July 27, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Preliminary information	Sent Aug. 17, 2018 Rec'd COMEV Aug. 17, 2018	<i>For recommendation</i>
Construction of structural steel arch at km 19.8 on the LA1 road to Laforge 1 dam by the James Bay Development Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-05-085	James Bay Development Corporation	Patrick Beaudesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Preliminary information	Sent Aug. 22, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Preliminary information	Sent Aug 27, 2018 Rec'd COMEV Aug 27, 2018	<i>For recommendation</i>
	James Bay Development Corporation	Patrick Beaudesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Additional information	Sent Aug 28, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Additional information	Sent Aug 29, 2018 Rec'd COMEV Aug 29, 2018	<i>For recommendation</i>
Operation of a quarry and mobile concrete plant at 254.4 on the James Bay highway by the James Bay Development Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-05-081	James Bay Development Corporation	Patrick Beaudesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Preliminary information	Sent Aug 21, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Preliminary information	Sent Aug 28, 2018 Rec'd COMEV Aug 28, 2018	<i>For recommendation</i>

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Installation of launching ramp by the Festival du Doré Baie-James Ref. No.: 3214-04-035	Dany Boulianne Festival du Doré Baie-James	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Preliminary information and additional information	Sent July 30, 2018 (preliminary information ) Sent Aug 24, 2018 (additional information)	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Preliminary information and additional information	Sent 28 août 2018 Rec'd COMEV Aug 28, 2018	<i>For recommendation</i>
Installation and operation of concrete plant in Waswanipi sector by Pavex Ltd. Ref. No.: 3214-05-084	Charles D. Delisle Ressources Environnement	Patrick Beauchesne Deputy Minister MDDELCC	Preliminary information	Sent Aug 17, 2018	
	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Preliminary information	Sent Aug 28, 2018 Rec'd COMEV Aug 28, 2018	<i>For recommendation</i>