



la Convention  
de la Baie-James  
et du Nord québécois

**Comité d'évaluation**  
**Evaluating Committee**

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**MINUTES OF THE 303<sup>RD</sup> MEETING  
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE**

**(Adopted)**

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**DATE:** October 6, 2021

**PLACE:** Videoconference

**PRESENT:** John Paul Murdoch, CNG, Chairman  
Brian Craik, CNG  
Daniel Berrouard, Québec  
Isabelle Auger, Québec  
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 302<sup>nd</sup> meeting**

The minutes of the 302<sup>nd</sup> meeting were adopted as written.

**Action: Translate and post the minutes of the 302<sup>nd</sup> meeting.**

**3) Correspondence and follow-up**

Correspondence sent and received between August 4, 2021 and October 6, 2021 is listed in Appendix A.

**4) Champion Lake shoreline protection project by the Cree Nation of Nemaska  
Ref. No.: 3019-01-002**

- Preliminary information
  - For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the review procedure, or on the scope of the impact study to be conducted

On July 23, 2021, the Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information regarding a project by the Cree First Nation of Nemaska to protect the shoreline of Champion Lake.

The proponent would like to halt erosion along the shoreline of Lake Cahmpion bordering the community of Nemaska in order to protect existing and future infrastructure, ensure the long-term safety of users, and improve the natural beauty the surrounding area. The plan is to install a rock-filled protective embankment on two sections of the shoreline to stabilize the slopes in the most heavily eroded areas. Approximately half of the proposed construction and labour will take place on Category I land, and the other half on Category II land.

After reviewing the documents sent by the proponent, COMEV members agreed that they require additional information before continuing their analysis. The proponent, therefore, must answer questions and comments, to be included in the letter, transmitted by the Committee. The Committee also agreed to inform the Provincial Administrator that activities connected to the construction and operation phases of the project will take place on Category II lands, and to send him a copy of the correspondence.

**Action:     Send letter to the Regional Administrator and a certified copy to the Provincial Administrator  
              Forward questions and comments**

**5) Varia**

**a) Projects pending**

- 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 the proponent)*
- Bulk sampling at the James Bay Mine site by Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc., Ref. No.: 3214-14-055 *(Waiting for responses from the proponent)*
- Site preparation and sinking of a mine ramp – Gladiator project by Bonterra Resources B Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-065 *(Waiting for responses from the proponent)*
- Construction and operation of a trench landfill (LEET) at the Eastmain Mine by Benz Mining Corporation. Ref. No.: 3214-16-081 *(Waiting for responses from the proponent)*
- Expansion of the GD-17 borrow pit at Nemaska by the Cree Nation of Nemaska Ref. No.: 3214-03-046 *(Waiting for responses from the proponent)*

**6) Next meeting**

- a) The next meeting is planned for November 3, 2021.
- b) Members will be sent a Doodle survey to determine the date of the meeting for the month of December, 2021.

**Appendix A**  
**Correspondence and follow-up -- August 4 to October 6, 2021**

<b>Project</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Document</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Action - comments</b>
Installation of a hydro-meteorological station at Winsh Lake Hydro-Québec Ref. No.: 3214-28-007	Mélissa Gagnon MELCC	Patrice Fillion Hydro-Québec	Recommendation of exemption	Sent August 5, 2021 Rec'd COMEV August 5, 2021	<i>For information</i>
Construction and operation of a trench landfill (LEET) at the Eastmain Mine by Benz Mining Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-16-081	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Transmittal of questions and comments	Sent August 6, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt August 10, 2021	
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCC	Danielle Giovenazzo Benz Mining Corporation		Sent August 10, 2021 Rec'd COMEV August 10, 2021	<i>For information</i>
Expansion of the GD-17 borrow pit by the Cree First Nation of Nemaska Ref. No.: 3214-03-046	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Transmittal of questions and comments	Sent August 6, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt August 10, 2021	
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCC	Jean H. Paradis Cree First Nation of Nemaska		Sent August 11, 2021 Rec'd COMEV le 12, 2021	<i>For information</i>
Bulk sampling at Caribou and Lynx 4 of the Windfall Lake mine project by Osisko Mining Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-059	Alexandra Drapak Osisko Mining Inc.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Preliminary information	Sent September 13, 2021	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Maud Ablain MELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV		Sent September 24, 2021 Rec'd COMEV September 28, 2021	