



NIRB File No.: 16MN056

July 30, 2019

Whale Tail Pit Distribution List

*Sent via email*

**Re: Final Agenda for the upcoming Public Hearing for the NIRB's Assessment of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's "Whale Tail Pit Expansion" Proposal**

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Dear Parties:

On July 17, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) distributed a *Draft* Agenda for the upcoming Public Hearing in Baker Lake to be held on August 26-29, 2019 in support of the Board's assessment of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (Agnico Eagle or Proponent) proposed "Whale Tail Pit Expansion" project (NIRB File No.: 16MN056; the Project). The NIRB requested that interested parties review the *Draft* Agenda and provide the Board with their comments as well as confirmation of their planned attendance by July 26, 2019.

No comments were received by parties and the *Final* Agenda has been attached as [Appendix A](#) for the information of all parties. Inuktitut copies of the attached agenda will be provided by the NIRB as soon as they are available.

At this time, the NIRB is also requesting a response from any agencies 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 **July 31, 2019**. Please note that these submissions will be posted on the NIRB public registry.

As a reminder, the NIRB previously requested that all parties submit their English and Inuktitut presentations to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca), on or before **August 19, 2019**. We appreciate the efforts of parties to provide these materials as requested, as the NIRB is preparing information packages to assist community roundtable participants. The NIRB would like to remind all parties to provide sufficient printed copies of their presentation and executive summaries of Final Written Submissions for the information of attendees at the Public Hearing, noting that up to 100 English copies, 80 Inuktitut copies, and 30 French copies may be required.

Should you have questions regarding the upcoming Public Hearing for the NIRB's assessment of the Whale Tail Pit Expansion proposal, please contact Erin Reimer, Technical Advisor I, at [ereimer@nirb.ca](mailto:ereimer@nirb.ca) or (867) 857-4566, or Sophia Granchinho, Manager, Impact Assessment, at [sgranchinho@nirb.ca](mailto:sgranchinho@nirb.ca) or (867) 857-4829.

Sincerely,



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Attachment (1): Appendix A: Final Hearing Agenda for the Whale Tail Pit Expansion Proposal (NIRB File No. 16MN056)

## APPENDIX A - FINAL HEARING AGENDA FOR THE WHALE TAIL PIT EXPANSION PROPOSAL

**NIRB File No.:** 16MN056 – Whale Tail Pit Expansion Project Proposal  
**Proponent:** Agnico Eagle Mines Limited  
**Location:** Community Hall, Baker Lake, NU  
**Dates:** August 26-29, 2019

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

### Monday, August 26, 2019 – 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 (*30 minutes*)
  - i. Introductions, overview of procedural history, structure of proceedings, etc.
  - 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 Intervenorors 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. Alternatives Assessment and Cumulative Effects (*20 minutes*)
  - iv. Atmospheric Environment (*20 minutes*)

- v. Terrestrial Environment (20 minutes)
- vi. Freshwater Environment (20 minutes)
- vii. Marine Environment (10 minutes)
- viii. Socio-Economics (20 minutes)
- ix. Human Health (20 minutes)
- x. Management Plans and Monitoring Programs (20 minutes)

Close of Day 1

## Tuesday, August 27, 2019 – Day 2 of Technical Sessions

### Technical session (Continued from Day 1)

1. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson
2. Presentations from registered Intervenor – Note: witnesses appearing on behalf of registered Intervenor 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 Intervenor and the Proponent.
  - i. Kivalliq Inuit Association
  - ii. Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organization
  - iii. Government of Nunavut
  - iv. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
  - v. Environment and Climate Change Canada
  - vi. Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Close of Day 2

## Wednesday, August 28, 2019 – Day 1 of Community Roundtable (including evening session)

### General Opening

1. Opening prayer
2. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson
3. Presentations from registered Intervenor (*continued*)
  - vii. Health Canada
  - viii. Natural Resources Canada

### Community Roundtable Session

4. Presentation by the Proponent – **Introduction and Overview of Project** (90 minutes)

5. Questioning of the Proponent and Parties by community representatives and members of the public, organized by the following topics:
  - i. Public participation and engagement
  - ii. Continuing use of Baker Lake facilities and Meadowbank all-weather access road
  - iii. Continuing use of Meadowbank facilities, processing plant and tailings storage
  - iv. Development of additional facilities at Whale Tail site and expansion of haul road
  - v. Cumulative effects and other concerns

Close of Day 3

**Thursday, August 29, 2019 – Day 2 of Community Roundtable**

General Opening

1. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson

Community Roundtable Session (*continued*)

2. Questioning of the Proponent and Parties by community representatives and members of the public, organized by the following topics: (*continued*)
  - a. Public participation and engagement
  - b. Continuing use of Baker Lake facilities and Meadowbank all-weather access road
  - c. Continuing use of Meadowbank facilities, processing plant and tailings storage
  - d. Development of additional facilities at Whale Tail site and expansion of haul road
  - e. Cumulative effects and other concerns
3. Closing Remarks – Proponent and Intervenors
4. Closing Remarks – Community Members

Close of Day 4