



la Convention
de la Baie-James
et du Nord québécois

Comité d'évaluation
Evaluating Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE 322ND MEETING
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE**

(Adopted)

DATE: November 28, 2023

PLACE: Videoconference

PRESENT: John Paul Murdoch, CNG, Chairman
Louis Breton, Canada
Nicholas Poirier, Québec
Daniel Berrouard, Québec

Sophie Cooper, Executive Secretary

ABSENT: Lucas Del Vecchio, CNG
Geneviève Bélanger, Canada

1) Meeting 322 declared open and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as written.

2) Adoption of the minutes of the 321st meeting

The minutes of the 321st meeting were adopted as written.

Action: Translate and post the minutes of the 321st meeting.

3) Correspondence and follow-up

Correspondence and follow-up for the period November 2 to November 28, 2023 is presented in Appendix A.

4) Mont Sorcier mine project by Voyager Metals

Ref. No.: 3214-14-071

- Preliminary information
- For recommendation on the scope of the impact study to be conducted

On October 18, 2023, the Evaluating Committee received the preliminary information on the above mining project. Additional information was received November 24, 2023.

The additional information provided by the proponent concerns Hydro-Québec's refusal to allocate a block of power to serve the development and operations of the Mont Sorcier mining project. The proponent indicates that the project may be modified depending on the evolution of Hydro-Québec's request.

The members of the COMEV expressed their regret that the proponent had transmitted preliminary information to the Provincial Administrator, thereby triggering the environmental and social assessment and review procedure, without having adequately identified information as important as that relating to the energy needs of its project. The COMEV will send correspondence to the Administrator indicating that the Committee members are still awaiting an update on the information from the proponent.

Action: Send letter to Provincial Administrator

5) Varia

• **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*)

- 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*)
- Construction of the Nadoshtin Residence by the Société Corporation Résidence Nadoshtin Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-06-031 (*Waiting for responses from the proponent*)
- Construction of forest roads in the Témiscamie sector by Chantiers Chibougamau Ltée Ref. No.:3214-05-086 (*Waiting for responses from the proponent*)
- 2023-2024 maintenance and repair work on the Billy Diamond Highway and Chisasibi Road by the James Bay Development Corporation. Ref. No. 3214-05-081 (*Waiting for responses from the proponent*)
- Sirmac project – bulk sampling of 50,000 tonnes by Vision Lithium (3214-14-068) (*Waiting for responses from the proponent*)
- Construction of a new wastewater lagoon cell at Waskaganish by the Cree First Nation of Waskaganish Ref. No. 3219-12-004 (*Waiting for responses from the proponent*)
- Opening and operation of a quarry at km 440 of the Billy Diamond Highway and operation of a hot mix asphalt plant by Blais & Langlois inc. (3214-05-081) (*Waiting for responses from the proponent*)
- Opening and operation of a new borrow pit nouveau banc d’emprunt (PK 0,6) for compactable granular materials (till) – Restoration of the Coniagas tailings site by Galaxy Lithium (Ontario) Inc. (3214-14-054) (*Waiting for responses from the proponent*)
- Construction of an ecocentre at Whapmagoostui by GNC (3219-16-004) (*Waiting for responses from the proponent*)

6) Next meetings

The next meeting of the COMEV are scheduled for February 14, 2024 and March 19, 2024.

Appendix A
Correspondence and follow-up – November 2 to 28, 2023

Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - comments
Opening and operation of a quarry at km 440 of the Billy Diamond Highway and operation of a hot mix asphalt plant by Blais & Langlois inc. Ref. No.: 3214-05-081	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Transmittal of questions and comments	Sent November 13, 2023 Acknowledgement of receipt November 13, 2023	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Guillaume Marchand Blais & Langlois inc.		Sent November 20, 2023 Rec'd COMEV November 21, 2023	
Opening and operation of a new borrow pit (PK 0,6) for compactable granular materials (till) – Restoration of the Coniagas tailings site by Galaxy Lithium (Ontario) Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-054	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Transmittal of questions and comments	Sent November 13, 2023 Acknowledgement of receipt November 13, 2023	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Murielle Vachon MELCCFP	Denis Couture Galaxy Lithium		Sent November 15, 2023 Rec'd COMEV November 15, 2023	
Construction of an ecocentre at Whapmagoostui by the Cree Nation Government Ref. No.: 3219-16-004	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator CNG	Transmittal of questions and comments	Sent November 16, 2023 Acknowledgement of receipt November 16, 2023	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Isaac Voyageur Regional Administrator CNG	Raphaël Joannis-Clément CNG		Sent November 28, 2023 Rec'd COMEV November 28, 2023	
Construction of a 120 kV power line to connect the Windfall mine by Hydro-Québec Ref. No.: 3214-09-029	Louis-Philippe Bérubé Hydro-Québec	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	File closed	Sent November 2, 2023	
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Mathieu Bolullo Hydro-Québec		Sent November 15, 2023 Rec'd COMEV November 20, 2023	
Moblan mine project by Sayona Nord inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-070	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Manon Bérubé Sayona Nord inc.	Transmittal of impact study directive	Sent November 21, 2023 Rec'd COMEV November 21, 2023	

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Mont Sorcier mine project by Voyager Metals inc. Ref. No.: 3214-14-071	Robert E. Girardin Voyager Metals	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Additional information	Sent November 15, 2023	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Murielle Vachon MELCCFP	John Paul Murdoch COMEV		Sent November 24, 2024 Rec'd COMEV November 24, 2023	