Prairie Creek All Season Access Road Project (EA1415-01)

Technical Sessions Agenda

Monday June 13 – Thursday June 16, 2016

Explorer Hotel, Yellowknife

Below is the agenda for the Technical Sessions for the proposed Prairie Creek All Season Road Project. The purpose of this technical session is to:

1. ensure the scope of development and scheduling of activities are clearly understood between parties, the developer and the Review Board
2. encourage open discussion between parties and the developer on scientific and traditional knowledge information in an informal setting
3. have focused discussions on the issues where changes to a valued component from the project could lead to significant adverse impacts on the environment or people
4. seek clarification on responses to information requests, DAR adequacy responses or other evidence on the public record for the project

The technical session is informal and will be facilitated by an independent facilitator with assistance from Review Board staff. Review Board members do not attend. Days and times allotted are approximate and may vary during the sessions. If there is time remaining at the end of the day, additional topics may be moved forward. Parties are reminded to submit CVs or resumes of technical advisors participating on behalf of their respective organizations prior to the technical session.

Technical session logistics:

- Teleconference will be made available to a limited number of participants during the technical session on request. However, parties and technical advisors are strongly urged to attend in person. Please email Chuck Hubert at chubert@reviewboard.ca if you would like details for the teleconference.
- The technical session will be transcribed with verbatim transcripts posted to the Review Board registry.
- If you or the party your represent cannot participate without an interpreter at this technical session, please let the Review Board know by **Wednesday June 1st at 5pm.**
- Health breaks have not been put into the agenda as they will be taken at optimal times throughout the day.

Monday June 13th, 10:30am – 5pm	
Overview of project and discussion of environmental effects	
10:30 am	Opening remarks and introduction from the Review Board staff
10:45 am	Developer presentation: Overview of the project highlighting: • The proposed all season road alignment • Where the all season road alignment differs from the winter road alignment • Where the alignment has changed since the DAR was submitted in April 2015 • The schedule and timing of construction, operation, and closure of the road • Location of major watercourse crossings and key pieces of infrastructure
11:00 am	Access control Road components: • Temporary camps • Tetcela transfer facility Closure and reclamation
12:00 – 1:00pm	Lunch
	Fish, water, and water quality, including, but not limited to: • Water withdrawals • Erosion and sediment control • Considerations for aquatic species at risk • Water quality at borrow pits (ARD concerns) • Water quality Vegetation
5:00 pm	Adjourn

Tuesday June 14th, 8:30 am – 5pm

Wildlife, traditional harvesting and traditionally harvested species

Project description

8:30 am	Effects to communities, tourism, and Nahanni National Park Reserve Cultural resources, including archaeological sites Wildlife, including but not limited to: • Species at risk disturbance mitigations • Effects from noise and blasting • Boreal caribou • Effects assessment methodology • Effects from borrow pits Traditional harvesting
12:00 – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Continuation of above
3:00 pm	Project description • Road design and alignment – review of the proposed alignment and considerations for the preferred alignment as it relates to engineering constraints
5:00 pm	Adjourn

Wednesday June 15th, 8:30 am – 5pm	
Project description	
8:30 am	Project description <u>as it relates to water</u>, including: • Sundog creek realignment • Major watercourse crossings • Minor watercourse crossings • Road footprint within floodplains • Potential for road washout • Mitigations and alternatives • Temporary water crossings
12:00 – 1:00pm	Lunch

1:00 pm	Project description, including
	• Permafrost and thaw-sensitive terrain
	  o existing conditions
	  o degradation
	  o slumping
	• Slides and other geohazards
	• Road operations and management
	  o traffic
	  o weather
	• Mitigations and alternatives

5:00 pm	Adjourn

Thursday June 16th, 8:30 am – 4pm	
Project description and risk assessment	

8:30 am	Continuation of project description
	• Permafrost and thaw-sensitive terrain
	  o existing conditions
	  o degradation
	  o slumping
	• Slides and other geohazards
	• Road operations and management
	  o traffic
	  o weather
	• Mitigations and alternatives

12:00 – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Risk assessment • Confirmation of the system being assessed • Consequence analyses • Risk tolerability
4:00 pm	Adjourn