



la Convention
de la Baie-James
et du Nord québécois

Comité d'évaluation
Evaluating Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE 290TH MEETING
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE**

(Adopted)

DATE: October 25, 2019

PLACE: Via conference call

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

Vanessa Chalifour, Executive Secretary

1) Meeting declared open and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as written.

2) Adoption of the minutes of the 289th meeting

The minutes were adopted as presented.

Action: Translate and post the minutes of the 289th meeting.

3) Correspondence and follow-up

Correspondence sent and received between September 18 and October 24, 2019 is listed in Appendix A.

4) Meeting 290A – convened October 10, 2019: In view of the urgency of an application for exemption, it was agreed to convene via conference call.

a. Waswanipi Lake launch ramp rehabilitation project in the territory of the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government

Ref. No. : 3214-04-036

➤ 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

On October 2, 2019 the Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information on a project to rehabilitate the launch ramp on Waswanipi Lake in Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government territory.

After discussion, members determined that the proponent had not included any information related to consultations with the Cree community of Waswanipi in the preliminary information. The COMEV is therefore waiting to receive this information before it can continue its analysis of the project.

5) Waswanipi Lake launch ramp rehabilitation project in the territory of the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government

Ref. No. : 3214-04-036

- 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

On October 2, 2019 the Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information on a project to rehabilitate the launch ramp on Waswanipi Lake in Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government territory. Additional information was sent on October 25, 2019.

In this project, the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government wishes to rehabilitate the launch ramp at Waswanipi Lake. The rehabilitation is planned in two phases: 1) remove the broken concrete slabs to replace them with new slabs of the same size and 2) extend and widen the current launching ramp.

The COMEV encourages the proponent to keep the communication channel open with the community of Waswanipi regarding the work to be carried out.

After reviewing the documents sent by the proponent, the members of the COMEV decided to recommend that the project be exempted from the review process.

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

6) New landfill in Wemindji project

- 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

On August 26, 2019 the Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information on a project from the Cree Nation of Wemindji to develop a new landfill in Wemindji.

The purpose of this project is to build a landfill for waste materials in Wemindji. Given that there was fire destruction at the incinerator in the fall of 2018 and the fact that the existing landfill, which had an estimated 10-year life span, will be full by the fall of 2020, the construction of a new landfill is a priority for the community. Although the community plans to replace the incinerator with a new facility by 2021, the community will still need to build a new landfill before winter of 2020.

Members of the COMEV were presented with a draft directive and made some modifications before agreeing that the directive could be forwarded to the Regional Administrator.

Action: Send the impact study directive to the Regional Administrator.

7) Varia

a) COMEV website

No new developments concerning the website.

b) Projects pending

- i. Project -- stripping of 12 overburdens at the Sirmac site, Ref. No.: 3214-14-063 (*waiting for responses from the proponent – 2018 project*)
- ii. 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 2016*)
- iii. Restoration of the old Coniagas site by Galaxy Lithium Canada Inc., Ref No: 3214-14-054 (*On the agenda for the next meeting*)
- iv. Wastewater Treatment Plant in Wemindji by the CreeNation of Wemindji, Ref No: 3214-12-099C (*On the agenda for the next meeting*)
- v. Development of a new landfill in Nemaska by the Cree Nation of Nemaska, Ref No: 3214-16-079 (*On the agenda for the next meeting*)

8) Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting will be held December 11, 2019 from 9:30 to 12:30 in Montréal (location to be determined later).

Appendix A
Correspondence and follow-up – September 18 to October 24, 2019

Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - comments
Installation of a permanent camp (Fenelon project) Balmoral Resources LTD Ref. No.: 3214-06-030	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Recommendation of exemption	Sent September 20, 2019 Acknowledgement of receipt September 23, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	Darin Wagner Balmoral Resources LTD.	Attestation of exemption	Sent October 8, 2019 Rec'd COMEV October 8, 2019	
Project development and operation of the Fenelon mine by Wallbridge Mining Company Limited Ref. No.: 3214-14-064	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Transmittal of impact study directive	Sent September 20, 2019 Acknowledgement of receipt September 23, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	François Demers Wallbridge Mining Company Limited	Impact study directive	Sent October 3, 2019 Rec'd COMEV October 8, 2019	
Restoration of the Coniagas site by Galaxy Lithium Canada Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-054	Denis Couture Galaxy Lithium Canada Inc.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Preliminary information	Sent September 6, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV		Sent September 24, 2019 Rec'd COMEV September 25, 2019	<i>For recommendation</i>
Repair of the boat ramp on Lake Waswanipi in Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government territory Ref. No.: 3214-04-036	Johanne Morasse Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Preliminary information	Sent September 26, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV		Sent October 2, 2019 Rec'd COMEV October 2, 2019	<i>For recommendation</i>

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Wastewater Treatment Plant in Wemindji Ref. No.: 3214-12-099C	Rod Mamianskum Cree Nation of Wemindji	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	Preliminary information	Sent October 1, 2019	
	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator	John Paul Murdoch COMEV		Sent October 3, 2019 Rec'd COMEV October 3, 2019	<i>For recommendation</i>
Development of a new landfill in Nemaska by the Cree Nation of Nemaska Ref. No.:3214-16-079	Matthew Tanoush Cree Nation of Nemaska	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Preliminary information	Sent September 9, 2019	
	Dominique Lavoie MELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV		Sent October 23, 2019 Rec'd COMEV October 24, 2019	<i>For recommendation</i>
Cree-Québec Forestry Board 2018-2019 Annual Report	Hervé Deschênes President CQFB	Vanessa Chalifour COMEV	Cree-Québec Forestry Board 2018-2019 Annual Report	Sent September 25, 2019	