



MINUTES OF THE 179th MEETING OF THE JAMES BAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

(ADOPTED)

DATE: June 26, 2013

MEANS: Conference call

PRESENT: Jean-François Coulombe, Québec
Annie Déziel, Canada
Ashley Iserhoff, Cree Regional Authority (CRA), Chairman
Ginette Lajoie, CRA
Marie-Josée Lizotte, Québec
Chantal Otter Tétreault, CRA
Jean Picard, Canada
Isaac Voyageur, CRA, Vice-Chairman
Marc Jetten, Executive Secretary
Graeme Morin, Environmental Analyst

ABSENT: Guy Héту, Québec
Eddy Jenniss, Canada
Maryse Lemire, Canada

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Chairman welcomed the members and invited them to go over the agenda. On motion by Jean-François Coulombe, seconded by Chantal Otter Tétreault, the agenda was adopted as prepared.

2. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013

On motion by Ginette Lajoie, seconded by Jean Picard, the draft report of activities for fiscal 2012-2013 was adopted with changes.

3. ADOPTION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2012-2013

On motion by Annie Déziel, seconded by Marie-Josée Lizotte, the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2013 were adopted as prepared.

4. NEXT JBACE MEETING (SEPT. 2013)

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2013, at the JBACE secretariat in Montréal. Since the CRA is expected to appoint a chairperson for the JBACE in July, following the Grand Council of the Crees elections, the secretary will see if he or she is available to attend the next meeting.

5. CREATION OF A SUBCOMMITTEE ON BILL 43 (NEW MINING ACT)

The Québec government introduced Bill 43, the *Mining Act*, in the National Assembly. The bill will be referred to a parliamentary committee for special consultations starting August 22, 2013. The JBACE hopes to submit a brief. A subcommittee was formed to draft the brief with the JBACE's analyst.

6. FOLLOW-UP TO WORK ON MINERAL EXPLORATION PROJECTS

On May 14, the subcommittee held a workshop with COMEV, COMEX and COFEX-South members to study the preliminary recommendations regarding mineral exploration projects under the impact assessment and review procedure. The JBACE analyst said that a consensus was reached during the workshop on the advisability of including various components of exploration projects on the list of projects automatically subject to impact assessment (Schedule 1) or exempt from impact assessment (Schedule 2). Also, the participants would like to see the parties implement a system for outreach and information exchange between proponents of exploration projects and Crees in the territory. The system would be separate from the impact assessment and review procedure and, therefore, also cover projects exempt from impact assessment.

The subcommittee is supposed to be holding another meeting soon, following which the analyst will work on drafting the report of recommendations to be submitted to the JBACE in early fall.

7. ADOPTION OF THE ACTION PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIC PLAN 2013-2018

On motion by Jean Picard, seconded by Ginette Lajoie, the action plan was adopted as tabled. The secretary will post it on the JBACE website.

8. APPROVAL OF THE FIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2013-2014

The members approved the five priorities proposed by the subcommittee on Strategic Plan 2013-2014. As regards the cumulative effects of mineral exploration, it was suggested that the review cover all mining activities.

The members will follow up on the priorities during the year so that their implementation doesn't create too heavy a workload for the staff. A number of mandates could be outsourced, however.



Marc Jetten
Executive Secretary
October 21, 2013