

# Community Scoping Meeting

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

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## Objectives of the day

1. Understand what the developer is proposing to do
2. Talk about how the project could affect the environment and people
3. You tell us about which impacts need to be looked at in the most detail

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

Environmental assessment works best when local people and communities participate



# Environmental Assessment Process





# What is environmental assessment?

A **set of steps** where we look at the **potential impacts** of a proposed development

Goal: **to produce good informed decisions** about whether or not a project should proceed, and if so, under what conditions.

Good environmental assessment with meaningful, effective participation can:

- **improve project design**
- find ways to **prevent or reduce impacts**
- resolve conflicts and **build relationships**
- support **sustainable development**



# Review Board Members



# Guidance on how the Review Board does environmental assessment



## Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act

The process must have regard to:

- a) protection of the **environment**
- b) protection of **social, cultural and economic well-being**
- c) importance of conservation to the **well-being and way of life of the Indigenous peoples**

## Legal requirements

- ensure **public concerns** are taken into account
- incorporate **traditional knowledge**
- carry out its duties in a **timely** manner
- run a **fair** process
- operate in a **transparent** manner
- make **decisions based on the evidence**





# 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



# Environmental Assessment so far



**Feb 4:** Review Board orders Pine Point Mine Project to environmental assessment

**March 5:** Review Board EA start-up meeting

**March 12:** Information session on developer's EA Initiation Package

**May 4-5:** Technical scoping meeting – online

**May 27:** Community scoping meeting in Fort Resolution – online





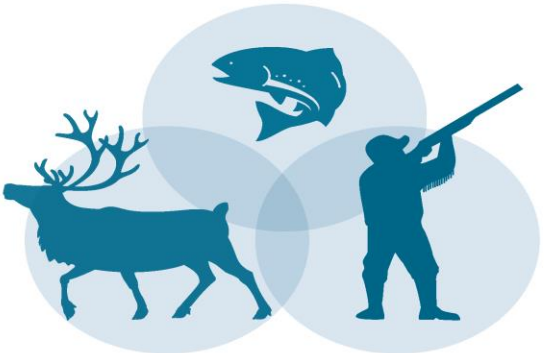
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would you focus on when you assess the project?



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# Scoping phase (current EA phase)



# 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?

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# 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?**





# How could the project affect the land and people?

## Which things are really important and need the most attention?

### Issues the developer says are **most important** and will get the most focus in the EA

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

### Developer identified **other issues that matter and must be assessed**

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



# What will Review Board staff do with the information you provide today?



## **Review Board staff will:**

- write a report of this meeting and share it with you
- tell the Review Board what we heard

## **The Review Board will:**

- consider what you said when prioritizing the issues for this assessment
- carefully consider what you have said when writing the draft the Terms of Reference
- give you an opportunity to review and comment on the draft Terms of Reference to make sure your views have been heard



## Next Steps

- July – Review Board prepares draft Terms of Reference
- July – Public review of draft Terms of Reference
- August – Review Board issues a final Terms of Reference and draft workplan

