

Start-up meeting Environmental Assessment Pine Point Mine Project

EA2021-01

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Online meeting

March 5, 2021



Meeting outline

1. Environmental assessment start-up phase and scoping phase
 - describe the steps
2. EA Initiation Package
 - What is it? How is this different from EA start-up in the past?
3. Scoping phase
 - tips on things to think about during Pine Point Mining Limited's presentation next week
4. Engagement and participation
 - How can we best engage with you?
 - How would you like to participate?

EA start-up phase and scoping phase



Project design



Early community
engagement



Consider land use
and culture

Overview of start-up phase and scoping phase



Feb 4: Review Board orders Pine Point Mine Project to environmental assessment

March 5: Review Board EA start-up meeting

March 12: Information session on developer's EA Initiation Package

March 26: Participant funding applications due (CIRNAC)

April: Scoping meetings (to be discussed through engagement)

May: Review Board prepares draft Terms of Reference for public review

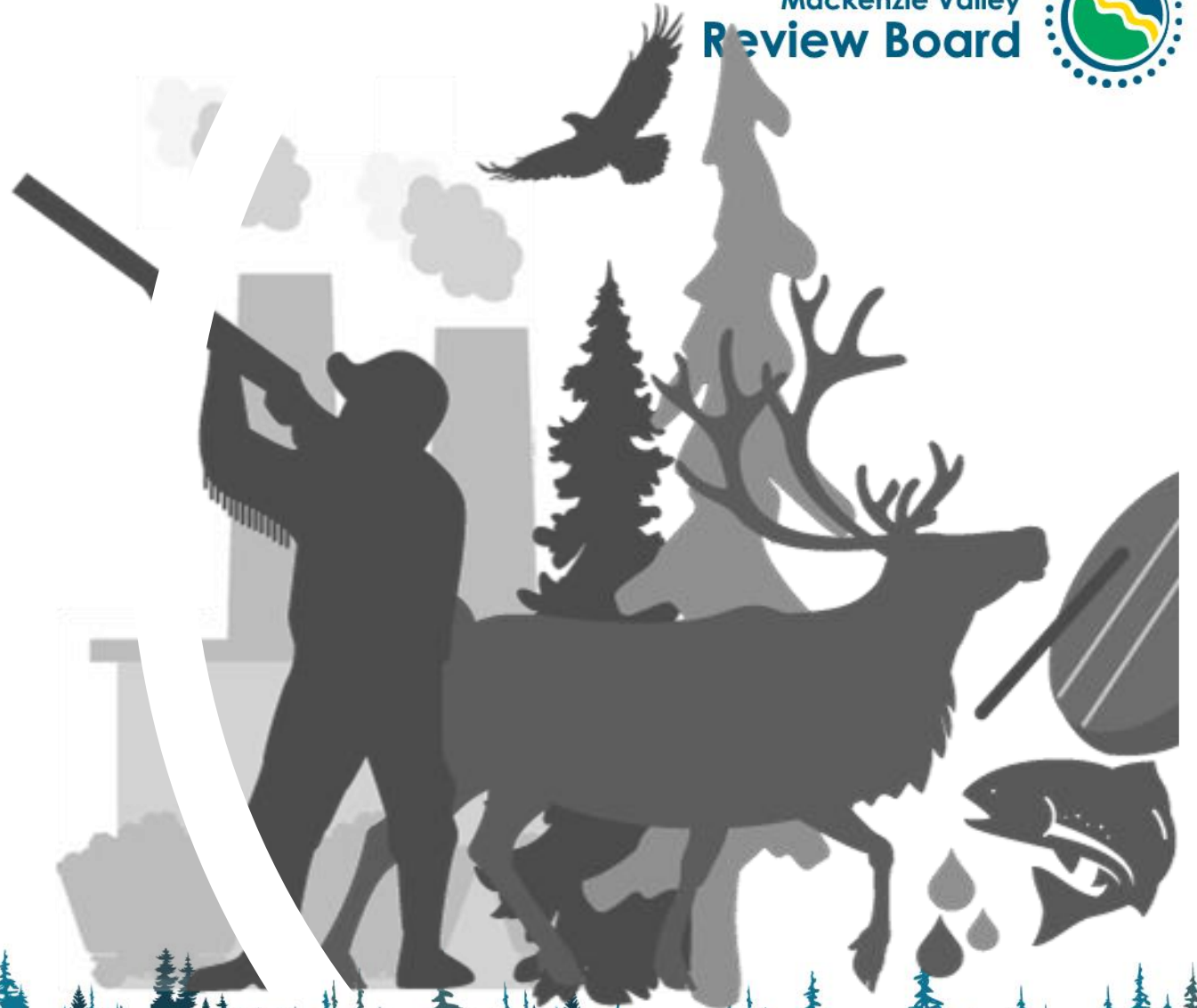
May/June: Final Terms of Reference and draft Workplan



Why did the Review Board order an EA for the Pine Point Mine?

- The Pine Point Mine Project involves a **large-scale** industrial development.
- The **area is traditionally used** by several Indigenous groups and is relatively close to Indigenous communities of Fort Resolution, K'at'l'odeeche First Nation and the Town of Hay River.
- The Project partially **overlaps and uses the location** of the historic Pine Point Mine, which has **not been fully reclaimed**.
- The potential impacts of the Project may **combine cumulatively** with past, present, and future activities in the area.

What is the EA Initiation Package?



Draft EA Initiation Guidelines

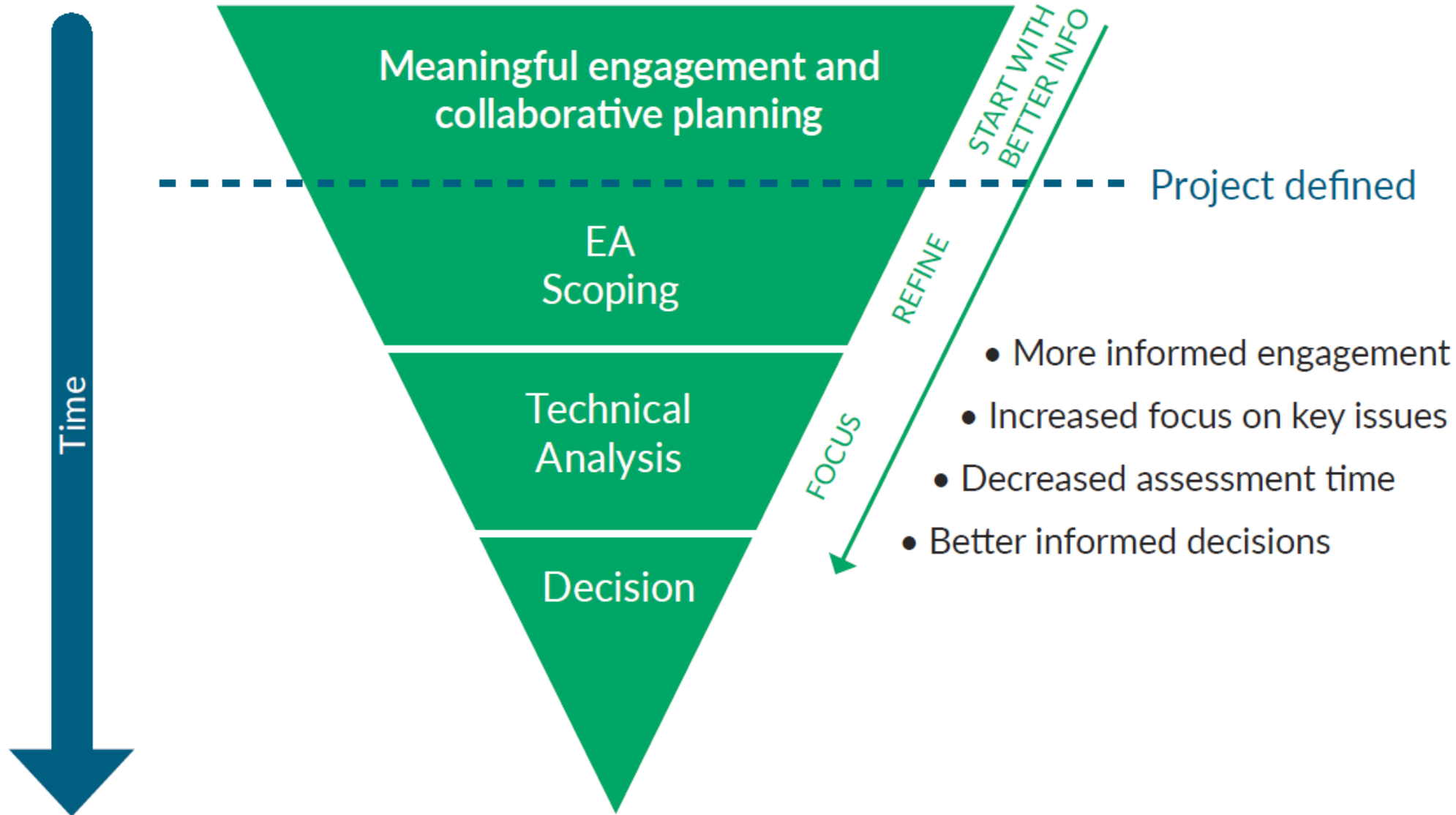
Purpose:

- describes the information needed to begin an EA for a major project
- provides **guidance for developers** on what information to prepare

Goals:

- **early collaboration** and engagement on project design and planning
- a better-informed scoping process to inform the EA on the **issues that matter most**
- a shorter, more focused Developer's Assessment Report
- a more efficient and effective EA process overall

From the Draft EA Initiation Guidelines...



Benefits - Good information early in the EA

Better info early **helps government parties:**

- understand project and potential impacts
- prioritize major issues
- recommend assessment methods

Better info early **helps Indigenous parties:**

- understand project and potential impacts
- decide on level of participation
- plan resourcing to maximize use of capacity
- meaningfully participate in:
 - engagement
 - collaborative project design, and
 - priority setting for EA

Benefits for decision makers, all parties and the public



- information is more accessible early
- focus on key issues earlier
- avoid issues unlikely to lead to significant impacts
- better use of limited capacity
- more confidence in timeliness, and efficiency of EA process



How is the environmental assessment process different from the licence/permit process?



Regulatory - licencing and permitting

Focus on land and water:

- water quality
- water quantity
- wildlife habitat
- land disturbance



Detail-oriented: discuss specific water quality parameters and detailed conditions for licence/permit

Environmental Assessment

Focus **expands** and include people:

- traditional land use
- culture
- health and well-being
- economy and infrastructure
- wildlife (beyond just habitat)
- Big picture: focus is on determining if there are significant impacts (that is, impacts that matter enough to avoid or reduce)



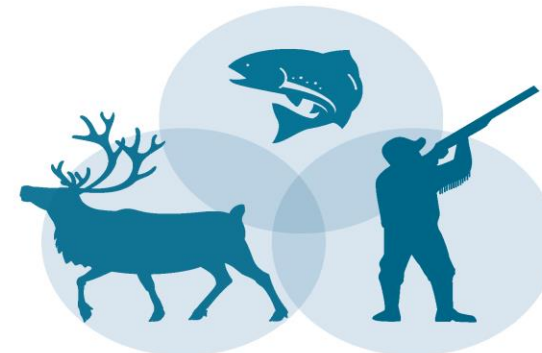
What is the scoping phase?

SCOPING WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES?

If you were on the Review Board, what issues would you focus on when you assess the project?



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What is scoping?

- Describe and understand the development
 - infrastructure
 - activities
- Identify and prioritize the issues
 - **identify** how the development may impact the environment and people
 - **prioritize** the issues to focus on

Scoping leads to more focused, efficient, and meaningful environmental assessment



Scoping questions to think about during the developer's presentation on March 12

Next Friday (March 12), during the developer's presentation, please ask yourself:

1. How could the project affect the environment (such as wildlife, water)?
2. How could the project affect people (such as traditional harvesting, community structure, culture, economy)?
- 3. What are the most important issues you would focus on if you were on the Review Board?**

In scoping sessions in April, the Board will ask for your views.



Engagement and Participation



You can assist the Review Board by telling us:

- the resource person or individual who will interact with Review Board staff on a day-to-day basis
 - receives **all correspondence** and material on the public registry
- the representative and contact information of your organization's consultation individual (such as Chief or Mayor)
 - will only receive **key documents** from each step in the process

How would you like to be engaged during this EA?

Different communities and groups will want to be engaged in different ways, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- What engagement approaches are acceptable to your community or organization? Are some approaches preferable?
 - may include online engagement or in-person engagement options
- Are there specific protocols in your community that need to be followed during COVID-19 restrictions?

Board staff commit to following up with you on these questions!



Environmental assessment during COVID-19

The Mackenzie Valley Review Board is:

- committed to **safe and effective engagement** and consultation
- willing to **work with parties** to set engagement and consultation approaches and methods
- recognizes **different approaches** may be needed to protect everyone's health and safety
- **adaptable**, so engagement approaches will be set on a case-by-case basis after discussions with each community or organization

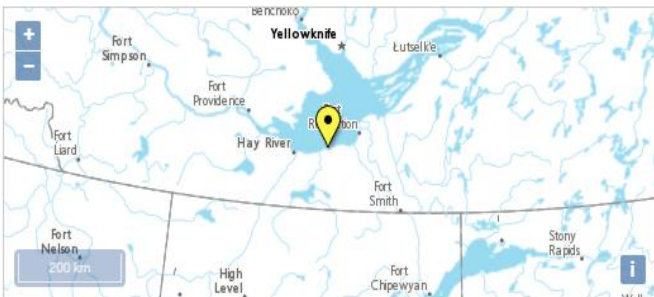


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Details

Company Pine Point Mining Limited

Type Environmental Assessment - Ongoing

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Interactive Timeline & Work Plan

Pine Point Mining Limited is proposing to build a zinc and lead mine 42 km east of Hay River and 53 km southwest of Fort Resolution. Construction will take approximately 1.5 years with a mine life of 10 to 15 years. Zinc and lead will be mined using both open pit and underground mining methods. A process plant, camp and other facilities will be built. Once mining is finished closure and reclamation will take place.

Recent Documents

Agenda - EA start-up meeting March 5, 2021	Mar 1, 2021
Notice of Proceeding - scoping phase	Feb 19, 2021
Reasons for Decision to order an environmental assessment	Feb 12, 2021
Public Notice - Participant funding available from CIRNAC	Feb 11, 2021
Participant Funding Guide, CIRNAC - Pine Point Mine Project	Feb 11, 2021
Letter CIRNAC to MVEIRB re: participant funding	Feb 11, 2021

Document Summary

New	Total	Stage
		Preliminary screening
33		Assessment/review startup (current stage)
		Scoping
		Terms of Reference and workplans
		Developer's Assessment Report/Environmental Impact Statement



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Proposed next steps

- **March 12** – Information session on developer’s EA Initiation Package submission
- **April** – scoping meetings
- **May** – public review of draft terms of reference
- **May/June** – final terms of reference and draft workplan