

# EA Initiation Package – Information session Pine Point Mine Project

## EA2021-01

Online meeting  
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- Roundtable introductions with one spokesperson for each organization – video on
- After introductions please keep your **video off, except when asking questions** to reduce internet outage risk
- If your name and organization do not match your zoom account, type into chat
- Chat moderator is Catherine Fairbairn



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- Everyone's microphone will be turned off.
- **If you have a question, type it into chat.** Catherine will turn your microphone back on so that you can ask the question.
- For technical difficulties, call Catherine Janz at **(867)766-7050**
- In case of technical disruption we will continue by phone at **(877) 733-5390** code: 463 162 1989
- Meeting is not recorded. Notes will be taken and posted to the MVRB registry.



# Meeting Agenda



1. Introduction to the Review Board (Review Board staff)
2. Environmental assessment in the Mackenzie Valley (Review Board staff)
3. Pine Point Mine Project (Pine Point Mining Limited)
  - a. presents EA Information Package
  - b. describes structure of the document and its parts, and where to find information
  - c. presents project description and Developer's Assessment Proposal
4. Next steps (Review Board staff)

tips on things to think about during developer's presentation for future scoping meetings





# Introduction to the Review Board



- established by the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act in 1998
- Purpose: to assess the impacts of proposed developments in the Mackenzie Valley.



# Review Board Members



sharing decision making between communities and governments





## Section 115(1) of the MVRMA

The process must have regard to:

- (a) the protection of the environment** from the significant adverse impacts of proposed developments;
- (b) the protection of the social, cultural and economic well-being of residents and communities** in the Mackenzie Valley; and
- (c) the importance of conservation to the well-being and way of life of the aboriginal peoples of Canada** to whom section 35 of the [Constitution Act, 1982](#) applies and who use an area of the Mackenzie Valley.



# Legal Requirements



The Review Board is also required to:

- ensure **public concerns** are taken into account
- incorporate **traditional knowledge**
- carry out its duties in a **timely** manner
- run a **fair** process
- make **decisions based on the evidence**
- operate in a **transparent** manner





# What is environmental assessment?



- EA is a **set of steps** to study the **potential impacts** of a proposed development, to **reduce or avoid those impacts**.
- The **goal is to produce good decisions** about whether or not a project should proceed, and if so, under what conditions.

A good environmental assessment process with meaningful, effective participation can have the following benefits:

- **improvements to project design**
- additional mitigation and **commitments** to prevent or reduce impacts
- resolve conflicts and **build relationships**
- supports sustainable development



# Steps an environmental assessment



- EA Referral
- EA Initiation Package submitted
- Public Notice
- Distribution list

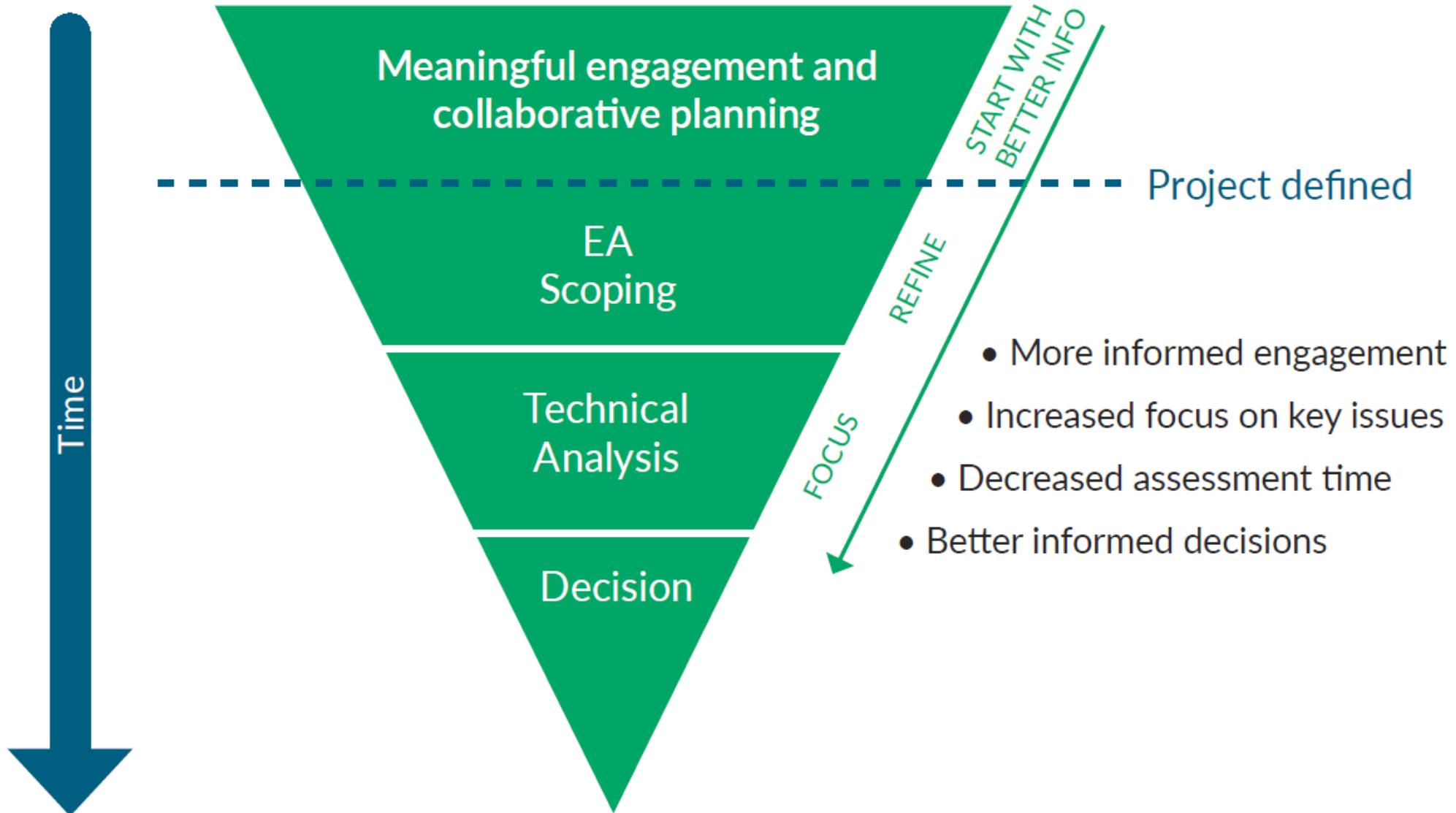
- Written comments
- Scoping sessions
- Terms of Reference
- Scope of Assessment
- DAR instructions

- Developer's Assessment Report
- Information requests
- Technical sessions
- Community sessions

- Technical Reports
- Public hearings
- Closing arguments

- Board deliberation
- Report of EA writing
- Decision to Minister







# What is scoping?

- Describe and understand the development
  - infrastructure
  - activities
- Identify and prioritize the issues
  - **identify** how the development may impact the environment and people
  - **prioritize** the issues to focus on

Scoping leads to more focused, efficient, and meaningful environmental assessment

Mackenzie Valley  
Review Board



SCOPING  
WHAT ARE THE MOST  
IMPORTANT ISSUES?

If you were on the Review Board, what issues would you focus on when you assess the project?



# Questions to think about during the developer's presentation



**This is an information session, not a scoping meeting!**

During the developer's presentation, please ask yourself:

1. How could the project affect the environment (such as wildlife, water)?
2. How could the project affect people (such as traditional harvesting, community structure, culture, economy)?
- 3. What are the most important issues you would focus on if you were on the Review Board? Do you agree with the issues the developer identified?**

In the **April scoping sessions**, the Board will ask for your views on these questions.



## Next Steps



- March 26 – participant funding applications due (CIRNAC)
- April – scoping meetings, technical and community
- May – public review of draft terms of reference
- May/June – final terms of reference and draft workplan

