

Enclosure: Provincial Advice Record – Summary of Issues and Potential Cooperation Plan

Project: Crawford Nickel Project

Proponent: Canada Nickel Company

CIAR No.: X83857

Response invited by: September 7, 2022

All comments should be submitted via the **Submit a Comment** feature available on the Project's Canadian Impact Assessment Registry page (reference 83857)¹. Letters and forms can be uploaded using this feature. If you have any difficulties submitting this way, please contact the Agency at Crawford@iaac-aeic.gc.ca.

1. Confirm whether your ministry would participate in the federal impact assessment process for this Project. ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide contact details for the person(s) who will be working with the Agency.

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2. Expertise

Please identify and describe the area of expertise within your ministry that is relevant to an assessment of the Project.

Mining Act – Part VI – Closure Plans, Advanced Exploration, Aboriginal Consultation, overall provincial process lead. Note that the Ministry of Mines (MINES) only has the mandate for exploration and Mining activity. All other provincial mandates such as land-use permits, Environmental permits are through other ministries such as, but not limited to; MNRF, MECP, MTO, MLITSD, etc.

¹ <http://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/83857>.

3. Key issues and solutions

(a) From the perspective of the mandate and area(s) of expertise of your ministry, what are the key issues that are material and relevant to decision-making and should be addressed? In identifying key issues, be mindful of the Project's context (size, scope, geography, policy) and the definitions of *effects*,² *sustainability*³ and *public interest*.⁴

(b) For each **key** issue:

- i. Identify the relevant valued component(s) within your mandate and describe the key pathway of effect, or describe the nature of the issue. This may consider⁵ positive and negative effects on components of the environment or on health, social and economic conditions.
- ii. Identify any clarifications or commitments the Proponent could make in its Detailed Project Description and Response to the Summary of Issues that would build confidence that issues can be addressed and managed without further impact assessment⁶, or that can help focus the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines⁷, if an impact assessment is required.

(c) For each issue and solution discussed, provide a concise, plain-language summary that is appropriate for inclusion in the Summary of Issues.

4. Provincial policies, operational guidance, and permits and approvals

Within the mandate and area(s) of expertise of your ministry, list, along with a brief description, specific operational policies or guidance documents that could help address issues and manage effects relevant to the project context.

Land disposition is through MNRF; however, the conversion of Mining Claims to Patten or Leases is through Mining Lands

Provincially, MINES (i.e., Michael Young, MEDC) facilitates these meeting once we move the project from the federal IAAC process to the provincial Mining Act Part VII process of development of an Advanced Exploration or Closure Plan process.

The provincial One Window is facilitated by MINES through the MEDC. The Federal One Window is lead by IAAC.

MINES is also the lead for the determination of Duty to Consult (DTC) provincially and directs the proponent with regards to consultation provincially. The process for determining and ensuring that the DTC is carried out can be viewed at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/consultation-framework-implementing-duty-consult-aboriginal-communities-mineral-exploration>

² Note: *effects*, *direct and incidental effects*, and *effects within federal jurisdiction* are defined in section 2 of the *Impact Assessment Act*, which can be found at <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/corporate/acts-regulations/legislation-regulations.html>

³ Guidance: Considering the Extent to which a Project Contributes to Sustainability <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/practitioners-guide-impact-assessment-act/guidance-considering.html>

⁴ Policy Context: Public Interest Determination under the *Impact Assessment Act* <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/public-interest-determination-under-impact-assessment-act.html>

⁵ Other considerations may include sources of high uncertainty that complicate predictions; the purpose and need for the Project and selected alternatives.

⁶ This could mean that mitigation measures that the proponent has committed to in the Detailed Project Description are referenced in the potential Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines.

⁷ For example, regulatory instruments, operational guidance or well-understood mitigation and monitoring measures of proven effectiveness.

Public participation is through the provincial Environmental Registry supplemented with proponent consultation session and notifications.

Critical Mineral falls under MINES and a different branch of the ministry. The MEDC on the file will bring in the expertise's of that branch when required.

(a) List and provide a short description of provincial permits or regulatory approvals that might be applicable to the Project.

(b) For each provincial permit or regulatory approval that would be required for the Project, please provide the following information:

- i. Explain any associated framework to address effects on valued components within your mandate.
- ii. Describe any Indigenous consultation activities that would occur, potential timelines for Indigenous participation, and how potential impacts to Indigenous communities are addressed by your ministry.
- iii. Describe any public participation opportunities that would occur, and potential timelines for public participation.

MECP mandate is for environmental permitting for permits to take water, air quality, and waste management

MNRF mandate is for disposition of lands and permitting under the Public Lands Act; Aggregate extraction under the Aggregate Resources Act; harvesting of timbers under the Crown Forest Sustainability Act.

Hydro One has a mandate and process that they follow for distribution line construction and realignments

MTO has a mandate and process that they follow for distribution line construction and realignments

Indigenous consultation is carried out on each of these permit types individually upon receipt of the applications.

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5. Is there any additional information related to the geographic context of the Project (e.g. potential effects to natural heritage features, Indigenous protected and conserved areas, provincial species at risk, provincial policy statements on planning or zoning in the area) for which your ministry has information or authority?

MECPs mandate also covers off the requirements under the Species at Risk Act and the proponent needs to consult with that ministry to ensure that they are following the requirements under said legislation.