



la Convention
de la Baie-James
et du Nord québécois

Comité d'examen
Review Committee

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MINUTES OF THE
300th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE
(ADOPTED)

DATE: Wednesday, November 7, 2012

PLACE: Motel Le Nordic, Room “Jos”

PRESENT: Pierre Mercier, Chairperson, Québec
Daniel Berrouard, Québec
Robert Lemieux, Québec
Brian Craik, CRA
Philip Awashish, CRA

Executive Secretary: Marie-Michèle Tessier

1) CALL TO ORDER AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. and began with feedback on the previous evening's public consultation session in Mistissini on the Eastmain 1A/Sarcelle/Rupert project. Trappers directly affected by the project were at the session to state their position. Generally speaking, the comments expressed dealt with isolated constraints. Hydro-Québec took note of the comments, will follow up on them and let COMEX know what action will be taken, if any. For the most part, the proponent was asked to improve its mitigation measures. The Committee would have liked to hear from a broader population base. The deputy chief is supposed to send us a brief within the next three weeks compiling the comments of people affected by the project.

The following agenda was adopted after adding a meeting with the Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Coordinating Committee to Item 9:

- 1) Call to order and adoption of the agenda
- 2) Adoption of the minutes of the 293rd to 299th meetings
- 3) Correspondence since the last meeting
- 4) Bridge, borrow pit and access road project in Mistissini
Recommendation for authorization
- 5) Eleonore mining project
Recommendation on the request to amend the
certificate of authorization (4-point request)
- 6) Wastewater treatment in Waswasnipi
Recommendation for authorization
- 7) Stornoway mining project
Recommendation regarding authorization
- 8) Route 167 Nord extension
Request to amend the certificate of authorization
- 9) Other business
- 10) Date and place of the next meeting

2) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 293rd TO 299th MEETINGS

The minutes of the 293rd, 296th and 299th meeting were adopted without change. The minutes of the 294th, 295th, 297th and 298th meeting were adopted with minor changes.

3) CORRESPONDENCE SINCE THE LAST MEETING

The list of correspondence received and sent since the last meeting is appended to these minutes.

4) BRIDGE, BORROW PIT AND ACCESS ROAD PROJECT IN MISTISSINI

a. Recommendation for authorization

The members went over the draft recommendation and discussed the conditions. A recommendation for authorization will be sent to the two administrators.

5) ELEONORE MINING PROJECT

a. Recommendation on the request to amend the certificate of authorization (4-point request)

We're still waiting to receive the requested information and clarifications from the proponent. If this information is not received within the next few days, a letter of reminder will be sent to the proponent.

6) WASTEWATER TREATMENT IN WASWASNIPI

a. Recommendation for authorization

The members went over the draft recommendation. A letter will be sent to the regional administrator recommending the project's authorization on the condition that the proponent provide the information needed to assess the technical aspects of the project, establish environmental discharge objectives, and conduct follow-up programs.

7) STORNOWAY MINING PROJECT

a. Recommendation for authorization

The members are still working on the review report and have held working meetings. The second version will be submitted to the members and discussed during a meeting sometime next week. It was agreed to ask the proponent for more information about the

cost of purchasing and operating a diesel power plant versus the cost of installing a power transmission line.

Given the cost overrun in construction of Route 167 Nord to the mine site, MTQ could transfer responsibility for construction and maintenance of part of the road to Stornoway. If any major changes are made to the project, the proponent may be required to request an amendment to the certificate of authorization and submit a new project to COMEX. That will have to be checked.

8) ROUTE 167 NORD EXTENSION

a. Request to amend the certificate of authorization

The departmental analyst should be able to finish reviewing the requests relating to Lot C borrow pits and the changes included in the request within a few weeks.

9) OTHER BUSINESS

We should be receiving the impact study for the railway for the BlackRock mining project in mid-November. As for a recommendation regarding the project schedule, sometime around April should be possible and the recommendation would be along the lines of the schedule proposed by the proponent. A public hearing in Mistissini may be requested, in addition to the hearings planned for Oujé-Bougoumou and Chibougamau, to enable tallymen affected by the project to express their views.

At the request of the deputy minister of the MDDEFP, the chairpersons of COMEX, COMEV and KEQC attended a meeting with the Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Coordinating Committee (HFTCC) on November 2. A PowerPoint presentation will be given to the members of COMEX in December. In the interest of transparency, the HFTCC is calling for a procedure to ensure it is informed of all projects being developed in the territory. One option could be to post information on COMEX's new website or on the MDDEFP website or the future public register containing all documents submitted by proponents as well as correspondence.

10) DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The fact that this was COMEX's 300th meeting was underlined. The next meeting was set for December 13 in the afternoon in Québec City. The members will also get together during the next two weeks for the public consultations on the Eastmain-1-A/Rupert project.

Correspondence and follow-up action: October 25-November 7, 2012

Correspondence received

Date	Sender	Subject
October 30, 2012	Paul Letendre	Acknowledgement of receipt of the recommendation for the project to extract and process 900 000 tonnes of ore from the Bachelor mine site – cyanide destruction system
October 30, 2012	Mireille Paul	Copy of the amendment to the certificate of authorization for borrow pits between km 0 and 143 on Route 167 Nord

Correspondence sent

Date	Sender	Subject
October 25, 2012	Diane Jean	Recommendation for the project to extract and process 900 000 tonnes of ore from the Bachelor mine site – cyanide destruction system