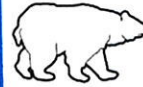
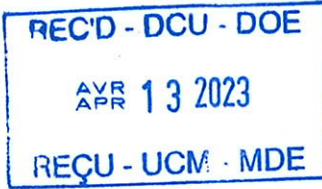


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The Honourable Steven Guilbeault
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A-0A6

Terence Hubbard
President
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
160 Elgin Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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To the Attention of: The Honourable Steven Guilbeault and Mr. Terence Hubbard

Subject: The Crawford Nickel Federal Impact Assessment

Dear Minister Guilbeault and Mr. Hubbard,

We are writing in regard to Canada Nickel Company's (CNC) Crawford Nickel Project (the Crawford Project) and the federal impact assessment process (the Assessment Process) proceeding under the Impact Assessment Act.

The Town of Cochrane is pleased with how the Assessment Process for the Crawford Project has proceeded thus far, as well as the opportunities that have been provided to us by both IAAC and CNC to provide comment.. We fully support an Assessment Process led by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) and believe that if the IAAC implements the draft Public Participation Plan and finalises the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines, similar to their draft form, our municipality and its residents will have an opportunity to participate meaningfully in the Assessment Process.



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CNC has provided continuous and timely information to the Town of Cochrane about the Crawford Project on August 8, 2022; October 5, 2022; October 19, 2022; January 6, 2023; January 18, 2023 and February 6, 2023. The company has provided us with detailed information about the Crawford Project, including currently known, and plans to further confirm, potential environmental effects associated with the Crawford Project. We anticipate fully participating in the Assessment Process, including by providing input into assessment methodologies and mitigation measures.

While the Town of Cochrane appreciates that the Crawford Project expects to meet the demand for critical minerals and help Canada achieve its net zero objectives, we have especially valued the collaborative and transparent approach taken by CNC. CNC has made clear their willingness to receive, listen and engage with any concerns we may have related to the Project, and our questions have been met with transparent and robust responses.

We support a timely and robust Assessment Process for the Crawford Project and believe that it is in the public interest for IAAC to lead the Assessment Process to meet the objectives of the Impact Assessment Act.

We thank you for taking the time to review our response and look forward to further collaboration throughout the remainder of the Assessment Process.

Thank You – Merci – Mee'Gwetch!
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