



Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

Relations Couronne-Autochtones et Affaires du Nord Canada

Sabina Gold and Silver/B2Gold Nunavut's Back River Project Energy Centre Proposal

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Nunavut Impact Review Board Public Hearing
Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
Cambridge Bay, February 27-29, 2024



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Role in the Nunavut Impact Review Board assessment

- **Responsible Minister:** Has decision-making role under the Nunavut Agreement and *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*
 - **Intervenor:** Provides expert advice
 - **Regulator:** Administers Crown land, inspects and enforces terms and conditions of approved projects
 - **Duty to Consult:** The responsible Minister must ensure the duty to consult Indigenous groups has been met before deciding on the Back River Project Energy Centre proposal

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Consultation and the Nunavut Impact Review Board process

- The Government of Canada relies on the Nunavut Impact Review Board’s assessment process to assist with fulfilling the duty to consult
 - The Nunavut Impact Review Board’s process provides Indigenous groups with opportunities to express their concerns about a project, including related impacts on Rights
 - The Government of Canada connects with the designated Inuit organizations, Indigenous groups, and the Government of Nunavut after the Nunavut Impact Review Board’s report and recommendations are issued
 - Participant Funding is provided to support meaningful participation





Expertise is provided in the following areas:

- Environmental impact assessment methodology and best practices assessment
- Surface water and groundwater quality and quantity
- Marine water quality as affected by activities on the land
- Permafrost
- Vegetation
- Waste management
- Crown land contamination
- Indigenous consultation and accommodation

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Summary of participation in the reconsideration process

- Nunavut Impact Review Board meetings
 - Attended Community Information Sessions during May 15-17 and June 12, 2023
 - Participated in Technical Meeting, Community Roundtable, Pre-Hearing Conference during October 3-5, 2023
- Review of Final Environmental Impact Statement Addendum
 - Submitted one Information Request and 10 Technical Review Comments
- Had two bilateral meetings with Sabina/B2Gold on September 5 and 28, 2023

概述在重新考虑过程中 的参与情况

- 参加了努纳武特影响审查委员会会议
 - 参加了2023年5月15日至17日以及6月12日的社区信息会
 - 参加了2023年10月3日至5日的技术会议、社区圆桌会、听证会前会议
- 审查最终环境影响声明附录
 - 提交了一份信息请求和10份技术评论
- 与萨比纳/B2黄金公司进行了两次双边会晤
 - 2023年9月5日和28日



Status of Technical Review Comments

#1: Geotechnical Hazards – Seismic Activity

- It was recommended that Sabina/B2Gold revise sections of text to correctly reference its seismic analysis in the modified Project Development Area

Status: Resolved

#2: Impact of Wind Tower and Solar Panel Foundations on Permafrost

- Information was requested from Sabina/B2Gold on potential impacts of wind tower and solar panel foundations on permafrost and mitigation and monitoring measures

Status: Resolved with a commitment

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Status of Technical Review Comments

#3: Permafrost and Sensitive Landform Mitigation and Monitoring Terms and Conditions

- It was recommended that Terms and Conditions #12 and #13 of Project Certificate No. 007 be updated to include the monitoring of energy infrastructure

Status: Resolved

#4: Freshwater Environment

- It was recommended that Sabina/B2Gold provide a map to identify the location of three watercourse crossings and update its management plans

Status: Resolved with a commitment

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Status of Technical Review Comments

#5: Hydrology – Description of Hydrology in Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan

- It was recommended that Sabina/B2Gold confirm the direction of the Queen Maud Watershed flows and update the Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan

Status: Resolved with a commitment

#6: Hydrology – Assessment of Mitigation Measures within Site Water Monitoring and Management Plan

- It was recommended that Sabina/B2Gold provide the Site Water Monitoring and Management Plan for review

Status: Resolved with a commitment

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Status of Technical Review Comments

#7: Vegetation – Vegetation and Species of Conservation Concern

- Information was requested from Sabina/B2Gold on vegetation and species of conservation concern within the proposed wind turbine generator locations and new access roads, and an assessment of how vegetation may be impacted by the Project

Status: Resolved

#8: Vegetation – Vegetation Monitoring Plan

- It was recommended that Sabina/B2Gold update the 2020 Vegetation Monitoring Plan to include the Back River Energy Centre

Status: Resolved with a commitment



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Status of Technical Review Comments

#9: Waste – Petroleum Hydrocarbon Contamination

- It was recommended that Sabina/B2Gold identify whether monitoring or remediation is planned if soils contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons remain at the time of closure and reclamation of the landfarm

Status: Resolved with a commitment

#10: Waste – Asbestos

- It was recommended that Sabina/B2Gold update the Landfill and Waste Management Plan to include territorial and federal guidelines for asbestos waste

Status: Resolved with a commitment



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Conclusions

- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada identified areas of concern and Sabina/B2Gold provided requested information and/or made commitments to address concerns
 - Sabina/B2Gold's responses and commitments have sufficiently addressed Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's concerns for the purposes of the Nunavut Impact Review Board's environmental assessment process

דרכן עירם

