



la Convention
de la Baie-James
et du Nord québécois

Comité d'évaluation
Evaluating Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE 312th MEETING
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE**

(Adopted)

DATE: September: 29, 2022

PLACE: Videoconference

PRESENT: Geneviève Bélanger, Canada, Chair
Louis Breton, Canada
John Paul Murdoch, CNG
Daniel Berrouard, Québec
Nicholas Poirier, Québec

Sophie Cooper, Executive Secretary

1) Meeting 312 declared open and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as written.

2) Adoption of the minutes of the 311th meeting

The minutes of the 311th meeting were adopted as written.

Action: Translate and post the minutes of the 311th meeting.

3) Correspondence and follow-up

Correspondence and for the period from August 3 to September 29, 2022 is listed in Appendix A.

4) Dismantling of the main camp and satellite camps of a former outfitter in the Trans-Taïga Highway sector by the MERN

Ref. No.: 3214-16-084

- Preliminary information
- Additional information (responses to questions and comments)
- 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 April 28, 2022. Additional information (responses to questions and comments) was received August 8, 2022.

In this project, the MERN plans to clean up the abandoned sites at the main camp and seven satellite camps once used for the Nouchimi outfitter operation along the Trans-Taïga road. The work includes the demolition of buildings and facilities on the sites, the recovery, segregation, recycling and disposal of various residual materials and equipment, the management and disposal of residual hazardous materials as well as the restoration of land (filling, leveling and revegetation). Reusable materials and equipment will be donated to neighboring communities. Recoverable residual materials will be segregated and sent to an authorized sorting center and all other non-recoverable residual materials will be disposed of in an authorized technical landfill (LET).

After reviewing the documents submitted by the proponent, the COMEV recommends exempting this project from the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure.

The COMEV will encourage the proponent to consult again with the tallymen regarding land restoration (backfilling, leveling and revegetation) to approve the revegetation plan (mixture of predominantly native seeds). COMEV will also remind the proponent of the importance of maintaining open communications with the Chisasibi community throughout the project.

Action : **Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator**
Recommendation of exemption

5) Construction of the Nadoshtin Residence by the Société Corporation Résidence Nadoshtin Inc.

Ref. No.: 3214-06-031

- 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 July 11, 2022.

On November 24, 2006, the MELCC issued a certificate of authorization to Hydro-Québec for the Eastmain-1-A powerhouse and Rupert diversion project, which provided for the construction of a temporary camp for workers during construction. The proponent, Corporation Résidence Nadoshtin, would like to build a permanent residence on the site of the Eastmain-1 workcamp. The original Hydro-Québec camp was designed to house up to 2,000 workers and was gradually dismantled between 2011 to 2015. The proponent would like to modify the camp to meet Hydro-Québec's current needs. Of the 50 buildings making up the camp, 18 will be kept in operation and 31 will be dismantled. Two buildings will be built or refurbished, namely the residence (~100 rooms) and the sports and community center. Outdoor facilities will also have to be adapted to the new layout. This will include modifying roadways, construction of parking lots and the installation of new landscaping, such as pedestrian paths, lighting, tables, benches, and garbage cans.

After reviewing the documents sent by the proponent, the COMEV decided that additional information is necessary before it can continue its analysis. Thus, the proponent will be asked to answer questions and comments, which will be included in a transmission letter.

Action : **Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator**
 Transmittal of questions and comments

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*)
- Champion Lake shoreline protection project by the Cree First Nation of Nemaska, Ref. No.: 3219-01-002 (*Waiting for responses from the proponent*)
- Construction and operation of a remote landfill (LETI) at the Eastmain Mine by Benz Mining Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-16-081 (*Waiting for responses from the proponent*)
- Expansion of an existing quarry and reopening of the old sand pit at km 58 of Route 19900 (formerly R-1005) by the Ministère des Transports du Québec. Ref. No.: 3214-03-022 (*Waiting for responses from the proponent*)
- Opening and operation of a sand pit near Lake Lardet by Les équipements J.V.C. inc. Ref. No.: 3214-03-048 (*Waiting for responses from the proponent*)
- Environmental rehabilitation of a former service station on the Trans-Taïga Road by the Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles. Ref. No.: 3214-16-085 (*Waiting for responses from the proponent*)
- Opening and operation of the Flamb-1 borrow pit by Osisko Mining Inc., Ref. No.: 3214-03-049 (*under analysis*)

7) Next meeting

The next meeting of the COMEV is planned for October 19, 2022 via videoconference.

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Appendix A Correspondence and follow-up – August 3 to September 29, 2022					
Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action – comments
Creation of Assinica National Park by the Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs Ref. No: 3214-18-011	Geneviève Bélanger COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Transmittal of update to the impact study directive	Sent August 10, 2022 Acknowledgement of receipt August 22, 2022	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Christian Pelletier MFFP		Sent August 25, 2022 Rec'd COMEV August 30, 2022	
Environmental rehabilitation of a former service station in the Radisson area by the Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles Ref. No: 3214-16-086	Geneviève Bélanger COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Recommendation of exemption sent	Sent August 10, 2022 Acknowledgement of receipt August 22, 2022	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Melissa Gagnon MELCC	Stéphanie Morin MERN		Sent August 23, 2022 Rec'd COMEV August 23, 2022	
Dismantling of a main camp and satellite camps a former outfitter in Trans-Taïga Road sector by the Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles Ref. No: 3214-16-084	Patricia Hébert MERN	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Transmittal of additional information (responses to questions and comments)	Sent August 8, 2022	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Melissa Gagnon MELCC	Geneviève Bélanger COMEV		Sent August 11, 2022 Rec'd COMEV August 11, 2022	
Environmental rehabilitation of a former service station on the Trans-Taïga Road by the Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles Ref. No: 3214-16-085	Geneviève Bélanger COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Request for additional information	Sent August 18, 2022 Acknowledgement of receipt August 22, 2022	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Melissa Gagnon MELCC	Stéphanie Morin MERN		Sent August 18, 2022 Rec'd COMEV August 19, 2022	
Construction and mining of a copper and gold deposit on the Eeyou Istchee James Bay territory by Troilus Gold Corp Ref. No: 3214-14-025	Geneviève Bélanger COMEV	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Transmittal of impact study directive	August Acknowledgement of receipt August 22, 2022	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Jaqueline Leroux Troilus Gold Corp.		Sent September 22, 2022 Rec'd COMEV September 22, 2022	

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Opening and operation of the Flamb-1 borrow pit by Osisko Mining Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-03-049	Andréanne Boisvert Osisko Mining Inc.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Preliminary information	Sent August 16, 2022	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCC	Geneviève Bélanger COMEV		Sent August 26, 2022 Rec'd COMEV August 29, 2022	