



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  
439<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE  
(Adopted)**

<b>DATE:</b>	October 21, 2025
<b>PLACE:</b>	Videoconference (Teams)
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Luc Lainé, Chairman Daniel Berrouard, Québec Robert Joly, Québec Lucas Del Vecchio, CNG  Sophie Cooper, Executive Secretary
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Paul John Murdoch, Grand Chief, CNG

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

The agenda for the 439<sup>th</sup> meeting was adopted as presented.

**2) Adoption of the minutes of the 438<sup>th</sup> meeting**

The minutes of the 438<sup>th</sup> meeting were adopted as presented.

**Action: Translate and file the 438<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes**

**3) Correspondence follow-up**

The follow-up correspondence from September 17, 2025, to October 21, 2025, is presented in Appendix A.

**4) Project to build a new landfill in Nemaska, Cree Nation of Nemaska**

**Ref.: 3214-16-079**

- a) Environmental and social impact study
- b) Additional information (answers to questions and comments and corrections) and analysis report
  - For recommendation

WHEREAS on July 11, 2024, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for recommendation, the environmental and social impact study for the project in question. Additional information was provided on September 8, 2025, and October 20, 2025.

WHEREAS the members of COMEX have reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent for this project and recommend that the Provincial Administrator authorize the project with conditions. The analysis report will be attached to the letter and will include the conditions under which the project must be carried out.

**#2025-1021-01:** *write to the Provincial Administrator informing him that the members of COMEX have reviewed the information provided by the proponent and recommend that the project be authorized with conditions (conditions specified in the analysis report).*

**Action:           Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator  
                      Send a recommendation**

**5) Windfall mining project, Windfall Mining Group**

**Ref.: 3214-14-059**

- a) Environmental and social impact study
- b) Additional information (answers to questions and comments – QC01)
- c) Additional information (answers to questions and comments – QC02)
  - For recommendation

WHEREAS on April 4, 2023, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for recommendation, the environmental and social impact study for the project in question.

After informing the proponent that several essential elements of the impact study were missing, COMEX received an addendum to the impact study on January 29, 2024. Additional information was received on November 7, 2024 (answers to the first round of questions and comments) and July 28, 2025 (answers to the second round of questions and comments).

WHEREAS, following its analysis, COMEX is still awaiting information previously requested or announced by the proponent on various aspects of the project that will enable the Review Committee to proceed to the next phase, public hearings.

**#2025-1021-02:** *write to the Provincial Administrator informing him that the members of COMEX have reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and wish to submit a request for additional information to the proponent.*

**Action:            Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator  
                      Send a request for additional information**

## **6) Other business**

### **a) Cree-Québec Forestry Board 2024–2025 annual report**

The Executive Secretary will acknowledge receipt of the Cree-Québec Forestry Board (CQFB) 2024–2025 annual report. The message will also include an invitation for CQFB Chairman Mr. Brizard to attend a meeting with the Chairman of COMEX.

**Action: Acknowledge receipt and send an invitation to a meeting**

### **b) 2026 IAIA Conference**

The Executive Secretary will forward a summary of the draft poster to be presented at the 2026 IAIA Conference to the members of COMEX for approval. This poster will illustrate the various phases of the environmental and social impact assessment process for northern projects: the initial analysis, developing the directive, carrying out the impact study, formulating recommendations, making a decision, and conducting environmental and social monitoring. It will highlight the collaboration between the parties involved, including representatives of the governments of Québec and the Cree Nation, and underscore the guiding principles behind COMEX's recommendations.

### **c) Planning a meeting with the Provincial Administrator**

In preparation for the meeting with the Provincial Administrator, the Executive Secretary will deliver a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the main talking points to the members of COMEX for approval. This presentation is designed to guide discussions and highlight priority issues.

**d) Projects on the agenda for meetings scheduled for fall 2025**

- James Bay lithium mine project – Condition monitoring
- Whabouchi mining project – Condition monitoring
- Forest roads H and I – Amendment to the certificate of authorization

**7) Next meetings**

The next COMEX meetings are scheduled for November 12, 2025, in person, and December 2, 2025, by videoconference.

**Appendix A**  
**Follow-up correspondence from September 17, 2025, to October 21, 2025**

Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action – Comments
Natural aggregate mining project on James Bay Cree Nation Category II lands, Waskaganish First Nation Ref.: 3214-03-030	Luc Lainé COMEX	Frédéric Guay Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Application to amend a certificate of authorization: Transmission of a recommendation	Sent September 18, 2025	<i>For recommendation</i>
James Bay lithium mine project, Galaxy Lithium Inc. Ref.: 3214-14-055	Denis Couture Galaxy Lithium	Frédéric Guay Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Condition monitoring for the certificate of authorization issued on December 27, 2023: Condition 5 – Analysis of geochemical data for the design of co-disposal piles	Sent September 5, 2025	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent September 17, 2025 Received COMEX September 22, 2025	
2024–2025 COMEX annual report	Luc Lainé COMEX	Frédéric Guay Nadia Saganash Ian Courtemanche Mélissa Gagnon Maud Ablain Julie Rodrigue JBACE CQFB EIJBRG ARBJ HFTCC CTA	Transmission of the annual report	Sent September 24, 2025	
James Bay lithium mine project, Galaxy Lithium Inc. Ref.: 3214-14-055	Luc Lainé COMEX	Frédéric Guay Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Condition monitoring for the certificate of authorization – Condition 34: Cree cultural awareness program	Sent October 6, 2025	<i>For information</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Denis Couture Galaxy Lithium		Sent October 20, 2025 Received COMEX October 20, 2025	

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Barry and Moroy gold ore processing project at the Bachelor site and increase in milling rate, Bonterra Resources Ref.: 3214-14-027	Luc Lainé COMEX	Frédéric Guay Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Environmental and social impact study – Transmission of a request for additional information	Sent October 6, 2025	<i>For recommendation</i>
Eastmain-1-A and Rupert diversion hydroelectric project, Hydro-Québec Ref.: 3214-10-017	Luc Lainé COMEX	Frédéric Guay Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Condition monitoring for the certificate of authorization – 2019 study report: Eelgrass monitoring on the eastern shore of James Bay	Sent October 6, 2025	<i>For information</i>
Eastmain-1-A and Rupert diversion hydroelectric project, Hydro-Québec Ref.: 3214-10-017	Luc Lainé COMEX	Frédéric Guay Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Condition monitoring for the certificate of authorization – 2020–2021 study report: Monitoring Cree land use	Sent October 6, 2025	<i>For information</i>
Project to build a new landfill site in Nemaska, Cree Nation of Nemaska Ref.: 3214-16-079	Julien Rousset Stantec	Frédéric Guay Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Environmental and social impact study – Transmission of additional information	Sent September 24, 2025	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent October 7, 2025 Received COMEX October 7, 2025	
COMEX and Provincial Administrator meeting (November 12, 2025)	Sophie Cooper COMEX	Frédéric Guay Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Meeting agenda	Sent October 7, 2025	
James Bay lithium mine project, Galaxy Lithium Inc. Ref.: 3214-14-055	Luc Lainé COMEX	Frédéric Guay Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Condition monitoring for the certificate of authorization – Condition 14: Fish habitat compensation plan	Sent October 9, 2025	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Denis Couture Galaxy Lithium		Sent October 20, 2025 Received COMEX October 21, 2025	
Whabouchi mining project, Nemaska Lithium Ref.: 3214-14-052	Luc Lainé COMEX	Frédéric Guay Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Application to amend the certificate of authorization: Extension of use of the temporary camp – Transmission of a request for additional information	Sent October 9, 2025	<i>For recommendation</i>

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Eastmain-1-A and Rupert diversion hydroelectric project, Hydro-Québec Ref.: 3214-10-017	Luc Lainé COMEX	Frédéric Guay Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Condition monitoring for the certificate of authorization – 2017 environmental activity report	Sent October 9, 2025	<i>For information</i>
Eastmain-1-A and Rupert diversion hydroelectric project, Hydro-Québec Ref.: 3214-10-017	Luc Lainé COMEX	Frédéric Guay Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Condition monitoring for the certificate of authorization – Monitoring the landscape and rock paintings	Sent October 9, 2025	<i>For information</i>
Rose Lithium-Tantalum mining project, Critical Elements Lithium Corporation Ref.: 3214-14-053	Nancy Duquet-Harvey CELC	Frédéric Guay Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Condition monitoring for the certificate of authorization: Answers to questions and comments concerning conditions 9, 11, 12 and 15 of the CA (WBW and fish habitat compensation plan)	Sent September 24, 2025	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent October 8, 2025 Received COMEX October 14, 2025	
Cree-Québec Forestry Board	Ronald Brizard CQFB	Luc Lainé COMEX	2024–2025 annual report	Sent October 15, 2025	
Project to build a new landfill site in Nemaska, Cree Nation of Nemaska Ref.: 3214-16-079	Julien Rousset Stantec	Frédéric Guay Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Environmental and social impact study – Transmission of additional information	Sent October 16, 2025	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent October 20, 2025 Received COMEX October 20, 2025	
James Bay lithium mine project, Galaxy Lithium Inc. Ref.: 3214-14-055	Denis Couture Galaxy Lithium	Frédéric Guay Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Condition monitoring for the certificate of authorization – Condition 3: Update to the commitment tracking table	Sent October 10, 2025	<i>For information</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent October 20, 2025 Received COMEX October 20, 2025	

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Troilus mining project, Troilus Gold Corp. Ref.: 3214-14-067	Jacqueline Leroux Troilus Gold Corp.	Frédéric Guay Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Transmission of the environmental and social impact study	Sent September 22, 2025	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélima Gagnon MELCCFP	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent October 21, 2025 Received COMEX October 21, 2025	