



la Convention
de la Baie-James
et du Nord québécois

Comité d'évaluation
Evaluating Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE 301ST MEETING
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE**

(Adopted)

DATE: June 25, 2021

PLACE: Videoconference

PRESENT: Daniel Berrouard, Chairman, Québec
Isabelle Auger, Québec
Brian Craik, CNG
Louis Breton, Canada
Geneviève Bélanger, Canada

Sophie Cooper, Executive Secretary

1) Meeting declared open and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as written.

2) Adoption of the minutes of the 300th meeting

The minutes of the 300th meeting were adopted as written.

Action: Translate and post the minutes of the 300th meeting.

3) Correspondence and follow-up

Correspondence for the period May 29 to June 25, 2021 is listed in Appendix A.

4) Site preparation and excavation of an access ramp – Gladiator project by Bonterra Resources Inc.

Ref. No.: 3214-14-065

- a) Preliminary information
- b) Additional information (responses to questions and comments)
- c) Additional information (responses to second set of questions and comments)
 - For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the review assessment process, or on the scope of the impacts study to be conducted

On November 26, 2019, the Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received preliminary information regarding the preparation of a study site and installation of an access ramp at the Gladiator Project. Additional information was submitted, at the request of the COMEV, on November 5, 2020 and April 29, 2021.

During this current COMEV meeting, members were informed that the proponent intends to further modify the project to set up a new storage site (core shack) for its existing and future core samples. In the past, these core samples have been stored at the site of the old Gladiator camp. This modification came about after a recent meeting between the proponent and the tallyman regarding a trapline directly impacted by the project.

COMEV members agreed that they require additional information before continuing with their analysis. Therefore, the proponent will have to submit an additional document describing precisely what changes will be made to the project as it was previously described in the official correspondence to the Provincial Administrator, addressing the above-mentioned change, as well as any other changes to the current project. The proponent must also describe the nature of its discussions with the tallyman, the specific concerns the tallyman expressed, and how these concerns will be addressed when the project is implemented.

Action: Send letter to Provincial Administrator
Relay request for a project update

5) Varia

a) Windfall Lake mining project by Osisko Mining Inc., Ref. No.: 3214-14-059

- Information letter regarding the directive
 - For discussion

In May of 2017, the COMEV received the preliminary information about the Windfall Mine project. In August of the same year, after reviewing the documents received, the COMEV sent the Provincial Administrator its recommendations for a directive.

More than three years have passed since the transmittal of the impact study directive, and the Windfall mine project is still active. In a letter dated April 30, 2021, and sent to the COMEV on May 11, 2021, the proponent asked for confirmation of the relevance and conformity of the directive sent in 2017. After reviewing the entire impact study directive, the COMEV decided to update the directive either by supplementing the existing scope of the project or by updating and modifying certain details. All modifications and additions will be written in bold in the provided document.

Action: Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator
Forward additions and modifications to the impact study directive

b) Projects pending

- a) Construction of a road for the installation of a wind measuring mast by Projet éolien Oujé-Bougoumou Skakeegun S.E.C., Ref. No.: 3214-05-082 *(Waiting for responses from proponent)*
- b) Bulk sampling at the James Bay Mine site by Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc., Ref. No.: 3214-14-055 *(Waiting for responses from the proponent)*

c) Chairmanship of the Committee for 2021-2022

Sophie Cooper informed the members of the COMEV that for the coming term (2021-2022), John Paul Murdoch will hold the Chairperson position on behalf of the Cree party.

6) Next meeting

The next meeting will be held August 3, 2021 via videoconference (Teams).

Appendix A
Correspondence and follow-up – May 29 to June 25, 2021

Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - comments
Bulk sampling at the James Bay Mine project site by Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-055	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Transmittal of questions and comments	Sent June 3, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt June 3, 2021	
Expansion and operation of a quarry and hot mix asphalt plant at km 254 of the Billy Diamond Highway by the James Bay Development Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-05-081	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Transmittal of recommendation of exemption	Sent June 7, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt June 8, 2021	
Expansion and operation of the SOC-1 quarry at km 5.3 of the La Grande-4 road by Hydro-Québec Ref. No.: 3214-05-081	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Transmittal of recommendation of exemption	Sent June 7, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt June 8, 2021	
Operation of a gravel/sandpit and hot mix asphalt plant at km 323 of the Billy Diamond Highway by Construction Norascon Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-05-081	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Transmittal of recommendation of exemption	Sent June 7, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt June 8, 2021	
Installation of a hydrometeorological station at Winsh Lake by Hydro-Québec Ref. No.: 3214-28-007	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Transmittal of recommendation of exemption	Sent June 9, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt June 9, 2021	
Rebuilding of a boat launch by the Cree Nation of Nemaska Ref. No.: 3214-04-037	Daniel Berrouard COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Transmittal of recommendation of exemption	Sent June 9, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt June 9, 2021	
Construction and operation of a trench (remote) landfill at the Eastmain Mine by Benz Mining Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-16-081	Ann Lamontagne Lamont Inc.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Preliminary information	Sent May 11, 2021	
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCC	Daniel Berrouard COMEV		Sent June 9, 2021 Rec'd COMEV June 11, 2021	<i>For recommendation</i>

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Bulk sampling at the James Bay Mine project site by Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-055	Mélissa Gagnon MELCC	Gail Amyot Galaxy Lithium Canada Inc.	Transmittal of questions and comments	Sent June 15, 2021 Rec'd COMEV June 16, 2021	<i>For information</i>
Expansion of a sandpit at the GD-17 pit at Nemaska by the Cree Nation of Nemaska Ref. No.: 3214-03-046	Richard Lévesque Poly-Géo	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Preliminary information	Sent May 21, 2021	
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCC	Daniel Berrouard COMEV		Sent June 14, 2021 Rec'd COMEV June 16, 2021	<i>For recommendation</i>
2020-2021 Activity Report of the James Bay Advisory Committee for the Environment (JBACE)	Michèle Leduc-Lapierre CCEBJ	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Transmittal of annual report	Sent June 18, 2021 Rec'd COMEV June 18, 2021	<i>For information</i>
Expansion and operation of the SOC-1 quarry at km 5,3 of the La Grande-4 road by Hydro-Québec Ref. No.: 3214-05-081	Mélissa Gagnon MELCC	Daniel Girouard Hydro-Québec	Transmittal of attestation of exemption	Sent June 23, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt June 23, 2021	<i>For information</i>