

1) Call to order and adoption of the agenda

The agenda for the 441st meeting was adopted as presented.

2) Adoption of the minutes of the 440th meeting

The minutes of the 440th meeting were adopted as presented.

Action: Translate and file the 440th meeting minutes

3) Correspondence follow-up

The follow-up correspondence from November 13, 2025, to December 2, 2025, is presented in Appendix A.

4) James Bay lithium mine project, Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc.

Ref.: 3214-14-055

- a) Condition monitoring for the certificate of authorization: Condition 5 – Geochemical characterization of waste rock and tailings
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS on September 22, 2025, the Review Committee (COMEX) received, for recommendation, the analysis of geochemical data relating to the design of the co-disposal pits for the James Bay lithium mining project. This plan was drawn up by the proponent to meet the requirements of condition 5 of the certificate of authorization issued on December 27, 2023.

In accordance with this condition, the proponent was to carry out kinetic tests on a mixture of waste rock and tailings to reproduce the conditions expected in the co-disposal waste piles. It also had to have all the results analyzed by a third party, present these results and recommendations in a comprehensive report, and demonstrate how these recommendations were incorporated into the final design of the waste piles. According to the proponent, kinetic tests indicate that the mixture of waste rock and tailings can be considered non-leachable and non-acidogenic. As a result, no additional modifications or recommendations were required for the co-disposal waste pile design.

WHEREAS the members of COMEX believe that the document provided is incomplete and does not fully satisfy condition 5 of the certificate of authorization. Uncertainties remain regarding the acid-generating potential of the waste piles, the content of certain metals in the waste rock and the detection limits reported in the analyses.

WHEREAS COMEX wishes to obtain clarification on several aspects of the characterization of the waste rock and tailings mixture which, in its opinion, should be clarified. A letter containing COMEX's questions and comments will be sent to the Provincial Administrator to be forwarded to the proponent.

#2025-1202-01: *write to the Provincial Administrator informing him that the members of COMEX have reviewed the documents submitted by the proponent and recommend that questions and comments be forwarded to the proponent.*

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

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)
- d) Further information (pending)
- e) Discussion – Public hearings
 - For recommendation

WHEREAS, pending the proponent’s responses to the additional questions, COMEX has decided to begin preparations for the public hearings. The Executive Secretary informed members that no response has been received from the community of Waswanipi yet. The CNG’s environmental assessment team and Lucas Del Vecchio will follow up with the community.

In the meantime, the Executive Secretary will contact the community of Lebel-sur-Quévillon to inform them of the possibility of holding public hearings at the end of February 2026 for the Windfall mining project.

A COMEX meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2025, to discuss the status of preparations for the public hearings.

#2025-1202-02: *write to the Mayor of Lebel-sur-Quévillon informing him of the public hearings for the Windfall mining project.*

Action: **Send a letter to Guy Lafrenière, Mayor of Lebel-sur-Quévillon**

6) Other business

a) A look back at the 2025 Québec Mines + Énergie conference

The Executive Secretary presented a summary of the presentations on mine site reclamation and by the Société du Plan Nord. She invited members to consult these presentations once they are available online.

b) Clarification of conditions for the new TL project in Nemaska

The Secretary informed members that clarifications have been made to conditions 2 and 4 of the TL project in Nemaska. These adjustments do not alter COMEX's intentions but rather are intended to clarify them.

- Condition 2: addition of a point concerning the procedures for filing environmental monitoring and follow-up reports, including the frequency and timing of filing these reports.
- Condition 4: clarification that the proponent must send the Provincial Administrator, for information, a rehabilitation plan for the existing landfill site at least six months before operations begin at the new site.

COMEX expressed no objections to these changes.

c) Projects on the agenda for meetings scheduled for winter 2026

- 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 meeting

The next COMEX meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2026, by videoconference.

Appendix A
Follow-up correspondence from November 13, 2025, to December 2, 2025

Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action – Comments
Project to develop a new landfill site in Whapmagoostui, Whapmagoostui Cree Nation Ref.: 3219-16-001	Simon Rousseau Stantec	Nadia Saganash Regional Administrator CNG	Condition monitoring for the certificate of authorization – Conditions 1, 2 and 9 – Transmission of additional information	Sent October 9, 2025	<i>For information</i>
	Nadia Saganash Regional Administrator CNG	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent November 13, 2025 Received COMEX November 13, 2025	
Windfall mining project, Windfall Mining Group Ref.: 3214-14-059	Luc Lainé COMEX	Irene Neeposh Chief, Cree First Nation of Waswanipi	Transmission of a request for information	Sent November 14, 2025	
Windfall mining project, Windfall Mining Group Ref.: 3214-14-059	Andréanne Boisvert Windfall Mining Group	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Transmission of a request for additional information	Sent November 17, 2025 Received COMEX November 18, 2025	<i>For recommendation</i>
Éléonore mining project, Dhilmar Éléonore Ref.: 3214-14-042	Geneviève Pépin Dhilmar Éléonore	Frédéric Guay Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Transmission of an addendum to the 2024 environmental and social monitoring report – Phase 3b and phase 4 report	Sent October 22, 2025	<i>For information</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent November 14, 2025 Received COMEX November 18, 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 8: Monitoring the watertightness of the geomembrane under the haul roads – Transmission of a recommendation	Sent November 21, 2025	<i>For recommendation</i>

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Éléonore mining project, Dhilmar Éléonore Ref.: 3214-14-042	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Geneviève Pépin Dhilmar Éléonore	Transmission of the amendment to the certificate of authorization – Expansion of sand pit A-01	Sent November 20, 2025 Received COMEX November 21, 2025	<i>For recommendation</i>
Rose Lithium-Tantalum mining project, Critical Elements Lithium Corporation Ref.: 3214-14-053	Nancy Duquet-Harvey CELC	Frédéric Guay Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Monitoring of condition 22 – Availability status of electric and hybrid mining equipment - Transmission of answers to questions and comments	Sent November 13, 2025	<i>For information</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Luc Lainé COMEX		Sent November 20, 2025 Received COMEX November 21, 2025	