



NIRB File No.: 16MN056  
NWB File No.: 2AM-WTP- - - -

April 24, 2017

To: *NIRB*: Whale Tail Pit Project Distribution List  
*NWB*: Meadowbank Distribution List

*Sent via email*

**Re: Finalized Agenda for the NIRB's and the NWB's Technical Meeting and Agenda for the Pre-Hearing Conference for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Whale Tail Pit" Project Proposal and associated Water Licence Application**

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Dear Parties:

On March 13, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) and Nunavut Water Board (NWB) distributed a *Draft* Agenda for the Technical Meeting and an Agenda for the Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC) for the Boards Review of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (Agnico Eagle or Proponent) "Whale Tail Pit" Project Proposal (the Project) and the associated Type "A" Water Licence Application (the Application). The NIRB and the NWB requested that interested parties review the *Draft* Technical Meeting Agenda and provide comments by April 19, 2017.

Comment submissions were received from Agnico Eagle and the comments on the *Draft* Agenda can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Whale Tail Pit Project
- NIRB File No.: 16MN056
- Application No.: 124683

The *Final* Technical Meeting Agenda has been attached as [Appendix A](#) for the information of all parties; the NIRB and the NWB have revised the agenda to incorporate, where possible, the comments received from Agnico Eagle. Inuktitut copies of the attached agenda will be provided by the NIRB as soon as they are available. The *Final* Agenda for the PHC scheduled to take place May 1-2, 2017 in Baker Lake is included in [Appendix B](#) for parties reference.

Further, the Boards have received the list of the federal representatives that will be attending both the Technical Meeting and PHC. At this time, the NIRB and the NWB are also requesting a response from any party that have yet to submit the names of individuals to be attending the upcoming Technical Meeting and PHC to the Boards, noting names and positions. The NIRB respectfully requests that this information be provided directly to the Boards on or before **5:00 pm MST, April 24, 2017**

**Presentation Requirements for upcoming meetings:**

As a reminder to all parties, the NIRB and the NWB previously requested that all parties submit their English, Inuktitut and French (if possible) presentations to the NIRB and the NWB on or before **April 21, 2017**. We appreciate the efforts of parties to provide presentation materials as requested, as the NIRB and the NWB required these materials in order to prepare comprehensive information packages for community roundtable participants in advance of the PHC.

The Boards would like to remind the Proponent and all parties to provide sufficient printed copies of its presentations for parties in attendance at the Technical Meeting (50 copies), translated into both Inuktitut, and French where possible<sup>1</sup>. Parties are also reminded to provide an executive summary of their technical review comments (50 copies) complete with Inuktitut and French translations to be made available in hard copy at the meeting. For the PHC<sup>2</sup>, the NIRB and the NWB would like to remind all parties to provide adequate hardcopies of all presentations for the Board, parties and the public (80 English, 50 Inuktitut, and 20 French if possible). For both the Technical Meeting and the PHC, the Boards request that digital copies of presentation(s) in Microsoft PowerPoint format be also provided to display via a laptop computer and projector during the meetings (presentations should be named according to meeting and agency, e.g. Environment and Climate Change Canada\_PHC, Agnico Eagle Roundtable, etc.

If you have any questions regarding the NIRB's Review of the Whale Tail Pit Project Proposal, please contact Sophia Granchinho, Manager, Impact Assessment at [sgranchinho@nirb.ca](mailto:sgranchinho@nirb.ca) or by phone at (867) 857-4829. If you have any questions on the NWB's consideration of the Water Licence Application, please contact Karén Kharatyan, Acting Manager, Licensing at [karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca) or by phone at (867) 360-6338 (ext. 35).

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Sincerely,



Karén Kharatyan, Ph.D.  
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Nunavut Water Board

cc: Ryan Vanengen, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.  
Stéphane Robert, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.  
Jamie Quesnel, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.  
Larry Connell, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.

Attachments: Appendix A: *Final* Technical Meeting Agenda for the Whale Tail Pit Project  
Appendix B: *Final* Pre-Hearing Conference Agenda for the Whale Tail Pit Project

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<sup>1</sup> Printed and electronic copies of presentation materials for the Technical Meeting should be dropped off to the NIRB and the NWB's attention at the Baker Lake Community Hall on Thursday, April 28, 2017 by 8:30 a.m.

<sup>2</sup> Printed and electronic copies of presentation materials for the PHC should be dropped off to the NIRB and the NWB's attention at the Baker Lake Community Hall on Monday May 1, 2017 by 8:30 a.m.

## APPENDIX A: FINAL TECHNICAL MEETING AGENDA FOR THE WHALE TAIL PIT PROJECT

**NIRB File No.:** 16MN056 – Whale Tail Pit Project Proposal  
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**Proponent:** Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.  
**Location:** Baker Lake Community Hall, Baker Lake, NU  
**Dates:** April 27 to April 29, 2017

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

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

### Thursday, April 27, 2017 – Community Information Evening Session

#### General Opening

1. Opening prayer
2. NIRB Presentation
3. NWB Presentation
4. Presentation by the Proponent

### Friday, April 28, 2017 – Day 1 of Technical Meetings (*including evening session*)

#### General Opening

1. Opening prayer
2. Opening Remarks by the NIRB and the NWB (*30 minutes*)
  - i. Introductions, overview of procedural history (NIRB and NWB), structure of technical meeting, etc.
  - ii. Review of Agenda
  - iii. Housekeeping Items

#### Technical meeting

3. Presentations by the Proponent - Note: time for questions by Parties, NIRB staff and NWB staff will be provided following each presentation:
  - i. Introduction & Overview (*45 minutes*)
  - ii. Response to Technical Comments (*45 minutes*)
  - iii. Public Participation and Engagement (*30 minutes*)
  - iv. Atmospheric Environment (*15 minutes*)
  - v. Terrestrial Environment (*45 minutes*)
  - vi. Marine Environment (*15 minutes*)
  - vii. Socio-Economics (*30 minutes*)

- viii. Human Health (*15 minutes*)
- ix. Freshwater Environment (including water use aspects of the Application) (*45 minutes*) *including*
  - i. Contact and Non-contact Water Management
  - ii. Groundwater Management and Talik within Whale Tail Pit
  - iii. Designs of Water Management Infrastructure
  - iv. Adaptive Management
- x. Waste Management (including waste management aspects of the Application) (*45 minutes*) *including*
  - i. Waste Rock and Tailings Management including Designs of Whale Tail Waste Rock Storage Facility and Meadowbank Mine's Tailing Storage Facility (including thermal instrumentation)
  - ii. Wastewater Management and Treatment
  - iii. Effluent Quality Criteria
  - iv. Dust Management
- xi. Management Plans and Monitoring Programs (with a focus on those submitted for review and approval as part of the Application) (*30 minutes*) *including*
  - i. Water Quality and Flow Monitoring
  - ii. Water Quality Monitoring and Management for Dike Construction
  - iii. Quality Assurance / Quality Control
  - iv. Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Planning
  - v. Closure and Reclamation Planning
- xii. Accidents and Malfunctions (*15 minutes*)

Close of Day 1

## **Saturday, April 29, 2017 – Day 2 of Technical Meetings**

### Technical meeting (Continued from Day 1)

1. Opening prayer
2. Opening Remarks by the by the NIRB and the NWB
3. Presentations from registered Parties – Summary of Technical Review Comments, each Party is allotted 45 minutes for the presentation, followed by time for questions by Board Members, other Parties, and the Proponent.
  - i. Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
  - ii. Kivalliq Inuit Association
  - iii. Government of Nunavut
  - iv. Environment and Climate Change Canada
  - v. Fisheries and Oceans Canada

- vi. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
  - vii. Natural Resources Canada
  - viii. Transport Canada
- 4. Discussion of Proponent and Parties' list of commitments associated with the EIS
  - 5. Discussion of Proponent and Parties' list of commitments and list of issues associated with the Application
- Close of Day 2

**APPENDIX B: FINAL PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE AGENDA FOR THE WHALE TAIL PIT PROJECT**

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**Proponent:** Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.  
**Location:** Baker Lake Community Hall, Baker Lake, NU  
**Dates:** May 1 to May 2, 2017

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

Pre-Hearing Conference:	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Community Roundtable Sessions:	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Evening Sessions:	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Note: While the agenda has been set to close the Pre-Hearing Conference following the conclusion of the afternoon session on Day 2, parties are advised that the agenda may be subject to change and that the Pre-Hearing Conference may extend into the evening if required.

**Monday, May 1, 2017 – Day 1 of Pre-Hearing Conference (including evening session)**

General Opening

1. Opening prayer
2. Welcoming Remarks by the Mayor of Baker Lake (*15 minutes*)
3. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson of the NIRB and the NWB Executive Director
  - i. Introductions, overview of procedural history, structure of proceedings, etc. (*30 minutes*)
  - ii. Review of Agenda
  - iii. Housekeeping Items

Community Roundtable Session

4. Summary presentation by the Proponent – **Introduction and Overview of Project** (*90 minutes*)
5. Questioning of the Proponent and Parties by community representatives
6. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Boards that they wish to speak on this topic
7. Presentations from registered Parties – each Party is allotted 25 minutes for the presentation, followed by time for questions by other Parties, the Proponent and Board staff. NOTE: Presentations should be presented in plain language and focus on issues of importance to communities and should NOT simply be a repeat of the presentation from the Technical Meeting.
  - i. Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

- ii. Kivalliq Inuit Association
- iii. Government of Nunavut
- iv. Environment and Climate Change Canada
- v. Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Close of Day 1

## **Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – Day 2 of Pre-Hearing Conference**

### General Opening

1. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson of the NIRB and the NWB Executive Director

### Community Roundtable Session continued

2. Presentations by parties should be presented in plain language and focus on issues of importance to communities.
  - i. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
  - ii. Natural Resources Canada
  - iii. Transport Canada
3. Closing statements from each community

### Pre-Hearing Conference

4. Identification of any issues preventing project from proceeding to a Public Hearing (both NIRB and/or NWB)
5. Facilitation of the hearing processes – discussion to include:
  - i. Procedures to be followed in the hearing (including coordination opportunities)
  - ii. Anticipated date, time, form and location of Final/Public Hearing
  - iii. Timetable for the exchange of documents and information requests prior to the Final/Public Hearing
  - iv. Finalization of issues for the Final/Public Hearing
  - v. Equipment, language, interpretation, translation and transcript requirements
  - vi. Any changes to the Water Licence Application for the purposes of clarification
  - vii. Identification of interested parties to attend the Final/Public Hearing
  - viii. Other matters that may aid in the simplification of the Final/Public Hearing
6. NIRB Closing Remarks and Next Steps
7. NWB Closing Remarks and Next Steps
8. Closing Prayer

Close of Day 2