

Community Scoping Meeting Fort Resolution

in person and online

for the environmental assessment of the Pine Point Mine Project

Online Zoom link:

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Scoping meeting Agenda



Review Board staff

Introduction to the Review Board and environmental assessment What is an issues scoping meeting?

Meeting organization

2. Pine Point Mining Limited

Project presentation

Questions and answers about the project

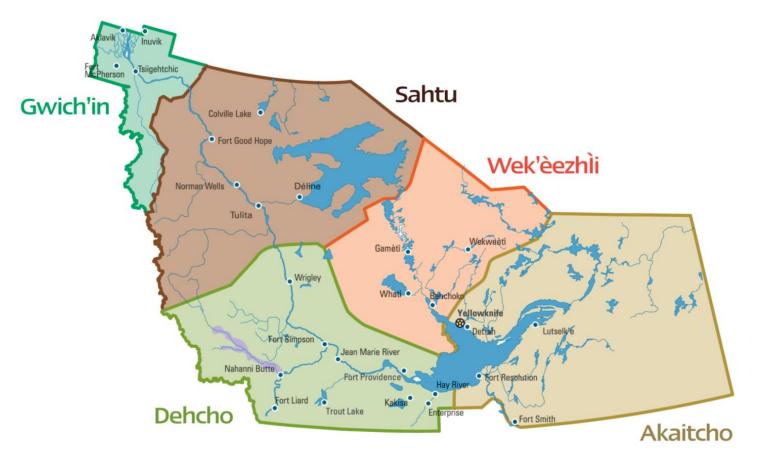
 In person and online discussion on what to focus on and prioritize in this environmental assessment (Review Board staff)



Introduction to the Review Board



- established by the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act in 1998
- Purpose: to assess the impacts of proposed developments in the Mackenzie Valley.





Review Board Members

















sharing decision making between communities and governments



What is environmental assessment?



- EA is a **set of steps** to study the **potential impacts** of a proposed development, to **reduce or avoid those impacts**.
- The **goal is to produce good decisions** about whether or not a project should proceed, and if so, under what conditions.

A good environmental assessment process with meaningful, effective participation can have the following benefits:

- improvements to project design
- additional mitigation and commitments to prevent or reduce impacts
- resolve conflicts and build relationships
- support sustainable development

Section 115(1) of the MVRMA



The process must have regard to:

- (a) the protection of the environment from the significant adverse impacts of proposed developments;
- (b) the protection of the social, cultural and economic well-being of residents and communities in the Mackenzie Valley; and
- (c) the importance of conservation to the well-being and way of life of the aboriginal peoples of Canada to whom section 35 of the <u>Constitution Act</u>, applies and who use an area of the Mackenzie Valley.



Legal Requirements



The Review Board is also required to:

- ensure **public concerns** are taken into account
- incorporate traditional knowledge
- carry out its duties in a timely manner
- run a **fair** process
- make decisions based on the evidence
- operate in a **transparent** manner



Steps an environmental assessment



Start up Scoping Technical Analysis Hearing phase Decision Phase

- EA Referral
- EA Initiation Package submitted
- Public Notice
- Distribution list
- Community and technical scoping meetings
- Written and audio comments on draft Terms of Reference
- Scope of Assessment
- Terms of Reference

- Developer's Assessment Report
- Information requests
- Technical sessions
- Community sessions

- Technical Reports
- Community and technical hearings
- Closing arguments

- Board deliberation
- Report of EA writing
- Decision to Minister

Public participation shown in yellow

How you can participate in the environmental assessment



- attend and participate during community and technical scoping sessions to help the Review Board decide which issues to focus on
- submit written and audio comments during engagement on the draft Terms of Reference
- attend and participate during community and technical sessions once Pine Point Mining submits its Developer's Assessment Report



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





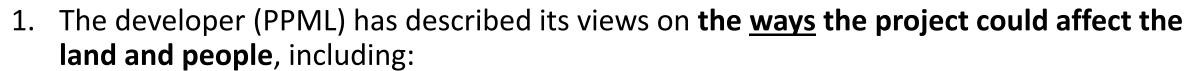


Main questions in scoping for this project



- 1. In what ways 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 with this project you would focus on if you were on the Review Board? Do you agree with the issues the developer identified?

Project interactions or pathways: Review Board The WAYS the project could affect the land and people



-caribou and other wildlife

-water quality and groundwater

-social and cultural impacts to communities

-traditional land use

-economic benefits

What do you think?

- 2. What are the ways the project could affect the land and people?
- 3. Considering this, what issues are really important?



Do you agree with how the developer prioritized the

issues?



Are there other issues that are important to you that you would prioritize instead?

Issues the developer says are most important

"Key Lines of Inquiry" – focus on impacts to:

- water quality
- caribou
- traditional land and resource use
- social and economic conditions

(what the developer proposes to focus on most in this EA)

Developer identified other issues that matter

"Subjects of Note" – of secondary importance:

- air quality, noise, vibration, climate
- groundwater quantity and quality
- surface water quality
- fish and fish habitat
- terrain and soils
- vegetation
- wildlife (besides caribou)
- heritage resources
- non-traditional land and resource use



What will we do with the information you have given us today?



The Review Board will:

- use what you said to prioritize the issues for this environmental assessment
- write a report of this meeting and share it with you
- carefully consider what you have said when the Board writes the Terms of Reference
 - the Terms of Reference says what PPML must include in its Developer's Assessment Report
- give you an opportunity to review and comment on the draft Terms of Reference to make sure your views have been heard.

Environmental assessment works best when people like you participate.

Thank you for sharing your views and experience with us today!



Technical scoping session May 4-5, 2021



- Review Board staff led the technical scoping online meeting
- about 70 people
- participants included federal and GNWT government departments, Indigenous organizations and governments
- questions and answers with Pine Point Mining and consultants
- commitments were made between Pine Point Mining and some government departments to have follow-up meetings on specific issues

Next Steps



 May/June – community scoping meetings in Fort Resolution, Hay River, and Katl'odeeche Reserve

- May/June written comments on Developer's Assessment Proposal
- June Review Board prepares draft Terms of Reference
- June Public review of draft Terms of Reference

 June/July - Review Board issues a final Terms of Reference and draft workplan

