



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

August 31, 2017

Whale Tail Pit Project Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Final Agenda for the upcoming Final Hearing for the NIRB's Review of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Whale Tail Pit" Project Proposal

Dear Parties:

On August 11, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) distributed a *Draft* Hearing Agenda for the upcoming Final Hearing for the NIRB's assessment of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (Agnico Eagle or Proponent) "Whale Tail Pit" Project Proposal (NIRB File 16MN056; "the Project"), pursuant to subsection 102(2) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*. The NIRB requested that interested parties review the *Draft* Hearing Agenda and provide the Board with their comments as well as confirmation of their planned attendance by August 24, 2017.

A comment submission was subsequently received from Agnico Eagle and can be accessed online from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

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

A finalized Hearing Agenda has been attached as [Appendix A](#) for the information of all parties; the NIRB has revised the agenda to incorporate, where possible, the comments received from Agnico Eagle. An Inuktitut translation of the attached agenda will be provided by the NIRB as soon as available. Parties planning to attend the upcoming Final Hearing are advised that times given in the attached *Final* Hearing Agenda are approximate and the order of presenters and times given for presentations are subject to change at the moderator's discretion during the proceedings.

At this time, the NIRB is also requesting a response from any parties that have yet to submit the names of individuals to be presenting evidence (technical presentations) to the Board, noting that a written summary of qualifications and experience for technical experts should also be provided.

The NIRB respectfully requests that this information be provided directly to the Board on or before **September 5, 2017**.

The Board requests that all intervenors be prepared to provide the following materials in support of their participation in the upcoming Final Hearing:

- Technical Presentations: hardcopies of all presentations required for the Board, parties and the public (suggest 100 English, 80 Inuktitut, and 30 French if possible).
- Community Roundtable/Plain Language Summary Presentations: hardcopies of all presentations for the Board, parties and the public (suggest 100 English, 80 Inuktitut, and 30 French if possible).
- Executive summaries of final written submissions: hardcopies (suggest 80 copies) translated into both Inuktitut and French where possible to be available at the meeting.
- Digital copy of presentations in Microsoft PowerPoint to display via a laptop computer and projector during the meetings (file name should include meeting and agency, e.g. ECCC Technical Presentation, Agnico Eagle Roundtable, etc.).

To facilitate the preparation of information packages required to support community roundtable participants, the NIRB previously requested that all parties submit digital copies of their Final Hearing presentations on or before **September 5, 2017**. Presentation materials can be submitted to the NIRB via email to info@nirb.ca. Parties are reminded that all presentation materials are to be provided in English, Inuktitut, and French if possible.

Should you have questions regarding the upcoming Final Hearing for the NIRB's Review of the Whale Tail Pit project, please contact the undersigned directly at sgranchinho@nirb.ca or by phone at (867) 857-4829.

Sincerely,



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Attachment (1): Appendix A: *Final* Hearing Agenda (NIRB File No. 16MN056)

APPENDIX A: FINAL HEARING AGENDA FOR THE WHALE TAIL PIT PROJECT

NIRB File No.: 16MN056 – Whale Tail Pit Project Proposal
NWB File No.: 2AM-WTP- - - -
Proponent: Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.
Location: Baker Lake Community Hall, Baker Lake, NU
Dates: September 19 - 22, 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
Community Roundtable Sessions: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Evening Sessions: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

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

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

Note (3): Teleconferencing options may not be available.

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 – Day 1 of Technical Sessions (*including evening session*)

General Opening

1. Opening prayer
2. Welcoming Remarks by the Mayor of Baker Lake
3. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson:
 - i. Introductions, overview of procedural history, structure of proceedings, etc. (30 minutes)
 - ii. Identification of motions or objections
 - iii. Review of Agenda
 - iv. Housekeeping Items

Technical Session

4. Presentations by the Proponent - Note: witnesses appearing on behalf of the Proponent will be sworn in/affirmed and exhibits will be marked in advance of testimony being given. Time for questioning by Board Members and Intervenor will be provided immediately following presentations.
 - i. Introduction, Project Overview, and Response to final written submissions (60 minutes)

- ii. Public Participation and Engagement (*20 minutes*)
 - iii. Atmospheric Environment (*10 minutes*)
 - iv. Freshwater Environment (*45 minutes*)
 - v. Terrestrial Environment (*45 minutes*)
 - vi. Marine Environment (*5 minutes*)
 - vii. Socio-Economics (*20 minutes*)
 - viii. Human Health (*5 minutes*)
 - ix. Management Plans and Monitoring Programs (*20 minutes*)
 - x. Accidents and Malfunctions (*10 minutes*)
5. Nunavut Agreement Section 12.10.2(b) and NuPPAA Section 155 Exception Application for Predevelopment/Site Preparation
- i. Presentation by the Proponent (*10 minutes*)
 - ii. Time for questioning by Board Members and Intervenors immediately following presentation.

Close of Day 1

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 – Day 2 of Technical Sessions

Technical session (Continued from Day 1)

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

Close of Day 2

Thursday, September 21, 2017 – Day 1 of the Community Roundtable (*including evening session*)

General Opening

1. Opening prayer
2. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson
 - i. Introductions, overview of procedural history, structure of proceedings, etc. (30 minutes)
 - ii. Identification of motions or objections
 - iii. Review of Agenda
 - iv. Housekeeping Items

Community Roundtable Session

3. Summary presentation by the Proponent – **Introduction and Overview of Project** (90 minutes)
4. Questioning of the Proponent and Parties by community representatives
5. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Board that they wish to speak on this topic
6. Presentations from registered Parties – each Party is allotted 20 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 Sessions.
 - i. Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
 - ii. Kivalliq Inuit Association
 - iii. Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organization
 - iv. Government of Nunavut

Close of Day 3

Friday, September 21, 2017 – Day 2 of the Community Roundtable

General Opening

1. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson

Community Roundtable Session (*continued*)

2. Presentations by parties should be presented in plain language and focus on issues of importance to communities.
 - i. Environment and Climate Change Canada
 - ii. Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 - iii. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

- iv. Natural Resources Canada
 - v. Transport Canada
 - 3. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Chairperson that they wish to speak on this topic
 - 4. Closing Remarks – Proponent and Intervenors
 - 5. Closing Remarks – community members
- Close of Day 4