



## **Note to File**

EA0809-002: Prairie Creek Mine, Canadian Zinc Corporation  
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### **Re: Community Hearings and Formal Public Hearings**

This note to file describes the differences between community hearings and public hearings and assists parties in determining which hearing to attend. A community hearing provides an opportunity for people who live in that community to present their views on a project. Formal public hearings allow for all interested parties to outline their position on a project and present final submissions.

#### **Features common to both types of hearings**

- Review Board members are present at hearings and the Chairperson of the Review Board presides
- The developer attends hearings, presents the project and is available for questions from parties, the public and the Review Board
- Hearings are transcribed and form part of the public record

#### **Community hearing (informal)**

- The purpose of an informal community hearing is for the Review Board to hear the views of a community that may be affected by a development
- Members of the public or organizations from the community are encouraged to present their views at a community hearing
- Parties from outside the community may attend a community hearing in order to observe and answer questions but do not generally make presentations of final submissions

#### **Public hearing (formal)**

- The purpose of a formal public hearing is for the Review Board to hear the views of all parties that that may be affected by or have an interest in a development
- All parties are invited to attend a public hearing to present their final submissions and answer questions from the Review Board and other parties

### **Prairie Creek Mine hearings**

June 6: pre-hearing teleconference

June 22: informal community hearing in Nahanni Butte

June 23-24: formal public hearing in Fort Simpson

### **Further information on Review Board hearings**

The Review Board conducts hearings during an environmental assessment in accordance with the *MVEIRB Rules of Procedure 2005*. Hearing proceedings are described in greater detail in this document, which is available on the Review Board website in the Reference Library.