

at info@nirb.ca, on or before **May 26, 2017**. We appreciate the efforts of parties to provide these materials as requested, as the NIRB is preparing information packages to assist community roundtable participants. The NIRB would like to remind all parties to provide sufficient printed copies of their presentation materials for the technical sessions and community roundtable portions of the Hearing, noting that approximately 100 copies each of English and Inuinnaqtun, as well as 25 copies each of Inuktitut and French may be required.

Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding the next steps in the Board's Review of the Back River Gold Mine Project proposal, please contact Davin St. Pierre, Technical Advisor II, at (867) 983-4615 or at dstpierre@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Attached: Appendix A: Final Hearing Agenda

APPENDIX A: FINALIZED BACK RIVER FINAL HEARING AGENDA

NIRB File No.: 12MN036 – Back River Gold Mine project
Proponent: Sabina Gold & Silver Corporation
Location: Luke Novoligak Community Hall, Cambridge Bay, NU
Dates: May 31-June 3, 2017

Times: **All times given are approximate. The order of presenters and time given for presentations are subject to change at the Chairperson's discretion during the Hearing:**

Technical Sessions: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Community Roundtable Sessions: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Evening Sessions: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Note (1): Witnesses appearing on behalf of registered Intervenor will be sworn in/affirmed and exhibits will be marked in advance of testimony being given. Panels of witnesses may be used for the presentation of evidence.

Note (2): All testimony will be recorded and transcribed by the Board, and may also be recorded by the media.

Wednesday May 31, 2017 – Day 1 (includes scheduled evening session)

General Opening

1. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson with introductions, overview of procedural history, structure of proceedings, etc. *(30 minutes)*
2. Identification of motions or objections
3. Welcoming Remarks by the Mayor of Cambridge Bay *(15 minutes)*

Technical session

4. Swearing in/affirmation of Proponent's witnesses and marking of exhibits
5. Presentations by the Proponent - Note: time for questions by Board Members and Intervenor will be provided following presentations:
 - i. Introduction & Overview *(45 minutes)*
 - ii. Public Participation and Engagement *(30 minutes)*
 - iii. Atmospheric Environment *(30 minutes)*
 - iv. Terrestrial Environment *(75 minutes)*
 - v. Freshwater Environment *(30 minutes)*
 - vi. Marine Environment *(30 minutes)*
 - vii. Socio-Economics *(15 minutes)*
 - viii. Human Health *(15 minutes)*
 - ix. Accidents and Malfunctions *(15 minutes)*

Close of Day 1

Technical session

6. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson
7. Presentations from registered Intervenorors – Note: witnesses appearing on behalf of registered Intervenorors will be sworn in/affirmed and exhibits will be marked in advance of testimony being given. Unless otherwise indicated, each Intervenor has been allotted 30 minutes for their presentations. Following each Intervenor's presentation there will be time for questions by Board Members, other Intervenorors and the Proponent.
 - i. Kitikmeot Inuit Association
 - ii. Government of Nunavut
 - iii. Environment and Climate Change Canada
 - iv. Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 - v. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
 - vi. Natural Resources Canada
 - vii. Transport Canada
 - viii. Burnside Hunters and Trappers Organization
 - ix. North Slave Métis Alliance

Close of Day 2

Friday June 2, 2017 – Day 3 (includes scheduled evening session)

Community Roundtable Session

8. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson
9. Summary presentation by the Proponent – **Introduction and Overview** (30 minutes)
10. Summary presentation by the Proponent – **Goose site** (30 minutes)
11. Questioning of the Proponent and Intervenorors by community representatives
12. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Chairperson that they wish to speak on this topic
13. Summary presentation by the Proponent – **Marine Laydown Area and marine shipping** (30 minutes)
14. Questioning of the Proponent and Intervenorors by community representatives
15. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Chairperson that they wish to speak on this topic
16. Summary presentation by the Proponent – **Winter Road** (30 minutes)
17. Questioning of the Proponent and Intervenorors by community representatives
18. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Chairperson that they wish to speak on this topic
19. Summary presentation by the Proponent – **Caribou Management and Transboundary Impacts** (45 minutes)

20. Questioning of the Proponent and Intervenor by community representatives
21. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Chairperson that they wish to speak on this topic
22. Presentations by Intervenor. Note: following each Intervenor's presentation there will be time for questions by community representatives and members of the public. Each Intervenor has been allotted 20 minutes for their presentations, unless otherwise indicated:
 - i. Kitikmeot Inuit Association
 - ii. Government of Nunavut
 - iii. Environment and Climate Change Canada

Close of Day 3

Saturday June 3, 2017 – Day 4

Community Roundtable Session (continued from day 3)

23. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson
24. Presentations by Intervenor – *continued*
 - iv. Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 - v. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
 - vi. Natural Resources Canada
 - vii. Transport Canada
 - viii. Burnside Hunters and Trappers Organization
 - ix. North Slave Métis Alliance
25. Conclusion of Community Roundtable Session - Questioning of the Proponent or Intervenor by community members
26. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Chairperson that they wish to speak on this topic
27. Closing Remarks – community members
28. Closing Remarks – Proponent and Intervenor

Close of Day 4 - note: while the agenda has been set to close the Hearing following the conclusion of the afternoon session on Day 4, parties are advised that the agenda may be subject to change and that the Hearing may extend into the evening if required.