EA1415-01 Prairie Creek All-season Road

Pre-hearing Conference

April 10th, 2017

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Agenda

1. Introduction by Review Board staff.
2. Review Board mandate and decision making considerations.
3. Review the Rules of Procedure and format for formal and community hearings.
4. Scope of Development.
5. Confirm party status.
6. Review the draft hearing agenda.
7. Discuss time allotments for parties at the hearing.
8. Suggestions for hearing presentations.
9. Upcoming dates and deadlines.

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1. Introductions

- Sign-in sheet
- Teleconference participants
  - 1-877-733-5390
  - Code 4631621989
- Review Board staff taking notes
- Meeting report for the registry

2. Review Board Mandate

Guiding principles from MVRMA 115(1)

a) the protection of the environment from the <u>significant adverse impacts</u> of proposed developments;

b) the <u>protection of the social, cultural and economic well-being</u> of residents and communities in the Mackenzie Valley; and

c) the <u>importance of conservation to the well-being and way of life of the aboriginal peoples of Canada</u> to whom section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 applies and who use an area of the Mackenzie Valley.

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3. Rules of Procedure

- Community vs Formal Hearings
- Role of the Chairperson
- New evidence
- Undertakings and commitments
- Teleconference, interpretation and transcription services
- Public participation

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4. Scope of Development

- Scope of development consists of all physical works and activities required for the project to proceed
  - Includes construction, operation, reclamation and closure
- Scope of assessment defines which issues will be examined in the environmental assessment
  - Includes all potential impacts on valued components of biophysical and human environment
  - Includes past, present and reasonably foreseeable developments

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5. Party Status

- Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society*
- Dehcho First Nations
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Government of the Northwest Territories
- National Resources Canada
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
- Nahanni Butte Dene Band
- Parks Canada

Third party risk assessor

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6. Draft Hearing Agenda

Community Hearings
- – April 24th in Nahanni Butte
- – April 25th in Fort Simpson
- Expectations
- Breaks and meals

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Formal Hearings

- April 26-28th in Fort Simpson

- Expectations

- Daily Topics
  - Day 1: Current project description, Accidents and malfunctions, permafrost, soils and terrain and impacts from employment
  - Day 2: Fish and aquatic habitat, water quality and quantity, Sundog Creek realignment, Vegetation
  - Day 3: Wildlife including birds and species at risk, Traditional Harvesting and Traditionally Harvested species, Cultural and heritage resources, closure and reclamation and any other outstanding issues

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7. Time allotments

Day	Time for questioning (hrs)	Time for presentations (hrs)
1	2	3.5
2	2.5	3.5
3	2.5	3.5

Time for questioning: time for all parties (including the Review Board) to question the developer

Time for Presentations: time for parties to make their presentations and answer questions from other parties (including the developer and Review Board)

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8. Suggestions for hearing presentations

- Guidance available on the Review Board registry

General tips:

- Stick to KEY POINTS relating to significance
- The Board has read and reviewed all technical reports; a full recap is not necessary
- Mandate not necessary
- If handouts, etc. are required please make them available to the Board in advance

Presentation preparation

– Separate presentation file for each hearing day

– Power point or pdf

– No dark background on slides, white only (for printing)

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9. Upcoming dates and deadlines

- April 13th- hearing presentations from parties due

- April 20th- hearing presentations from parties due

- April 24-28th – public hearings
  - Public record will reopen at start of hearings

- Hearing undertakings TBD

- Closing arguments TBD

- Closure of public record TBD

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