

Community Scoping Meeting Fort Resolution

in person and online

for the environmental assessment of the Pine Point Mine Project

Online Zoom link:

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Scoping meeting Agenda



1. Review Board staff

Introduction to the Review Board and environmental assessment

What is an issues scoping meeting?

Meeting organization

2. Pine Point Mining Limited

Project presentation

Questions and answers about the project

3. In person and online discussion on what to focus on and prioritize in this environmental assessment (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 for this project



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 with this project 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 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!

Technical scoping session May 4-5, 2021

- Review Board staff led the technical scoping online meeting
- about 70 people

- participants included federal and GNWT government departments, Indigenous organizations and governments
- questions and answers with Pine Point Mining and consultants

- commitments were made between Pine Point Mining and some government departments to have follow-up meetings on specific issues

Next Steps

- May/June – community scoping meetings in Fort Resolution, Hay River, and Katl’odeeche Reserve
- May/June - written comments on Developer's Assessment Proposal
- June – Review Board prepares draft Terms of Reference
- June - Public review of draft Terms of Reference
- June/July - Review Board issues a final Terms of Reference and draft workplan