

November 6, 2017

Notice of Proceeding

Tłıchǫ All-season Road Project, Government of the Northwest Territories

Re: Qualifications of expert witnesses

All parties, including the developer, who rely on evidence from experts must submit the relevant qualifications and experience, in the form of a curriculum vitae (CV), for each expert. The Review Board's Rules of Procedures do not provide specific guidance on this matter and this Notice to Proceeding is meant to assist parties to identify members of their teams for whom CVs should be submitted to the Board in advance of the public hearings.

If a party relies on an **expert report** or **expert opinion** as evidence to support the conclusions or recommendations made in its technical report for the EA proceeding, a CV for the expert(s) must be submitted. The CV must describe the expert's qualifications and experience in the relevant subject area. The expert(s) must also be available to answer questions (either in person or by phone) at the public hearing. This is particularly important where the evidence differs from evidence provided by other parties.

CVs are not required for individuals who are coordinating, managing, or otherwise contributing non-expert information, and are not providing expert opinion in any particular subject area. However, where a party's submissions to the Review Board are based on specialized experts, CVs for the relevant expert(s) must be submitted.

Please remember that the **public record is closed** until the first day of the public hearings and that no new evidence will be posted during that time. However, the Review Board may use its discretion to post proceeding directives or other pieces of information concerning hearing logistics during this time. The submission of expert witness CVs is not considered new evidence to the EA, but for fairness purposes all parties to this environmental assessment must have adequate time to review the CVs. **Please provide CVs for all expert witnesses by Friday, November 10.**

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