



File No: 2AM-DOH1335

To: Doris-Madrid Distribution List

Date: August 5, 2026

Subject: Pre-Hearing Conference Decision Report regarding an Application to amend existing Type A Water Licence No: 2AM-DOH1335

This Pre-Hearing Conference Decision Report is in relation to an application (Amendment Application or Application) filed by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Applicant) for an amendment to existing Type A Water Licence No: 2AM-DOH1335 for the Doris-Madrid (Hope Bay) Project (the Water Licence). In the Amendment Application, Agnico Eagle proposes to amend the scope of the Water Licence to include increased annual freshwater use, extend the term of the Water Licence by 22 years from now, and increase ore processing capacity at the Doris mill. The Amendment Application also requests amendments to authorize the following changes:

- expanded fuel storage;
- road and portal modifications;
- new and expanded waste rock and ore stockpiles;
- new contact water ponds;
- increased camp capacity;
- additional diesel generation and wind power infrastructure; and
- updates to the reclamation security held under the Water Licence.

As indicated by the Nunavut Planning Commission, and confirmed by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board), all of the activities, works and undertakings included in the Amendment Application (as outlined in greater detail under the [Scope of the Current Application](#) subheading in this Report) were previously assessed by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, and the Amendment Application did not require an additional land use planning conformity determination or impact assessment before consideration by the NWB.



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On July 30, 2026, the Members of the Doris-Madrid Panel (the Panel or P7 Panel), duly appointed by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) as the decision-makers for the file met by teleconference to consider the next steps in the NWB's processing of the Amendment Application. By Motion #2026-03-P7-03, the Panel approved the release of this Pre-Hearing Conference Decision Report. In addition, by Motion #2026-03-P7-04, the Panel authorized the issuance of the procedural direction in this Report that directs the next steps in the Board's processing of the Amendment Application, and the conduct of an in-person Public Hearing in Cambridge Bay. The NWB has tentatively set the date for the Public Hearing to occur sometime in the week of **October 12 – 16, 2026** (with audio and video links being provided to parties unable to travel to Cambridge Bay and members of the public unable to attend the venue for the Public Hearing).

Formal Notice of Public Hearing will be published on or before **August 14, 2026**. Please note that despite issuing the Notice of Public Hearing, the Board may modify the schedule and format of the Public Hearing on short notice if circumstances warrant, including, if Public Hearing logistics dictate; or if parties fail to supply the documentation required to be supplied in advance of the Public Hearing in accordance with the timelines set out in this Report, if public concerns with the Application are identified, if public health and safety circumstances dictate, etc. More specific details regarding the timelines and conduct of the Public Hearing are outlined under the subheadings [Timetable for Pre-Hearing Exchange of Information](#) and [Procedures for the Public Hearing](#) of this Report.

This Report also provides information regarding the key steps in the Board's processing of the Amendment Application to date. As set out in greater detail in the body of the Report, following several rounds of requests for information and exchange of written comments and reply in relation to the Amendment Application, in accordance with Rule 14 of the NWB *Rules of Practice and Procedure for Public Hearings* (the *Rules*), and the previous direction and delegation of authority from the Doris-Madrid Panel to the staff of the NWB, the NWB's staff held an in-person Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference (TM/PHC) for the Application in Cambridge Bay on July 16-17, 2026. The list of the parties in attendance is provided in this Report in [APPENDIX B: Attendees at TM/PHC](#).

The NWB staff also hosted a Community Session on the evening of July 16, 2026. As directed by the NWB's decision-making panel for this file (Panel P7), the focus of the Community Session was to provide community members from Cambridge Bay with an opportunity to ask questions and get responses from the NWB staff, the Applicant and the Interveners regarding the Amendment Application.

The Final Agendas for each of these meetings are attached to this Decision in [APPENDIX A: TM/Community Session/PHC Agendas](#)). The individuals representing the NWB, the Applicant



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and the Interveners are listed in [APPENDIX B: Attendees at TM/Community Session/PHC](#). The commitments generated and reviewed by the parties during the TM/PHC are listed in [APPENDIX D: List of Commitments](#).

As summarized in greater detail in [Table 1](#) the members of the community of Cambridge Bay shared their knowledge, and provided questions and comments about the following issues in relation to the Amendment Application:

- Including elders from Cambridge Bay in future meetings; and
- Including the Hunters and Trappers Association (HTA) in project discussions and decision-making.

As set out in Rule 14.1 of the *Rules*, the PHC dealt with the following matters relevant to the Application:

- Timetable for the pre-Hearing exchange of information;
- Identification of interested parties;
- Submissions of interested parties;
- List of issues to be dealt with at the Public Hearing;
- Desirability of amending the Application for the purpose of clarification;
- Procedures for the Public Hearing; and
- Identification of any other matters that may assist in the simplification and disposition of the Application or the conduct of the Public Hearing.

Having considered the Amendment Application and supporting materials submitted by the Applicant as summarized in [APPENDIX C: List of Application Submissions](#), the technical review comments in respect of the Amendment Application received to date by the NWB, the discussions during the Technical Meeting, the questions, issues and comments identified by participants during the Pre-Hearing Conference, and the commitments of the Applicant as outlined in [APPENDIX D: List of Commitments](#), the Panel has concluded that the Amendment Application is ready to proceed to the Public Hearing stage of the Board's consideration of the Amendment Application.

Reflecting the interest in the Amendment Application and level of engagement of members of the public during the Community Session, and the views expressed by Agnico Eagle and all Interveners, the Board considers it important to conduct an in-person Public Hearing in the community of Cambridge Bay during the week of October 12 – 16, 2026. The Public Hearing will include technical sessions and an in-person Community Session in the evening and will be



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conducted in accordance with the timelines and other procedural details provided in the text that follows. Although the Board emphasizes the importance of parties' attending in-person to the extent possible, the Board also recognizes there may be limits on travel and accommodation that could prevent some participants from being able to travel to Cambridge Bay. Accordingly, the Board will provide remote access options for those participants unable to travel.

Introduction and Registration

The following participants registered in advance and attended the TM/Community Session/Pre-Hearing Conference in-person and virtually via audio/video conference on July 16-17, 2026:

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Applicant) representatives:

- Jamie Quesnel – Senior Advisor, Permitting & Regulatory Affairs
- Colleen Prather – Superintendent, Permitting & Regulatory Affairs
- Jennifer Range – Permitting General Supervisor
- Bobby Doroudiani – Permitting Lead - Water and Waste
- Lisa Mah – Permitting Specialist, Water
- Cecilia Zafiris – Permitting Specialist, Field Investigation
- Sam Gordon – Permitting Specialist, Aquatics
- Lisa Ramillo – Permitting Lead, Water and Waste
- Kishan Leakram – General Manager, Hope Bay
- Cyril Jenkins – Superintendent, Environment and Health & Safety
- Christine Kowbel – Legal Counsel (Lawson Lundell)
- Philemon Desrochers-Gagnon – Manager Mining (attended remotely)
- Peter Luedke – Senior Consultant, SRK (attended remotely)

Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KitIA) representatives:

- John Roesch – Senior Hope Bay Project Officer
- Cory Barker – *Interim* Director, Lands, Environment & Resources
- Richard Nesbitt – Senior Aquatic Scientist, Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd.
- Janet Kadlun – Senior Project Officer
- Joelle Walker – Observer (Miller Titerle + Company) (attended remotely)

Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA) representatives:

- Andrew Keim – Manager, Water Resource Management
- Pauline Firmin – Water Resources, Regional Coordinator
- Tony Brown – Consultant



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- Gerd Wiatska – Consultant (attended remotely)

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) representatives:

- Russel Wykes – Senior Environmental Assessment Officer
- Meagan Tobin – Water Quality Analyst

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) representatives:

- Holly Simpson – Biologist (attended remotely)
- Dana Harris – Biologist (attended remotely)

Nunavut Water Board (NWB) representatives:

- Stephanie Autut – Executive Director (attended remotely)
- Karén Kharatyan – Director of Technical Services
- Mohammad Ali Shaikh – Technical Advisor
- Robert Hunter – Licensing Administrator
- Amos Kamookak – Assistant Technical Advisor
- Teresa Meadows – Legal Counsel, Meadows Law

Interpreters and Sound Technician:

- Brydon Beattie – Systems Coordinator (NIRB)
- Jacob Keanik – Inuktitut Interpreter
- James Panioyak – Inuinnaqtun Interpreter

The listings of the parties participating in the TM/Community Session/PHC audio/video conference on July 16-17, 2026 are attached as [APPENDIX B: Attendees at TM/Community Session/PHC](#) to this Report.

1.0 The Application before the Board

The Amendment Application before the Board was filed by Agnico Eagle on January 30, 2026 and proposes amendments to the existing type A Water Licence No: 2AM-DOH1335 (the Water Licence) to include additional activities and changes to the existing operations and project infrastructure associated with the construction/operation/closure of Agnico Eagle's Doris-Madrid (Hope Bay) Project (the Amendment Application or Application). The Amendment Application seeks the NWB's authorization of specific changes (described below) to the existing use of water



and deposit of waste associated with a Mining undertaking¹ at the existing Doris-Madrid (Hope Bay) Project. The documents filed by the Applicant in support of the Amendment Application are listed in detail in [APPENDIX C: List of Application Submissions](#).

All of the Applicant's submissions are available from the NWB's public registry at the following link:

[Amendment Application submissions](#)

All documentation associated with the Amendment Application and received from the Applicant, the Board, intervening parties and the public is available from the NWB's public registry at the following link:

[Submissions from interveners and Agnico Eagle](#)

Scope of the Current Amendment Application

Agnico Eagle is requesting to add the following activities and changes to the scope of the Water Licence:

- Increase in annual freshwater use, from the current 2,033,800 m³/yr, to 2,916,855 m³/yr
- Extension of the Licence term by 22 years from now, to expire in 2048
- Redesign of ore processing mill at Doris site to process up to 8000 tonnes per day
- Increased fuel storage at Doris (5 ML), Madrid (10 ML) and Roberts Bay (34 ML) sites
- Increased Jet-A fuel storage at Roberts Bay site (2 ML)
- Widening the Windy Road to support mining at Madrid site
- Relocating the Madrid South Portal to Patch 7
- Two new waste rock stockpiles at Doris site
- Three new waste rock stockpiles and one expanded stockpile at Madrid site
- One new ore stockpile at Doris site and three new ore stockpiles at Madrid site
- New Contact Water Ponds at Doris and Madrid sites

¹ SOR/2013-69, Schedule 1, Item 2, Column 2, describes a "Mining undertaking" as: Exploration or prospecting — including bulk sampling — for minerals other than petroleum or gas, the operation of a mine, the processing of minerals other than petroleum or gas, the restoration of the site of a mine and any other mining activity other than an industrial activity described in item 1, column 2 [of Schedule 1].



- Increase in Doris camp size to from 400 people to 800 people, and construction of a 250-person camp at Madrid site
- The addition of seven 5.6 MW diesel generators at Doris site and three 1.8 MW diesel generators at Madrid site
- Two new wind turbines at Doris and Madrid sites
- Updates to reclamation security for the undertaking

2.0 Regulatory and Procedural History of the Amendment Application

Current Amendment Application

On January 30, 2026, the NWB received the application to amend the Water Licence and supporting documentation (the Amendment Application or Application) from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Applicant) for the Doris-Madrid Project (the Project).

After initial review, the NWB commenced the Completeness Check for the Amendment Application on February 3, 2026. Parties were invited to review the Amendment Application for completeness and provide Information Requests (IRs) to the Board by March 5, 2026. After an extension to the deadline, on March 20, 2026, submissions were received from the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KitIA), Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).

On April 9, 2026, the Applicant provided their responses to the parties' IRs and recommendations. Intervenor were requested to confirm by April 20, 2026, whether the Applicant's responses were satisfactory. ECCC responded on April 17, 2026, that they had no further concerns and were ready to move to the Technical Review stage. The KIA, CIRNA and DFO submitted follow-up requests by April 21, 2026. Agnico Eagle responded to the second round of submissions from the KIA, CIRNA and DFO on April 24, 2026.

On April 30, 2026 the Board deemed the Amendment Application to be complete and gave Notice of the Amendment Application and invited parties to commence their full technical review of the Amendment Application and provide their comments/recommendations to the Board by June 1, 2026. This correspondence also included tentative timelines for the Technical Meeting and Pre-hearing Conference (TM/PHC).



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On May 1, 2026, the NWB received a letter² from CIRNA expressing concern that the NWB had advanced the application to the technical review stage “before all required information had been provided”, stating that many of their information requests remained insufficiently addressed.

The NWB responded³ on May 7, 2026, confirming the Board’s Notice and conclusion that the Amendment Application was administratively complete and suitable to proceed to the technical review stage. The Board explained that the Completeness Check is intended to determine whether sufficient information has been submitted to commence technical review, rather than to assess the technical adequacy of the information provided. After considering two rounds of comments from interveners, the Applicant’s responses, and CIRNA’s request for reconsideration of its decision, the NWB concluded that the remaining concerns relate to technical matters, which could be more appropriately addressed during the technical review process, including the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference (TM-PHC).

The NWB further noted that, where previously approved infrastructure and activities remain unchanged, applicants are not generally required to resubmit information already available on the NWB’s public registry. However, the Board emphasized that the Applicant remains responsible for providing sufficient information to support any proposed amendments and that the Board retains the authority to request additional information or suspend the review of the Amendment Application if significant changes requiring further assessment are identified during the technical review. Accordingly, the NWB declined CIRNA’s request to rescind the Notice of Application and confirmed that the technical review would continue in accordance with the established schedule.

By June 1, 2026, the NWB received technical comment submissions from KitIA, CIRNA, ECCC and DFO. Parties confirmed their attendance at the TM/PHC and submitted their presentations by July 13, 2026. The NWB conducted the TM/PHC in-person in Cambridge Bay, on July 16-17, 2026. A Community Session was also conducted on the evening of July 16, 2026.

² Email correspondence dated May 1, 2026 from A. Keim, CIRNA to R. Dwyer, NWB (and others) Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada’s Response to the Nunavut Water Board decision to initiate the technical review stage of the application process for 2AM-DOH1335’s Amendment Application;

³ Email correspondence dated May 7, 2026 from R. Dwyer to Doris distribution Re: 2AM-DOH1335 Type A, Doris-Madrid (Hope Bay) Project; Amendment Application by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited Notice of Application and Technical Review.



Licences Issued to the Project

Reflecting the NWB's jurisdiction for licensing undertakings requiring the use of water and deposit of waste as established under Article 13 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada* (Nunavut Agreement) and the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, S.C. 2002, c. 10 (NWNSRTA or Act), the NWB has previously issued two (2) Licences and six (6) Amendments for this undertaking to date.

1. Licence No: 2AM-DOH0713

- Issued to Miramar Hope Bay Ltd. on September 19, 2007
- Allowed for the use of 480,000 cubic metres of water annually, and the deposit of waste in support of a Mining Undertaking
- On January 23, 2008, this Licence was assigned from Miramar Hope Bay Ltd. to Hope Bay Mining Limited
- i. Amendment No. 1 to Licence 2AM-DOH0713 was issued on August 4, 2010 to allow for relocation of the Explosives Mixing and Storage Facility,
- ii. Amendment No. 2 to Licence 2AM-DOH0713 was issued on February 15, 2011 to allow for infrastructure expansion,
- iii. Amendment No. 3 to Licence 2AM-DOH0713 was issued on January 18, 2012 to allow for changes in the management of waste rock and ore.
- On June 18, 2013, this Licence was assigned from Hope Bay Mining Limited to TMAC Resources Inc.

2. Licence No: 2AM-DOH1323

- Issued to TMAC Resources Inc. on August 16, 2013
- Allowed for the use of 480,000 cubic metres of water annually, and the deposit of waste in support of a Mining Undertaking
- i. Amendment No. 1 to Licence 2AM-DOH1323 was issued on November 4, 2016 to allow increased mining and millings rates, construction of additional infrastructure, revisions to monitoring, changes in saline groundwater and tailings management, and updated security.
- ii. Amendment No. 2 to Licence 2AM-DOH1323 was issued on December 7, 2018 to allow substantial increases in annual water use (2,088,800 m³), increased tailings



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- deposition to 18 Mt, upgrades to existing infrastructure, bulk-fuel storage capacity increases, new power generation facilities and extension of term by 12 years to 2035.
- On February 2, 2021, Agnico Eagle completed the acquisition of TMAC Resources Inc., gaining full ownership and control of the Project.
- iii. Amendment No. 3 to Licence 2AM-DOH1335 was issued on May 7, 2024 was limited to updates to the reclamation security provisions in Part C of the Licence.

Pre-Licensing Requirements

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC)

On January 30, 2026, the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) issued its conformity determination⁴ for the Amendment Application and stated the following:

- The project is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan;
- The works and activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by the NPC on February 9, 2017, November 16, 2021, March 25, 2022, May 27, 2022, March 7, 2023 and August 28, 2024;
- The works and activities associated with the current proposal were previously screened and reviewed by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File Nos. 05MN047 and 12MN001);
- The project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB, because the proposed modifications are within the scope of previously assessed activities and their inclusion does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the *Nunavut Agreement* do not apply.

Nunavut Water Board (NWB)

The NWB has concluded that the applicable pre-licensing conformity and impact assessment requirements for the Amendment Application under Articles 11 and 12 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (NuPPAA) and

⁴ Correspondence dated December 3, 2025 from D. Haney, Nunavut Planning Commission to R. Dwyer, NWB (and others) Re: NPC File # 150529 [2AM-DOH1335 Operational Update WL Amendment]



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ss. 38 and 39 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, S.C. 2002, c. 10 (NWSRTA) have been met, and the Amendment Application can be processed by the NWB.

Procedural History

The following section includes a brief overview of the procedural history for the Amendment Application. It should be noted that the following listing captures only the major procedural steps associated with the Amendment Application. All documentation and the complete record of the NWB's processing of the file are available from the NWB's Public Registry at the links provided in [Section 1.0](#) of this Report.

<u>January 30, 2026</u>	NWB received the Type A Water Licence amendment application and supporting documentation (the Amendment Application or Application) submitted by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Applicant) for the Doris-Madrid Project (the Project)
<u>February 3, 2026</u>	After initial review, the NWB commenced the Completeness Check where parties were invited to review the Application for completeness and provide Information Requests (IRs) by March 5, 2026
<u>March 20, 2026</u>	After an extension, submissions and Information Requests (IRs) were received from the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KitIA), Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
<u>April 9, 2026</u>	Applicant provided responses to Interveners' Information Requests
<u>April 17, 2026</u>	ECCC responded that they had no further concerns and were ready to move to the Technical Review stage. KitIA, CIRNA and DFO submitted follow-up requests by April 21, 2026
<u>April 24, 2026</u>	Agnico Eagle provided responses to the second round of submissions from intervenors
<u>April 30, 2026</u>	NWB gave Notice of Application and invited parties to conduct a full technical review and provide their comments/recommendations by June 1, 2026. This correspondence also included tentative timelines for the TM/PHC
<u>May 1, 2026</u>	CIRNA submitted a letter to the NWB requesting to the Board reconsider its completeness determination and defer the start of the Technical Review stage



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<u>May 7, 2026</u>	The NWB declined CIRNA's request to rescind the Notice of Application and confirmed that the technical review would continue in accordance with the established schedule
<u>May 8, 2026</u>	CIRNA requested an extension to complete the Technical Review. The NWB extended the deadline to June 19, 2026
<u>June 19, 2026</u>	Submissions and Information Requests (IRs) were received from the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KitIA), Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and the Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
<u>July 3, 2026</u>	Agnico Eagle responded to Interveners' comments
<u>July 7, 2026</u>	NWB distributed the draft agenda for the TM and Community Session along with the updated timelines for the next steps in the process
<u>July 13, 2026</u>	The NWB received confirmation of participation in the meetings and presentation documents from KitIA, CIRNA, ECCC, DFO and Agnico Eagle
<u>July 14, 2026</u>	NWB provided the Final Agendas for the TM, PHC and the Community Session
<u>July 16-17, 2026</u>	NWB hosted the Technical Meeting (TM) and Pre-hearing Conference (PHC) in Cambridge Bay, followed by a Community Session held on the evening of July 16, 2026

Complete information related to the procedural history of the Amendment Application and the information filed with the NWB associated with the Amendment Application can be accessed from the NWB's Public Registry using the following link:

[Submissions related to the Completeness Check and Technical Review](#)

3.0 Technical Review Comments Received by the Board

Prior to the Technical Meeting (TM) and Pre-hearing Conference (PHC) several opportunities to comment on the Amendment Application were provided to Interveners and members of the public. The Board's first request for comments asked parties to consider whether the Amendment Application was complete and to identify any outstanding issues that should prevent the Board from continuing to process the Amendment Application, including any additional information requests (IRs) that must be addressed before the parties could commence their technical review of



the Amendment Application. The first completeness comment period closed on March 20, 2026 (this deadline reflects Intervener requests for extensions granted by the NWB). A second round of comments on completeness and IRs were received by the Board on April 21, 2026.

On April 30, 2026, Notice of the Amendment Application was issued by the NWB, and the technical comment period commenced, with a deadline for parties and the public to file their technical comments with the Board by June 1, 2026. The sections that follow outline the comments provided during these review periods, and also reflect comments provided to the Board during the TM/PHC.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Applicant)

In addition to the original Amendment Application and supplemental information submitted by Agnico Eagle on January 30, 2026, the Applicant provided additional information in response to technical comments submitted by various intervening parties, including the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KitIA), Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and the Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). For ease of reference, the specific topics, and outcomes, of the Interveners' comment submissions are summarized in the specific sections for each Intervener that follow.

Agnico Eagle, in their closing statement at the Technical Meeting (TM), reaffirmed their commitments to provide the information summarized in [APPENDIX D: List of Commitments](#). Before the Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC) on July 17, 2026, the Applicant resolved a number of the technical issues identified by the Interveners and a number of commitments were added to the Commitments List.

Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KitIA)

The KitIA is the representative of the Inuit beneficiaries of the Kitikmeot Region at both the territorial and regional levels and supports sustainable economic development opportunities for Inuit beneficiaries. KitIA's participation in the review of the Amendment Application was focused on ensuring that adequate protection of the environment occurs by requiring the Applicant to implement best practices in their mitigation and monitoring programs.

The KitIA's Completeness Check submission included 42 information requests (IRs) focusing on the following topics:

- Document editing errors;
- Doris Lake, Doris Creek, and Little Roberts Outflow – Hydraulic Modelling Results;
- Management Plan updates;



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- Fish and fish habitat offsetting;
- Under-ice lake elevations and withdrawal data;
- Model calibration outputs for the water and load balance;
- Sediment control performance summaries;
- Adaptive management for high-inflow features (exploration holes);
- Mine water monitoring frequency and adequacy during variable flow conditions;
- Updates to monitoring;
- Mean annual discharge in FEIS and the updated assessment for Doris, Patch and Windy Lakes;
- Water management and conveyance infrastructure;
- Climate change impacts to tailings storage approach;
- Conservative geochemical source terms;
- Pumping rates;
- TIA parameter concentrations across tailings deposition approaches;
- Whole effluent toxicity testing;
- Treatment of hydrocarbons by TIA water treatment plant.

The KitIA's Technical Review submission included 21 comments focusing on the following topics:

- Estimate all proposed changes under this Amendment in detail;
- Clarify the intended uses and discharge points for the additional water use;
- Include the proposed marine outfall and the anticipated changes in outflow relative to the current Licence;
- Summarize all proposed mine activities and changes, and describe mitigation measures to minimize adverse effects on water;
- Updated maps with clear locations of the proposed infrastructure;
- Adequacy of the Tailings Impoundment Area (TIA), alternatives and conceptual closure plan;
- Monitoring and optimizing freshwater withdrawals to minimize effects on fish and wildlife;
- Management Plan update summaries;
- Water balance uncertainties and contingencies;
- Patch 7 (CWP4) design, permafrost degradation, and closure plan;
- Closure plan for Saline Pond 1 (SP1);
- Water quality and sediment sampling frequency in the AEMP;
- Marine environment sampling plan;
- Fish and fish habitat offsetting.



The KitIA was generally satisfied with the responses provided by Agnico Eagle during the Technical Review stage and the TM/PHC and stated that all their concerns were resolved. Further, the KitIA mentioned that they looked forward to continuing discussions with Agnico Eagle and CIRNA to finalize the updates to security required for the reclamation of the undertaking.

Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA)

CIRNA administers Crown land and resources and enforces regulatory permits affecting land and water resources in Nunavut, including enforcing the provisions of water licences issued by the NWB under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, S.C. 2002, c. 10 (NWSRTA or Act) and *Nunavut Waters Regulations*, SOR/2013-69.

Reflecting CIRNA's responsibilities and jurisdiction, the following key issues were highlighted in CIRNA's initial submissions on the completeness of the Amendment Application, their technical review submissions and were discussed during the Technical Meeting (TM).

CIRNA's Completeness Check submission included 41 information requests (IRs) focusing on the following topics:

- Quantity of water involved;
- Detailed site maps;
- Administrative queries;
- Design Assumptions and Limitations;
- Annual Reporting;
- Drainage pathways;
- Presence of Arsenopyrite;
- Milling plant operations;
- Camp and mine site population projections;
- Predicted climate trends;
- Source water quality and watercourse flow rates;
- Water intake and distribution facility details;
- Management Plans (Water, emergency response and spill, O&M manuals);
- Ice road construction and widening of Windy Road;
- Collection ponds and sumps;
- Watercourse trainings, crossings and diversions;
- Operations and Maintenance plans;
- Waste generation and sewage processing capacity;
- Tailings alternatives assessment;
- Permafrost protection;
- Contact information and level of training for site personnel;



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- Contact information of the certified laboratory performing the analysis of samples;
- Expected quality and quantity of waters, over time in all sumps, monitoring stations, and discharge points;
- Proposed water works (CWP4 and Saline Pond 1);
- Saline Effluent Treatment Plant (SETP);
- Blasting quantities;
- Water withdrawal from proximal sources;
- Quarry 2 landfill;
- Wolverine Lake;
- Security held under the Licence.

CIRNA's Technical Review submission included 23 comments, 2 of those comments were withdrawn at the TM-PHC. The remaining 21 comments focused on the following topics:

- Expected quality and quantity of water collected in ponds/sumps and adaptive management criteria;
- Methods of water extraction and operating capacity of pumps;
- Information regarding existing water management infrastructure including existing reservoirs, crossings, bridges, culverts, diversions, dikes and ditches;
- Description of the predicted future climate trends at the project site;
- Quantities of water required for ice road construction, description of construction methods, monitoring and safety;
- Updated Management Plans;
- Status of commitments made during a CIRNA and AEM working group meeting (June 4-5, 2026), prior to the TM-PHC;
- Approved and proposed mining and tailings quantities;
- Waste Rock Quantities and Mining Area Reconciliation to FEIS;
- Life of Mine (LOM) Reconciliation with Increased Throughput;
- Multiple-Accounts Analysis (MAA) – Tailings Management Strategy Selection;
- Dry stack tailings closure strategy;
- Fugitive Dust and Air Quality – Dry Stack Tailings;
- Updated Tailings Facility Design and Operation;
- Justification of Maximum Water Withdrawal Rates;
- Water Balance Stress Test;
- No Freshwater Discharge Commitment;
- Source Term Conservatism and Sensitivity;
- Under-Ice/Seasonal Operations Constraint;
- Uncertainty Register and Commitments; and
- Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan (ICRP) and Security.



The following commitments were agreed upon by the Applicant, resulting from CIRNA's comments and discussions during the TM.

- WLA-01 – Agnico Eagle will update the Water Management Plan to incorporate applicable updates reflecting the Water Licence Amendment, as shown in Table 1 to response to CIRNAC-TRC-8;
- WLA-02 – Agnico Eagle will update Section 7 of the Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan to reflect the agreed upon global security number;
- WLA-13 – Agnico Eagle and CIRNA in discussions to resolve the issue of the Licence term and condition for the transition to dry-stack tailings deposition;
- WLA-14 – At least 60 days prior to transitioning to dry stack tailings or any other tailings management strategies, Agnico Eagle will submit a fugitive dust modelling report;
- WLA-15 – Agnico Eagle will add a statement for inclusion to the Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan of the conceptual closure concept of the dry-stack facility;
- WLA-16 – Agnico Eagle will provide a water and load balance results for slurry only deposition with comparison of results to the already provided model (Appendix 4-F); and
- WLA-19 – Agnico Eagle will consider climate change in closure related studies.

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)

The focus of ECCC's involvement in respect of the Amendment Application is based on their jurisdiction under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*,⁵ the *Species at Risk Act*⁶ and ECCC's jurisdiction under the pollution prevention provisions of the *Fisheries Act*.⁷

The following key issues were highlighted in ECCC's initial comment submissions on the completeness of the Amendment Application, their technical review submissions and were discussed during the Technical Meeting (TM).

ECCC's Completeness Check submission included 12 information requests (IRs) focusing on the following topics:

- Disposal of Contaminated Soils;

⁵ S.C. 1999, c. 33.

⁶ S.C. 2002, c. 29.

⁷ R.S.C. 1985, c. F-14.



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- Revisions to the spill contingency plan;
- Use of the burn pan at Boston site;
- Proposed Changes to Water and Waste Management;
- Sewage effluent discharge strategy;
- Results of the hydrogeological model sensitivity scenarios;
- Water management flow diagram for Doris-Madrid;
- Emergency Outlet to Doris Lake;
- Effluent Quality Predictions;
- Water and Load Balance Model calibration;
- Updated Federal Environmental Quality Guidelines in AEMP benchmarks; and
- Proposed monitoring stations.

ECCC's Technical Review submission included 10 comments focusing on the following topics:

- Dust-related impacts to water quality;
- Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program (AEMP) monitoring stations and updated benchmarks;
- Sewage effluent treatment and discharge strategy;
- Updates to Water Licence and Water Management Locations and Monitoring;
- Burn pan at Boston site; and
- Updates to Management Plans.

The following commitments were agreed upon by the Applicant, resulting from ECCC's comments and discussions during the TM.

- WLA-3 – Agnico Eagle will update Table 3-1 of the AEMP to include hydrological monitoring stations at Roberts Lake and Patch Lake. Agnico Eagle will evaluate the addition of an AEMP monitoring station in the southern portion of Patch Lake to monitor for indirect impacts due to proximity with Patch 7 activities;
- WLA-4 – Agnico Eagle will review and evaluate any new FEQG and CCME guidelines for inclusion with the AEMP. Where the updated guidelines are not adopted, rationale will be provided;
- WLA-5 – Agnico Eagle will provide a sample station figure depicting monitoring stations in relation to relevant infrastructure with the 2026 annual report;
- WLA-6 – Agnico Eagle will update Section D1.2 of the Incineration and Composter Waste Management Plan to reflect current practices at Boston (i.e., use of burn pan and incineration);



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- WLA-7 – Agnico Eagle will update the Emergency Response and Crisis Management Plan to incorporate ECCC’s recommendations;
- WLA-8 – Agnico Eagle will update the citation for the Emergency Response Guidebook to the 2024 version in the Spill Contingency Plan; and
- WLA-9 – Agnico Eagle will update the Hydrocarbon Contaminated Material Management Plan to incorporate ECCC’s recommendations.

ECCC was generally satisfied with the responses provided by Agnico Eagle during the TM/PHC, and confirmed that all their outstanding concerns were resolved.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)

DFO reviews applications to determine whether they will require an authorization under the *Fisheries Act* or the *Species at Risk Act*.

The following key issues were highlighted in DFO’s initial comment submissions on the completeness of the Amendment Application, their technical review submissions and were discussed during the Technical Meeting (TM).

DFO’s Completeness Check submission included 6 information requests (IRs) focusing on the following topics:

- Request for Review for the Operational Update;
- Proposed offsetting in the Iqaluktuuttiaq Lake East Outflow System;
- Under-ice Lake Level Measurement in Doris Lake;
- Updates to the Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program (AEMP);
- Increased shipping; and
- Blast Vibration Monitoring.

DFO’s Technical Review submission included 5 comments focusing on the following topics:

- Updates to the Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program (AEMP);
- Hydrology Modelling and Water Withdrawal Information;
- Freshwater Withdrawal Monitoring;
- Blast Vibration Monitoring Plan; and
- Revisions to the offsetting proposal.



The following commitments were agreed upon by the Applicant, resulting from DFO's comments and discussions during the TM.

- WLA-10 – Agnico Eagle will update the AEMP to include action levels (Low, Medium, and High) for water quantity thresholds for waterbodies where water withdrawals are proposed for the Operational Update (Patch, Windy, Doris).
- WLA-11 – Agnico Eagle will provide a Blast Monitoring Report as an appendix to the full annual report. The report will be in accordance with NIRB Project Certificate No.003 Condition 29, and NIRB Project Certificate No.009 Condition 14, confirm compliance with the Guidelines for the Use of Explosives In or Near Canadian Waters (Wright and Hopky, 1998) as modified by DFO for use in the North, and adhere to guidance provided in Monitoring Explosive Based Winter Seismic Exploration in Waterbodies (Cott and Hanna, 2005), specifically adherence to the lower instantaneous pressure change threshold of 50 kPA. The first Blast Monitoring Report will be provided with the 2026 Annual Report, and will continue annually thereafter.
- WLA-17 – Should a proximal source be used, Agnico Eagle will include within the annual report the location of the proximal sources, lake volumes of these sources, confirmation of adherence to DFO guidelines for water withdrawal (i.e., intake screens, under ice, and flow thresholds), and reporting of the monthly and annual volumes.
- WLA-18 – Agnico Eagle will install continuous monitoring stations on Patch and Windy Lakes in coordination with water withdrawal activities and will evaluate through updates to the AEMP.

Copies of all submissions received during the Completeness Check and the Technical Review stages for this Application can be accessed through the NWB's Public Registry website using the following Link:

[Completeness Check and the Technical Review submissions](#)

Agnico Eagle Response

Agnico Eagle reaffirmed their commitment to providing the NWB with the specified information to address the concerns raised by the KitIA, CIRNA, ECCC and DFO during the technical review of the Amendment Application and discussed at the Technical Meeting. These commitments are summarized in [APPENDIX D: List of Commitments](#).



4.0 Technical Meeting (TM)

The TM for the Amendment Application was conducted in-person in Cambridge Bay from 9:00am to 5:00pm MST on July 16, 2026 and continued the morning of July 17, 2026, from 9:00am to 11:00am. As is the Board's practice, the TM was an informal meeting and was chaired by Karén Kharatyan, the Board's Director of Technical Services. The meeting was attended by:

- the NWB's staff and legal counsel;
- the Applicant, which included representatives of Agnico Eagle, as well as the Applicant's consultants and legal counsel; and
- the Interveners, KitIA, CIRNA, ECCC and DFO (attended remotely).

In keeping with the Board's normal practice, the Panel Members of the Board (Doris-Madrid Panel or P7), the decision-makers for the Amendment Application, were not present at the TM or the subsequent Pre-hearing Conference (PHC), having delegated the conduct of these meetings to the Board's staff. The TM included the following:

- Discussion of the technical issues identified by Interveners and the NWB staff during their technical review of the Amendment Application;
- Examination of technical data, comment submissions and other materials submitted as part of the Amendment Application;
- Discussion, and where possible, resolution of technical matters or issues raised by Interveners, community members and the Applicant, particularly those matters that could affect the Board's determination on any PHC issues, prior to holding the PHC;
- Providing an opportunity for Agnico Eagle and participants to identify and confirm for the Board the issues and concerns that have been resolved and to discuss any unresolved or ongoing issues related to the Amendment Application;
- Identification of opportunities for streamlining the issues and process so as to eliminate existing or potential duplication or delay in the NWB's processing of the Amendment Application going forward; and
- Documenting any commitments made by the various parties during the TM, with the aim of carrying over the commitments to the PHC and Public Hearing stages of the NWB's consideration of the Amendment Application.

The TM participants were advised that, upon completion of the TM, the Board expected any outstanding issues in respect of the Amendment Application to be resolved, or if not resolved, that some form of agreement, including commitments by the parties, would be provided by the parties



to enable the Amendment Application to proceed to the next step of the licensing process, the Public Hearing, notwithstanding any unresolved issues.

At the TM, the following general topics were discussed:

- The scope of the Amendment Application;
- Outstanding requests for additional information by parties;
- Tailings disposal strategy; and
- Various updates and additions to management and monitoring plans.

Following these discussions, the NWB, circulated to all meeting participants, an electronic copy of the draft List of Issues in respect of the Amendment Application that the NWB expects to be discussed at the Public Hearing for the file. On the morning of July 17, 2026, a draft of the List of Commitments made by the parties during the TM and prepared by Agnico Eagle, was also shared and discussed, and the Board included parties input when commitments proposed weren't fully satisfying expectations and asked parties whether the commitments were sufficient to resolve any outstanding technical issues or not, and received parties' positive confirmation on this matter.

5.0 Community Session

In addition to general notification means, the NWB also posted a notice on Cambridge Bay's social media group to inform the public about the time and location of the Community Session. The Community Session took place in the Luke Novoligak Community Hall in Cambridge Bay from 7:00pm to 10:00pm MST on July 16, 2026. All the participants from the Technical Meeting were present for the Community Session. A total of 4 community members attended this session.

A brief presentation was made by Mohammad Ali Shaikh for the NWB, explaining the NWB's process for a type A Amendment Application, the scope of the Amendment Application, outlining the procedural history for the file and advising the community regarding the next steps in the NWB's processing of the Amendment Application. This was followed by presentations from Agnico Eagle, KitIA, CIRNA, ECCC and DFO. All parties provided a short explanation of their mandates and comments and resolutions discussed during the Application review process. After each presentation, community members were given opportunities to ask questions.

[Table 1](#) that follows provides a summary of the key questions and comments raised by the community members during the Community Session.



Table 1: Key Issues as Raised by Community Members during the Community Session

Subject	Issues/Concerns/Comments
Elders' participation	Noted that it is necessary to have Elders in attendance at these types of meetings, because they have extensive knowledge of the lands and waters around Cambridge Bay and in the Hope Bay area, and have important information to share with the Applicant and the Board
Involvement of the local Hunters and Trappers Organization	Agnico Eagle should involve the local Hunters and Trappers Organization in their discussions of the work that is being done at Hope Bay, including discussions about how the Applicant's actions are going to preserve the wildlife in the area
Agnico Eagle's community initiatives	Mayor of Cambridge Bay thanked Agnico Eagle for their engagement in Cambridge Bay, including providing regulatory project updates, on-going community involvement and consultations with our Elders

During the Community Session, the Agnico Eagle staff provided answers to the community members' questions and concerns. The NWB responded to one of the community members' questions about the NWB process and the involvement of community members. Community Members did not identify any significant public concerns or issues with the Amendment Application that would prevent the NWB moving forward to a Public Hearing.

The significance of the Hope Bay project and the general level of interest and engagement in relation to the water management issues associated with the Hope Bay project were considered by the Doris-Madrid Panel to support their conclusions that it is advisable to conduct the Public Hearing in-person in the community of Cambridge Bay, and that the Public Hearing should also include another in-person Community Session.

6.0 Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC)

The Board commenced the PHC portion of the Agenda on the morning of July 17, 2026, at 11:00am MST. Teleconference links were available for participants who were unable to travel to Cambridge Bay, and others who chose to participate remotely. A total of 3 participants had joined the meeting online.

The PHC was chaired by Karén Kharatyan, the Board's Director of Technical Services, with the same parties as the TM. The purpose of the PHC was to discuss the various matters as set out in



Rule 14 of the *Rules of Practice and Procedure* (May 2005) (*Rules*) in preparation for the Public Hearing. Specifically, Rule 14 directs that the PHC address the following items:

- To set a timetable for the pre-Hearing exchange of information;
- To finalize the list of issues to be dealt with at the Public Hearing;
- To identify interested parties;
- To consider the desirability of amending the Amendment Application for the purposes of clarification;
- To finalize procedures to be followed in the Public Hearing; and
- To consider any other matters that may assist in the simplification and disposition of the Amendment Application or the conduct of the Public Hearing.

The PHC commenced with the review and refinement of both the List of Issues to be carried forward into the Public Hearing and the updated List of Commitments generated during the TM, in order to reflect the clarifications and subsequent agreement of the parties. The wording in [APPENDIX D: List of Commitments](#) of this Report reflects these discussions. For the convenience of the parties, where commitments made by the Applicant will result in the submission of additional or updated documentation, the Board has included a description of the timelines for submission of this information and the form of submission expected by the parties.

Similarly, the List of Issues (discussed in more detail under the subheading [List of Issues](#) below) was also reviewed and revised during the PHC to reflect the discussions of participants during the TM. At the start of the PHC, all parties and the Board's staff confirmed that there were no outstanding issues that would prevent the Amendment Application from progressing to the Public Hearing stage.

Timetable for Pre-Hearing Exchange of Information

It was noted at the beginning of this discussion that, as required by s. 55(2) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, S.C. 2002, c. 10 (NWSRTA or Act), the NWB must give the public a minimum of sixty (60) days notice in advance of a Public Hearing.

The Applicant, KitIA, CIRNA, ECCC, and DFO were polled regarding any outstanding information requirements that must be supplied in advance of a Public Hearing and indicated, that as long as the additional information outlined in [APPENDIX D: List of Commitments](#) is provided in accordance with the timelines specified in the list, the preparation and submission of additional information should not delay the potential Public Hearing for the Amendment Application.



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As the PHC participants did not identify any issues that would prevent the Board from proceeding to a Public Hearing for the Amendment Application, the Board's legal counsel outlined the following proposed timetable for the pre-Hearing exchange of information set out below. The Applicant and all participants were reminded, however, that the Board reserves the right to revisit the timing proposed if:

- parties are unable to meet the deadlines in their commitments;
- if the Board receives subsequent, reasonable requests from the parties for adjournments in response to additional information received;
- if public health or safety directions or orders are issued that impose limits on activities such as travel into Cambridge Bay and/or the hosting of public gatherings; or
- as may subsequently be considered necessary by the Board.

In establishing the following schedule, the Board considered the views of the parties, the Board's current commitments and logistical constraints associated with conducting an in-person Public Hearing in Cambridge Bay to identify that the most feasible timing to conduct the Public Hearing is sometime in the week of **October 12-16, 2026 (tentatively October 15-16, 2026)**. Unless modified as noted above, the Board requires the participants to observe the following timetable:

- **On or before Friday, August 14, 2026** the NWB will issue Notice of the Public Hearing;
- **On or before Friday, August 28, 2026** any party requesting French translation of the Executive Summary materials, final written submissions of parties, reply submissions and/or presentation materials or requiring simultaneous interpretation at the Public Hearing should make such requests to the Board in writing;
- **On or before Thursday, September 10, 2026** the Interveners, members of the public or other interested parties must file any further and final written submissions in respect of the Amendment Application with the Board;
- **On or before Thursday, September 24, 2026** the Applicant must file any further responses to the information filed in advance of the Public Hearing and must file their final written submissions with the Board; and
- **On or before Thursday, October 1, 2026** all parties intending to present to the Board during the Public Hearing must file any presentation materials (e.g., PowerPoint Presentations, etc.) upon which they intend to rely at the Public Hearing.

NOTE: If the Interveners and/or the Applicant file additional written submissions, final statements and/or presentation materials as outlined above, they are also required to provide **an Executive Summary of their written submissions in English, French and Inuinnaqtun and fully translated copies of their presentation materials or final summaries in English and**



Inuinnaqtun at the same time as they file the full submission. All submissions will be posted on the NWB's Public Registry (<https://public.nwb-oen.ca/registry/>) upon receipt.

Identification of Interested Parties

During the PHC, the following parties confirmed their participation in the future Public Hearing:

- Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KitIA)
- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA)
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)

When asked at the PHC, the KitIA stated that an invitation should be extended to Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI). The KitIA also indicated that, as requested during the Community Session, the NWB should also issue a specific invitation to attend the Public Hearing to the local Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO), and CIRNA also supported the Board inviting participation by the local HTO. The Board also received feedback from the Mayor of Cambridge Bay regarding how the Board can enhance outreach and advertising of the Public Hearing within the community to increase participation. All other parties expressed the view that no additional interested parties need to be specifically invited to participate in the Public Hearing.

Provision of Final Written Submissions from Interested Parties

Any additional information that the Applicant, Interveners or interested parties may wish the Board to consider during their review of the Amendment Application must be filed with the Board in advance of the Public Hearing and in accordance with the timelines outlined above under the heading [Timetable for Pre-Hearing Exchange of Information](#).

List of Issues

The intervening parties in attendance at the TM/PHC confirmed that none of the issues for discussion associated with the Amendment Application and the related information requirements should prevent the Board from proceeding with the Public Hearing.

As noted above, as part of the recap of the TM, the parties reviewed the following List of Issues that are expected to be addressed during the Public Hearing and agreed that, subject to adding issues following the review of information that may be exchanged in advance of the Public Hearing, the following topics should be addressed at the Public Hearing:

- Scope of the Type “A” Water Licence Amendment, including
 - Clarification on amendments to the Water Licence



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- Additional infrastructure
 - Additional term of the Licence
- Increase to fuel storage capacity
- Water Use and Management
 - Increase to water use
 - Groundwater management
- Wastewater Management and Treatment
 - Increase to wastewater discharge
- Waste Management
 - Tailings Impoundment Area
- Monitoring and Reporting
 - Aquatic Effects Monitoring
- Updates to Management and Monitoring Plans
 - As per commitments provided by Agnico Eagle during the technical review process
- Closure and Reclamation Planning
 - Updates to Security
- Draft Amendment Licence Framework

Changes to the Amendment Application for the Purposes of Clarification

No parties identified that changes to the current Amendment Application were necessary for the purposes of clarification, and the Public Hearing will consider the changes as requested in the Amendment Application provided by Agnico Eagle in January 2026.

Procedures for the Public Hearing

Parties were asked for their views with respect to the form of the Public Hearing (written, teleconference or in-person). The KitIA preferred an in-person Public Hearing, in Cambridge Bay, in the week of October 12-16, 2026. CIRNA stated that they would be available for an in-person Public Hearing, in Cambridge Bay, in the week of October 12-16, 2026, and deferred the final decision to the NWB. ECCC and DFO reiterated KitIA and CIRNA's positions. Agnico Eagle stated that due to the limited number of outstanding technical issues and the extensive discussions



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about the Amendment Application that have already taken place, it was reasonable for the Public Hearing to be conducted in-person, in Cambridge Bay, as soon as possible following the completion of the TM/PHC, and requested the NWB to conduct the Public Hearing in the first week of October.

Following a discussion of various logistical and timing issues, all parties indicated that they would be available to accommodate the timing if the Board were to schedule an in-person Public Hearing, in Cambridge Bay, in the week of October 12-16, 2026.

On this basis, and recognizing the Board's schedule, the requirement to give at least 60 days notice of the Public Hearing and the logistical requirements to ensure adequate accommodations for Public Hearing participants, the Board has concluded that the week of October 12-16, 2026 is the most appropriate time for the in-person Public Hearing. Given the high level of public interest in this Amendment Application and recognizing the support of all parties for an in-person Public Hearing, the NWB's decision-making Panel for the file (Panel P7) has determined that it is most appropriate for the Board to hold an in-person Public Hearing to support decision-making for the file. With respect to the location of the in-person Public Hearing, the parties were unanimous that Cambridge Bay should be the appropriate venue, as it is the most directly affected community.

On this basis, the Doris-Madrid Panel decided, by **Motion #2026-03-P7-04**, that the in-person Public Hearing should be held in the community of Cambridge Bay sometime during the week of October 12-16, 2026. The NWB expects that NWB Board Members appointed as decision-makers for the Amendment Application (Doris-Madrid Panel or P7 Panel), the Board's staff and representatives from the Applicant and the Interveners would be able to participate during the in-person Public Hearing in Cambridge Bay. However, as the Board recognizes that there may be travel and accommodation limits for some parties, the Board will also work to provide mechanisms for remote participation via audio/video links if possible. The Board will be working to confirm logistics, and will provide more specific details regarding the Board's approach to conducting the in-person Public Hearing when the formal Notice of Public Hearing is issued on or before **August 14, 2026**.

All parties should be advised, however, that this procedural direction, including the proposed timing and format of the Public Hearing may be modified by the Board in future as may be required to reflect changed circumstances such as:

- The failure of any participants to meet the timelines for the pre-Hearing exchange of documentation;
- Technological limits; and
- The receipt of the required Public Hearing funding by NWB from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs.



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The parties have confirmed that they do not anticipate that they will require the Board to deviate from the Board's normal *Rules of Practice and Procedure* (May 2005) (*Rules*) during the conduct of the Public Hearing. As such, the Board directs all parties that the Public Hearing will be conducted in accordance with Parts III and IV of the Board's *Rules*.

Measures to Simplify the Disposition of the Amendment Application

No specific measures to simplify the disposition of the Amendment Application were identified at the PHC. However, as always, the Board encourages participants to make available visual representations such as maps, diagrams, pictures, video clips and models of the changes to facilities and infrastructure to support their discussions with the community during the Public Hearing.

Steps following the Public Hearing

Following the completion of the in-person Public Hearing and the closure of the Public Hearing Record, the Amendment Application would be remitted to the Doris-Madrid Panel (P7) for decision-making. When the Panel has reached a decision, which is typically within thirty (30) to forty-five (45) days of the close of the Public Hearing Record, the Board will issue its Record of Proceedings and Decision to the Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs. If the Panel recommends that the requested amendments be granted, a draft of the amended type A Water Licence would also be attached to the NWB's Decision for the Minister's consideration.

If you require additional information regarding this Amendment Application, the Board's specific direction or the Board's processes in general, please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Director of Technical Services, Karén Kharatyan, karén.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca or the Board's Manager of Licensing, Richard Dwyer, at richard.dwyer@nwb-oen.ca for any other matters related to the Amendment Application.

Regards,

NUNAVUT WATER BOARD

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Executive Director
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Attachments:

- [Appendix A:](#) Technical Meeting, Community Session and Pre-Hearing Conference Agendas
- [Appendix B:](#) List of Participants at the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference
- [Appendix C:](#) List of the Amendment Application Submissions
- [Appendix D:](#) List of Commitments generated during the Technical Meeting/Pre-Hearing Conference held on July 16-17, 2026



APPENDIX A: TM/Community Session/PHC Agendas

FINAL AGENDA

TECHNICAL MEETING

**APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO WATER LICENCE NO: 2AM-DOH1335
DORIS-MADRID (HOPE BAY) PROJECT**

TECHNICAL MEETING

Date: July 16, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (MT)

Teleconference links and call-in information:

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<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82082496610>

Meeting ID: 820 8249 6610

Location: Luke Novoligak Community Hall, Cambridge Bay

1. Introduction and registration
 - a. Overview of the Technical Meeting
 - b. Introduction of Participants
 2. NWB Opening Remarks / Application to the Board (15 Minutes)
 - a. Objectives of the Technical Meeting
 - b. Overview of scope and procedural history of the Application
 3. Technical Review of the Application
 - a. Presentation by the Applicant (Agnico Eagle) (up to 45 minutes, excluding time for questions and answers)
 - i. Questions from Parties, other conference call participants and the NWB regarding the Applicant's Presentation
 - b. Presentations by interested parties (up to 30 minutes, excluding time for questions and answers)
 - c. Formulation of outstanding issues
 - d. Identification of the parties' commitments to resolve relevant technical issues, service of documents to parties (deadline, public registry, form)
 4. Closing of Technical Meeting
- Health breaks – 15 minutes



COMMUNITY SESSION

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO WATER LICENCE NO: 2AM-DOH1335 DORIS-MADRID (HOPE BAY) PROJECT

COMMUNITY SESSION

Date: July 16, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM (MT)

Location: Luke Novoligak Community Hall, Cambridge Bay

Teleconference links and call-in information:

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<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82082496610>

Meeting ID: 820 8249 6610

1. Overview of NWB process by NWB (15 minutes)
2. Presentation of Application by the NWB (15 minutes)
3. Presentation of Application by Agnico Eagle (30 minutes)
4. Presentation/statements by Intervening Parties (15 minutes per party)
5. Questions and comments from community

Health breaks – 15 minutes



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PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

Date: July 17, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (MT)

Teleconference links and call-in information:

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Meeting ID: 820 8249 6610

Location: Luke Novoligak Community Hall, Cambridge Bay

1. Pre-Hearing Conference

- a. Identify issues that may prevent the Application from proceeding to a Public Hearing
- b. Discuss form, timing, and location of a potential Public Hearing for the Application
- c. Establish timetable for the pre-hearing exchange of information including:
 - i. preparation and filing of additional documents by the parties (deadlines, form, public registry)
 - ii. document-translation requirements
 - iii. documentation to be included in the Public Hearing Record
- d. Finalize list of issues to be addressed at the Public Hearing
- e. Identify interested parties / parties that should be invited to participate in the Public Hearing
- f. Identify any changes required to the Application for the purposes of clarification
- g. Final procedures to be followed at the Public Hearing including:
 - i. requested modifications to the applicable NWB Rules of Practice and Procedure for Public Hearings (May 2005)
 - ii. language requirements at the Public Hearing
- h. Consideration of any other matters that may aid in the simplification and disposition of the Application at the Public Hearing

2. Other issues

3. Closing of the meeting



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APPENDIX B: **List of Participants at the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference**

Participant name	Designation	Company/ Organization	Representing
Stephanie Autut	Executive Director	NWB	NWB
Karen Kharatyan	Director, Technical Services	NWB	NWB
Mohammad Ali Shaikh	Technical Advisor	NWB	NWB
Amos Kamookak	Assistant Technical Advisor	NWB	NWB
Robert Hunter	Licensing Administrator	NWB	NWB
Teresa Meadows	Legal Counsel	Meadows Law	NWB
Brydon Beattie	Systems Coordinator	NIRB	NWB
James Panioyak	Inuinnaqtun Interpretor	Cambridge Bay	NWB
Jacob Keanik	Inuktitut Interpretor	Gjoa Haven	NWB
Colleen Prather	Permitting and Regulatory Affairs Superintendent	Agnico Eagle	Agnico Eagle
Jennifer Range	Permitting General Supervisor	Agnico Eagle	Agnico Eagle
Bobby Doroudiani	Permitting Lead - Water and Waste	Agnico Eagle	Agnico Eagle
Lisa Mah	Permitting Specialist - Water	Agnico Eagle	Agnico Eagle
Cecilia Zafiris	Permitting Specialist - Field Investigation	Agnico Eagle	Agnico Eagle
Sam Gordon	Permitting Specialist - Aquatics	Agnico Eagle	Agnico Eagle
Lisa Ramilo	Permitting Lead - Water and Waste	Agnico Eagle	Agnico Eagle
Alex Buchan	Director Nunavut Affairs	Agnico Eagle	Agnico Eagle



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Jamie Quesnel	Senior Advisor, Permitting & Regulatory Affairs	Agnico Eagle	Agnico Eagle
Kishan Leakram	General Manager - Hope Bay	Agnico Eagle	Agnico Eagle
Cyril Jenkins	Superintendent, Environment and Health & Safety	Agnico Eagle	Agnico Eagle
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APPENDIX C: List of Amendment Application Submissions

The following documents were included with the Application:

1. January 30, 2026:

- Hope Bay WL Amendment-Main Application Document
- Hope Bay – Water Licence Amendment – Main Application Document
 - Appendix 1 – A: Evaluation of Change
 - Appendix 1 – B: Supplemental Information Guidelines
 - Appendix 1 – C: Engagement Summary
 - Appendix 2 – A: NPC Determination
 - Appendix 3 – A: TIA Filtered Tailings Permitting Conceptual Design
 - Appendix 3 – B: Saline Pond 1 Design Report
 - Appendix 3 – C: CWP 4 Design Report
 - Appendix 4 – A: Geochemical Characterization Naartok West
 - Appendix 4 – B: Geochemical Characterization Madrid North Patch 7
 - Appendix 4 – C: Analysis Increased Water Withdrawals
 - Appendix 4 – D: Hydrogeological Model Report
 - Appendix 4 – E: Interim Source Term Report
 - Appendix 4 – F: WBWQM Operational Update
 - Appendix 4 – G: Hydrodynamic Modelling Roberts Bay
 - Appendix 6 – A: AEMP_Jan2026_V4
 - Appendix 6 – B: Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plan_Jan2026_V9
 - Appendix 6 – C: ERP_Jan2026_V7
 - Appendix 6 – D: Explosives Management Plan_Jan2026_V6
 - Appendix 6 – E: Groundwater Management Plan_Jan2026_V5
 - Appendix 6 – F: Hazardous Waste Management Plan_Jan2026_V8
 - Appendix 6 – G: Hydrocarbon Contaminated Material Management Plan_Nov2025_V5
 - Appendix 6 – H: Incinerator Composter Waste Management Plan_Jan2026_V7
 - Appendix 6 – I: Doris-Madrid ICRP-V8
 - Appendix 6 – J: Non-hazardous Waste Management Plan_Jan2025_V2
 - Appendix 6 – K: QAQC Plan_Nov2025_V15
 - Appendix 6 – L: Quarry Management Plan_Jan2026_V8
 - Appendix 6 – M: Spill Contingency Plan_V19_Jan2026

- Appendix 6 – N: Doris TIA Operation and Maintenance Surveillance Manual_Jan2026_V9
- Appendix 6 – O: Waste Rock Ore Backfill Management Plan_Jan2026_V12
- Appendix 6 – P: Doris-Madrid Water Management Plan_Jan2026_V20
- Appendix 6 – Q: Conceptual Fish Offsetting Plan

2. April 9, 2026:

- Amendment Completeness Check - Agnico Eagle Response to IRs
 - Attachment A: 2025 As-Constructed Drawings
 - Attachment B: MAA Drawings

3. April 24, 2026:

- Amendment Completeness Check - Agnico Eagle 2nd Response to IRs

4. July 3, 2026:

- Amendment Application Technical Review – Agnico Eagle Response to Technical Review Comments

5. July 13, 2026:

- Agnico Eagle confirmation and list of attendees
- Technical Meeting Presentation
- Community Session Presentation

6. July 31, 2026:

- Agnico Eagle submission of Draft Water Licence Framework



APPENDIX D: List of Commitments generated during the Technical Meeting/Pre-Hearing Conference held on July 16-17, 2026

No.	Party Responsible for Commitment	Party(s) who raised (Item #)	Issue - TM Commitment	Timeline for Submission	Form of Submission
1	Agnico Eagle	CIRNA (TRC-08) Water Management Plan	Agnico Eagle will update the Water Management Plan to incorporate applicable updates reflecting the Water Licence Amendment, as shown in Table 1 to response to CIRNAC-TRC-8.	60 days from Minister approval of WL Amendment	Updated Plan document
2	Agnico Eagle	CIRNA (TRC-23) Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan	Agnico Eagle will update Section 7 of the Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan to reflect the agreed upon global security number.	60 days from Minister approval of WL Amendment	Updated Plan document
3	Agnico Eagle	ECCC (TRC-02) Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan	Agnico Eagle will update Table 3-1 of the AEMP to include hydrological monitoring stations at Roberts Lake and Patch Lake. Agnico Eagle will evaluate the addition of an AEMP monitoring station in the southern portion of Patch Lake to monitor for indirect impacts due to proximity with Patch 7 activities.	60 days from Minister approval of WL Amendment	Updated Plan document
4	Agnico Eagle	ECCC (TRC-03) Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan	Agnico Eagle will review and evaluate any new FEQG and CCME guidelines for inclusion with the AEMP. Where the updated guidelines are not adopted, rationale will be provided	60 days from Minister approval of WL Amendment	Updated Plan document

No.	Party Responsible for Commitment	Party(s) who raised (Item #)	Issue - TM Commitment	Timeline for Submission	Form of Submission
5	Agnico Eagle	ECCC (TRC-05) Monitoring Station Locations	Agnico Eagle will provide a sample station figure depicting monitoring stations in relation to relevant infrastructure with the 2026 annual report.	March 31, 2027	Included in the Annual Report
6	Agnico Eagle	ECCC (TRC-06) Incineration and Composter Waste Management Plan	Agnico Eagle will update Section D1.2 of the Incineration and Composter Waste Management Plan to reflect current practices at Boston (i.e., use of burn pan and incineration).	March 31, 2027	Updated Plan document
7	Agnico Eagle	ECCC (TRC-07) Emergency Response and Crisis Management Plan	Agnico Eagle will update Section 3.2 of the Plan to reflect the following text: <i>A level Two Emergency has the following characteristics:</i> <i>• Can be handled by employees who respond with help from their managers or fellow employees who have been called in before normal operations can resume; and</i> <i>• IC will alert Manager on Duty to Activate the Emergency Management Team. Generally, will require a site wide shutdown until the situation is under control.</i> <i>Notification: General Manager same day as event & Corporate office shall be notified in the normal reporting.</i>	60 days from Minister approval of WL Amendment	Updated Plan document
8	Agnico Eagle	ECCC (TRC-08) Spill Contingency Plan	Agnico Eagle will update the citation for the Emergency Response Guidebook to the 2024 version in the Spill Contingency Plan.	60 days from Minister approval of WL Amendment	Updated Plan document

No.	Party Responsible for Commitment	Party(s) who raised (Item #)	Issue - TM Commitment	Timeline for Submission	Form of Submission
9	Agnico Eagle	ECCC (TRC-10) Hydrocarbon Contaminated Material Management Plan	Agnico Eagle will add within Section 7 of the Hydrocarbon Contaminated Material Management Plan, the following sentence: <i>Some alternative remediation options could include biopiles, low temperature thermal desorption, soil vapour extraction, and soil amendments.</i>	March 31, 2027	Updated Plan document
10	Agnico Eagle	DFO (TRC-01) Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan	Agnico Eagle will update the AEMP to include action levels (Low, Medium, and High) for water quantity thresholds for waterbodies where water withdrawals are proposed for the Operational Update (Patch, Windy, Doris).	60 days from Minister approval of WL Amendment	Updated Plan document
11	Agnico Eagle	DFO (TRC-04) Blast Vibration Monitoring Report	Agnico Eagle will provide a Blast Monitoring Report as an appendix to the full annual report. The report will be in accordance with NIRB Project Certificate No.003 Condition 29, and NIRB Project Certificate No.009 Condition 14. Confirm compliance with the Guidelines for the Use of Explosives In or Near Canadian Waters (Wright and Hopky, 1998) as modified by DFO for use in the North, and adhere to guidance provided in Monitoring Explosive Based Winter Seismic Exploration in Waterbodies (Cott and Hanna, 2005), specifically adherence to the lower instantaneous pressure change threshold of 50 kPa. The first Blast Monitoring Report will be provided with the 2026 Annual Report, and will continue annually thereafter.	March 31, 2027	Updated Plan document
12	Agnico Eagle	NWB Draft Water Licence Framework	Agnico Eagle will provide a mark-up of the Draft Water Licence prior to the Final Hearing for review.	July 31, 2026	Updated document

No.	Party Responsible for Commitment	Party(s) who raised (Item #)	Issue - TM Commitment	Timeline for Submission	Form of Submission
13	Agnico Eagle	CIRNA (TRC-14d, e & TRC- 23b) Transition to dry-stack tailings deposition	in progress between Agnico Eagle and CIRNA	August 6, 2026	NA
14	Agnico Eagle	CIRNA (TRC-15 a-d) Transition to dry stack tailings deposition	At least 60 days prior to transitioning to dry stack tailings or any other tailings management strategies, Agnico Eagle will submit a fugitive dust modelling report.	60 days prior to transitioning to dry stack tailings	Report submission
15	Agnico Eagle	CIRNA (TRC-14a & TRC- 23a, c) Tailings closure statement update	Agnico Eagle will add a statement for inclusion to the Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan of the conceptual closure concept of the dry-stack facility.	August 6, 2026	Updated Plan document
16	Agnico Eagle	CIRNA (TRC-20) Water and Load Balance Summary	Agnico Eagle will provide a water and load balance results for slurry only deposition with comparison of results to the already provided model (Appendix 4-F).	August 6, 2026	Updated document

No.	Party Responsible for Commitment	Party(s) who raised (Item #)	Issue - TM Commitment	Timeline for Submission	Form of Submission
17	Agnico Eagle	DFO (TRC-02) Proximal Sources	Should a proximal source be used, Agnico Eagle will include within the annual report the location of the proximal sources, lake volumes of these sources, confirmation of adherence to DFO guidelines for water withdrawal (i.e., intake screens, under ice, and flow thresholds), and reporting of the monthly and annual volumes.	Annually on March 31, 2027	Included in future Annual Reports
18	Agnico Eagle	DFO (TRC-03) Freshwater Withdrawal Monitoring	Agnico Eagle will install continuous monitoring stations on Patch and Windy lakes in coordination with water withdrawal activities and will be evaluated through updates to the AEMP.	Annually on March 31, 2027	Included in future Annual Reports
19	Agnico Eagle	CIRNA (TRC-06) Prediction of Climate Trends	Agnico Eagle will consider climate change in closure related studies.	As applicable through the ICRP	NA