



Health Canada's Role in Impact Assessments*

HEALTH CANADA IS TRYING TO UNDERSTAND

FROM THE DEVELOPER



Air Quality



Noise Pollution



Drinking Water



Traditional Foods & Food Sources



Other Aspects Related to the Ability to Make Healthy Choices

DID THE DEVELOPER ASK FOR, LISTEN TO, AND PLAN AROUND THE COMMUNITY'S INPUT?

- Monitoring for changes to the community's health
- Plans to keep the community safe during construction & operation
- Plans to mitigate change

FROM THE KEEPERS OF THE LAND

CHANGES — TO — LAND USE & ACCESS



CHANGES — TO — COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS



CHANGES — TO — TRADITIONAL ACTIVITIES



ARE THERE CHANGES OR ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN MISSED?

- Hunting and harvesting areas
- Ecological changes
- Swimming/water use
- Cultural activities

*under the Impact Assessment Act

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WHAT WE CONSIDER



IMPACT STUDIES

are done by developers seeking to complete projects, not by Health Canada or the federal government. Generally, federal departments use the Impact Study to complete an Impact Assessment and make recommendations to the developer around safeguarding community wellbeing.



TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

has an integral role in information sharing and community recommendations

- Long term effects
- Cultural and historical contexts
- Environmental considerations
- Sustainability
- Reclaiming traditional areas and activities

THINGS TO REMEMBER



There will be many visitors to the community asking questions.



Health Canada is one of many departments involved in Impact Assessments. Other departments look at social and economic changes to the community among other areas – Health Canada focuses on changes to a community's health.



Specific comment periods will be scheduled for the community to actively provide input and feedback on the project.