



NIRB File No.: 11MN034
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To: Meliadine Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Final Agenda for the Upcoming NIRB Technical Meeting, Community Roundtable and Pre-Hearing Conference for Agnico Eagle's "Meliadine Extension" Project Proposal

Dear Parties:

On October 21, 2022, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) distributed the *Draft* Agenda for the **November 22-25, 2022** Technical Meeting, Community Roundtable and Pre-hearing Conference to be held as part of the Board's assessment of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (Agnico Eagle or Proponent) "Meliadine Extension" Project Proposal (NIRB File No.: 11MN034). As part of the correspondence, the NIRB requested that interested parties confirm their planned attendance and provide comments or suggestions on the agenda.

The NIRB appreciates parties' interest in participating in the proceedings and that a spokesperson from each key department is available in person at the meetings. As the Board is returning to its normal procedures for holding in-person meetings, the NIRB would like to remind parties that questions may be deferred should experts not be available in the room. As well, parties are encouraged to discuss technical matters with each other and the Proponent outside of the process and provide any resolutions or commitments during the technical meeting. The Technical Meeting is not a hearing and therefore information does not need to be presented as evidence towards the Board.

SPECIFIC REVISIONS TO THE *DRAFT* AGENDA

On October 21, 2022, the NIRB issued a *Draft* Agenda for the Technical Meeting, Community Roundtable and Pre-Hearing Conference and requested that interested parties provide comments or suggestions on the time and order of proceedings; by November 7, 2022. The NIRB received comments from the following parties:

- Agnico Eagle (Doc ID: 342124)

All comments can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125684 by searching by the above Document ID. To assist parties and the public to understand changes made to the *Final* Agenda and this associated procedural guidance, the Board has summarized below, the comments on the *Draft* Agenda received from the parties.

Party	Comment
Agnico Eagle	Day 1: Agnico Eagle recommends 3a be included within 2a agenda item Day 2: Agnico Eagle recommends 2a include an additional 10 minutes to the agenda, and that water quality be included as part of the Freshwater Environment discussion

The *Final* Technical Meeting, Community Roundtable and Pre-hearing Conference agendas have been updated accordingly and are attached as Error! Reference source not found. **A and B** of this letter.

MEETING LOGISTICS

- Interpretation:** Simultaneous English and Inuktitut interpretation will be provided to the extent practicable.
- Seating:** For the Technical Meeting seating at the main table for each party will be limited, with a maximum of 2-3 seats per organization/agency. Additional seats will be provided for observers and the public. For the Community Roundtable, seating at the main table will be reserved for designated community representatives.
- Facilitator:** The Technical Meeting will be facilitated by the NIRB staff. The Community Roundtable and Pre-hearing Conference will be facilitated by the NIRB Chairperson.
- Materials:** The NIRB will provide access to the digital copy of all materials contained within the Board's public registry for the "Meliadine Extension" project proposal, including the FEIS Addendum, and any additional submissions received up to and throughout the meetings.
- Meeting times:** Meetings start at 9:00 a.m. (CT) and run until 5:00 p.m. (CT) daily, with an hour break for lunch and two 15-minute health breaks throughout the day. An evening session is scheduled for the Community Roundtable on November 24, 2022 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Additional evening sessions may be required to ensure all agenda items are sufficiently covered.

Parties expecting to have representatives attend the Technical Meeting in person are responsible to secure their own travel, accommodations, meals, and daily transport to/from the meetings.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

The NIRB requires, if not done so already, that all parties to provide a list of attendees to represent their organization (number of persons, name, position, respective area of expertise or authority), identify a designated key speaker, and email.

The NIRB requests that Agnico Eagle provide electronic copies of presentations to the NIRB by **November 17, 2022** allowing for them to be made available on the NIRB's Public Registry. The NIRB also reminds Agnico Eagle that the Proponent will need to provide enough printed copies of its presentation for meeting participants, with translations in Inuktitut (suggested copy number).

The NIRB also requests that Agnico Eagle submit a list of any commitments made to parties or the public to the NIRB on **November 21, 2022**, in advance of the Technical Meeting, Community Roundtable and Pre-hearing Conference.

Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding the Technical Meeting, Community Roundtable and Pre-hearing Conference, please contact Keith Morrison, Manager, Impact Assessment, at kmorrison@nirb.ca or Emily Koide, Technical Advisor III, at ekoide@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Keith Morrison
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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Appendix A – *Final* Technical Meeting Agenda for Agnico Eagle's "Meliadine Extension" Project Proposal
Appendix B – *Final* Community Roundtable and Pre-hearing Conference Agenda for Agnico Eagle's "Meliadine Extension" Project Proposal

cc: Jamie Quesnel, Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
Michel Groleau, Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
Karén Kharatyan, Nunavut Water Board
Bert Dean, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
Luis Manzo, Kivalliq Inuit Association
Natalie O'Grady, Government of Nunavut
Adrian Paradis, Northern Projects Management Office
Alexandre Chaikine, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
Margaret Fairbairn, Environment and Climate Change Canada
Daniel Coombs, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Joel Kaushansky, Health Canada
Anita Gudmundson, Transport Canada
Clayton Tartak, Kivalliq Wildlife Board
Roger Pilakapsi, Kangiqliniq Hunters and Trappers Organization
Harry Aggark, Aqigiq Hunters and Trappers Organization
Sam Muchpah, Arviat Hunters and Trappers Organization
Philip Putumiraqtuq, Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organization

Simon Enuapik Sr., Issatik Hunters and Trappers Organization
Sayisi Dene First Nation
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APPENDIX A:
FINAL TECHNICAL MEETING AGENDA

NIRB File No.: 11MN034 – Meliadine Extension Project Proposal
Proponent: Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
Facilitator: Karen Costello, NIRB Executive Director
Dates & Times: **All times given in Central Time are approximate and are subject to change at the NIRB's discretion.**
November 22-23, 2022; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Location: Recreation Hall, Rankin Inlet, NU

Day 1 of Technical Meeting – November 22, 2022

General Opening:

1. NIRB Welcome and Opening Remarks (*30 minutes NIRB speaking time*)
 - a. Opening Prayer
 - b. Opening statements from Mayor of Rankin Inlet
 - c. Introductions, overview of procedural history, structure of the meetings
 - d. Introduction of Meeting Participants
 - e. Overview of Agenda
 - f. Housekeeping items

Technical Meeting

2. Proponent Presentation (*total 60 minutes presentation time by Agnico Eagle*)
 - a. Introduction and overview
 - i. Project design and rationale, description of project components including construction, operation, and removal/reclamation
 - ii. Public engagement and community response update
 - iii. Conclusions presented in the FEIS Addendum pertaining to alternatives assessment and methodologies
 - b. Response to Technical Review Comments
3. Roundtable discussion: questions by parties and NIRB staff on the following items with potential presentations delivered by Agnico Eagle as needed:
 - a. Atmospheric environment (climate change assessment, air quality, noise and vibration etc.) (*10-minute presentation by Agnico Eagle*);
 - b. Terrestrial environment (soils and terrain, permafrost, vegetation, terrestrial wildlife, etc.) (*20-minute presentation by Agnico Eagle*)

Close of Day 1

Day 2 of Technical Meeting – November 23, 2022

Technical Meeting (continued from Day 1):

1. NIRB Opening Remarks (*15 minutes*)
 - a. Day 1 Recap
 - b. Overview of Agenda
2. Roundtable discussion: questions by Parties and NIRB staff on the following items with potential presentations delivered by Agnico Eagle as needed:
 - a. Freshwater Environment (hydrology, hydrogeology, water quality, fish and fish habitat *etc.*) (*20-minute presentation by Agnico Eagle*)
 - b. Marine Environment (marine environment and marine wildlife *etc.*) (*10-minute presentation by Agnico Eagle*)
 - c. Socio-economic environment (economic development, education and training, traditional and non-traditional land use *etc.*) (*20-minute presentation by Agnico Eagle*)
 - d. Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment and Accidents and Malfunctions Assessment (*10-minute presentation by Agnico Eagle*)
3. Discussion and review of Proponent's list of commitments and other outstanding technical issues
4. Closing Remarks from parties
5. NIRB closing remarks and discussion of next steps

Close of Day 2

APPENDIX B:
DRAFT COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE AND PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE AGENDA

File No.: 11MN034 – Meliadine Extension Project Proposal
Proponent: Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
Facilitator: Kaviq Kaluraq, NIRB Chairperson
Dates: November 24-25, 2022
Location: Recreation Hall, Rankin Inlet, NU
Times: **All times given in Central Time are approximate and are subject to change at the NIRB's discretion.**

Community Roundtable Session:	November 24, 2022	9:00 am – 5:00 pm; 6:30 pm -8:00 pm
	November 25, 2022	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Pre-hearing Conference:	November 25, 2022	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Community Representative Orientation –November 21, 2022 – 6:30pm

An orientation session will be held for community representatives in the Recreation Hall, to demonstrate how proceedings will be conducted and to prepare for the Community Roundtable.

Day 1 of Community Roundtable and Pre-Hearing Conference – November 24, 2022

General Opening:

1. NIRB Welcome and Opening Remarks (35 minutes)
 - a. Objectives of Community Roundtable and Pre-hearing Conference
 - b. Overview of the NIRB process and status of the assessment
 - c. Introduction of Participants
 - d. Overview of Agenda
 - e. Housekeeping items

Community Roundtable Session:

2. Summary presentation by the Proponent – **Introduction and Popular Summary of Project Proposal** (total 25 minute presentation time by Agnico Eagle if the Proponent feels that it is necessary)
3. Questions from community representatives and the public to the Proponent and/or parties organized by topic:
 - Questioning of the Proponent and parties by community representatives
 - Questions or statements from the public to the Proponent or parties

Close of Day 1

Day 2 of Community Roundtable and Pre-Hearing Conference – November 25, 2022

Pre-hearing Conference

1. NIRB Opening Remarks (*15 minutes*)
 - a. Community Roundtable Recap
 - b. Overview of Agenda

Community Roundtable (continued from Day 1):

1. Questions from community representatives and the public to the Proponent and/or parties organized by topic:
 - Questioning of the Proponent and parties by community representatives
 - Questions or statements from the public to the Proponent or parties
2. Closing statements from each community

Pre-Hearing Conference

3. Identification of any issues preventing the reconvening of a Public Hearing (both NIRB and/or parties)
4. Discussion and facilitation of the Public Hearing processes – parties at the table will be given an opportunity to comment on the following:
 - a. Anticipated date, time, form, and location(s) to reconvene the Public Hearing;
 - b. Timetable for the exchange of additional documents and information requests prior to the Public Hearing;
 - c. Confirmation of commitments list by parties;
 - d. Finalization of issues for the Public Hearing, and identification of interested parties to attend the Public Hearing;
 - e. Logistics arrangement, equipment, language, interpretation, translation, and transcript requirements; and
 - f. Other matters that may aid in the simplification of the Public Hearing.
5. Closing remarks from parties
6. NIRB closing remarks and next steps
7. Closing Prayer

Close of Pre-hearing Conference