

Projects of National Interest: The Process

Under the Building Canada Act, the Major Projects Office (MPO) advances executable projects in the national interest, through a streamlined federal review process.

Process to list projects of national interest

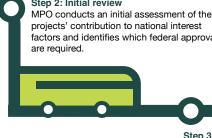


Step 1: Project submission Proponents, Indigenous Peoples, provinces and territories, municipalities, etc. submit projects to the MPO.



Step 2: Initial review

MPO conducts an initial assessment of the factors and identifies which federal approvals





MPO ensures consultations with Indigenous Peoples, as well as provinces/territories and federal ministers.



Governor in Council decisions

Ongoing consultation with Indigenous Peoples throughout this phase.





Step 4: Minister's recommendation The Minister recommends to the

be listed in Schedule 1 of the Building

Governor in Council (GiC) that the project



Governor in Council refers to the Governor General acting on the advice and recommendations of the Cabinet.









Step 6: GiC Decision and Order in Council The order in council is published in the Canada Gazette. The project of national interest and a description are added to Schedule 1. The project details are posted in an online registry.



Canada Act.

Upfront Greenlight

Consultation with Indigenous Peoples is ongoing throughout this phase.



Step 7: Regulatory Approvals and Conditions

Once the project has been added to Schedule 1, the Building Canada Act provides upfront conditional federal approvals, shifting the focus of regulatory review from "whether" to proceed to "how" the project can

- MPO works with proponents and expert departments and agencies on the regulatory review process and Indigenous consultation.
- Conditions related to federal approvals are consolidated in a single "conditions document," allowing the project to proceed within two years.



