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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

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SENT VIA EMAIL

October 25, 2021

Joint Review Panel  
Cindy Parker, Panel Co-Manager  
Marathon Palladium Project  
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada  
Email: [marathonminereview-examenminemarathon@iaac-aeic.gc.ca](mailto:marathonminereview-examenminemarathon@iaac-aeic.gc.ca)

Dear Ms. Parker:

These comments are in reference to the draft Public Hearing procedures .pdf document available on the Government of Canada's website at:

<https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/141405?&culture=en-CA>

As the host community (along with Biigtigong Nishnaabeg) for the Marathon Palladium Project, our residents ultimately have the most to gain or lose in regards to how the Mine will affect our Town. The Town of Marathon wishes to provide our residents with the most direct, and accessible method to provide their opinions to the Joint Review Panel. As such, the Town of Marathon would like to encourage the Panel to consider holding the upcoming Public Hearing in-person in the Town of Marathon, instead of virtually. The Town proposes that an in-person public hearing would encourage more public participation and subsequently a more accurate representation of public opinion. The Town believes this hearing can be held safely in Marathon, while still adhering to mandated COVID-19 health measures.

Thank you for your time in this matter and I look forward to your timely response. I can be reached at <contact information removed> should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**THE TOWN OF MARATHON**

<Original signed by>

~~Rick Dumas~~  
Mayor

CC: Town Council  
Biigtigong Nishnaabeg

