



la Convention  
de la Baie-James  
et du Nord québécois

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

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**MINUTES OF THE 323<sup>rd</sup> MEETING  
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE**

**(Adopted)**

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**DATE:** February 14, 2024

**PLACE:** Videoconference

**PRESENT:** John Paul Murdoch, CNG, Chairman  
Lucas Del Vecchio, CNG  
Geneviève Bélanger, Canada  
Louis Breton, Canada  
Nicholas Poirier, Québec  
Daniel Berrouard, Québec  
  
Sophie Cooper, Executive Secretary

**1) Meeting 323<sup>rd</sup> declared open and adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted as written.

**2) Adoption of the minutes of the 322<sup>nd</sup> meeting**

The minutes of the 322<sup>nd</sup> meeting were adopted as written.

**Action: Translate and post the minutes of the 322<sup>nd</sup> meeting.**

**3) Correspondence and follow-up**

Correspondence and follow-up for the period November 29, 2023 to February 14, 2024 is presented in Appendix A.

**4) Corvette mine project by Patriot Battery Metals**

**Ref. No.: 3214-14-072**

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

On December 7, 2023, the Evaluating Committee received the preliminary information on the above mining project.

The Corvette Mine Project is located 250 km east of the community of Radisson, on Category III land. The project is also located on the common boundaries of three Cree communities: Chisasibi (330 km to the west), Wemindji (330 km to the southwest) and Mistissini (350 km to the south). The project involves the exploitation of an open pit spodumene (lithium) pegmatite deposit for an estimated lifespan of 23 years. The mine complex will consist of a variety of infrastructure, including an access road to the mine site from the Transtaïga Highway, a worker camp, waste rock, tailings and ore storage areas, an ore processing plant, and a water treatment plant.

After reviewing all the information submitted by the proponent, the COMEV will send to the Provincial Administrator, in the form of a directive attached to its letter of transmittal, its recommendation on the scope of the environmental and social impact assessment to be carried out by the proponent.

**Action:                    Send letter to Provincial Administrator**  
**Directive for impact study**

**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 more information*)
- 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 (*under review*)
- 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 (PK 0,6) for compactable granular materials (till) – Restoration of the Coniagas tailings site by Galaxy Lithium (Ontario) Inc. (3214-14-054) (*under review*)
- Construction of an ecocentre at Whapmagoostui by GNC (3219-16-004) (*Waiting for responses from the proponent*)
- Opening and operation of a mobile concrete and cement plant at km 393 of the Billy Diamond Highway by Excavation Michel Paradis inc. (3214-08-021) (*under review*)
- Construction of an access road to the Adina mining site by Lithium Winsome Adina inc. (3214-05-087) (*under review*)

## 6) Next meetings

The next meetings of the COMEV are scheduled for March 19, 2024, April 25, 2024, and May 22, 2024.

**Appendix A**  
**Correspondence and follow-up – November 29, 2023 to February 14, 2024**

<b>Project</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Document</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Action - comments</b>
Corvette mining project by Patriot Battery Metals Inc. (Innova Lithium Inc.) N/Réf. : 3214-14-072	Carl Martin WSP for Patriot Battery Metals Inc.	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Transmittal of preliminary information	Sent November 27, 2023	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Murielle Vachon MELCCFP	John Paul Murdoch COMEV		Sent December 6, 2023 Rec'd COMEV December 7, 2023	
Mont Sorcier mine project by Voyager Metals inc. N/Réf. : 3214-14-071	Robert Girardin Voyager Metals	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Transmittal of additional information	Sent December 1st, 2023	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Murielle Vachon MELCCFP	John Paul Murdoch COMEV		Sent December 6, 2023 Rec'd COMEV December 7, 2023	
Construction of an access road to the Adina mining site by Lithium Winsome Adina INC. N/Réf. : 3214-05-087	Marc-Antoine Allard Desfor	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Transmittal of preliminary information	Sent December 8, 2023	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	John Paul Murdoch COMEV		Sent December 18, 2023 Rec'd COMEV December 18, 2023	
Mont Sorcier mine project by Voyager Metals inc. N/Réf. : 3214-14-071	John Paul Murdoch COMEV	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Delay transmittal of directive for scope of impact study	Sent December 18, 2023 Acknowledgement of receipt December 18, 2023	
Opening and operation of a mobile concrete and cement plant at km 393 of the Billy-Diamond Highway by Excavation Michel Paradis inc. N/Réf. : 3214-08-021	Audrey Vallée Groupe Synergis	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Transmittal of preliminary information	Sent January 17, 2024	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	John Paul Murdoch COMEV		Sent January 26, 2024 Rec'd COMEV January 29, 2024	

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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	Gino Beauchamp WSP	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Additional information	Sent January 19, 2024	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	John Paul Murdoch COMEV		Sent January 31, 2024 Rec'd COMEV February 1st, 2024	
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. N/Ref. : 3214-14-054	Denis Couture Galaxy Lithium	Marie-Josée Lizotte Sous-ministre MELCCFP	Additional information	Sent January 30, 2024	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Murielle Gagnon MELCCFP	John Paul Murdoch COMEV		Sent January 31, 2024 Rec'd COMEV February 1st, 2024	