

COFEX-N Meeting Minutes Port Infrastructure for the Nunavik Nickel Mine Project by Canadian Royalties
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Date: May 7, 2012 **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Location:

**105 McGill Street, Montreal
Outaouais Room, 7th floor
H2Y 2E7**

Present:

Claude Langlois, Chair
Caroline Larrivée
Selena Whiteley
Judy Doré
Vicki Da Silva-Casimiro
Anne-Marie Gaudet, Executive Secretary

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Welcome to Vicki – new federal member**
 - The official appointment was expected to follow shortly.
- 3. Minutes and follow-up from meetings of March 13 and April 10, 2012**
 - The two sets of minutes will be sent out to the members.
 - COFEX-N procedures: language of correspondence: The members agreed that the meeting discussions and e-mail exchanges would be bilingual (French or English), in the language of the member's choice or in which the member is most comfortable.
 - The members also agreed that documents that could be made public, particularly to residents of the region who are affected by the development projects, must be available in French and English. As a result, reports and complementary documents from the proponent should be available in French and English (note: that is already the case for the reports received by CRI, but not always for the complementary documents...). Official documents (directives, recommendations reports...) prepared and disseminated by COFEX-N should also be available in French and English.

4. **Review of the terms of reference received on April 13 from the Federal Administrator for the CRI project**

The terms of reference from the Federal Administrator were reviewed by COFEX, and the members agreed to meet the requirements. DFO had considered the possibility of delegating the responsibility for conducting the screening to COFEX-N. However, the application of the process under NILCA requires the federal departments to remain involved in the EA file.

5. **COFEX-N work schedule for project review**

- Ms. Gaudet outlined the work plan for the next steps.
- The COFEX-N's questions and comments were sent to the proponent on May 3, 2012.
- Assumption: proponent will send us a new project notice in mid-May.
- COFEX-N will review it and may send the proponent a second series of questions and comments in July.
- In the meantime, local communities will be consulted in June (targeted period: June 18–22, 2012). DFO, TC and the NMRIRB (created under NILCA) will join COFEX-N. Assess the feasibility of organizing joint consultation activities with the KEQC. Ms. Gaudet will contact the Executive Secretary of the KEQC and notify Mr. Langlois of the result.
- According to the initial assumption, the Recommendation Report will be ready in September-October 2012.
- Ms. Gaudet will prepare a schedule for the main steps of the process.

6. **Agenda for the afternoon meeting with CRI**

- Mr. Langlois will chair the meeting.
- CRI will provide an update on the project and the applications for authorization.
- CRI will also provide an update on the impact statements for on-land management.
- According to the confirmations received, 18 people are expected to attend the meeting.

7. **Process for consulting Inuit communities on the CRI project**

- Evening sessions (June 19, 2012, is the target date).
- Afternoon, meeting with target groups, e.g. the mayor and municipal councillors of Salluit, the councillors of Kangiqsujuaq, and the landholding corporation.
- Official written invitations will be sent out.

8. **Process for preparation of the recommendations report by COFEX-N**

- Send a copy of the recommendations report prepared for the project.
- Two report templates were presented: one for *Matoush (May 2011)*, which was very detailed, and one for the *Marine Infrastructure Project at Kuujuarapik/Whapmagoostui, Phase II, August 2010*, which was more concise. The latter would definitely be more appropriate for the Nunavik Nickel project.

- Ms. Gaudet will prepare a table of contents and temporarily assign sections to the COFEX-N members (including the Executive Secretary).

9. Other business

- The JBNQA Project Registry is available on the CEAA website. Documents related to the review of the project by COFEX-N will be posted for consultation on the JBNQA Project Registry.
- Ms. Gaudet will have to check the rules about official languages.