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DATE:	June 22, 2016
PLACE:	407 McGill St. Suite 410 Montréal
PRESENT:	Suzann Méthot, Chairperson, Québec Daniel Berrouard, Québec Robert Joly, Québec Brian Craik, CNG Paul John Murdoch, CNG
Executive Secretary:	Mélanie Chabot

1) CALL TO ORDER AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

One item was added to the agenda under “Other business”:

- Chief Happyjack’s request to meet with the chairperson, Suzann Méthot.

2) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 342ND MEETING

The minutes of the 342nd meeting were adopted as presented.

3) CORRESPONDENCE AND FOLLOW-UP ACTION (APPENDIX A)

Correspondence received and sent between May 25 and June 15, 2016 is listed in Appendix A. Note that the letters further to the 342nd meeting have not been sent yet, but will be soon. Also note that a new provincial administrator will be appointed soon, as Christyne Tremblay takes up office as the federal deputy minister of natural resources on August 1, 2016.

4) FOREST ROAD L-209, BARRETTE-CHAPAIS

- a) Document containing questions and comments

WHEREAS the Cree members submitted a report to COMEX, prepared by Tyler D. Rudolph for the Cree Nation Government and entitled *Impacts of proposed road L-209 on woodland caribou of Eeyou Istchee: preliminary assessment & identification of knowledge gaps*;

CONSEQUENTLY, it was agreed that the members would study the report in greater depth before COMEX’s next meeting to identify elements that might enhance the questions and comments document under preparation.

Action: Enhance the questions and comments document by incorporating interesting elements from Tyler D. Rudolph’s report

WHEREAS the Québec government released its action plan for woodland caribou habitat management on April 5;

WHEREAS the members would like information on the substance of short-term measures because it could guide their review of L-209;

CONSEQUENTLY, it was agreed to mention in the cover letter to be sent with the questions and comments document that COMEX must have more details regarding the measures to be taken in the short term. COMEX would also like to be updated on notices issued by the Wildlife branch.

Action: Mention this in the cover letter to the Provincial Administrator

5) SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITE IN WASWANIP

- a) The answers to the Committee's questions were received on April 18, 2016

WHEREAS the opening of a new solid waste disposal site (landfill) and the closure and remediation of the existing site are being treated as two separate projects;

WHEREAS COMEX deems several of the proponent's responses with regard to the project to open a new landfill unsatisfactory;

CONSEQUENTLY, it was agreed to prepare another series of questions and comments.

Action: Prepare another series of questions and comments for the next meeting

6) ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE *NATION*

An article about COMEX was published in the June 10, 2016 issue of the *Nation* magazine. The article contained an error regarding an aspect that is not controlled by COMEX, but rather falls under the responsibility of the regional office. An *erratum* will be issued.

This year, COMEX will use its four quarter-pages and six half-pages in the magazine to promote its website and other activities. COMEX will also have a banner on the magazine's website (www.nationnews.ca) at the time of publication.

7) MEETING WITH JBACE CHAIRPERSON

COMEX's chairperson met with the JBACE's chairperson on June 2, 2016. The JBACE is currently working on the issue of cumulative effects. Since this is an issue of great interest to the members of COMEX, they will be invited to a cumulative effects workshop in September.

COMEX and the JBACE plan to work together on a proponents' guide to conducting public consultations. The committees will keep each other informed of their respective work.

8) COMEV WEBSITE

COMEV intends to create its own website soon. For projects under provincial jurisdiction, the website will redirect visitors to COMEX's website. The main impact for management of COMEX's website would be that projects will be posted online when the project notice is received, whereas, currently, they are not posted until after the impact statement has been received.

9) OTHER BUSINESS

- Email from Chief Happyjack requesting to meet with the chairperson, Suzann Méthot

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WHEREAS Chief Happyjack reiterated his request to meet with Ms. Méthot in an email dated June 14, 2016;

CONSEQUENTLY, Ms. Méthot, accompanied by John Paul Murdoch, will meet with Chief Happyjack soon to discuss general issues. Specific questions on forest roads “H – Section West” and “I” will not be addressed.

Action: Check with the proponent to see if construction of forest roads “H – Section West” and “I” has begun

10) DATE AND PLACE OF COMING MEETINGS

- July 20, 2016, in Montréal
- August 26, 2016, in Montréal
- September 27, in Waskaganish

Appendix A
Correspondence and follow-up action: May 25 to June 15, 2016

PROJECT	FROM	TO	DOCUMENT	DATE	COMMENTS	ACTION
Eastmain-1-A/ Rupert hydroelectric development project, Hydro-Québec 3214-10-17	Mireille Paul MDDELCC	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Request to amend the certificate of authorization to allow construction of a spur dike and stabilization of a slope at the weir at KP 170 on Rupert River	Received: May 27, 2016	-	<i>for a recommendation on the amendment to the CA</i>
Langlois mining project, Nyrstar 3214-14-026	Suzann Méthot COMEX	Christyne Tremblay Provincial Admin.	Recommendation for authorization with conditions	Sent: June 13, 2016	-	-