

YESAA Oversight Group Meeting
Wednesday, March 4, 2020 2:00 – 4:00pm
Elijah Smith Building, Room 3A

Record of Decision

Participants

Dionne Savill, Oversight Group Chair
Daryn Leas, Oversight Group Member
Jasmina Randhawa, Oversight Group Member
Martin Guilbeault, CIRNAC Yukon Region
Shane Kilpatrick, CIRNAC Yukon Region
Michael Lemmon, CIRNAC Yukon Region
Ed Schultz, Council of Yukon First Nations
Keith Maguire, Government of Yukon
Andrew Smith, Government of Yukon

February 14, 2020 Letter from Yukon Chamber of Mines

- Dionne lead a discussion of the letter received from Yukon Chamber of Mines, and how best to respond.
 - o The letter still does not detail Industry's specific concerns in a substantive way, but all agree that Industry does deserve more engagement and action on these issues. A more substantial discussion with Industry is needed.
 - o Dionne spoke with the YESAB Chair. They are aware of the issue. The Chair is putting together statistic on timelines. There may be an opportunity for industry involvement, or a broader working group on this.
 - o We are still not in a position to talk about legislative amendment.
 - o Government of Yukon discussed their work with Adam Chamberlain to look at s.49.1, and the possibility of addressing amendments/renewals from an internal policy angle. Government of Yukon wants to share the Chamberlain report with the Oversight Group before sharing with Industry. There are broad recommendations that are outside of Government of Yukon's scope of authority, with no ability to implement.
 - o Government of Yukon has made a commitment to address this work at the Mining MOU table. The report is not yet ready for sharing. Report should be completed before Oversight Group proceeds with addressing s.49.1.
- Next Steps:
 - o Government of Yukon to complete draft of response letter.
 - o CIRNAC will finalize the letter, and share with Oversight Group for review.

- Letter will be sent, offering a meeting suggestion.
- Dionne/CIRNAC will reach out to the Yukon Chamber of Mines to discuss the objectives and purpose prior to the meeting.
- **UPDATE:** Due to the current restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the letter will no longer suggest a meeting date, only requesting a more fulsome discussion.

YESAA Forum Summary Report – November 5, 2019 Forum Event

- Andrew provided an overview of the YESAA Forum Summary Report, including the recommendations of the YESAA Forum Steering Committee.
 - Recommendations 1 and 2 are general recommendations to improve effectiveness of the Forum, specifically that the Forums result in recommendations for concrete actions, and that the right people are in the room.
 - of the remaining recommendations correspond with each of the proposed Forum Topics, and how they may best be addressed within the context of the Forum.
 - Cumulative Effects was selected as the area of highest priority.
 - The topic of Traditional Knowledge was discussed at length. Ed noted that CYFN has traditional knowledge being discussed at multiple tables, with several government departments and Boards/Committees, and that it may be more effective to look at barriers to integration comprehensively in collaboration with other stakeholders.
 - The topic of Mitigative Measures was discussed at length as well. There is a questions as to how compliance is being measured, and whether those measures are being built into permitting and inspections.
- Next Steps:
 - As Cumulative Effects is the priority, it should be the topic of the next Forum event. This topic may need to be separated into multiple Forum events to address the breadth of considerations.
 - Steering Committee to scope out what it wants to achieve through the next Forum event.

Remaining Oversight Group Priorities

- Next steps on Priority C – Policy/Procedural Aspects
 - Prioritize items 3 and 4
 - Authorization Amendments and Renewals
 - Timelines in Assessments
- CIRNAC can share an analysis document for item 1 – Process Mapping for Consent Requests under s.60 and s.11 of YESAA.

- CIRNAC Yukon region is also working with Ottawa colleagues to advance item 7
 - Review of the *Assessable Activities, Exceptions and Executive Committee Projects Regulations*.

No subsequent Oversight Group meeting scheduled at this time