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Note to file

Follow-up with Pine Point Mining Limited on the Terms of Reference for the Pine Point Mine Project

Review Board staff met online with Pine Point Mining Limited on April 21, 2022, to follow-up on Terms of Reference engagement meetings with Indigenous Governments and organizations.

Participants:

Pine Point Mining Limited: Andrew Williams, Veronica Chisolm, Kristine Mason

Review Board staff: Eileen Marlowe, Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Alan Ehrlich, Chuck Hubert, Catherine Fairbairn

Summary of discussion:

Review Board staff presented a summary of the main topics discussed with Indigenous Governments and organizations during Review Board follow-up meetings on the Terms of Reference. Slides from the presentation are attached to this Note to File.

Review Board staff also discussed engagement opportunities moving forward and answered questions from Pine Point Mining Limited.

Information on the environmental assessment of the Pine Point Mine Project is here:

<https://reviewboard.ca/registry/ea2021-01>

A summary of the Pine Point Mine Project Terms of Reference is here:

https://reviewboard.ca/sites/default/files/news/files/7812_mve_summary_tor_web.pdf

Review Board outreach with Pine Point Mining Limited

What the Review Board heard in
Terms of Reference follow-up meetings with
Indigenous Governments and organizations

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Outline

- Introduce participants
- Give feedback on what the Review Board heard during follow-up meetings with Indigenous Governments and organizations
- Ask how the Review Board can assist you in answering questions in the Terms of Reference
- Offer suggestions

What the Review Board heard

1. Engagement

Indigenous Governments and organizations want to:

- know when you will be coming to their community to talk with them about your project
- know how will you involve them in studies and work needed to answer Terms of Reference questions and prepare the DAR
- meet the people in your project team

2. Traditional Knowledge studies

Indigenous Governments and organizations want to:

- be involved in Traditional Knowledge studies
- know how these studies will be funded

Use and incorporation of Traditional knowledge

Section 3.4 Terms of Reference, p 11-12

- The developer will make all reasonable efforts to support Indigenous organizations in the collection and consideration of Traditional Knowledge relevant to the Project.
- The developer will make all reasonable efforts to incorporate Traditional Knowledge from Indigenous culture holders as a tool in its evaluation of the specific impacts required in this ToR.

What are you doing to support Indigenous organizations in collecting and considering Traditional Knowledge and answering the questions in the Terms of Reference?

What is your strategy in getting input from communities?

What the Review Board heard continued

Indigenous Governments and organizations request:

- plain language summary of Terms or Reference
- plain language summary of EA process
- translated summary documents

Indigenous Governments and organizations agree with:

- key lines of inquiry as described using a holistic systems approach
- assessing impacts on surface and ground water both separately and combined
- assessing cumulative impacts of both biophysical and human environment with focus on legacy of past mining

How can the Board assist you in answering questions in the Terms of Reference

1. What are some of the challenges you have in fulfilling the Terms of Reference requirements and preparing your DAR?
2. Are there ways that the Board can help with the answering Terms of Reference questions?
3. Would Board facilitated workshops with parties assist you in answering the Terms of Reference questions?
4. Is there anything in the Terms of Reference that is unclear?

Coordinating meetings with government departments

In preparing the DAR, have there been challenges between you and:

- Territorial Government departments?
- Federal Government departments?
- Indigenous Governments and organizations?

Coordinating meetings with GNWT, federal departments and Indigenous Governments and organizations

- Is there anything you are uncertain about in these EA process steps?
- How can the Review Board help resolve any issues?



Additional process options (Board led)

Cultural impacts technical sessions after DAR is submitted

- similar to technical sessions during the analytical phase
- Board organized community workshops to discuss Traditional Knowledge and land use information
- independent facilitator used to assist all parties

[Fort Simpson Cultural Session All Season Road Canadian Zinc FINAL.PDF](#)

[Nahanni Butte Cultural session All Season Road Report FINAL.PDF](#)

Additional process options (Board led)

Board-facilitated workshops after DAR is submitted

Caribou modeling and assessment methodology

- differing opinion between consultants and parties on impact assessment methodology (energetics modeling for caribou)
- Review Board facilitated workshop with independent consultant
- Resulted in clear direction and common understanding between parties and developer

[Caribou technical meeting summary notes 19 Jan 2015.PDF](#)

Community engagement workshops are also an option