



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
416th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE
(Adopted)**

DATE: July 27, 2023

PLACE: Video conference (Teams)

PRESENT: Luc Lainé, Chairman
Daniel Berrouard, Québec
Robert Joly, Québec
John Paul Murdoch, CNG
Lucas Del Vecchio, 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 415th meeting

The minutes of the 415th meeting were adopted as presented.

Action: Translate and file the 415th meeting minutes

3) Correspondence and follow-up action

Correspondence and follow-up action from June 29 to July 27, 2023, are presented in Appendix A.

4) Windfall mining project, Osisko Mining

Ref. No.: 3214-14-59

a) Environmental and social impact assessment

➤ For recommendation

WHEREAS on April 4, 2023, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for its recommendation, the environmental and social impact assessment for the Windfall mining project.

WHEREAS, after reviewing the documents, COMEX finds that crucial information is missing in the impact assessment for the Windfall mining project. The members therefore deem it incomplete and, in their opinion, the project cannot be reviewed if not presented in its entirety.

WHEREAS COMEX will recommend that the Provincial Administrator inform the proponent that the Committee members deem the impact assessment incomplete and will continue reviewing the project once they have received all the missing information.

#2023-0727-01: *write to the Provincial Administrator to inform her that the COMEX members deem the impact assessment for the Windfall mining project incomplete and will continue reviewing the project once they have received all the missing information. An appendix detailing the crucial information missing in the impact assessment will be enclosed with the letter.*

Action: Write to the Provincial Administrator

5) Other business

a. Planned quarry over 3 ha in size near the LG-3 hydroelectric development, Hydro-Québec

The COMEX members were informed that the proponent must revise its project because "the operation of a quarry or sand pit is prohibited in a marsh or an open peatland" under

the *Regulation respecting sand pits and quarries.*" COMEX is waiting to receive details from the proponent.

b. Forest roads H and I: Under review

The COMEX members are still waiting for further information from the MELCFFP analysts regarding the impact of forest fires on logging activities and protected areas for caribou. COMEX will continue reviewing the project once it has received this crucial information.

c. Whabouchi Spodumene Mine Project, Nemaska Lithium

The COMEX members took note of the table of amendments to the certificate of authorization for the Whabouchi project since 2015. COMEX was also informed of pending amendments.

d. Annual Report 2022-2023

The members approved the final version (French and English) of COMEX's 2022-2023 annual report. It will be officially transmitted to the provincial and regional administrators on July 28, 2023.

Action: Send the 2022-2023 annual report to the administrators

e. New chair appointed to the Cree-Québec Forestry Board (CQFB)

The COMEX members approved the draft letter to Mr. Brizard congratulating him on his appointment as the new CQFB chair and inviting him to meet with the chairman, Luc Lainé. The letter will be sent to Mr. Brizard as well as the CQFB's executive director.

Action: Send the letter

f. Projects on the agenda for the meetings scheduled for summer 2023

- James Bay Lithium Mine Project, Galaxy Lithium Inc.
 - Responses to commitment requests
 - Drafting of the review report
- Eastmain-1-A and Rupert diversion project, Hydro-Québec
- Planned quarry over 3 ha in size near the La Grande-3 hydroelectric development, Hydro-Québec
- Planned expansion of the quarry on the Éléonore property: Application to amend the certificate of authorization

6) Next meetings

The next meetings of COMEX will be held on September 1, October 4 and October 31, 2023, by video conference.

Appendix A
Correspondence and follow-up: June 29 to July 27, 2023

Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - Comments
Development of a new landfill in Whapmagoostui, Whapmagoostui First Nation Ref. No.: 3214-16-099	Issac Voyageur Regional Administrator CNG	Luc Lainé COMEX	Follow-up on conditions 1 and 7 of the CA	Sent: June 29, 2023 Received by COMEX: June 29, 2023	<i>For information</i>
Expansion of Quarry C-02 - Éléonore property, Goldcorp Canada Ltd. Ref. No.: 3214-14-042	Geneviève Pépin Newmont	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Application to amend the certificate of authorization – Notice of change in the total volume of ore extracted	Sent: June 12, 2023	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Maud Ablain MELCCFP	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: July 3, 2023 Received by COMEX: July 3, 2023	
Eastmain-1-A and Rupert diversion project, Hydro-Québec Ref. No.: 3214-10-017	Luc Lainé COMEX	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Follow-up on conditions of the global CA	Sent: July 10, 2023 Acknowledgement of receipt: July 10, 2023	<i>For information</i>
James Bay Lithium Mine Project, Allkem/Galaxy Lithium Ref. No.: 3214-14-055	Denis Couture Allkem/Galaxy Lithium	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Additional information	Sent: June 28, 2023	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Maud Ablain MELCCFP	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent: July 10, 2023 Received by COMEX: July 10, 2023	