



ISSUES SCOPING AGENDA

Howard's Pass All Season Access Road Upgrade Project

Date: Thursday October 22nd, 2015
Location: Recreation Center, Nahanni Butte
Time: 3:00-7:00pm

ITEM	
3:00pm	Introduction and purpose of meeting – Board staff
3:30pm	Project Description presentation – Selwyn Chihong Mining Ltd. Staff
1:00pm	Scoping exercise <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scope of development including alternatives• Geographic and temporal scope• Key Lines of Inquiry• Valued components including baseline and effects assessment• (as shown in draft Terms of Reference)• Effects of the environment on the project• Potential accidents and malfunctions• Cumulative effects• Follow up and monitoring• Closure and reclamation
5:00pm	Dinner is Served
6:30pm	Summary discussion
7:00pm	Adjourn

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.

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 and other documents in the Review Board’s reference library: http://www.reviewboard.ca/reference_lib/. For more information on the Howard’s Pass Access Road Upgrade project, please see the Review Board’s http://www.reviewboard.ca/registry/project.php?project_id=949 .