

Comité d'évaluation
Evaluating Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE 336TH MEETING
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE**

(Adopted)

DATE: September 11, 2025

PLACE: Videoconference

PRESENT: Nicholas Poirier, Québec
Geneviève Bélanger, Canada
Louis Breton, Canada
Lucas Del Vecchio, CNG, Chair

ABSENT: Paul John Murdoch, Grand Chief, CNG
Daniel Berrouard, Québec

Sophie Cooper, Executive Secretary

1) Call to order and adoption of the 336th meeting agenda

The agenda was adopted as written.

2) Adoption of the minutes of the 335th meeting

The minutes of the 335th meeting were adopted as written.

Action: Translate and file the minutes of the 335th meeting.

3) Correspondence and follow-up

Correspondence and follow-up for the period from June 20, 2025, to September 11, 2025, is presented in Appendix A.

4) Opening and operation of a sand pit near Lac Lardet, Les équipements JVC Inc.

Ref.: 3214-17-009

- Preliminary information
- Additional information (answers to questions and comments)
- For recommendation on whether the project should be subject to the procedure and, if so, on the scope of the impact study to be carried out

On March 4, 2022, the Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received preliminary information on the proposed sand pit near Lac Lardet. Additional information was received on June 26, 2025.

The proponent plans to open a 6.2-hectare sand pit to extract abrasive sand to build access roads to the Mine Principale Campbell rehabilitation project. It plans to store the extracted sand on site until the borrow pits can be rehabilitated when the mine closes.

After examining the documents, several questions remain, notably concerning the proportion of material to be extracted from the sand pit. In addition, the proponent failed to inform or consult the Oujé-Bougoumou Cree community, the tallyman concerned, or land users.

COMEV considers that further information is required to continue its analysis. The proponent will have to answer a second round of questions.

Action: **Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator**
 Send a request for further information
 Send questions and comments

5) Environmental rehabilitation project: former fuel supply line area, Fort George, Chisasibi, Hydro-Québec

Ref.: 3219-16-005

- Preliminary information
- For recommendation on whether the project should be subject to the procedure and, if so, on the scope of the impact study to be carried out

On July 22, 2025, the Environmental and Social Impact Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received preliminary information for a rehabilitation project.

This project is on Fort George Island, near Chisasibi, where Hydro-Québec operated a thermal power plant in the 1970s and 1980s. Supplied by a 700-metre-long underground pipeline linking an oil depot to the power plant, it was dismantled in 2003–2004, followed by an initial environmental rehabilitation. However, surveys carried out in 2015 and 2024 revealed that there is around 950 m³ of hydrocarbon-contaminated soil along the pipeline, which was not removed during the initial rehabilitation work.

The project aims to restore a cultural site of importance to the community of Chisasibi by removing the pipeline and decontaminating the soil whose contamination level exceeds criterion “B” of the *Guide d’intervention - Protection des sols et réhabilitation des terrains contaminés*. The work includes digging, sorting and treating soil at the island’s former airport site, backfilling with treated soil from rehabilitation work on the former power plant, and revegetation of the sites. The project’s potential environmental and social impact is considered minimal.

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

Action: **Send a letter to the Regional Administrator**
 Forward a recommendation

6) Varia

a) Projects pending

- Construction of a road to install a wind measuring mast by Projet éolien Oujé-Bougoumou Skakeegun S.E.C. (3214-05-082)
- Champion Lake shoreline protection project by the Cree Nation of Nemaska (3219-01-002) *(waiting for the proponent)*
- Construction and operation of a remote landfill (RL) at the Eastmain Mine by Benz Mining Corporation (3214-16-081) *(waiting for the proponent)*
- Construction of the Nadoshtin residence by the Société Corporation Résidence Nadoshtin Inc. (3214-06-031) *(waiting for the proponent)*
- Construction of forest roads in the Témiscamie sector by Chantiers Chibougamau Ltd. (3214-05-086) *(waiting for details)*
- Sirmac project – Bulk sampling of 50,000 tonnes by Vision Lithium (3214-14-068) *(waiting for the proponent)*
- Construction of a new cell at the Waskaganish wastewater treatment plant by the Cree Nation of Waskaganish (3219-12-004) *(waiting for the proponent)*

7) Next meeting

A survey will be sent to COMEV members to set a date for the next meeting once a new project is submitted to the Provincial or Regional Administrator.

Appendix A Follow-up correspondence from June 20, 2025, to September 11, 2025					
Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - comments
Opening and operation of a sand pit near Lac Lardet in Chibougamau, Les Équipements JVC Inc. Ref.: 3214-03-048	Roger Migneault Équipements JVC	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Transmission of additional information (answers to questions and comments)	Sent June 12, 2025	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Lucas Del Vecchio COMEV		Sent June 25, 2025 Received COMEV June 26, 2025	
Creating an artificial waterfowl hunting area in the Chisasibi sector, Niskamoon Corporation Ref.: 3214-17-009	Lucas Del Vecchio COMEV	Frédéric Guay Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Transmission of a recommendation of exemption	Sent July 8, 2025	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Robbie Tapiatic Niskamoon Corporation	Transmission of a declaration of exemption	Sent August 15, 2025 Received COMEV August 25, 2025	
Environmental rehabilitation project: former fuel supply line area, Fort George, Chisasibi, Hydro-Québec Ref.: 3219-16-005	Steve Shooner Hydro-Québec	Nadia Saganash Regional Administrator (Interim) CNG	Transmission of preliminary information	Sent July 11, 2025	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Graeme Morin CNG	Sophie Cooper COMEV		Sent July 14, 2025 Received COMEV July 22, 2025	