

## ISSUES SCOPING AGENDA

### Howard's Pass Access Road Upgrade Project – EA1516-01

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**Date:** Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Location:** Yellowknife, Greenstone Building Lecture Hall. 5101 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Time:** 1:00 – 5:00

**Teleconference:** 1 877 215-4724 Code: 3501684

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#### ITEM

- 1:00pm Introduction and purpose of meeting – Board staff  
Project Description presentation – Selwyn  
Scope of development  
Geographic and temporal scope  
**Developer's proposed Key Lines of Inquiry and Subjects of Note**  
(as presented in Developer's Proposed Terms of Reference)  
Baseline and effects assessment  
Effects of the environment on the project  
Potential accidents and malfunctions  
Cumulative effects  
Follow-up and monitoring  
Closure and reclamation  
**Identification of any additional Key Lines Inquiry**
- 5:00 Adjourn

Coffee, tea and snacks provided

## What is an “issues scoping session”?

Scoping is one of the first steps in environmental assessment. During issues scoping sessions, interested groups and members of the public share their views about what issues and outstanding questions the Review Board should learn more about throughout the rest of the environmental assessment.

Throughout the scoping phase, your questions might not be answered right away. Scoping sessions are an opportunity to bring up questions that you think the Review Board should ask the developer during the environmental assessment. The answers to the questions come later in the *Developer’s Assessment Report*, the report which describes the developer’s predictions of impacts in more detail.

## What happens after the scoping session?

Scoping meetings are about identifying the issues and prioritizing them. After issues scoping, the Review Board will write a *Draft Terms of Reference*. The *Draft Terms of Reference* will be open for comment for two weeks for parties followed by a week for the developer. Following this the Review Board will issue a final *Terms of Reference*. The purpose of the *Terms of Reference* is to specify what information the developer must provide in its *Developers Assessment Report*. A draft work plan accompanies the *Terms of Reference* to clarify the environmental assessment process and estimate how long each step will take.

## Teleconference Information

For those individuals who are not able to participate in person, a teleconference line will be available. Phone number: 1-877-215-4724. Participant code: 3501684.

## Additional Information

For a more thorough description of the environmental assessment process, please see the Review Board tutorial at [http://www.reviewboard.ca/review\\_board\\_101](http://www.reviewboard.ca/review_board_101) and other documents in the Review Board’s reference library: [http://www.reviewboard.ca/reference\\_lib/](http://www.reviewboard.ca/reference_lib/). For more information on the Prairie Creek All-Season Road and Airstrip Project, please see the Review Board’s [Public Registry for the Howard’s Pass Access Road Upgrade Project EA](#).