

An aerial photograph showing a coastal town with numerous houses and buildings, surrounded by greenery. A large body of water, likely a bay or lake, is visible in the foreground and background. The sky is clear and blue.

Public Hearing
James Bay Lithium Mine Project
Environmental and social impact
assessment
January 24, 2023

Agenda

Opening prayer by community member

Opening remarks by member of council

Guidelines for public hearing

Opening of the public hearing

- Chairman's message
- Presentation of the COMEX

Presentation of the project by the proponent

Break

Question period to clarify the project by the public and COMEX

Break

Presentation of briefs and comments by the public

End of public hearing and Chairman's message

Steps in the Procedure (COMEV/COMEX)

- 1. Preliminary Information Statement:** submitted to Administrator (provincial or regional)
- 2. Evaluation of preliminary information (COMEV):** Exemption from the procedure or issue of a directive (guidelines) for the project
- 3. Preparation of the Impact Study** by the proponent and submission to the Administrator
- 4. Analysis of Impact Study by Review Committee (COMEX):** Questions & Answers, if needed. Public hearings are held when necessary. Final analysis and recommendations are submitted to the Administrator
- 5. Decision by the Administrator:** authorization, with or without conditions, or refusal
- 6. Monitoring and control** by the Administrator, COMEX, MELCCFP and CNG
- 7. Analysis of request to amend the certificat of authorization**

Environmental and Social Impact Review Committee (COMEX)

- Committee established under Chapter 22 of the JBNQA
- 5 members :
 - 3 members appointed by the Québec government, including the Chairperson
 - 2 members appointed by the Cree Nation Government (CNG)
- Independent body for the assessment and review of the social and environmental impact of projects
- Meetings on a regular basis, generally each month
- Conduct public hearings, if necessary
- Mandate: Recommendations to provincial or regional administrator + environmental and social follow-ups

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Guiding principles (Art. 22.2.4)

- a) The protection of the **hunting, fishing and trapping rights of Native people** in the Territory, and their other rights in Category I lands, with respect to developmental activity affecting the Territory
- b) The environmental and social protection regime with respect to **minimizing the impacts on Native people** by developmental activity affecting the Territory
- c) The **protection of Native people, societies, communities, economies**, with respect to developmental activity affecting the Territory
- d) The **protection of wildlife resources, physical and biotic environment, and ecological systems** in the Territory with respect to developmental activity affecting the Territory

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- e) The **rights and guarantees of the Native people** within Category II established by and in accordance with **section 24** until such land is developed
- f) The **involvement of the Cree people** in the application of this regime
- g) The **rights and interests of non-Native people**, whatever they may be
- h) The **right to develop** by persons acting lawfully in the Territory
- i) The **minimizing of negative environmental and social impact of development on Native people and on Native communities** by reasonable means with special reference to those measures proposed or recommended by the impact assessment and review procedure

Post-Hearing

After the public hearing, the public can submit briefs and comments to COMEX within 30 days of public hearings, i.e., until 27th February 2023.

Comments or briefs can be sent to the Executive Secretary of COMEX, Ms. Sophie Cooper, at the following email address:
sophie.cooper@environnement.gouv.qc.ca

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