



la Convention  
de la Baie James  
et du Nord québécois

## Comité d'examen des répercussions sur l'environnement et le milieu social

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### MINUTES OF THE

### 395th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE

(Adopted)

<b>DATE:</b>	May 27, 2021
<b>PLACE:</b>	Video conference (Teams)
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Luc Lainé, Chairman Daniel Berrouard, Québec Robert Joly, Québec John Paul Murdoch, CNG Brian Craik, CNG  Sophie Cooper, Executive Secretary

**1) Call to order and adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

**2) Adoption of the minutes of the 394th meeting**

The minutes of the 394th meeting were adopted as presented.

**Action: Translate and file the 394th meeting minutes**

**3) Correspondence and follow-up action**

Correspondence and follow-up action from April 22 to May 27, 2021 are presented in Appendix A.

**4) Wemindji New Solid Waste Disposal Site by the Cree Nation of Wemindji**

**Ref. No.: 3219-16-002**

- a. Environmental and social impact assessment
- b. Additional information (answers to questions and comments)
  - For recommendation

WHEREAS on October 19, 2020, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, the environmental and social impact assessment for the project to build a new landfill in Wemindji for the disposal of solid wastes and, on April 20, 2021, received additional information (answers to the committee's questions and comments).

The COMEX members reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent. After reviewing all the information regarding this project, COMEX recommends that the Regional Administrator authorize the project subject to certain conditions.

*#2021-0527-01: write to the Regional Administrator to inform him that the COMEX members reviewed the information provided by the proponent and recommend that the project be authorized subject to certain conditions (recommendation detailed in the letter).*

**Action: Write to the Regional Administrator**  
**Transmit a recommendation**

**5) Other business**

**a. Rose Lithium-Tantalum Mining Project: Report on the discussion with the analysts**

COMEX sent the cover letter and document concerning the public hearings on the Rose Lithium-Tantalum Mining Project to the Provincial Administrator on April 30, 2021. The COMEX members will be informed when the documents have been sent to the proponent.

**b. Annual Report 2020-2021**

Revision of the annual report. Incorporation of the changes suggested by the Cree Nation Government regarding the public hearings on the Rose Lithium-Tantalum Mining Project. The annual report will be sent for translation in June.

**c. Éléonore Mine Project: Deferral of lake sturgeon monitoring**

On April 23, 2021, COMEX was notified that scientific monitoring of lake sturgeon through traditional fisheries is being pushed back. Lake sturgeon monitoring was a requirement of condition 5.1 of the global certificate of authorization issued on November 10, 2011. COMEX takes note of the deferral notice and approves the decision to wait until spring 2022 to conduct the lake sturgeon monitoring.

COMEX will write to the Provincial Administrator to inform him that the committee has taken note of the deferral of lake sturgeon monitoring.

**Action: Write to the Regional Administrator**

**d. Reimbursement of expenses: Conference and seminar registration**

Moïse Ngolwa (Administrative Assistant, DGÉES) informed COMEX that the members will be reimbursed for conference and seminar registration fees. The members must fill out the necessary documents and have them approved by Mélissa Gagnon.

**e. Cree Nation Government document: Request for information on road transportation**

Discussion of the document submitted by the Cree Nation Government containing the Cree communities' questions and concerns about the impact of road transportation in the James Bay territory.

**f. Project schedule for summer 2021**

Discussion of future projects, in particular:

- i. the Whapmagoostui Kuujjuaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project
- ii. the project to build an access road to the new landfill site in Waswanipi
- iii. the project to build a new wastewater treatment plant in Wemindji

**6) Next meetings**

The meetings scheduled for June 29 and July 22, 2021 have to be cancelled. A Doodle survey will be sent to the members to schedule a new date for COMEX's 396th meeting.

Appendix A Correspondence and follow-up: April 22 to May 27, 2021					
Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - Comments
Éléonore Mine Project, Opinaca Mines Ltd. Ref. No.: 3214-14-042	Geneviève Pépin Goldcorp Canada Ltd.	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Notice of deferral of lake sturgeon monitoring (Condition 5.1)	Sent: April 13, 2021	
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: April 23, 2021 Received by COMEX: April 23, 2021	<i>For information</i>
Whapmagoostui Kuujjuaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project, Kuujjuaraapik Whapmagoostui Renewable Energy Corporation Ref. No.: 3219-10-001	Matthew Mukash Whapmagoostui Kuujjuaraapik Renewable Energy Corp.	Isaac Voyager Regional Administrator	<i>Environmental and Social Impact Assessment</i>	Sent: March 31, 2021	
	Isaac Voyager Regional Administrator	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: April 23, 2021 Received by COMEX: April 23, 2021	<i>For recommendation</i>
Project to develop a permanent access road to the new landfill site, Cree First Nation of Waswanipi Ref. No.: 3214-16-068	Rhonda Oblin Cooper Cree First Nation Waswanipi	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the certificate of authorization	Sent: February 18, 2021	
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: April 27, 2021 Received by COMEX: April 27, 2021	<i>For recommendation</i>
Rose Lithium-Tantalum Mining Project, Critical Elements Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-14-053	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Follow-up on the public hearings	Sent: April 30, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt: May 6, 2021	
Nibiischii national park project, Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs Ref. No.: 3214-18-003	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	Application to amend the certificate of authorization Recommendation	Sent: May 3, 2021 Acknowledgement of receipt: May 4, 2021	

<b>Appendix A</b> <b>Correspondence and follow-up: April 22 to May 27, 2021</b>					
<b>Project</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Document</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Action - Comments</b>
Project to mine and process 900 000 tonnes of gold ore from the Bachelor underground mine, Bonterra Resources Ref. No.: 3214-14-027	Pascal Hamelin Bonterra Resources	Marc Croteau Deputy Minister MELCC	2020 annual report	Sent: May 3, 2021	
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCC	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: May 18, 2021 Received by COMEX: May 18, 2021	<i>For information</i>
Project to build a new landfill in Wemindji for the disposal of solid wastes, Cree Nation of Wemindji Ref. No.: 3219-16-002	Luc Lainé COMEX	Arden Visitor Cree Nation of Wemindji	Request for permission to publish on COMEX's website	Sent: May 26, 2021	
Project to build a new wastewater treatment plant in Wemindji, Cree Nation of Wemindji Ref. No.: 3219-12-003	Luc Lainé COMEX	Arden Visitor Cree Nation of Wemindji	Request for permission to publish on COMEX's website	Sent: May 26, 2021	
Whapmagoostui Kuujjuaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project, Kuujjuaraapik Whapmagoostui Renewable Energy Corporation Ref. No.: 3219-10-001	Luc Lainé COMEX	Matthew Mukash Whapmagoostui Kuujjuaraapik Renewable Energy Corp.	Request for permission to publish on COMEX's website	Sent: May 26, 2021	

