Technical reviews

Who:

The Review Board, registered parties, developer and members of the public

What:

A technical review usually happens when parties to the environmental assessment, or any hired expert, look at the contents of the Developer's Assessment Report to see if they agree with the issues analysis, potential impacts and any mitigation measures that the developer is proposing. Technical reviews help resolve or clarify issues and gather information that will help Review Board make its final decision.

There may be "technical sessions" during this stage as part of the review. These sessions are public meetings for the developer, parties and the public to discuss the evidence in the Developer's Assessment Report. Evidence can be scientific or traditional knowledge and can be presented by experts, reviewers or people who may be affected by the project. These sessions are open to the public and are hosted by the Review Board and facilitated by the Review Board staff.

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Technical sessions focus on:

- which parts of the development are predicted to cause impacts;

- what types of impacts the development will cause;

- which valued component will the development impact; and

- how significant those impacts will be.

Tools

The technical sessions information for a particular assessment can be found on the Review Board's public registry. Go to reviewboard.ca/registry/ and fill out the developer, project and select technical sessions stage in the search engine fields.

The case of differing views:

Although technical sessions are a way to resolve issues between parties, the Review Board strongly encourages those with differing views to meet outside of the environmental assessment process to come to an agreement. If parties successfully resolve issues independent of the Review Board's process, the Review Board requires that the parties submit meeting notes, signed by the party representatives, detailing the matters they all agreed to.

If technical reviewers are submitting comments to the Review Board, the Review Board designed a template for parties to use. Each technical review must include a one page summary that is suitable for community members and general public without technical backgrounds.

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