

YESAA Oversight Group Meeting
August 26, 2020 8:30 – 9:30am
Teleconference

Record of Decision

Participants

Jasmina Randhawa, Oversight Group Chair - YG
Daryn Leas, Oversight Group Member - CYFN
Dionne Savill, Oversight Group Member - CIRNAC
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
Sevn Bohnet, Government of Yukon

Guests: Lyle Dinn, A/ADM, EMR Government of Yukon, Gilles Binda – CIRNAC, Ottawa

1. Introductions

- Jasmina welcomed everyone. Dionne introduced Gilles Binda who is with the Legislative and Regulatory team in Ottawa to assist with the discussions relating to a YESAA review.

2. Approval of July 30, 2020 meeting record

- The July 30 meeting notes were circulated to group prior to the meeting by Sevn. No comments or changes were identified – July 30 meeting record is approved.

3. Follow up with Yukon Chamber of Mines

- YG sent a letter to the Yukon Chamber of Mines (YCM) on August 5th following up on previous correspondence. No response received from YCM to date. All agreed to wait for a response, remain open to a future meeting and re-visit matter at a later meeting.

4. Meeting with YMAB (PWC report)

- YG has reached out to YMAB, they are willing to meet to discuss the PWC report. YG will arrange to share the report in advance of meeting with YMAB and will attempt to make arrangements to have YMAB join the September OG meeting.

TASK - YG to arrange to meet with YMAB for September meeting.

5. Review Oversight Group Priorities

- No workplan has been prepared yet – support staff have had discussions on the Terms of Reference for technical working group (TWG) and are seeking more clarity on setting priorities for the TWG.
- Canada indicated they are interested in hearing from YG and First Nations with regards to pursuing a legislative review of YESAA.
- The group discussed the interests and merits of considering a broad review versus a focused review. It was agreed to focus the potential review on the issues surrounding the assessment of amendments and renewals or existing projects.
- Canada indicated that it is a similar amount of work for a full review or a focused review, either is possible and that it is a long process conduct a review and prepare any changes to the legislation.
- The group agreed to set the priority of the TWG to explore options for pursuing a focused review of YESAA to address the issues of amendments and renewals.
- It was also agreed that YESAB would be invited to participate in the TWG.

TASK - The TWG will revise the terms of reference and develop a workplan for the assigned priority tasks.

6. Technical working group

- This item was addressed in the previous discussion.

7. YESAA Forum

- Sevn provided an update on YESAA forum planning – next Steering Committee meeting scheduled for August 5, 2020.

8. Other Items - None

9. Next Meeting - planned for September 23, 2020