



la Convention
de la Baie-James
et du Nord québécois

Comité d'évaluation
Evaluating Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE 305TH MEETING
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE**

(Adopted)

DATE: December 17, 2021

PLACE: Videoconference

PRESENT: John Paul Murdoch, CNG, Chairman
Daniel Berrouard, Québec
Isabelle Auger, Québec
Louis Breton, Canada
Geneviève Bélanger, Canada

Sophie Cooper, Executive Secretary

ABSENT: Brian Craik, CNG

1) Meeting declared open and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as written.

2) Adoption of the minutes of the 304th meeting

The minutes of the 304th meeting were adopted as written.

Action: Translate and post the minutes of the 304th meeting.

3) Correspondence and follow-up

Correspondence sent and received between November 4 and December 17, 2021 is listed in Appendix A.

4) Departure of Brian Craik (CNG)

John Paul Murdoch announced Brian Craik's departure from the Evaluating Committee.

**5) Site development and sinking a mine ramp – Gladiator project by Bonterra Resources Inc.,
Ref. No.: 3214-14-065**

- Preliminary information
- Additional information (QC01 responses)
- Additional information (QC02 responses)
- Additional information (QC03 responses)
 - For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment process, or on the scope of the impact study to be conducted

On November 26, 2019, the Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information regarding the above project. Additional information was received November 5, 2020 and April 29 and October 26, 2021.

For this project, Bonterra Resources plans to carry out underground explorations of the gold deposit near and beneath Barry Lake. The plans also call for construction of a gate and a 30 meters wide underground access ramp, as well as a service building, a garage, a well for industrial water, service areas and a parking lot. In addition, they plan to build a storage area for organic matter, an overburden pile, a waste rock pile, and two ponds for water management.

The COMEV understands that the proponent has agreed to undertake a characterization study of the wetlands and water bodies in the surrounding area when the proponent applies for the ministerial authorization under Section 22 of the EQA. Moreover, if the MELCC asks the proponent to move certain infrastructures after the application for authorization, the proponent realizes that he will have to submit a new request for an attestation of exemption.

If Resources Bonterra intends to submit a new application for an attestation of exemption, the COMEV will also ask the proponent to submit a summary of the various existing commitments.

After reviewing the documents provided by the proponent, the COMEV agree to recommend that this project be exempted from the environmental and social impact assessment procedure.

Action: Send letter to the Provincial Administrator
Forward recommendation

6) 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)*
- 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)*
- Champion Lake shoreline protection project by the Cree Nation of Yamaska Ref. No. : 3219-10-001 *(Waiting for responses from the proponent)*

7) Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2022 at 9 a.m.

Appendix A
Correspondence and follow-up – November 4, 2021 to December 17, 2021

Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - comments
Construction and operation of a northern landfill (LEET) at the Eastmain Mine by Benz Mining Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-16-081	Julie Gravel Benz Mining Corp.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Additional information (Responses to question and comments)	Sent October 27, 2021	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCC	John Paul Murdoch COMEV		Sent November 5, 2021 Rec'd COMEV November 8, 2021	
Bulk sampling in the Caribou and Lynx 4 sectors - Windfall project by Osisko Mining Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-059	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Transmittal of questions and comments	Sent November 12, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt November 12, 2021	
	Maud Ablain MELCC	Alexandra Drapack Osisko Mining Inc.		Sent November 17, 2021 Rec'd COMEV November 26, 2021	