

# Community Scoping Meetings

in person and online

## for the environmental assessment of the Pine Point Mine Project

Online Zoom link for all 3 meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82612070046?pwd=ZnljMW00SHVJRmlFcTZUMkU0p0Zz09>

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Fort Resolution, April 26

Hay River, April 28

Katl'odeeche First Nation Reserve, April 29



# Scoping meeting Agenda



## 1. Review Board staff

Introduction to the Review Board and environmental assessment

What is an issues scoping meeting?

Meeting organization, how breakout groups will work

## 2. Pine Point Mining Limited

Project presentation

Questions and answers about the project

## 3. In person and online break out groups to discuss what to focus on and prioritize in this environmental assessment (Review Board staff)

## 4. Plenary discussion on grouping small group findings (Review Board staff)



# 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



# 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**
- support **sustainable development**



## 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



# Steps an environmental assessment



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

- Community and technical scoping meetings
- Written and audio comments on draft Terms of Reference
- Scope of Assessment
- Terms of Reference

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

- Technical Reports
- Community and technical hearings
- Closing arguments

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

Public participation  
shown in yellow



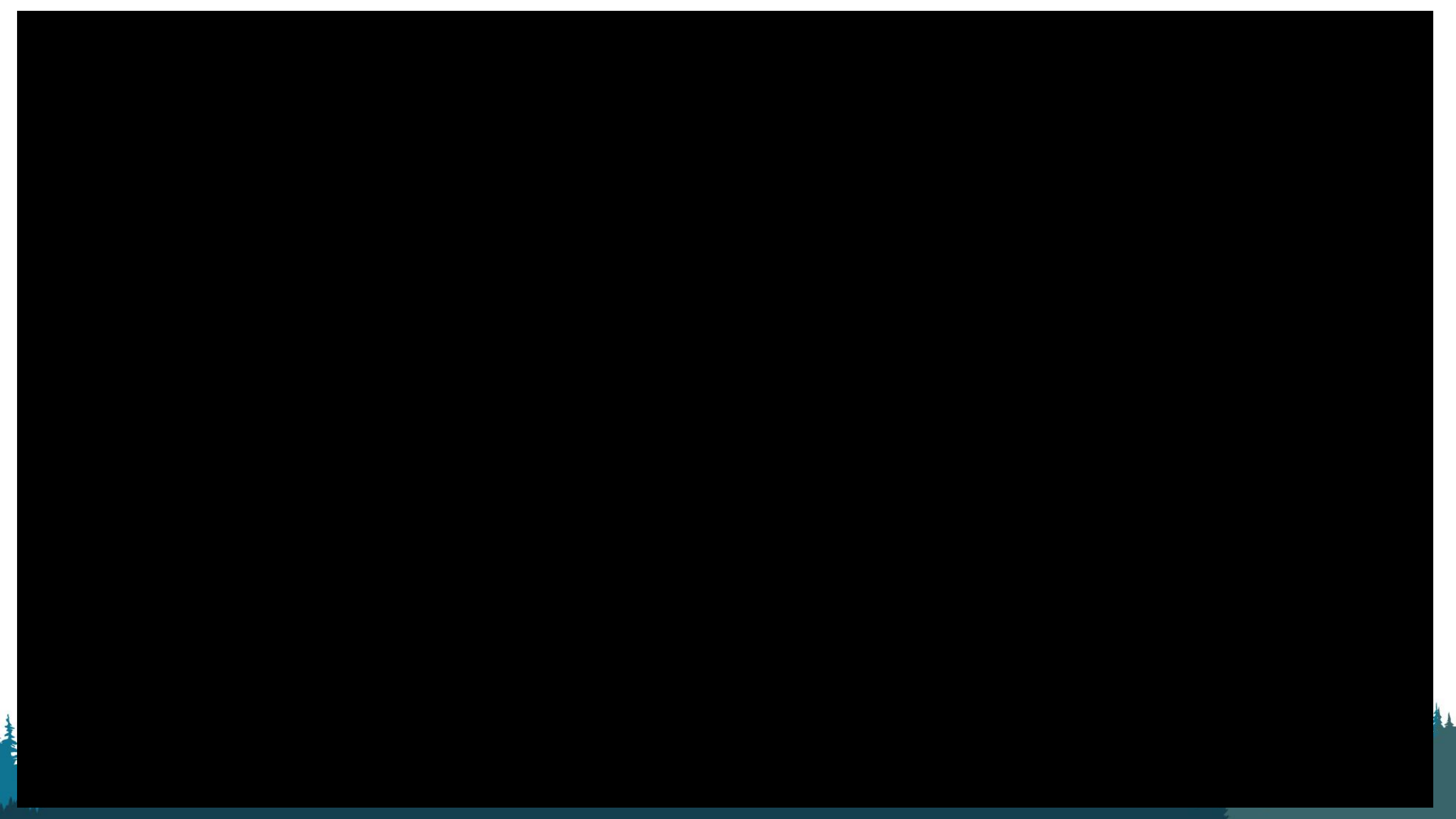


# How you can participate in the environmental assessment



- attend and participate during community and technical scoping sessions to help the Review Board decide which issues to focus on
- submit written and audio comments during engagement on the draft Terms of Reference
- attend and participate during community and technical sessions once Pine Point Mining submits its Developer's Assessment Report





# 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



## 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?



# Main questions in **scoping**

- 1. In what ways 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?



# Project interactions or pathways: The **WAYS** the project could affect the land and people

1. The developer (PPML) has described its views on **the ways the project could affect the land and people**, including:

- caribou and other wildlife
- social and cultural impacts to communities
- economic benefits
- water quality and groundwater
- traditional land use

## **What do you think?**

2. What are the **ways the project could affect the land and people?**

3. Considering this, **what issues are really important?**



# Do you agree with how the developer prioritized the issues?

## Are there **other issues** that are important to you that you would prioritize instead?

### Issues the developer says are most important

“Key Lines of Inquiry” – focus on impacts to:

- water quality
- caribou
- traditional land and resource use
- social and economic conditions

(what the developer proposes to focus on most in this EA)

### Developer identified other issues that matter

“Subjects of Note” – of secondary importance:

- air quality, noise, vibration, climate
- groundwater quantity and quality
- surface water quality
- fish and fish habitat
- terrain and soils
- vegetation
- wildlife (besides caribou)
- heritage resources
- non-traditional land and resource use

# What will we do with the information you have given us today?



The Review Board will:

- use what you said to prioritize the issues for this environmental assessment
- write a report of this meeting and share it with you
- carefully consider what you have said when the Board writes the Scope of Assessment and Terms of Reference
  - the Terms of Reference says what PPML must include in its Developer's Assessment Report
- give you an opportunity to review and comment on the draft Terms of Reference to make sure your views have been heard.

Environmental assessment works best when people like you participate.

Thank you for sharing your views and experience with us today!



# Next Steps

- April – 26 Fort Resolution, 27-28 Hay River, 29 Katl'odeeche
- May 4-5 - Technical scoping meetings in Yellowknife and online
- May – Review Board prepares a Scope of Assessment
- May – Review Board prepares draft Terms of Reference
- May - Public review of draft Terms of Reference
  
- May/June – Review Board issues a final Terms of Reference and draft workplan

