



Fort McKay First Nation

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Pierre River Mine Project - Joint Review Panel
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
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email: Carolyn.Dunn@ceaa-acee.gc.ca

Attention: Alex Bolton, Joint Review Panel
Chairman
c/o Caroline Dunn, Crown Consultation
Coordinator

Dear Mr. Bolton:

Re: Support to delay pre-hearing proceedings until a methodology for assessing effects to Aboriginal culture and heritage is defined through the collaborative Shell and community approach.

The Fort McKay Sustainability Department is writing to you on behalf of the Community of Fort McKay, including the Fort McKay First Nation and the Fort McKay Métis Community with regards to Shell's ongoing work to developing a methodology to assess the effects of development to Aboriginal culture and heritage. As part of Shell's November 13, 2014 quarterly update to the JRP, Shell noted that it recently initiated a process of engagement with various stakeholders to solicit input on the appropriate methods for assessing effects to Aboriginal culture and heritage associated with development projects and for determining the appropriate size for the RSA to be used in an EIA for an oil sands mine. Fort McKay supports Shell's position that it would be premature to hold a pre-hearing proceeding prior to it having worked through the process that is currently underway.

With respect to developing a methodology to assess effects to Aboriginal culture and heritage, Shell held a workshop-style meeting on November 20, 2014 in Fort McMurray, which Fort McKay First Nation participated in. Fort McKay looks forward to continued engagement in assisting to develop a methodology to assess effects to Aboriginal culture and heritage as these Shell engagements continue into the first quarter of 2015 where Shell hopes to work with Aboriginal groups on community-led assessments of effects to Aboriginal culture and heritage. Fort McKay supports Shell's optimism that involved parties will be able to work collaboratively to determine an appropriate methodology or methodologies to allow Shell and the parties to provide the information requested by the JRP.

As such Fort McKay supports Shell's request to delay any pre-hearing proceedings until we have the opportunity to work through our collaborative approach to provide the information requested by the



JRP.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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