

INTERIM WORK PLAN

HOWARD'S PASS ACCESS ROAD UPGRADE PROJECT

EA1516-01

This is an interim work plan. The intent of this interim work plan is to provide an overview of the EA process. A final work plan will be issued when the developer submits the DAR.

The table below shows process steps that have already occurred and the time they took. It also shows the usual future steps of the EA. The dates for future steps will be set after key milestones in the EA process (future steps are identified in grey text). Key milestones are indicated in the table below in italics and include, for instance, the Final Terms of Reference and the Developer's Assessment Report.

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Process step	Cumulative Board process time ⁱ (months)	Completion date/ Estimated completion date
SCOPING PHASE		
Referral to EA	0	July 10, 2015
Developer Proposed Terms of Reference and Scoping (scoping meetings, review of the Developer's Proposed Terms of Reference)	4.3	July 10, 2015 – February 29 2016
Review Board's Draft Terms of Reference (public review)	4.9	March 1 – 16, 2016
<i>Final Terms of Reference Issued</i>	4.9	March 17, 2016
ANALYTICAL PHASE		
<i>Developer's Preparation of the DAR</i>		
<i>Adequacy review of the DAR</i>		
<i>Developer's response to adequacy</i>		
<i>Board's review of adequacy responses</i>		
<i>DAR review by parties (Information request</i>		

Process step	Cumulative Board process time ⁱ (months)	Completion date/ Estimated completion date
round 1)		
Developer response to remaining adequacy items		
Developer response to party information requests		
Technical sessions		
Undertakings	-	
Information requests (round 2), preparation by Board and parties (if required)	-	
<i>Developer response to information requests (round 2)</i>	-	
Hearing Phase		
Interventions (parties)	-	
Developer response to interventions	-	
Public hearing preparation (Board, parties) and pre-hearing conference	-	
Hearings	-	
Hearing undertakings (developer, parties)	-	
Closing arguments		
<i>Closure of public record</i>	-	
Decision Phase		
Decision and Report of EA issued	-	
Ministers Response	-	

ⁱ Cumulative Board process time represents the total Review Board time taken to date. The Review Board tracks cumulative time following the March 25, 2014 amendments to the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (the Act). There is now a time limit of 16 months for the Review Board to complete an environmental assessment with a hearing. The cumulative Board process time does not include developer time.