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**SENT VIA EMAIL**

Mr. Kevin O'Reilly  
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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

**Request for Access to General Information**

Your request for access to general information held by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment was received on March 08, 2021. You have specifically requested:

*"Notes and summaries from the bi-weekly working group meetings held with the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment officials (including the Deputy Minister) and the NWT and Nunavut Chamber of Mines from March 1, 2020 to present."*

This request for information was processed under the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the *Act*).

The Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment has decided to grant you partial access to the records requested. Portions of the records requested contain information that is excepted from disclosure under the *Act*. Attached is a sections guideline listing to better explain the specific sections of the *Act* that were applied.

Under section 28 of the *Act*, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review our decision to deny access to portions of the information you requested. You have 30 days from the date of this notice to request a review by writing the Information and Privacy Commissioner at:

Mr. Andrew Fox  
Information and Privacy Commissioner  
PO BOX 382  
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If you wish to request a review on the matter of the decision to deny access to portions of the information requested, please provide the Information and Privacy Commissioner with the following information:

1. A copy of this letter and all attachments.
2. A copy of your original request for information that you sent to the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment; and
3. The reason why you are requesting a review.

If you have any questions about this letter, please write or call Ms. Danielle Webb, Senior Information and Privacy Specialist at [Danielle\\_Webb@gov.nt.ca](mailto:Danielle_Webb@gov.nt.ca) or call me at (867) 767-9256 extension 82102.

Sincerely,



Pamela Strand  
Deputy Minister  
Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment

Attachments

**Application of Exceptions under the  
Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

**Section 14 - Advice to Officials**

***14(1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant where the disclosure could reasonably be expected to reveal:***

***(a) advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses, and policy options developed by or for a public body or a member of the Executive Council.***

- **Advice** includes the analysis of a situation or issue that may require action and the presentation of options for future action, but not the presentation of facts.
- **Recommendations** include suggestions for a course of action as well as the rationale for a suggested course of action.
- **Proposals and analyses or policy options** are closely related to advice and recommendations and refer to the concise setting out of the advantages and disadvantages of particular courses of action.
- The criteria for advice are that it should be;
  - sought or expected, or be part of the responsibility of a person by virtue of that person's position;
  - directed towards taking an action, including making a decision;
  - and made to someone who can take or implement the action.

Section 14(1)(a) would not normally apply to the details of a study or background paper where factual information is presented to describe certain issues, problems or events. Rather, it applies to the statements of advice or recommendations that set out or analyze possible directions or options in dealing with an issue or problem, to establish a policy or to make a decision. For example, section 14(1)(a) could be applied to a report prepared by an investigation panel to advise a senior official on how to handle a complaint.

There are cases where the disclosure of advice could reveal information that would cause damage to the internal decision-making processes of a public body. Disclosure could also affect the public body's overall ability to effectively manage programs and activities. At the same time, there are also cases where the disclosure of advice would have little or no effect on the overall administration or operation of the affected program or activity.

The exception also would not apply to the names of correspondents, dates, subject lines that do not reveal advice, or information that reveals that a person participated in a discussion about a particular subject matter but does not indicate anything substantive about their involvement.

**14(1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant where the disclosure could reasonably be expected to reveal:**

- (b) consultations or deliberations involving;**
- (i) officers or employees of a public body,**
  - (ii) a member of the Executive Council, or**
  - (iii) the staff of a member of the executive council.**

This provision allows discretion to refuse access to those records or parts of records containing consultations or deliberations involving officers or employees of a public body, a minister or a minister's staff.

- **Deliberation** is a discussion of the reasons for and against a future action by an employee or officer of a public body. Deliberations include information indicating that a decision-maker relied on the knowledge or opinions of particular persons.
- **Consultation** is a very similar activity where the views of one or more employees are sought about the appropriateness of a specific proposal or potential action. Consultations include correspondence between third party advisors and government departments which was conveyed to the public body by a government department as background information to enable the public body to provide advice (e.g. when officials are asked to comment on advice already developed by other officials).

This discretionary exception is provided for the purpose of permitting the frank exchange of views among a number of individuals whose employment responsibilities include a consultative function. Within public bodies, consultations and deliberations are normally carried on in an organized manner through the exchange of email, memos, proposals and e-mail.

This exception is intended to cover consultations or deliberations at all levels in a public body and also those involving a minister or his or her staff. The exception does not apply to records created and provided to the public body by a third party participating in a general stakeholder consultation. The third party is simply providing its own comments. This differs from the situation where a specific stakeholder, with particular knowledge, expertise or interest in a topic, has been asked to provide advice, recommendations or analysis.

*In the application of subsection 14(1)(a) and 14(1)(b) we undertook the following analysis:*

- **Does the information requested qualify as an exception under the Act?**  
*Yes. The advice, analysis and the recommendations identified within the records is clearly advisory information, meant to assist Department of ITI officials.*
- **If the information fits the exception, then would disclosure of the information reasonably be expected to reveal the particular class of information involved?**  
*Yes. On review of the analysis and recommendations related to the working group discussions, we believe disclosure of information that was advisory in nature, would affect responses provided by Department of ITI officials and other working group members.*

*The result of this would be less candid and frank advice received in the future and could hinder the relationship between the GNWT and the NWT-NU Chamber of Mines.*

- **Should the Department exercise its discretion to disclose or not disclose the requested records?**

*In review of this matter, we determined that the provision of this advice and recommendations, along with the consultation and deliberations that occur in working group meetings must be protected in order to ensure the provision of frank and candid advice and recommendation in the future.*

### **Section 23 - Personal Privacy of Third Party**

When considering disclosure of a third party's personal information a public body is not allowed to disclose personal information to an applicant where the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy.

The *Act* defines personal information as recorded information about an identifiable individual, including:

- the individual's name, home or business address or home or business telephone number;
- the individual's race, colour, national or ethnic origin or religious or political beliefs or associations;
- the individual's age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, or family status;
- an identifying number, symbol or other particular assigned to the individual (e.g., social insurance number, personal health number);
- the individual's fingerprints, blood type or inheritable characteristics (e.g., DNA profile);
- information about the individual's health and health care history, including information about a physical or mental disability;
- information about the individual's educational, financial, criminal or employment history;
- anyone else's opinions about the individual; and
- the individual's personal views or opinions, except where they are about someone else.

This section of the *Act* establishes a mandatory exception (i.e., the public body has no discretion to release) for personal information if disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy. Section 23(2) sets out the particular types of personal information, the disclosure of which is *presumed* to be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy. Sections 23(2)(d) and 23(2)(h)(i) state:

***(d) the personal information relates to employment, occupational or educational history;***

Employment history refers to any information regarding an individual's work record, including the name of an employer, past and present, the term of employment, the duties associated with a position, the salary and reasons for leaving and any evaluation of job performance.

***(h) the personal information consists of the third party's name where***

***(i) it appears with other personal information about the third party;***

Disclosure of an individual's name is presumed to be an unreasonable invasion of privacy if it is connected to other information about the individual or it has attributes which, by itself, reveals information about the individual (e.g., gender, race, ethnic origin etc.).

*These exceptions to access are mandatory and have been applied to a portion of the information requested. Access was denied to those portions of the records which specifically pertain to the personal employment information of employees along with the names of individuals and any other identifiable information.*

**Agenda for GNWT ITI – Chamber of Mines Working Group to  
Advance Minerals Industry Recovery from COVID**

**Time/Date:** 2-4 PM / June 5, 2020

By Teleconference: or Video Conference

**Attendees:**

**GNWT ITI:**

Pamela Strand, John Ketchum, Angela Norris, Menzie McEachern; Benji Straker, Lora Archer

**Chamber of Mines:**

23(2)(d)

**NOTES:**

**Introductions**

**Develop Project Charter – See Draft for consideration / approval**

Create a linkage to Emerging Strongly Plan and BAC.

Talk more about COVID in the mission

We needed fixing before; now COVID, and beyond. Get economy stronger than ever before.

Weave in the short, medium, long term themes in here.

- Menzie: you've built your plan around the three time themes). Need to be careful to not bite off more than we can chew. Focus on a few clear actions. Ensure that the actions are those that we can make progress on.
- John K: we discussed with Feds and CanNor about organizing that. He sees this group as feeding into the larger business advisory group currently being set up.
- 23(1): It's a starting point. He agrees that the groups should be coordinated to ensure that efforts are focused, and that action items are with the appropriate group (to ensure that action can be taken).
- 23(2): Look at short, med, long, but then look at the short term and pick three priority items that the group can actually affect.
- Pam: There's a disconnect currently in the focus of efforts – the Territorial governments are focused on relief, and the federal government is more forward looking. Currently there is Pan Territorial letter drafted for signature by Premiers ensuring that the federal government is on board with the relief priorities.

- Pam: The EMMC will meet virtually in August. We are really focusing our efforts on relief in the short term.
- 23(2) The letter should emphasize that supporting the North is supporting Indigenous communities.
- 23(2) 23(2)(h)(i) said three Senators penned new letter today, and will forward this letter to Pam (Pam will distribute the letter to GNWT members)\_
- Industry supports small business too.
- 23(2): In the charter, under participants, add Roles and responsibilities, e.g. on how meetings will be organized.
- Pam: Maybe generalize about bringing in observers like Indigenous governments. The Charter should define roles & responsibilities. A general catch-all could be useful in this context.
- 23(2) Meet more often. Meeting weekly would be good until the group is up and running.
- Comments by Tuesday end of day. Next meeting Thursday at 3 pm.
- Even if not full attendance, meetings will go on. (Chamber)
- GNWT (Menzie, Angie, and/or Benji) to send scheduler. Point persons to be identified.
- Create a work plan from the charter.

### **Create a Mineral Resource Development COVID Recovery Action Plan**

*Discussion around Chamber document: "Towards a 'North of 60' Mineral Resources Recovery Plan: Actions to assist the COVID and Post COVID Needs of the northern minerals industry"*

Starting to open earlier:

- John Ketchum has been starting to work with the Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) on how workers can fly into the North and proceed to work sites.
- For example, T=truckers currently have a 30 hour reprieve without having to self-isolate – learn more
- What are mines doing? They are not self-isolating
- NU is looking to be OK with 23(2) coming in through YK
- The Territories may start working together to ensure that there is consensus.
- 23(2) Get some numbers out on economic effects of COVID to start analyzing the risk/reward of the restrictions related to the Pandemic.
- Pam: We are working at zero risk right now.
- 23(2) if we could 14(1)(b) [redacted], that could work.
- John: There are opportunities within the current public health orders to move forward. CPHO are seeing ability to accommodate, e.g, they see 14(1)(b) [redacted] Apr 27 order allowed 35 hours



reprieve. Scenario presented to CPHO and hope to get response this weekend or early next week. Keep 14 day record when you arrive and it's proof you're being diligent. John has been working to interpret these orders recently. He said that he would share what he's learned.

- 23(2)(d) currently has robust procedures in place to ensure the safety of workers arriving and departing, as well as monitoring COVID-19 on site. Testing is currently being done on site prior to being sent home, also workers are having their temperatures monitored every day. Their temperatures are checked by a medic before they get on the plane They also have to have a mask to get on the plane. Also Dr. Kandola requires a form signed by the company President that says that a person is a mine worker in transit that they can show in an airport. In canteen every morning, they get their temp taken before they are allowed in.
- 23(2) 23(2) has interpreted 4/4 and 2/2 so you've actually quarantined people.
- Menzie: issue of arriving in YK – can you overnight in YK? How?
- John: it's a "when you're not working, you're self-isolating". That's what Apr 27 order says. What we're expecting, is largely following the Chief Public Health Officer's orders.

#### **Short term actions:**

##### Mineral Tenure Relief news

- Extending the June 26 (90 day) pause but have a plan going forward for approval.
- 14(1)(a)
- 14(1)(a)
- Saskatchewan has already got similar legislation in place.
- Delays in enacting legislation in the NWT because of the different levels of consultation that need to be understood and completed. 14(1)(a)

##### Land Use Permit extensions

- 23(2)(h)(i) said that the MVRMA is not currently able to allow these extensions, however they are proposing three different approaches to Permit extensions:
  1. 14(1)(a)
  2. 14(1)(a)
  3. 14(1)(a)
- 23(2) will share his approaches with Pam and her team.

- 23( if you can't access your property, principle would be to extend by the time lost. I like idea of 14(1)(b)
- Menzie: GNWT has initiated work on policy direction to Boards. Canada says no changes to legislation or reg's, so 14(1)(b)
- Work in progress. Working with Jamie Fulford at EIA.
- Pam: Talking to Board a good one. Maybe 14(1)(b)
- 23( situations might be so unique 14(1)(b)
- 23( only 23(2)(h)(i) has reached out. But 14(1)(b)
- 2) In NU companies are dealing directly with the Boards.

Comment [MM1]: Since the meeting, it has become clear that 14(1)(b)

#### Flow through problem

- Feds understand this, but no solution has been given

#### Assistance for northern service and Supply and juniors

- Falling through cracks as lumpy revenues
- Menzie: we have met with Feds and raising issue of juniors and service and supply not getting assistance. We seem to be getting heard, but still no concrete action by Feds
- 23( : \$5B in three territories over 10 years raised by exploration. It's a concern that south is opening up faster.
- 23( CEWS consultation closing today
- 23(2) What we submitted was juniors, and 14(1)(b)
- Also, Would it be possible for 14(1)(b)
- 23( : Agrees with 23(2) point. 14(1)(b)
- 23(2) From a service company perspective, future revenues are seriously impacted from the COVID-19 restrictions (Ekati, Diavik, GK slow down). Revenues from 2019 are not indicative of revenues of 2020 and beyond.
- John Ketchum: Pan-Territorial letter does ask for such compensation.

#### Royalty deferment to 2021

- 23( asked if 14(1)(b) The funds could be used in the mean time to recover.
- John Ketchum: Mines have 14(1)(b)
- Pam: Confirmed that 14(1)(b)

#### Tax Relief/Credit for Mines

- From Federal – mines need to ask
- No uptake on this.
- John: Finance would be responsible for Tax Relief/Credits.
- Pam: Royalties Schedules are currently being reviewed, if there are suggestions, then those can be reviewed at the same time.

#### Open land access

- Make it medium term
- 23(2) 14(1)(b)
- Pam: This is not allowed.

#### MIP funding:

- Pam: ITI is currently 14(1)(a) 14(1)(a)

#### Surety bonds

- Double edged sword, if not used correctly this could lead to lasting damage.

Comment [MM2]: Not understanding this point.

#### Any other short-term ideas?

- Menzie: There is currently a push for a program similar to the inactive and orphaned well programs in AB, BC and SK to extend to the cleanup of contaminated sites in the North. In a Pan territorial letter 14(1)(b)
- This program would accelerate clean-up of sites and promote the use of Indigenous companies to do work on the sites. Pam: There is also discussion about the Critical Minerals/Metals plan, and trying to get Feds to incent exploration with roads, eg, Avalon, Norzinc, etc.

- John: sounds like Feds are going to restart GEM and Geoscience programs (we heard TGI).

#### Discussion

- 23(2) Can you look through the short term and say what you can do now?  
Suggest we come back to it at the next meeting
- John: We can 14(1)(b)
- 23(2) What are the best short term goals? What's doable?
- Pam: CanNor is offering relief for northern companies to \$100k. 14(1)(b)
- 23( Not a bad idea? Worth bringing up with them.

#### **Medium and Long Term**

- 23(2) we can look at medium and long term goals and put our heads together, and GNWT come back with short term actions that are workable.

### **INTEGRATING WITH PAN TERRITORIAL APPROACH**

Pam: So far Pan-Territorial – Federal meetings have been about sharing information. It would be good if the meetings were more action oriented. This group could feed into the discussions at the Pan-Territorial-Federal level.

Pam: Add communications to this – issue news release once charter is complete to feed into BAC and for our own purposes. Who it represents, and why, etc.

Pam: Focus is important in these meetings, collaboration is critical to success. The councils need to be aggressive to establish what they want to see.

#### **Summary**

- GNWT will take away list of short-term measures and provide feedback.
- Next meeting will be on Thursday, June 11 at 3pm.
- Charter will be reviewed by Tuesday and presented at next meeting.
- Tom will send out a communication once the Charter is approved to let everyone know that work is done.

- Medium and Long Term Measures will be saved for a discussion on another day, the Short-Term Measures will impact what is doable in the Medium and Long Term.

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## GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

### MEETING NOTES – FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2020

#### In attendance:

Pamela Strand, Deputy Minister, ITI

23(2)(d) [REDACTED], NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines

23(2)(d) [REDACTED], NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines

23(2)(d) [REDACTED]

23(2)(d) [REDACTED]

23(2)(d) [REDACTED]

23(2)(d) [REDACTED]

23(2)(d) [REDACTED]

23(2)(d) [REDACTED]

John Ketchum, ADM ITI

Menzie McEachern, ITI

Angela Norris, ITI

Lora Archer, ITI

#### Review of Working Group Project Charter

- The Updated charter was reviewed.
- Funding – Chamber of Mines requested 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- Delegates should be integrated into the charter.

ACTION – The Chamber will review the Charter and provide comments next week.

#### Review of Economic Recovery Actions Table

- The table produced by ITI was presented, highlighting the priorities of ITI.
- The table was produced based on the Chamber of Commerce's table.
- The table could use more comments/organization/information.
- The table was reviewed line by line.

### ***Project Flow-Through Funding***

- Industry's perspective is that flow-through funding is essential for industry. Industry is disappointed that the federal government has been slow at delivering the relief program.
- Flow through moneys that need to be spent by Dec 31, it is requested that the funds can be delayed beyond the deadline.
- Northern focus recovery/relief priority is expanding the Mining and Exploration Tax  
14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- It's believed that the reason that there is hesitation because of past abuses/industry of the tax credit program.

ACTION – GNWT will provide the Pan-Territorial Letter that has been drafted and signed by all ministers. The letter is addressed to Ministers O'Reagan and Vandal. The letter may not have been sent to the addressees.

### ***Exploration Wage Subsidies***

- Currently exploration workers are not eligible for Wage subsidies, a letter has been prepared and will be sent to the Federal Ministers addressing this issue.

### ***Land Use Permits and License Support***

- Suggested paths: 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- GNWT has reached out to 14(1)(b) [REDACTED], given COVID-19 restrictions. EIA, Lands and ENR will also be required to address this issue. EIA will likely need to lead this work.
- Action dates should be associated with the action items.
- This issue should be addressed in a "one-page" letter to see if there is flexibility. Keep the issue/resolution simple. 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- This is likely just a request for an extension to the permits.
- Policy change may still be required.

ACTION - 23(2) and 23(b) will draft a letter/approach the board from the Industry Perspective.

ACTION - John and Menzie will approach the board from a GNWT Perspective.

### ***Service and Supply Companies***

- Service and Supply Companies have accepted that no relief is coming. Minister Vandal was made aware of the issue, however this didn't seem like a priority. The relief was intended initially for companies that couldn't operate, and then big business, however service and supply companies seem to fall through the cracks.
- It will require more discussion with the Federal government to address the issue.
- Traction for this issue would 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- Next steps could include 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The Pan-Territorial letter addresses this as well.

ACTION - At the next meeting of the Federal-Territorial meeting, the GNWT can raise this issue to highlight the need as well.

### ***Mining Royalties***

- This issue may not be as relevant as it once was. There are some tax implications that need to be considered before industry determines if this is a priority.

ACTION – 23( [REDACTED] will let the group know if this is a priority.

### ***Tax Relief for Mining Companies***

No Comments

### ***Provide Mining Wage Subsidies***

- Some mining companies are starting to receive CEWs however exploration and service and supply companies (secondary and tertiary companies) are not receiving CEWs.

### ***Open Land Access to Exploration***

- 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- However, there needs to be work done on this issue now. The perception is that there is not enough available land to explore.
- 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- A meeting should be planned on this issue with GNWT Representatives, and Industry. This issue needs its own conversation. That conversation can start now.



ACTION - The Federal/Territorial working group should be made aware of this issue (GNWT will action).

### ***Make Financial Opportunities Available***

- Federal Guarantees would be good if available.

### ***Reclamation Surety Bonds.***

- Surety bonds may not be feasible
- Agreed that this action item is scrapped.

### **Incent Exploration Investment**

- Moved to Short Term from Medium Term as this is doable.
- 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- Plan has not been released yet.
- This could be a way to encourage investment into the Territories if this is pursued though.
- Canada and US will be having a discussion in June about the Critical/Strategic Minerals.
- 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- A 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- Two federal tables to consider: critical minerals and battery minerals.

ACTION - ITI will create a jurisdictional scan on what is being done for critical minerals for the next meeting.

### **GeoScience Forum**

- Chamber is prepared to cancel the GeoScience Forum.
- Look at other alternatives, smaller virtual events that could replace the big event.
- It might be a good time to rebrand, and decide how to approach this moving forward.
- NTGS would need to consider what needs to be achieved moving forward. The northern infrastructure for virtual events may be limited.
- A public announcement should be made jointly from Chamber, ITI and NTGS.
- A statement could be developed by the end of June.

## **MIP Update**

- 14(1)(b)
- Application deadline was June 5. 28 application, asking for \$2.8 million. Last year was 28 applications looking for \$2.5 million. However, the number of prospector applications didn't go up dramatically.
- Evaluations include people outside of NTGS as well.
- 14(1)(b)
- This is a pan-territorial request, part of the letter that will be shared.

## **Opening the NWT to Exploration**

- The CPHO is aware of the urgency of this issue.
- The April 10 Mineral and Petroleum Industry Order Is the primary order for exploration camps as well. There are not a lot of additional considerations for companies coming in for exploration.
- It is expected that workers will undergo 14 days of self-isolation before coming into the NWT. It is recommended that workers go from a hub community to camps ASAP. Access to Nunavut through NWT will need to be considered/added into the orders as well.
- The order should be fairly simple, and very similar to the Mineral and Petroleum Industry Order.
- The order will be sent out by the NWT as soon as it is released/approved.
- If there are any issues the GNWT can bring it back to the CPHO.

ACTION - GNWT will circulate the document when it is received to get the perspective of Industry/Nunavut operating Industry, on the operating orders.

## **Next Meeting (Thursday, June 18 – 3-4pm)**

ACTION - GNWT will send out the invitation. May already be out.

**GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group**

MEETING NOTES – TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020

11:00AM – 12:00PM MST

**Attendees**

23(2)(d) [REDACTED], Chamber of Mines

23(2)(d) [REDACTED]

23(2)(d) [REDACTED]

23(2)(d) [REDACTED]

John Ketchum, ADM, ITI, GNWT

Menzie McEachern, Director, Mineral and Petroleum Resources, GNWT

Angela Norris, Manager,

Benji Straker, Manager, Mineral Resource, GNWT

**1- Review of June 12 Meeting Minutes and Action Items**

- Some edits are required to minutes; any changes will be sent to Lora Archer to adjust meeting minutes.
- Any comments on the revised charter are still welcome.
- Last meeting focused on the short-term recovery strategies.
- Pan Territorial Letter was sent to the Minister of Northern Affairs and the Minister of NRCan. This letter was sent to the membership of this working group last week. Many of the short-term strategies were touched on in the letter to Canada.
- With regards to Regulatory Relief, 23(2) and 23(2) were going to 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- 23(2)(d) [REDACTED] will be 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- Industry's identified barriers are costs and time limitation. At this point there is no access to the project area or lab to have sampling conducted; would be interested in looking for relief on the timelines. Also looking for relief on the frequency and the required information to meet monitoring requirements that may not be possible at this point. A letter has been prepared addressing these issues.

- GNWT is willing to assist in the editing of the letter from Industry if that would help.
- 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- It is unclear if the 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- Reclamation's surety bonds will not be focused on by this group at this point.

**Critical Minerals Discussion**

- Critical Minerals discussion was opened 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]. The discussion is now open about the critical minerals supply chain and ways to support it.
- Currently there is some action being taken from the Federal Government, and we have some critical minerals projects in NWT that could benefit.
- Industry's perspective is that 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]. This also ties into the green economy push of the Federal government. These minerals are critical to the technology needed to move away from fossil fuel dependence. It would be 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]. It would be a good base for seeking the investment needed for that infrastructure as a shift for our minerals strategy. It would 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]. There is the potential for 14(1)(b) [REDACTED].
- Federal support and funding is critical for this. Territorial-Federal discussion will be happening this week to determine what the appetite is for Critical Minerals as well as follow-up on the Pan Territorial letter. **ACTION: GNWT can provide an update at the next working group meeting on the progress of both files.**
- There is a green economic recovery group that has been established, and it would be good to determine if we can start a discussion with that group to advance this file as well.

Comment [MM1]: Not sure what this group is or who is leading it?

- A Critical Minerals Secretariat has been established within NRCan to advance the critical minerals file.
- The Arctic and Northern Policy Framework is also a lever that can be used in this conversation. There is also the Canadian Mine and Metals Plan that can be used to leverage this issue. During the Federal and Territorial meetings these will be emphasized. Industry 14(1)(a) [REDACTED] This is a priority for the GNWT to focus on.
- The Pan Canadian Geoscience Strategy will be producing a report that highlights Critical Minerals as necessary for the Green Economy.
- **ACTION – Progress on Action Items will be inserted into the Matrix. GNWT will take the lead on the matrix. The Matrix will become a tracking matrix that GNWT will keep up to date.**

**Opening NWT to Exploration**

- There was an email sent out last night with the document with guidance on CPHO's order on how workers can enter the territory for work within the exploration industry.
- In brief, the guidance is straightforward. There is good access to the territory for workers. The orders emphasize minimizing layovers in urban areas and move to work sites as soon as possible.
- The document was made in a partnership between ITI and the CPHO. ITI will be acting as a communications contact point which will then work with the CPHO.

**MIP**

- The applications for this year's MIP program have been reviewed, and the funding decisions have been made. Communications are being prepared to let applicants know who was successful and not. Because of a limited pot of funding some tough decisions were made with regards to who qualified.
- Application deadline was June 5th. 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- There is a plan to 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- The letters will be sent out hopefully by the end of the week.

Comment [MM2]: Or should this be reversed? Need to double check.

**PDAC**

- GNWT spoke with the PDAC team. 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]

- A targeted 14(1)(b), 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- The PDAC team appreciates the information coming from different jurisdictions to get a good picture of the regional challenges.

### **Next Meeting**

- It was determined that meetings would happen Wednesdays at 9 am. However, next meeting will be Thursday, July 2 at 10 am to accommodate Canada Day.

## **GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group**

MEETING AGENDA – THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2020

10:00–11:00AM MST

### **In Attendance**

**Pamela Strand, Deputy Minister, ITI**

23(2)(d) [REDACTED], Chamber of Mines

23(2)(d) [REDACTED]

23(2)(d) [REDACTED]

23(2)(d) [REDACTED]

23(2)(d) [REDACTED]

23(2)(d) [REDACTED]

23(2)(d) [REDACTED]

**Angela Norris**

**Benji Straker**

**Lora Archer**

### **1- Review of June 23 Meeting Notes and Action Items**

- Letter from Industry is close to being finished, this will be sent to the working group once it is completed.
- Critical Minerals Jurisdictional Scan was not received by working group. Lora will send it out again immediately. Research found that other jurisdictions have not formally published their action plans for critical minerals, however this research will continue.

**ACTION** – Lora will continue to research the Critical Minerals File

- The “Tracking Matrix” for the working group needed some alterations including adding a date and making changes to ensure that it is more easily understood.

**ACTION** – Lora will update the “Tracking Matrix” and work to make it more usable by the group.

### **2- Finalize Project Charter**

- No other issues identified. Accepted as presented.

**3- Review Industry Recovery Action Table**  
**a. Update from GNWT on short term actions**

**Maintain Mineral Tenure Security**

- ITI is still working on the detailed package on the plan.

**Protect Flow-Through Obligations**

- Letter has been sent. It is unclear if the Feds will do anything.
- Industry has not had any updates with regards to this.
- 14(1)(b) [redacted] at this point; however, there has been no action taken on this. No explanation for the delay has been provided. COM will be having a meeting this afternoon; an update can be provided.
- Clear communications are required at this point.
- 14(1)(b) [redacted]
- 14(1)(b) [redacted]
- 14(1)(b) [redacted]  
[redacted] Work is not being undertaken in the North because of these issues.

**ACTION –** 14(1)(b) [redacted]  
[redacted]

**ACTION –** COM will update their letter with details, the content can be used in the follow-up discussion.

**Provide Exploration Wage Subsidies**

- This is covered in COM’s letter. Still an important issue for Industry.

**Regulatory Permit and License Support**

- Letter has been drafted to MVRMA regarding this issue.

**ACTION –** COM finalize letter and send to ITI for review before sending it out.



## Service and Supply Companies Wage Subsidies

- This issue is covered in COM's letter.

## Mining Royalties

- This issue is closed unless there is a demand from industry.

**ACTION** - Industry will let the Working Group know if this is still an issue.

- o 23(1) has determined not an issue.
- o 23(2) will follow up.

## Tax Relief for Mining Companies

- 14(1)(a). This item will be closed.
- Reasons were not provided in the response item.

**ACTION** – ITI can determine 14(1)(b)

**ACTION** – ITI can share the letter with the working group.

## Providing Mining Wage Subsidies

- The wording in this section is not clear.
- There has been an impact on costs for Southern workers, however, there has not been much done for Northern workers.
- Some of this arose because of CEWS funding, however Northern companies are receiving his now.

**ACTION** – COM will reword the action items in this section to make it clear what they are looking for.

## Open Land Access to Exploration

- This is the critical issue for exploration.
- This is a short-term issue with long term implications.
- If this is not fixed, there will not be exploration in the Territories moving forward.

**ACTION** – 14(1)(a).

**ACTION** – 14(1)(a) GNWT will report back on what was said during the group.

**ACTION** – 14(1)(a) on their next meeting with them.

### **Make Financial Opportunities Available**

- Making financial opportunities available and 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- This should be moved into the Medium-Term action items

**ACTION** – Lora will update the Matrix

### **Surety Bonds**

- This is not going to be included moving forward.

**ACTION** – Lora will update the Matrix

### **Incent Exploration Investment**

- Incent exploration with 150% work assessment.
- GNWT is agreement.
- This should be completed by September.

### **Medium Term Actions**

- Incent Exploration Investment specifically for Critical Minerals
- Move to short term actions.
- This is important to reinvigorating mining in the North.
- We need the right incentives and programs to be available to allow exploration and advanced exploration projects to move forward.
- Looking for 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- However, this working group should make this a priority.

**ACTION** – ITI will make sure that Federal-Territorial Working Group is reminded of the importance of Critical Minerals to the North.

**ACTION** – 14(1)(a) [REDACTED].

### **Review of Ministers' letter to Ottawa**

- 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]

14(1)(a)

- 14(1)(a)

- 14(1)(a)

### **Public messaging of economic ramifications/consequences of industry effects**

- The focus has been on health concerns to date. It would be good to start to understand the economic impacts of the pandemic to the North.
- Analysis of worst-case scenario economic impacts of Diamond Mine Closures to the NWT. This study was done already. Could this information be made available to the public?
- When will the studies be made available? GNWT thinks the next week or so.

### **General Comments**

- Industry is generally frustrated by the delays in Business Advisory Council because of administrative delays in getting information out.

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 8, 9-10AM**

# GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

MEETING NOTES – WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020

10:00–11:00AM MST

## Attendees

### Chamber of Mines

- 23(2)(d)
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

### GNWT

- John Ketchum, ADM ITI
- Angela Norris, Manager, CSCR, ITI
- Lora Archer, Mineral Resources Specialist, ITI

## Review of July 2 Meeting Notes and Action Items

### *Review of Meeting Notes from July 2, 2020*

There was some clarification needed as to who the responsible Minister is for opening Land Access, either O'Reagan or Vandal. It was recommended that 14(1)(a)

It was recommended that 14(1)(a)

The GNWT recommended that 14(1)(a)

Industry emphasized that 14(1)(b)

There are also some interest in IUCN definitions; e.g. two protected bird sanctuaries on Banks Island should be included.

**ACTION:** GNWT will discuss Interim Land Withdrawals and how they can be addressed to facilitate mining activities.

### *Review of Action Items from July 2, 2020*

**ACTION** – Lora will continue to research the Critical Minerals File

- Ongoing

**ACTION** – Lora will continue to research the Critical Minerals File

- Completed

**ACTION** – 14(1)(a)

- No Update

**ACTION** – 14(1)(a), the content can be used in the follow-up discussion.

- Chamber of Mines sent letter to Boards and GNWT yesterday regarding land use permits and water licenses. Menzie had helped.

**ACTION** - Mining Royalties Relief

- 23(2) confirmed this is not issue for Diavik.

**ACTION** - Tax relief and rejection letter.

- Hasn't received by COM.

**ACTION** – Providing Wage Subsidies

- COM to reword action items – but will update with table work so not issue.

**ACTION** - Open lands to access.

- GNWT report back on Federal - Territorial WG. Recent meetings have been cancelled for some reason. John will bring up at next meetings
- COM did raise protected areas concern with GN.

**ACTION** - Make Financial Opportunities Available

- Lora moved from short term to medium term actions

**ACTION** - Update matrix to exclude surety bonds.

- Lora greyed out in matrix.

**ACTION** - Moving critical minerals to short term actions and making Federal -Territorial WG aware of those.

- 14(1)(a)

## Review new Action Table

GNWT Presented a newly formatted action table that provides an overview of the actions that the Working Group is undertaking, the prioritization of the Action Items, a rough schedule for work on the Action Items and a summary of the work that has been undertaken, and the progress to date of actions.

The working group recommended some changes to the look and feel of the action table, ensuring that the table is printable; that the short, medium and long term goals were easily distinguishable, and some adjustments to colour to make the tables easier to follow.

It was suggested that the wording of “Incent Exploration Investment specifically for Critical Minerals” be changed by adding to get “Incent Exploration and Development investment” as Industry would 14(1)(b)

It was determined that “Open Land Access to Exploration” can also be medium to long term actions. There might be different actions for each time frame, e.g., IUCN argument for medium term.

**ACTION** - Lora will make changes to the table.

## Discuss Prioritization of Action Items

GNWT presented the draft prioritization methodology to prioritize action items.

Some discussion about the measurements resulted in the Federal Priorities ranking changing to being scored from (1 to 5) to (1 to 4) – where 1 is the highest priority - by combing Federal Mandat and Mandate Letters. Territorial Priorities were also changed from being scored from (1 to 5) to (1 to 4) by making both Legislative Mandates and COVID-19 Response items the highest priority items (ranked as 1).

Ranking based on Time Sensitivity was also added, so that items needed to be worked on first would have a higher ranking.

Prioritizing based on impacts and Timeframe were thought to be the two most important issues.

COM had a good meeting with MP McLeod July 14. It is important to get the priorities sorted in the next few months or the recovery action items could get punted to next budget.

Specifically, 14(1)(a)

14(1)(a) . Recovery plan actions need to be determined quickly.

14(1)(a)

. We should align our actions to get into the Federal COVID Recovery plan.

The action item critical minerals should include 14(1)(a)

**ACTION** - Lora will update the table and send out later today and we can populate this.

### **Can GNWT take a Different Approach with Feds to Treat the North Differently?**

The GNWT has talked a bit of this and will share their thoughts. The equity investment part is more difficult, eg, to establish a fund like Quebec. We'd have to appeal Federally. The GNWT thinks that investment in infrastructure specific for projects would be the easiest.

The COM believes that Pan Territorially equity investment will be important. Not much exploration is happening in the North right now. In the South, there is a massive difference. T40 years. So, exploration is not great. However, it's hot in BC, and there's lots in ON, so COVID-19 is not an excuse in the north. While infrastructure is great, COM would urge GNWT to work with other territories to get exploration moving. In NU, China takeover of Hope Bay is an embarrassing situation that no Canadian companies have even taken an interest in running the mine. COM is also disappointed the Federal-Territorial Working Group has not met.

COM also had questions about the Arctic Strategy and the Arctic Policy Framework.

**ACTION** – GNWT (John) will follow up with COM on Policy and Strategy issues.

23(2) : Any burning issues?

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 29, 10-11 AM**

## GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

MEETING NOTES – WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020

9:00–10:00AM MST

### Attendees

#### Chamber of Mines

- 23(2)(d)
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

#### GNWT

- John Ketchum, ADM ITI
- Menzie McEachern, Director, ITI
- Angela Norris, Manager, CSCR, IT
- Benji Straker, Manager, MRD, ITI
- Lora Archer, Mineral Resources Specialist, ITI

### Review of July 15 Meeting Notes and Action Items

**ACTION:** GNWT will discuss Interim Land Withdrawals and how they can be addressed to facilitate mining activities.

- Work still needs to be done on this action item to be able to brief working group.

**ACTION:** ITI will continue to research the Critical Minerals File

- Ongoing. Menzie will provide an update on the Critical Minerals Discussion later during the working group.

**ACTION:** ITI will send an amended Action Table to the working group to prioritize.

- ITI will present the results of the Action Table later in the meeting.

**ACTION:** GNWT (John) will discuss with COM on Policy and Strategy issues.

- ITI updated on recent meetings. Highlighting that Federal/Territorial working groups have not been meeting. ITI will push to have meetings, COM will continue to pressure on their part for meetings.



## Review Action Items Prioritization

GNWT presented the prioritization table for review. It was pointed out that there was not significant response to the table. Options were presented to reformat the prioritization methodology into a survey.

Some items in the prioritization list had already been actioned, and therefore they are no longer relevant to be prioritized. The example mentioned was that the Mactung/Cantung projects are progressing and do not require the intervention of the working group. It was recommended that this action item be removed. However, because some interested parties to this action item were not present during the conversation, removal was deferred to a later date.

It was determined that the best method for review would be for the working group to have one more week to review the prioritization and the results would be presented in the next working group meeting.

**ACTION** – Working Group members to review action table, provide feedback.

**ACTION** – GNWT to compile results and present a new action table organization at the next working group meeting.

## Critical Minerals Opportunities

ITI presented an update to the current discussions that are occurring related to Critical Minerals. Recent discussions with [REDACTED]

The working group discussed that [REDACTED]. It was discussed that, where possible, it [REDACTED]

The working group discussed that [REDACTED]

**ACTION** – ITI will continue work on how to capitalize on the Critical Minerals Strategy will report back to the Working Group.

## Innovative Supports to the Mining Industry

As [REDACTED] was not present to discuss, this item was moved to the next working group meeting.

**ACTION** - This agenda item will be discussed at the next Working Group Meeting

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 12, 9-10 AM**

## GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

MEETING NOTES – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 2020

9:00–10:00AM MST

### Attendees

Chamber of Mines

23(2)(d)

GNWT

Pamela Strand  
Menzie McEachern  
Benji Straker  
Angela Norris  
Lora Archer

### Review of July 29 Meeting Notes and Action Items

#### *Land Withdrawals*

- ITI recommended that 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- Industry views that 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- ITI agrees that this is an important, ongoing issue, and that this should be discussed with other departments in the GNWT.

**ACTION:** ITI will schedule a meeting with other departments to discuss (Pam and John will come up with next steps).

### ***Federal – Territorial Coordination***

- ITI met with CanNor – to discuss the inaction of the Federal Territorial working group and how to make this meeting more effective moving forward. It was emphasized that this group is seen by ITI and by the COM as an integral piece of moving recovery efforts forward.
- A secretariat has been established to do research and set agenda items, however this secretariat needs more direction on how to move forward. There is a need for a structured research project that would be undertaken to identify projects and policy items to advance to ensure meaningful actions are taken away from this group.
- CanNor has agreed to take the lead in discussing this with other colleagues in the Federal Government and report back later in the month as to how things will be moved forward.
- 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]

**ACTION:** ITI will arrange a meeting with the Federal Government (CanNor/CIRNAC and NRCan) and COM (NWT/NU and YK if possible) to ensure that the needs of Industry are being heard.

### ***Critical Minerals***

- ITI stated that a Critical Minerals Strategy is important to recovery and that ITI will continue to be worked on and pushed at all levels.
- What ITI wants to see from Canada, is what part of the Critical Minerals supply chain will be the thrust of their efforts?
- The letter from Cheetah to the Federal Ministers gave a good starting point for the focus, however this may need to be further refined.
- Industry asked who in the feds should be talked to about a Critical Minerals Strategy? How can this strategy be accelerated? 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]

- ITI reported that MP McLeod has been contacted to make this happen, however more work needs to be done to find solutions. We need to determine what the actions are that we see as priorities and begin communicating this to the Federal government.
- ITI needs to create more of a plan that emphasizes existing projects as well as deposits and would provide ways to secure the investment to back Industry.
- The timeline is short on this, as this would need to be done by September/October.
- Industry recommended that 14(1)(a) [REDACTED].
- COM believes that other priorities should also be identified to the Finance Committee as priorities for the Northern mining Industry. There are some other “out of the box” solutions that should be identified.
  - 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
  - 14(1) [REDACTED]
  - 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- Sovereignty element as well should be emphasized for the North, i.e. who is actively operating mines in the North (e.g. TMAC).
- COM pointed out that we’ve missed the opportunity to send written submissions to the Finance Committee. At this point we would need to put together a compelling presentation to the committee about the opportunity for critical minerals and investments.
- COM received word from MP McLeod that we have missed the opportunity to have something presented to the finance committee.
- COM mentioned that 23(2)(d) [REDACTED] has authored a report that speaks to the economic opportunities associated with the mining industry.
- COM suggested that they can also reach out to some senators to advocate as well.

**ACTION:** ITI will work on developing a Critical Minerals Strategy. Including promotions and how to get this to market. Develop pillars for the strategy within one month. Will put together documentation, do a desktop review, and develop priorities on how to promote our projects and resources.

**ACTION:** A draft slide deck will be presented at the next working group meeting.

**ACTION:** ITI and COM will work together to flush out the 3 priorities.

**ACTION:** COM will provide written submissions by August 14.

**ACTION:** 23(2) will reach out to 23(2)(d) to get a copy of the report.

### **Consolidated Action Table**

- ITI briefly presented the consolidated action table to make the action items more easily understood when presented.
- There were no major objections to the table. Some minor edits will be done.
- The table will be used to assist in the development of strategies and for focusing discussion in the future.

### **Innovative Supports to the Mining Industry**

- This was not discussed during the meeting. This will be discussed in bilateral conversations with ITI and brought up at the next working group meeting.

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 26, 9-10 AM**

## **GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group**

**MEETING AGENDA – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020**

**10:00–11:00AM MST**

### **In Attendance**

#### ***Chamber of Mines***

23(2)(d) [REDACTED], Chamber of Mines

23(2)(d) [REDACTED]

23(2)(d) [REDACTED]

23(2)(d) [REDACTED]

Industry Tourism & Investment

#### ***John Ketchum, ADM, ITI***

Menzie, Director, Mineral and Petroleum Resources, ITI

Angie Norris, Manager, Client Services and Community Relations, ITI

Benji Straker, Manager, Mineral Resources Planning, ITI

### **Review of August 12 Meeting Notes and Action Items**

#### ***Land Withdrawals***

- ITI suggested that the group needs to figure out how to approach this. It is an overwhelming issuing, need to determine how to move this forward. Potentially have a meeting focused on how to proceed on addressing Land Withdrawals in a separate meeting.
- COM suggests 14(1)(a) [REDACTED] that can be used as a starting point.
- There was agreement that this is a critical issue for the working group.

**ACTION – ITI and COM will coordinate a meeting time to discuss this item separately.**

**ACTION – COM will forward a the MAC paper.**

#### ***Federal-Territorial Coordination***

- ITI has been working to kick-start the working group again. There will be a meeting next Thursday.
- The agenda for the next meeting was shared. The presentation to be discussed later in the meeting will be shared within the meeting. ITI has been allocated for only 15 minutes. ITI will narrow in on a few slides that drive the key messages on recovery.

- COM has a letter from Minister Vandal that outlines the progress to date. That will be shared with the group.
- There is also the possibility of having a federal territorial meeting that includes the COM. This meeting would be separate to the meeting on Thursday. ITI suggested a meeting could include all territories or just focus on the NWT.
- COM could start to work with the Chamber of Mines in the Yukon and with the GN to get buy in on our approach.
- COM suggests that 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- COM emphasized that they wanted to ensure that we have enough time to table the issues that are a concern to industry, to ensure that the meeting is productive and the salient issues are brought forward in the meeting.
- ITI suggested that 14(1)(b) [REDACTED] Suggests focusing on a short list of items.
- COM suggested that focusing in too much on individual items could mean that the bigger issues are never addressed. It's important to tie everything together to ensure that it is understood how the industry is currently affected and the measures that need to be taken to recover from COVID.
- COM reiterated that we need to recover from COVID stronger than we were before COVID. IUCN document will highlight this.

**ACTION – ITI will set up a meeting with 23(2)(d) [REDACTED] and the COM/ITI Working Group.**

**ACTION – ITI/COM will have a strategy meeting to discuss approach for this meeting?**

**ACTION – COM will share letter from Minister Vandal.**

**ACTION – COM will work with counterparts in GN and the Yukon Chamber of Mines to discussion a shared vision for recovery.**

### ***Critical Minerals***

- There's work progressing within ITI on research.
- 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- COM suggests is 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- 23(2) [REDACTED] suggests that 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]

- 14(1)(b)
- 14(1)(b)
- NWT's strategy should focus on getting the mines going. Near-term small scale critical minerals projects should be the focus with the supports (financing and stockpiling of the production) required to get the mines started. Once the mines are over the hump.
- Critical Infrastructure will also need to be considered – enabling the mines to open and operate.
- 23(2) suggests that a cross government discussion is required to ensure that mining is advanced.
- COM has not presented to the DMs within the GNWT for many years.
- ITI will bring this up to the DMs in a multi departmental forum, to ensure that the development is understood as a priority and links are understood.

**ACTION – ITI will make a presentation at an upcoming DM meeting. Will ensure new minister is briefed.**

**ACTION – ITI will reach out internally to look for the 23(2)(d) reports.**

### **Review of Presentation**

- COM suggested that the proposed investment fund could be included in the presentation.
- ITI replied that this may be premature
- Slides 7 and 8, show the peak employment and where we are now. Will be more impactful.
- Focus on the small scale impacts as well.
- Also include stats on what the Economy would look like in the NWT without the mines.
- Consensus to share this presentation.

**ACTION – ITI will share the fund proposal idea by Friday, September 11**

**ACTION – ITI will add slides on peak economics**

**ACTION – ITI will look for stats on what the impact would be to the economy if the mines close.**

### **Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 16, 9-10 AM**

- Requested Agenda Items – MVRMA regulatory guidance documents update at next meeting.

**ACTION – ITI will reach out to the MVRMA about a table related to the MVRMA.**



## GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

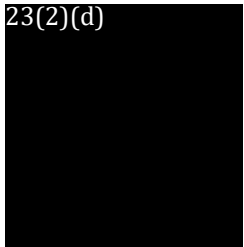
MEETING NOTES – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

9:00–10:00AM MST

### **In Attendance:**

#### ***Chamber of Mines:***

23(2)(d)

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#### ***GNWT ITI:***

Pam Strand  
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### **COM-ITI Minister's Meeting**

- A meeting will be taking place between the newly appointed Minister of ITI and COM, that will discuss the mining in general and the work being done by this working group.
- Proposed agenda items for Minister's Meeting:
  - Surface Lease Issue
  - Critical Metals Progress
  - Federal Territorial Meeting Discussion

## Review of September 2 Meeting Notes and Action Items

### *Land Withdrawals*

- COM reported that 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- COM is concerned that 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] . It was discussed that 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
- ITI will be engaging more with ENR on boreal caribou range planning. They are currently working on different levels of impact to the herd. ENR is currently looking for data on where mineral and oil and gas potential will be in the next 10 years. COM has not weighed in on this issue. There has not been a lot of overlap with the boreal caribou range.

### *Federal Territorial Coordination*

- COM provided a letter from Minister Vandal. COM also received a letter from Minister Vandal about the Hope Bay issue.
- ITI had a meeting with the three territories, with CIRNAC, CanNor, NRCan.
  - Canada provided a backward looking update on initiatives.
  - Nunavut and Yukon provided a more COVID impacts oriented update
  - NWT provided an update on our action plan, and how we see recovery moving forward.
  - Canada is impressed with the three items, and want to progress those actions moving forward. Nunavut was also supportive.
  - 23(2)(d) [REDACTED] is taking the lead from the Federal Level.
  - ITI and CanNor will be meeting with the Secretariat to assign work and advance research and planning.
  - COM will figure out who can help on each of the action items.

### ***Meeting with Minister of ITI***

- DM ITI recommends that 14(1)(a) [REDACTED].
- ITI has been discussing with 23(2)(d) [REDACTED] and 14(1)(a) [REDACTED].
- COM agreed that they could work with ITI on this to emphasize the importance of the North and mining for the Federal Government.
- COM suggested that 14(1)(a) [REDACTED].

**ACTION – Put together some briefing materials for the Minister to keep her updated**

**ACTION – Have a meeting with COM, ITI and the Minister**

**ACTION – COM will reach out to 23(2)(d) [REDACTED] at the Chamber of Mines in Yukon to see if they can support the action items.**

**ACTION – ITI will reach out to the Government of Yukon to see if they support the priority action items.**

**ACTION – COM will reach out to the three senators.**

### ***Critical Minerals***

- DM ITI was thinking about how to pitch the Critical Minerals. 14(1)(b) [REDACTED].
- COM agreed that the argument needs to be changed to fit the Federal Government's needs. 23(2)(d) [REDACTED] could be useful in [REDACTED].
- ITI recommends that 14(1)(b) [REDACTED].
- COM highlighted a public opinion survey that was supportive of critical minerals.
- This marketing initiative would have multiple audiences, and could be used by many groups to support mineral development.
- ITI reported that the critical minerals will have a bigger profile in the CMMP moving forward.

- There should be an approach that is brought to the intergovernmental council. It would be good to get everyone on the same page moving forward.
- Two allies that could help are 23(2)(d) and 23(2)(d). 23(2) continues to put on his forums. They should be engaged to help progress this.

**ACTION – ITI/COM will look for the public opinion survey.**

**ACTION – COM will get a meeting put together between COM/ITI and 23(2)(d) and 23(2)(d)**

## **Review of Presentation/Slide Deck**

- Suggested changes to Slide 17 – 14(1)(a)

**ACTION – Lora add something to say that facilities could have future uses on Slide 17.**

**ACTION – The group could go through the slides again individually to make the show more crisp.**

**ACTION – 14(1)(a)**

**ACTION – Lora will coordinate the review of the slide show, Lora will send out the slide show again.**

## **Review of Mineral Development Fund Initiative**

- The group discussed the need for some work on the Mineral Development Fund Initiative. The group agreed to review the document in its current form to have comments by next Wednesday.

**ACTION – Working group will provide comments on the Mineral Development Fund Initiative.**

## **MVRMA Regulatory Guidance Documents Update**

- 23(2)(d) wrote a letter to various groups on the Regulatory Review. COM suggested that the

- Regulatory Dialogues were worked on previously at ITI. They have been in draft form for three years. ITI is willing to contract the updating of these documents and making them available for public use. The document should be shared with 23(2)(d) who's been developing an online tool to help navigate the regulatory process. This was a deliverable from the MDS. This would also be something that ITI would want to make available online in an easily usable format.

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 30, 9-10 AM**

**GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group**

**MEETING AGENDA – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020**

**9:00–10:00AM MST**

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**1- Welcome**

***Review of 3 Priority Items***

**2- Investment in Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development Projects**

**3- Critical/Strategic Minerals**

**4- METC**

**5- Regulatory Dialogues**

**6- Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 30, 9-10 AM**

## GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group


MEETING NOTES– WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020

9:00–10:00AM MST

### In Attendance

#### *Chamber of Mines*

23(2)(d)

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#### *GNWT – ITI*

John Ketchum

Menzie MacEachern

Benji Straker

Angela Norris

Lora Archer

### Changes to Agenda

- COM requested an update on the Territorial Ministers Meeting
- ITI will provide an update on the Geosciences Forum

### Review of 3 Priority Items

#### *1 - Investment in Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development Projects*

- ITI had a meeting with counterparts in Nunavut and Yukon. There is interest in moving forward as a collective on a study to determine what investment is required for Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development Projects.
- The meeting determined the scope of the project. To determine the investment mechanisms that would be needed in the North. The study will not determine the specific projects needed at this point.

- GNWT will be drafting a statement of work for the project, and will get consensus from the other two territories. 14(1)(b)
- 14(1)(a)
- The details on how the fund or investment mechanisms could be determined in the course of the study.
- The study is intended to be collaborative. ITI will need the input from COM on how to make the investment scheme work for industry. Collaboration will also be emphasized with the other territories.
- 14(1)(a)
- COM also advanced that the fund could include indigenous participation in the investment mechanisms.
- ITI agrees that the fund could include a principle that would include indigenous participation.

## 2 - Critical/Strategic Minerals

- ITI asked if 14(1)(b)
- ITI has a 14(1)(b)
- 14(1)(a)
- COM asked if 14(1)(b)
- ITI said that the 14(1)(b)
- COM asked if 14(1)(b)
- ITI has done some work on the education piece, and will continue to try to push the education. The best approach may be to get the Dev Corps on side and to get organizations like DII on board in the education process.



- ITI mentioned that there has been success in developing regional mineral development strategies through MDS funding. There are now strategies in place for the IRC and the GTC.
- ITI asked if there is a particular area to prioritize for the critical minerals. If there's an area/advanced project that the GNWT can help push forward.
- COM replied that there is an interest in getting help from the GNWT to push
- ITI is interested in knowing what mechanisms that could be put in place to help projects push forward.
- 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- COM will provide the letter and the emails providing clarity to the boards.

**ACTION –** 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]

**ACTION –** 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]

**ACTION –** 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]

### 3 - METC

- ITI provided an update on the work being done on the METC by CIRNAC in conjunction with NRCan. 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]

### Regulatory Dialogues

- ITI reviewed the Regulatory Dialogues document that would be discussed at the steering committee meeting on October 8. Because it is a lengthy document, there was a focus on key priorities/sections.
- Priority 2 – Joint Consultation and Engagement Policy from the Boards - 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
  - 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- Priority 3 – Tool for Estimating Security

- COM indicated that the Boards have sent out the estimator for consultation, there is a deadline of October 25 to respond. COM has sent this out to their membership to respond to.
- Reclamation formulas may also need to be reviewed.
- Priority 7 – Build Awareness.
  - ITI asked if there was a priority that should be focused on, this is something that ITI could be working on.
  - COM indicated that number 7, building awareness could be a priority moving forward.
  - COM also emphasized the importance of making things easier for early exploration. Priorities 1 and 2 would support this.

**ACTION – ITI will meet to discuss an engagement strategy.**

**ACTION – ITI will provide an update at the next COM/ITI WG meeting and a strategy can be developed.**

### **Update on Territorial Meeting**

- ITI will be briefing a minister tomorrow that will happen on October 15 with Minister O’Reagan and the three territorial ministers. It is unclear if there’s been a call with the three territorial ministers outside of this call.

### **Geoscience Symposium**

- There was a call for expressions of interest for the Geoscience Symposium. There was 55 presentations requested, which is a cross section from energy, geoscience and regulatory updates. Permafrost, Geoscience Research, and ... followed by Exploration.

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, 21 October, 9-10 AM**

**GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group**

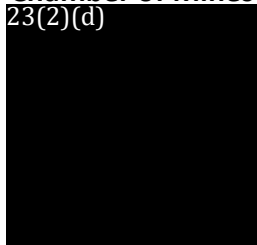
**MEETING NOTES – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020**

**10:00–11:00AM MST**

**In Attendance**

**Chamber of Mines**

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**ITI**

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John Ketchum

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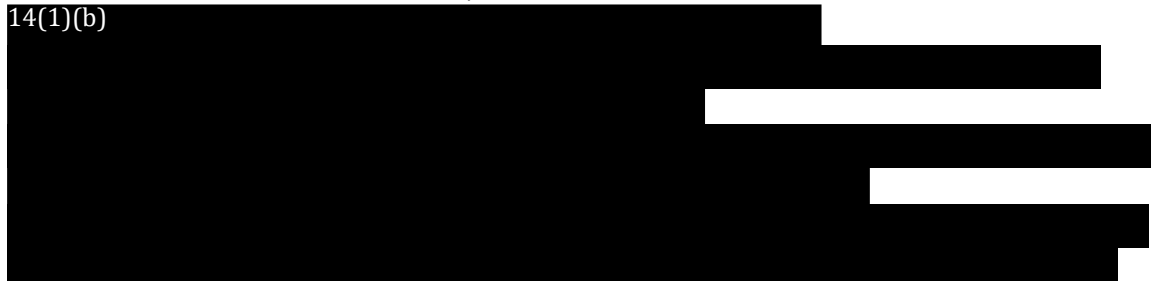
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**Update on Minister O'Reagan Call**

- ITI had a call with Minister O'Reagan October 15.
- Minister O'Reagan was taken by surprise, with how well prepared the territories were for the call.
- Reviewed the Pan-Territorial Letter, and ministers made it clear that this is a Pan-


14(1)(b)



- The Territories also reviewed the need for a Northern METC program.

• 14(1)(b)

• 14(1)(a)



- NWT Minister focused on Critical Minerals. O'Reagan is open to all suggestions with regards to advancing this initiative.
- 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- A joint letter will be sent summarizes the meeting and how the North sees development of the mining industry moving forward.
- O'Reagan was surprised at the level of coordination and preparation in the North.
- COM asked if 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- COM asked if 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- ITI is keen to get the Investment Study done and have a Critical Minerals Strategic Plan done by January.
- COM stated that they have been in contact with CIRNAC, and they are keen to see a Strategic Plan related to Critical Minerals.

**ACTION – ITI will send the Pan-Territorial Letter to the Group.**

**ACTION – COM to send any other discussion items to bring up with CIRNAC to ITI**

## Review of 3 Priority Items

### *Investment in Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development Projects*

- Territorial colleagues have been contacted with regards to this initiative. 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- It is important to build in the Indigenous participation in the fund. There is also potentially some funding that could be taken advance of, and investment houses in Toronto/Vancouver that focus on indigenous capacity building.
- COM said that they could 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- COM asked when 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]

**ACTION – ITI will forward the Investment Fund SOW when the initial review has been completed.**

**ACTION – 14(1)(a)**

### ***Critical/Strategic Minerals***

- ITI wants to create an Action Plan to focus efforts. They would like to start thinking of what this could look like, ITI is looking to start brainstorming. An example of an initiative/strategy is Promotions and Marketing.
- Promotional and Marketing
  - Promoting hotspots to industry
  - Internal to NWT engagement, outreach, education, and promotion to communities to build support and interest in critical mineral development.
- 14(1)(a)
- COM asked when a more in-depth conversation could happen to start discussing what this action plan would look like. ITI replied that they were not sure if the focus was on NWT or Pan-Territorial. The group discussed the importance of focusing on the NWT first.
- COM suggested 14(1)(a)

### **METC**

- The project work is advancing. There is good alignment with the Arctic and Northern Policy Framework.
- CIRNAC is working on this file.
- There will be more to report after the Federal-Territorial meeting later this week.

### **Direct Investment into Northern Mining Operations**

- COM highlighted that this is a key part of the Investment Fund review. This is the most creative part and what they think will have the biggest impact on the industry in the North.
- How can subsidies be better directed to mining operations to spur development?
- This should not fall off the table.
- COM wants a sustainable long-term approach. Russia has been investing in the North for years; similarly, China has taken an approach to make a shipping channel through the North. Canada should take an approach that recognizes the value in investing in

companies in the North. This investment needs to be broad-based not focused just on Critical and Strategic Minerals.

- There is the potential to create many complementary programs through this investment.
- ITI highlighted that the Road to Whati is a modern example of this. This was built based on multiple considerations.

**ACTION – ITI will ensure that this concept is built into the SOW**

### **Update on Mineral Tenure Relief**

- There is work that is being advanced with the department of Justice for regulation changes. The date has been extended. There is a relief package that has been released. The information is available on the MRO site.
- The relief package is in line with what is offered in other jurisdictions.

### **Reporting Protected Areas to ECCC**

- ITI will coordinate with ENR to determine how reporting to ECCC will be done.

**ACTION - ITI will contact ENR to determine what the mechanism/process will be.**

**ACTION – COM to provide ITI with any specific questions that they might have by Friday, October 22.**

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 4, 9-10 AM**

## GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group


MEETING NOTES – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020

9:00–10:00AM MST

### In Attendance

#### *Chamber of Mines*

23(2)(d)




#### *ITI*

John Ketchum  
Menzie McEachern  
Benji Straker  
Angela Norris  
Lora Archer

### Additions to Agenda:

ITI asked to add an agenda item, an update on the Mineral Tenure Relief package.

### Mineral Tenure Relief Package

- ITI presented the final Mineral Tenure Relief Package. ITI reported that the final package <sup>14(1)(b)</sup> 
- The Financial Management Board needed to approve the package prior to going to Cabinet. This happened in October.
- With regards to fees, there is no waiver option available for fees. However, the fees can be deferred, and will be deferred to December 31. Starting January 1 the fees will be incurred again. This decision was made as to not penalize the IGOs who would not

receive any resource revenue for this fiscal year. 3 months of resource revenue will be provided during the current fiscal year.

- ITI recognizes that this may not be the option that will make industry happy, however it was a balance that had to be struck between the IGOs and Industry's needs.
- ITI reported that claims are being treated differently. Claims will be deferred for the entire fiscal year.
- COM asked if tha 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- ITI replied that 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- COM stated that 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- ITI stated that 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- COM asked 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- ITI stated that 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- ITI stated that they realize this situation isn't perfect, however this was the balance that they were able to achieve.
- ITI stated that there things that could be done.

**ACTION – ITI will provide details of the Mineral Tenure Relief Package in writing.**

### Review of 3 Priority Items

#### *METC*

- 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- COM's perspective is that 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]



- COM stated that [REDACTED] 14(1)(a)
- COM asked [REDACTED] 14(1)(a) It would be good to ensure that whatever is being proposed matches the work that they have already done and previously with the Yukon Chamber.
- ITI committed to following up with CIRNAC.

**ACTION –** [REDACTED] 14(1)(a)

### ***Investment in Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development Projects***

- ITI presented that they are working through creating a Statement of Work for Investment in Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development Projects. They are waiting for input from Nunavut and Yukon before sharing with the working group [REDACTED] 14(1)(a)
- COM asked if this included investing in specific projects.
- ITI replied that this concept would be included.

### ***Investment Incentives for Canadian Companies***

- COM discussed the importance of incentivizing Canadian companies and that this Investment Fund should consider this concept.
- ITI stated that this could be added to the statement of work, that this could be an important principle of the study to ensure that Canadian companies are part of the solution in developing the North.
- COM stated that this could also drive partnerships between Canadian and foreign companies.

**ACTION – ITI will ensure that the SOW includes a focus on incentivizing investments for Canadian companies.**

### ***Critical/Strategic Minerals***

- ITI reported that NRCan presented their view of how they want to advance the Critical/Strategic Minerals file, and they are trying to develop a list of critical/strategic minerals.
- ITI reported that NRCan is looking at the Critical and Strategic Minerals issue from both the supply and the demand issue. NRCan will be preparing a report on this that can hopefully be shared with this group soon.

- ITI believes that the NWT/North can be working on how to advance critical mineral projects. There are a number of relevant projects that should be highlighted.
- ITI reported that <sup>14(1)(a)</sup> [REDACTED]
- COM stated that <sup>14(1)(a)</sup> [REDACTED]
- ITI's perspective is that there will be some room for the North to determine what it believes are critical minerals.

### **Reporting Protected Areas to ECCC**

- ITI reported that ENR has committed to providing some answers to COM's questions. ENR's is committed to meet afterwards to discuss the answers.
- COM stated that there was a Parks Canada submission made on IUCN designations. They could share this with the group.

**ACTION – ITI will share the letter**

**ACTION – COM will share the Parks Canada Submission**

### **Other Discussion**

- COM asked if <sup>14(1)(b)</sup> [REDACTED]
- ITI replied, that <sup>14(1)(b)</sup> [REDACTED]

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 18, 9-10 AM**

## GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

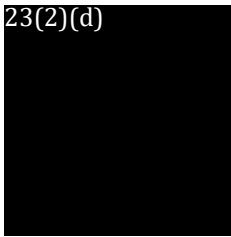
MEETING NOTES – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020

9:00–10:00AM MST

### A. Welcome

#### Chamber of Mines

23(2)(d)



#### ITI

Menzie McEachern


Benji Straker

Angela Norris

Lora Archer

### B. Review of 3 Priority Items

#### 1- Investment in Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development Projects (For Information)

- ITI has been working with the other territories on a Statement of Work for a study to accelerate investment and mineral projects North of 60. The document is provided for information. It was prepared with input from Nunavut and the Yukon governments.
- COM asked 14(1)(b) 
- COM replied that they wanted to ensure that there is direct help for Canadian exploration companies.

- ITI emphasized that the benefits are intended to flow to Northern Indigenous Development Corporations, Northern and Canadian Items.
- COM asked that the 4<sup>th</sup> requirement should be changed to include “other northern companies”. ITI stated that this would be done.

## 2- Critical/Strategic Minerals


### a. NRCan Criticality Framework

- ITI reported that Canada presented their Critical Minerals “Criticality Framework”. This is representation of the work so far in the Critical Minerals Task Team.
- ITI reviewed the criteria for what will be on the Critical Minerals List: something on an ally’s critical mineral list, and Canada has a competitive edge to produce it; something that is essential to Canada’s economic security and there’s threats to its supply; and, essential to Canada’s national security. There are currently approximately 25 minerals on the list.
- COM asked about 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- COM asked if the preliminary list could be shared? It would be good to see what has been produced so that there is context for what minerals are being chosen.
- ITI believes that the list is intended to be dynamic. The criteria are meant to be a guide to choose what minerals will be on the list. As the economic environment and defence environment evolve the minerals required may change.
- COM asked if 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]
- COM also asked about 14(1)(b) [REDACTED]

14(1)(b) . The regions are going to be able to create their own list that will be slightly different from the Canadian list. COM suggested 14(1)(a) ITI agreed that this was a good concept.

**b. Prospectus Discussion (COM Lead)**

- COM wanted to raise this as an example of a useful promotional document. ITI believes that this material is similar to what have been produced in the GNWT, with Mineral Commodity Fact Sheets. Prior to COVID these were put into a booklet form with tabs which showed where different mineral showings are. The GNWT also has a standard slide deck that emphasizes the mineral potential. However, ITI doesn't believe that the information has been put together in the same way that this Australian document has.
- COM suggested that marketing critical minerals (and other minerals) with other regions to alert them to the potential in the Northwest Territories.
- 14(1)(a)
- COM asked if 14(1)(b)
- COM asked if there could be a COVID Recovery Development Strategy.
- COM suggested Lab access and regulatory are two issues that are not currently in our list of priorities for recovery that should be added. An additional issue is Land Tenure security is also something that is essential to COVID recovery, to ensure that developers have certainty on what lands can be explored.

- ITI replied that these issues are noted and that there is work currently underway to address these. They are good issues to highlight to be able to continue to move forward
- COM asked about what was happening with Regional Mineral Development Strategies since the Minister announced it in the Legislative Assembly on November 3. ITI stated that the work will be continuing based on what has already happened with the IRC and the GTC, as well as trying to move forward with Sahtu and the Akaitcho to try to promote the work of regional mineral development strategies.
- COM stated that 14(1)(a) 

**ACTION – By next meeting ITI will produce actions which can be taken by the GNWT to move forward with a Critical Minerals Plan.**


**ACTION – Can COM think about whether there should be any other issues that should be added to our list of 3 priorities for COVID recovery.**

### **3- METC (No Update)**

#### **C. Diamond Benefits Report**

- ITI will follow up with COM about what details are needed.

#### **D. Protected Areas**

- ITI reported that there was a response to the questions that 23(2)  had about how protected areas are determined in the NWT.
- COM stated that they received the documents, however it would be something that they would want to circle back to this discussion to have a more fulsome discussion.

#### **E. Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 2, 9-10 AM**

## GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

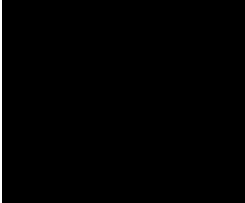
MEETING NOTES – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

9:00–10:00AM MST

### Attending

Chamber of Mines

23(2)(d)



ITI

Menzie McEachern

Benji Straker

### Items Added

#### *Meeting with Official Leader of the Opposition*

- COM was invited to meet with Official leader of the opposition on January 13<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity to champion Northern needs.
- It is a short meeting, therefore a focused but interesting message needs to be developed.

14(1)(a)

- 14(1)(a)



#### *MVRMA Workshop in 2021*

- The MVRMA Workshop is being planned for March 9-11, 2021.
- The theme for the workshop is Well-being and the MVRMA: Making good resource co-management decisions in the Mackenzie Valley.
- It is anticipated that there will be a session economic well-being, COM suggested that it would be good idea if it is not done by industry. COM's recommendation:

- 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- 23(2)(d) 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- 23(2)(d) 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- ITI recommended that the following people could be reached out to as speakers for MVRMA Workshop:
  - 23(2)(d) [REDACTED]

**ACTION – COM will send 3 or 4 speaker suggestions to the group.**

***Investment in Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development Projects (RFP Release)***

- The RFP for the study related to the Northern Infrastructure and Strategic Investment Fund should be released later today.

***Critical/Strategic Minerals***

- ITI has been working on developing a baseline jurisdictional scan, Lora will provide an update prior to Donny Days.
- To give advanced exploration projects some visibility they will be promoted at Roundup and PDAC.
- Roundup and PDAC will be held virtually this year, the GNWT will be producing videos with spokespeople for the event; 23(2)(d) is helping. 14(1)(a)
- COM recommended 14(1)(a)
- ITI added that there will be two panel discussions moderated at Roundup with three or four companies per panel. ITI is working with a company in Toronto to help promote

**ACTION - Lora will provide an updated Critical Minerals baseline jurisdictional scan.**

**ACTION – ITI to 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]**



### ***Diamond Benefits Report***

- COM reported that they found errors in GNWT's product. COM has submitted their spreadsheet of proposed changes which were incorporated into the report.

### ***Identifying Community Champions***

- COM suggested we get ESG (Environment, Social Impacts, Governance) champions from various communities. This was an issue that was brought up by <sup>23(2)(d)</sup> [REDACTED] at the BAC sub-group.
- COM also discussed replacing REDI by hiring local people to do the work in their home community, they felt this would save on travel expenses for staff, and have people embedded in communities that can promote mining.

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 9-10AM**

## GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group


MEETING NOTES – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021

9:00–10:00AM MST

### Attending

#### Chamber of Mines

23(2)(d)



#### ITI

Menzie McEachern

Benji Straker

Angela Norris

Lauren Bengts

### *Items Added - Land Use Permit Extensions*

- The MVLWB has not received a response from GNWT about the Land Use Permit extensions yet.
- Department of Lands or ENR is responsible for these responses, not ITI.
- Benji got draft response, will get it to Menzie today.
- ITI should be able to see the response and have their input.

**ACTION – Chamber to share their submission with ITI**

**ACTION – Benji and Angela to provide comments on draft response before forwarding to Menzie.**

### *Meeting with Official Leader of the Opposition*

- Meeting is later today, will provide update once meeting is done

### *MVRMA Workshop in 2021*

- Do have ITI reps attending, not yet on Agenda.
- ITI asked if Mike Byrne can be on planning committee, 23(2)(d) with MVLWB said there was no room for ITI.
- The MVRMA Workshop is being planned for March 9-11, 2021.

**ACTION – Benji reach out to 23(2)(d) about getting ITI on agenda**

***Investment in Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development Projects (RFP Release)***

- Waiting for submissions to be sent in, deadline is January 18.
- Reminder, it is pan-territorial project with Nunavut and Yukon

***Critical/Strategic Minerals***

- E-mails have been submitted, waiting on NRCan to process all comments and respond.
- Heat Map only show lands that are formally unavailable but fails to categorize lands that are effectively unavailable.
- There is a need to create awareness and training programs in communities.
- Angela going to the Sahtu next week to discuss RMDS.
- GNWT would like to start conversations of development with Deline

**ACTION – Benji to come up with 5 critical mineral actions for next meeting.**

***Mining Sector 101 Online Course***

- Meeting by Zoom next week to look at content and costs.
- One for technical information and one geared to communities.

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 9-10AM**

## **CHAMBER OF MINES PARTNERSHIP**

### **ISSUE**

The Northwest Territories (NWT) and Nunavut Chamber of Mines and Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) COVID-19 Recovery Working Group (Working Group) was established to cohesively address the needs of the NWT mining industry and the actions that the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) needs to take to effectively recover from the COVID-19 pandemic

### **KEY MESSAGES**

- All NWT businesses large and small have had to make difficult decisions in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes our mining industry.
- Our resource companies have taken extraordinary measures to protect their workforce and communities, at significant cost to their projects.
- Our economy will continue to be reliant on our diamond mines. In fact, we need this sector to anchor our territory's economic recovery.
- We know that the market has been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, with rough diamond prices that fell as much as 25 percent, although the market is starting to show signs of a recovery.
- Mining and exploration are the biggest source of private sector jobs and income for our residents and a major buyer of products and services from our businesses.
- The Working Group has established a list of three common priorities for recovery based on a compiled list of short-term, medium-term, and long-term actions, which are detailed in Appendix A.

### **STATUS**

- The Working Group is meeting regularly to discuss actions that can be taken that will enable the NWT mining industry to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and flourish in the short, medium, and long-term.

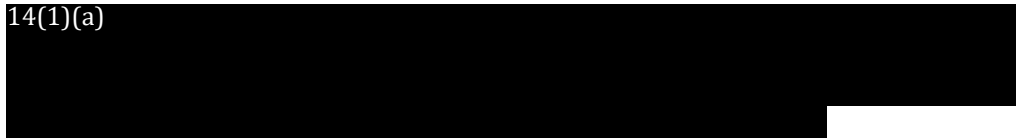
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- ITI continues to undertake key mandate items such as the *Mineral Resources Act* implementation and regulation development as well as the Socio-Economic Agreement Program review.
- ITI will be undertaking an update of the Mineral Development Strategy (MDS), the key policy instrument in improving investor and public confidence in the mineral resource sector to reflect the new economic reality. The Working Group will help inform the MDS update.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Working Group was established as part of the COVID-19 Recovery efforts in order to develop an action plan for the NWT to protect and ensure a stronger mineral resource development industry exists in the NWT post-COVID for the benefit of Northerners, Canada, and investors. The first meetings were held in April 2020; regular meetings are ongoing.

14(1)(a)



The resource sector directly employs over 3,000 people in the NWT and contributes over \$800 million in spending each year. It accounts for almost a third of NWT's Gross Domestic Product. The growth of the resource sector is critical for NWT and its people.

Currently in NWT there are two diamond mines operating and two diamond mines in care and maintenance, as well as two oil and gas operations.

All resource companies are following COVID-19 precautionary practices and the Chief Public Health Officer's directives and guidance.

All mineral claims and leases have been protected until further notice while longer term mineral tenure relief policies are being assessed.

**APPENDICES**

- APPENDIX A - COVID EMERGING STRONGER PLAN

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The Working Group has established three priority items that will focus collaborative efforts in emerging from the COVID-19 Pandemic. They are as follows:

1. Northern infrastructure and resource sector investment options assessment.
2. Advancing critical minerals exploration and development in the North (and value-added projects in Canada).
3. Increasing the Mineral Exploration Tax Credit (METC) for the North.


The priorities have been shared with the Inter-governmental Working Group on Northern Minerals Sector and has received working-level support from the federal government [Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor), Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada] and our territorial counterparts.

**1) Northern Infrastructure and Resources Sector Investment Options Assessment**

The Working Group identified the critical need to determine how government support (predominantly federal) could be directed to support the resources sector through investments in regional infrastructure, project specific infrastructure projects as well as direct investment to support the operations of projects.

The Working Group highlighted the need for government support of key project-specific infrastructure projects that would entice advanced exploration projects and mines to commit to construction and operations in the NWT. Examples of such projects could include obtaining government assistance in developing access roads for projects like NICO and Prairie Creek; and for powerlines to the Nechalacho project.

14(1)(a)



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The GNWT will be collaborating with the two other territories to develop a terms of reference document for the project and determine what other resources are required. The Request for Proposals document was posted in December 2020, closing January 18, 2021. The study is expected to be completed by March 31, 2021.

## 2) **Advancing Critical Metals and Minerals**

Critical minerals are needed for important manufacturing sectors, including communication technology, and aerospace, defence, and clean technology. As such, there is a growing need to advance their production in Canada. They are essential to United State (US) national manufacturing, and economic interests.

In January 2020, Canada and the US finalized the Canada-US Joint Action Plan on Critical Minerals Collaboration, advancing our mutual interest in securing supply chains. Canada has engaged with key trading partners as we jointly try to improve supply-chain resiliency, security and diversify supply towards open, secure, and reliable suppliers.

The NWT and Nunavut host significant known deposits and hold potential for new discoveries of several critical minerals, including: cobalt, lithium, rare earth elements, uranium, tungsten, bismuth, and arsenic.

Advancing production of critical minerals would be enhanced with the creation of long term, secure North American markets, and a Canadian supply chain. The development of Canadian refining capacity would help keep value added benefits in Canada.

14(1)(a)

**NRCAN is currently leading a task force to determine how to best exploit critical minerals from a Canadian perspective. ITI is an active member of the Critical Minerals Task Force.**

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ITI continues to work towards an action plan to advance NWT critical and strategic mineral and metal projects.




### 3) Mineral Exploration Tax Credit

The METC is designed to help exploration companies raise equity funds. It can be used in addition to the regular tax deduction associated with flow-through share investments. The ministers responsible for mining in the three territories wrote a pan-territorial letter in June 2020 seeking Natural Resources Canada and Northern Affairs ministers' support to double the METC for the North (the NWT, Nunavut, and Yukon).

The current Federal METC is 15 percent for exploration projects throughout the country. However, Northern territories have higher exploration costs and little fiscal capacity to offer similar tax incentives, as well as insufficient population to generate sufficient funding from resident investors. Before COVID-19, exploration investment in the NWT had been falling, exploration spending fell to \$66.3 million in 2019 from \$112 million in 2018, and 2020 spending intentions were only \$52.1 million.

Since COVID-19 several other provinces are considering further enhancing their exploration tax credits. <sup>14(1)(a)</sup>



METCs are used to complement an existing structure of Flow-through Shares. Flow-through shares are a financing tool available to a Canadian resource company that allows it to issue new equity (shares) to investors at a higher price than it would receive for "normal" shares, thereby assisting it in raising money for exploration and development. In return the share-purchasing investors can claim deductions for the issuing corporation's Canadian Exploration Expense deduction (and in some cases the Canadian Development Expense deduction). Flow-through share financing contributes over 65 percent of the funds raised on Canadian stock exchanges for exploration across the country, generating significant exploration activity within Canadian borders.



**GNWT – Chamber of Mines Initiative on:  
*Actions Towards a North of 60 Mineral Resources Recovery Plan***

**SHORT TERM ACTIONS**

- Maintain Mineral Tenure Security
- Protect Flow-through Obligations
- Provide Exploration Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)
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- Use Critical Minerals Plan to reopen Cantung and advance Mactung project as well as other advanced critical mineral projects(Avalon, Cheetah (Rare Earths), Fortune (Cobalt, Bismuth))
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**MEDIUM TERM ACTIONS: PROMOTE RECOVERY**

- Increase/create Northern Mineral Exploration Tax Credit
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- Surety Bonds for Exploration
- Reclamation Security
- Increase MIP Mineral Exploration Incentive Grants
- Mining Tax Relief
- Mining Cash Flow Relief
- Regulatory Support – Government
- Regulatory Support – Boards and Departments
- Advance Regulatory Process Operational Support Recommendations
- Raise Public Awareness
- Support direct government investment in Northern exploration
- Establish a Northern mining capital investment support fund

**LONG TERM ACTIONS: CREATE RESILIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY**

- Advance Land Tenure Efficiencies
- Increase Mineral Exploration Tax Credit
- Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies
- Invest directly into mines
- Mine Property Taxes Deferral
- Mining Tax incentives
- Infrastructure Investment
- Mine Closure & Reclamation Support
- Settle Land Claims
- Repatriation actions
- Provide direct exploration and mining investment fund

## **GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group**


**MEETING NOTES – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021**

**9:00–10:00AM MST**

### **Attending**

#### **Chamber of Mines**

23(2)(d)

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#### **ITI**

Benji Straker  
Angela Norris  
Tejas Kashyap  
Lauren Bengts

### ***Meeting with Official Leader of the Opposition***

- 23(2)(d) provided overview of the deck.
- They reached out to us, good sign.
- Finance Minister, Deputy Premier Chrystia Freeland reached out to COM, another good sign.
- No commitments were made, just discussion.

### ***MVRMA Workshop in 2021***

- Angela and Mike spoke with 23(2)(d) regarding putting ITI on agenda.
- 23(2)(d) advocated to get us on agenda, everyone seemed to agree.
- Inference not that industry should be supporting the communities, rather they have been all along.
- Could be opportunity for ITI to promote RMDS and its benefits.

**Action – Mike is looking for feedback on approach he wants to take – set up meeting.**

**Action – Angela to ask who is on committee from Feds.**

### ***MV Operational Dialogue Workshop (Item Added)***

- CanNor has funding to help hold workshop.
- For now, just want to confirm budget, next step get planning group together.

### ***Investment in Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development Projects (RFP Release)***

- RFP closed last week.
- Lora Archer still ITI lead. Coordinating schedules with Yukon, Nunavut and CanNor
- Two proposals received, hopefully award contract on Friday.
- Share with this group next meeting
- Desktop study, could be completed by March 31, might need slight extension.

**Action – Benji send terms of reference to 23(2)(d)**

### ***Critical/Strategic Minerals***

- 5 actions will be brainstormed later this week.
- COM had their experts submit thoughts in a letter to Ottawa.
- Should focus on things we can deliver from territories that fits some niches.

**Action – Once 5 actions decided, Benji will send to group.**

### ***Mining Sector 101 Online Course***

- Introduced 23(2)(d) to Boards, highly recommend for training to leaders and executives as well as community education.

### ***CoM/YK MOU***

- City had MOU's with every other sector but mining.
- Everyone seemed on board except 2 councillors.
- Everyone seems on board now, expected to be signed and a group formed.
- A representative from GNWT should be on the board.
- Ideal to do it at opportune time such as PDAC.

**Action – Benji and Angela to discuss what it could potentially look like**

### ***Business Advisory Council***

- The BAC stood itself down
- Have not heard back from Minister.
- 14(1)(a)

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 10, 9-10AM**

## GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

MEETING AGENDA – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

9:00–10:00AM MST

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### Attending

#### Chamber of Mines

23(2)(d)



#### ITI

Menzie McEachern

Mike Byrne

Angela Norris

Benji Straker

Tejas Kashyap

#### A. Welcome

#### B. MVRMA Workshop

- a. ITI's approach
  - Planning for a two and half hour event on March 10 23(2)(d) and 23(2)(d) have made themselves available.
  - It will be great to have Minister –ITI speak at the event. If not, the DM or the ADM can read the Minister's message.
  - It is also important to confirm the speakers, and the time slots. Fill the speaking time with presentations and focus on having constructive dialogue about resource development and the Socio-Economic benefits of mining industry. It will be taken seriously if the message is delivered by the Minister – ITI or senior management of Indigenous business corporations.
  - It is also important have the particular company/ representative from industry speak at the event. Alternately, it is proposed that 23(2)(d) (NWT and Nunavut

Chamber of Mines) speak on behalf of the industry, and Dianna Beck/ Benji Straker speak about benefits from diamond mines.

- Another topic to focus on is the capacity building and training opportunities in communities – Either GNWT deliver the message, or have a subject matter expert deliver the message. Highlight NWT’s accomplishment that we the jurisdiction with highest percentage of indigenous employment in mining sector in the world.
- **Action Item** – Angela Norris and Mike Byrne will develop the agenda

### C. Mackenzie Valley Dialogue Workshop

- Secured funding from CanNor, and this will solidify the next steps
- Workshop Report was circulated last week. Recording and the copy of transcript available.
- Recommendation 1-8 – 14(1)(a)

[REDACTED]

### D. Investment in Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development (Infrastructure Fund Study)

- Rounding up with Yukon and Nunavut Governments, and the RFP process is complete. The contract is awarded to PwC, and they will kick off with meetings this week.

- 14(1)(a)

[REDACTED]

### E. Critical/Strategic Minerals – Critical Minerals and Metals Action Plan Next Steps

#### a. Critical Mineral Actions

- Internal Meeting this week to put together action items necessary to develop critical metals in NWT
- 5 action items including what minerals will be included for NWT Context, and How NWT can cater to the demand, study the initiatives undertaken by other jurisdictions in Canada
- It is also necessary to study the geology and the associated projects for critical and strategic minerals – the level of advancement, the supporting infrastructure and our geology.

- We will need to reach out better to communities, as we should have a full catalogue for critical minerals, geology, communities involved and the application of the minerals.
- Recently, the deputy PM recognised that NWT has potential for critical and strategic minerals, we need to capitalise on this

AGENDA ITEMS CARRIED OVER TO NEXT MEETING

**F. COM Presentation and meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Freeland**

**G. OECD Mining and Cities EOI**

**H. Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 24, 9-10 AM**

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**GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group**

**MEETING AGENDA – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021**

**9:00–10:00AM MST**

**GNWT: Menzie, Angie, Tejas, Dianna Beck, Mike Byrne**

**Chamber:** 23(2)(d) ,

**A. MVRMA Workshop – March 10**

a. ITI's approach – is to share ITI's perspective on socioeconomic benefits.

Menzie:

23(2)  
(d) : What's the Diavik cultural determination?

Mike Byrne:

- Cobbled together an agenda with 23(2)(d) focused on economic well-being
- Industry has participated in these in the past. But the audience is more cultural, environmental, anti-development and often industry folks get raked over the coals. But given focus is on well-being,
- We've always tried to emphasize that MVRMA contains socio-economic well being.
- So want to emphasize that we invite industry in.
- 23(2)(d)
- 23(2)(d) speak along lines of ABQ magazine article
- Also get Minister live or canned, Pam, then Dianna Beck with agreements
- Then maybe a panel session: flexible on name and whether we want one. And don't have
- Ideas on potential topics
- Need to confirm speakers now.
- Urgency: Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> there is a 2021 virtual workshop overview and we want to finalize by then.

Menzie: Pam says Minister can't make it. But Pam will represent the Minister and open our part of the workshop. Also spoke to 23(2)(d) and he is keen to participate.

23(2)  
(d) : 14(1)(b)

23(2)  
(d) would be able to speak to this too. Getting people onto how to get more speaks to getting support for mining.

23(2)  
(d) : 23(2) would be good here with the TAsR road.

23(2)  
(d) How to diversify the economy. 14(1)(b)



Mike: We'd have to get someone quickly. 14(1)(b)

23(2) nothing on the infrastructure bank for example.

Menzie: We are pretty short on time.

23(2) maybe 14(1)(b)

I believe these are meant to be educational.

Mike: Important for a good moderator. 14(1) suggested as one, but maybe he needs to be on the panel. Maybe someone from the Boards 23(2) maybe 14(1)(b)

23(2) I like a panel. But that doesn't mean you open it to the floor necessarily. Moderator asks the questions. And perhaps only if there is time left over do you open it to the audience. Who is the audience? What are their outcomes, is there anything that comes from this?

Mike B: This year, probably the most diverse audience than ever. Board staff and members, regulators, others. But not sure of exactly who. Group hug. Virtual panel too. Not sure how they will go down. Often propensity to Elders, first at the microphone.

23(2) 14(1)(b) Good relationship.

Menzie: 14(1)(b) Could also do a scenario note that explains the next level of detail. Who are the broader facilitators?

Mike: 14(1)(b)

, just don't know how it works. Anticipate some of that. Need to tout how

23(2) : two questions: 14(1)(b) And can

23(2) be the moderator?

Mike: looking at the agenda 23(2)(d) then a fellow from UofWaterloo, then 23(2)(d). I'll share with you folks.

23(2) What about Mike Byrne as moderator?

23(2) Time is tight. Layout is good. Make a decision on the format. Just do it and then allocate time for the speakers as it is relatively short.

Menzie: Thinking too of virtual environment, maybe just have panels one after another.

Mike: I'll talk to 23(2) about how they are doing other panels, etc. and will let you know. I'll ask folks like 23(2) to ask 23(2)(d) to get strong messages out.

23(2) : 14(1)(a)

23(2) : I like the 23(2)(d) trio as working well together. Keep those three together. Sticky dollars and how do you contribute to that?

Menzie: sounds like stars of the show are those people.

## B. Critical/Strategic Minerals – Critical Minerals and Metals Action Plan Next Steps

### a. Critical Mineral Action

Menzie: look at the 5 actions we discussed internally:

- 1. Adding ones that don't fit in the Federal list, eg, sand, phosphate, quartz
- Ask Chamber if they want to add to these.

23(2) 14(1)(a)

2. research policies, eg, OECD

3. Outreach, communications, etc:

4. Cross jurisdictional, eg,

- SK and REE processing plant (maybe partner with them?) Quebec a bit distant perhaps.

5. Marketing

Tejas: Quebec is moving fast and in the last 6 months launched a whole plan on this. Three days ago, they invested in Telesat for \$400M

23(2) Why quartz, sand? I think all minerals in the NWT are critical to our economy.

Menzie: Came from NTGS.

23(2) We often have discussions on what should be defined as critical and strategic. I'd say diamonds are critical.

Menzie: 14(1)(b) but should be part of bigger picture.

23(2) Definition of scale. Impact of diamonds is strategic. In 23(2)(d) letter 23(2) signed on critical minerals, ... 14(1)(b).

23(2) maybe define it.

23(2) Do you have an 14(1)(b)

etc are in another action.

[infrastructure, project support, etc are others]

23(2) maybe 14(1)(b)

Menzie: Refresh of mineral development strategy.

Mike B: Quote Chrystia Freeland on why north will be important in future

23(2) We have three most advanced critical minerals. We told Freeland the same. Just to reinforce her words, she said at our meeting too.

Menzie: we will refresh in our Mineral Development Strategy.

23(2) : I thought the MDS is on hold?]

### C. COM Presentation and meeting with Minister Vandal planned

23(2) Re Freeland meeting. She was engaged in our meeting and said all the right things. We will need mining and more mining. What message didn't resonate was the conservation one. She

did circle back on Indigenous business, and he did a great job on that. She also spoke to the sovereignty.

23(2) With Vandal, we want to take on the approach to Vision and his work on Arctic Policy Framework.

#### **D. ITI Minister meeting – March 5**

Menie: Can you share your agenda with us once you have developed it?

23(2) It was at Pam's suggestion. Circling back to the MVRMA workshop, it would be good for her to speak as Minister of Finance too as that is doubly important.

Menzie: We can't ask her to do that, we'd have to take it through the Finance DM on that. I will raise it with Pam again today.

Mike: the Leg is in session and it is her role as two ministers that she is so busy. That's why we suggested a pre-recorded piece for her.

#### **E. Mineral Tenure Relief**

We have indicated to Pam that the NWT did not do as much as the provinces in supporting tenure relief and some companies and hope ITI can do more. Discuss the status of this.

Menzie: We are still looking into that. Analysis being done. Looking at 14(1)(a) [REDACTED]. Have Laura Faryna and MRO looking further into that.

Mike: high degree of interest in what Nunavut has done.

#### **F. Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 3, 9-10 AM**

Two weeks from now will overlap with the MVRMA workshop and week of PDAC too.

Let's look at next week then, March 3.

## Notes of Meeting

### GNWT/ CHAMBER OF MINES COVID 19 RECOVERY WORKING GROUP ONLINE - VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING – 3 MARCH 2021 (9:00 – 10:00)

GNWT: Menzie, Angie, Tejas, Mike Byrne

Chamber: 23(2)(d)

#### 1. OECD

CanNor response: Once again this year, CanNor received many excellent applications from across the region, and demand for funding greatly exceeded available funds. Following an initial assessment of all applications received, the application was not selected as part of the first round of projects moving on to further review and assessment, it was found to meet the basic eligibility criteria for this EOI. As such, the Agency will be retaining application for further consideration at a later date, pending upcoming decisions on program funding allocations for next fiscal year. Once the size and composition of CanNor's funding envelope for next fiscal year has been fully confirmed, we will be contacted to submit further information for a detailed assessment of your proposal

Proposal to organize a call with the OECD team.

Action Item: 23(2)(d) will organize a meeting with OECD. Will invite Cannor and CIRNAC to it as well?.

#### 2. Fraser Report – Annual Survey Report 2020

Dismal rankings this year - lower in the bottom half of the 77 surveyed. Fraser Institute has mentioned that they received more than 10 responses but refuses to disclose any further details. Major detractors are land claim uncertainty, land access uncertainty, regulatory uncertainty, infrastructure deficit, protected areas uncertainty.

#### 3. COM Meeting with ITI Minister

23(2)(d) Revised Agenda:

- Our current work with ITI on federal asks
- Federal meetings to reinforce those asks

- NWT Mineral Tenure – address this to catch up to the south
  - 23(2) We had a long chat with Pam that they are trying to come up with something. 14(1)(a)
  - 23(2) simply acknowledge that Pam is looking at and trying to find. I don't know how many would take it up, but the offer would be meaningful. 14(1)(a)
- 14(1)(a)
- Minister's thoughts on the BAC stepping back
- Improvement idea: Add OECD idea here – we may bring up with Vandal – needs much support from various governments and money too

ITI has hired two individuals who will add project management expertise. It is 14(1)(b)

It is important to articulate the Mining North Works initiative and its success.

The Chamber of Mines has 14(1)(b)

#### 4. MVRMA Workshop

Chamber of Mines is very effectively pushed Indigenous investment to the forefront, and the workshop is now focused on Indigenous business investment and ITI speaking to community wellbeing.

Afternoon of Wed, 1:30-3 next week.

Menzie:

#### 5. Next Meeting – Yet to be scheduled.

## Meeting Notes

### **GNWT / CHAMBER OF MINES COVID 19 RECOVERY WORKING GROUP ONLINE - VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING - 24 FEBRUARY, 2021 (9:00 – 10:00)**

#### **1. MVRMA Resource Co- Management Workshop**

The MVRMA workshop is planned for 10 March 2021, and will focus on the resource development projects in NWT and the socio economic benefits to Indigenous communities and Indigenous business corporations.

The draft agenda's aim is to have presentations from 23(2)(d) and 23(2)(d) and have the ITI Minister deliver a message. If the Minister is unable to attend the event, the Deputy Minister will be requested to deliver a message on behalf of the minister.

The workshop will include individual presentations from the speakers and a panel discussion. It was suggested that 23(2)(d) be the moderator for the panel discussion.

**ACTION ITEM** – Reach out to 23(2)(d)

It is necessary to note that as NWT is recovering from the economic downturn caused due to the pandemic, we can diversify our economy with resource development (mining and petroleum) as springboard to new sectors. Also, it is critical to find new ways to increase employment and have a strong and broad Arctic policy framework

The Arctic Economic Policy Framework will focus on infrastructure, sovereignty of our nation and vision for northern economic development – especially within the communities. It will be great to invite the Federal Government to make a presentation at the workshop as well.

**ACTION ITEM** – Invite the Federal Government (CanNor or CIRNAC)

We will also need to develop a Scenario Note - step by step template that is generally used for conference events. Other speakers will include Menzie McEachern or Dianna Beck 14(1)(a)

**ACTION ITEM** – Develop the Scenario Note

#### **2. Update on Critical Metals Action Planning and Meeting**

Menzie McEachern provided an update for ITI's Critical Metals Planning meeting that was held on 4 Feb 2021.

For the NWT, it is important to not only learn what commodities classify as critical metals and strategic metals, but also important to define what constitutes for a critical metal and what constitutes a strategic metal

A cross jurisdiction scan to learn what other jurisdictions are doing in this space will be helpful.

As mining is a vital component of NWT's economy, it will be important to consider diamonds as critical/ strategic element.

**ACTION ITEM** – Define NWT's Critical and Strategic Elements, and decide if it is necessary to include diamonds in the list.

Action Plan Overview

**SHORT TERM ACTIONS**

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Provide Exploration Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)	
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Short Term

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Long Term

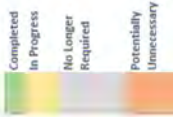
Financial Incentives	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)
Wage Subsidies	14(1)(a)		
Tax Efforts	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)
Land Access & Administration	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)
Critical Minerals	14(1)(a)		14(1)(a)
Regulatory	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)

Completed  
 In Progress  
 No Longer Required  
 Potentially Unnecessary

Action Plan Priorities	Industry A			Potential B			Potential C			When an... Potential D
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Action Plan Priorities	Short Term			Medium Term			Long Term
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<b>Financial Incentives</b>	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)
<b>Land Access &amp; Administration</b>	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)
<b>Critical Minerals</b>	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)
<b>Regulatory</b>	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)
<b>Wage Subsidies</b>	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)
<b>Tax Efforts</b>	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)

Blue Public Awareness



LONG	RESILII		9	2.5	2.5	3	3
		Infrastructure Investment					
		Settle Land Claims	10	2.5	2	2	4
		Mine Property Taxes	11	4	5	5	3.5

**Marking Guide:**

Rankings 1 to 5

Short Term Actions 1 to 13

Medium Term Actions 1 to 13

Long Term Actions 1 to 11

**Alignment**

Federal Priorities 1 to 4

Aligns to Mandate of the Federal Government and/or

Aligns with Minister's Mandate Letter Priorities 1 to 5

Aligns Directly to Key Policy/Strategies

Aligns with Departmental Mandate

Does not currently Align with Existing Programs

Territorial Priorities 1 to 4

1. Aligns Directly to 91st Assembly Mandate

1. Aligns with COVID-19 Recovery Priorities

2. please highlight this ranking if used

2. Aligns to Key Strategies Currently being Implemented

3. Aligns with Departmental Responsibilities

4. Is not Currently being Addressed by Government

Action Plan Schedule

SHORT TERM ACTIONS

Working Group Action Schedule

	April-June	July-September	October-December	January-March	Completed?
Maintain Mineral Tenure Security	Pan Territorial Letter to Federal Ministers				Yes
Protect Flow-through Obligations	Pan Territorial Letter to Federal Ministers				Yes
Provide Exploration Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)	Pan Territorial Letter to Federal Ministers				Yes
Regulatory Permit and License Support including Land Use Permits, Water Licences and their associated Management Plans		14(1)(a)			Incomplete
Service & Supply Companies Wage Subsidies (Indigenous and non- Indigenous)	Pan Territorial Letter to Federal Ministers				Yes
Mining Royalties					Incomplete
NWT Tax Relief for Mining companies	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)			14(1)(a)
		Industry to Determine if this is Relevant	Industry to Determine if this is Relevant		Incomplete
Provide Mining Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)	Pan Territorial Letter to Federal Ministers				CEWS in force in the NWT
Open land access to exploration					Incomplete
Make Financial Opportunities available					Incomplete
Incent Exploration Investment					Incomplete
Incent Exploration Investment specifically for Critical Minerals	14(1)(a)				
Take advantage of Critical Minerals Plan to reopen Cantung and investigate advancing Mactung project					
Encourage the Use of Reclamation Surety Bonds to fee up scarce cash for investment in the North					

Legend

Completed
Incomplete
Not Completed

MEDIUM TERM ACTIONS: PROMOTE RECOVERY

	April-June	July-September	October-December	January-March	Completed?
Increase/create Northern Mineral Exploration Tax Credit					
Exploration and Mineral Extraction and Processing Incentive Programs					
Surety Bonds for Exploration					
Reclamation Security					
MIP					
Mining Tax Relief					
Mining Cash Flow Relief					
Regulatory Support – Government					
Regulatory Support – Boards and Departments					
Regulatory Process Operational Support					
Raise Public Awareness					
Support direct government investment in Northern exploration					
Establish a Northern mining capital investment support fund					

LONG TERM ACTIONS: CREATE RESILIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY

	April-June	July-September	October-December	January-March	Completed?
Advance Land Tenure Efficiencies					
Increase Mineral Exploration Tax Credit					
Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies					
Invest directly into mines					
Mine Property Taxes					
Mining Tax incentives					
Infrastructure Investment					
Mine Closure & Reclamation Support					
Settle Land Claims					
Repatriation actions					
Provide direct exploration and mining investment fund					

Working Group Action Item Details

Completion Date	Comments	SHORT TERM ACTIONS	MEDIUM TERM ACTIONS: PROMOTE RECOVERY	LONG TERM ACTIONS: CREATE RESILIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY
05-Jun-20	14(1)(a)	Maintain Mineral Tenure Security Provide Exploration Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies) Regulatory Permit and License support including Land Use Permits, Water Management Plans Service a supply companies (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) Provide Mining Wage Subsidies (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) Tax Relief for Mining Companies Mining Royalties Open land access to exploration Incent Exploration Investment Take advantage of Critical Minerals Project Incent Exploration Investment specifically for Critical Minerals Increase Use of Reclamation Surety Bonds to help ensure cash for investments in the Mine Explore and create Northern Mineral Exploration Tax Credit Make Financial Opportunities available Mining Cash Flow Relief Regulatory Support - Government Regulatory Process Operational Support Increase Public Awareness Support direct government investment support fund Raise Public Awareness Increase Mineral Exploration Tax Credit Support direct government investment support fund Advance Land Tenure Efficiencies Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies Invest directly into mines Mine Property Taxes Mining Tax Incentives Infrastructure Investment Mine Closure & Reclamation Support Settle Land Claims Provide direct exploration and mining investment fund	Exploration and Mineral Extraction and Processing Incentive Programs Make Financial Opportunities available Mining Cash Flow Relief Regulatory Support - Government Regulatory Process Operational Support Increase Public Awareness Support direct government investment support fund Raise Public Awareness Increase Mineral Exploration Tax Credit Support direct government investment support fund Advance Land Tenure Efficiencies Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies Invest directly into mines Mine Property Taxes Mining Tax Incentives Infrastructure Investment Mine Closure & Reclamation Support Settle Land Claims Provide direct exploration and mining investment fund	Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies Invest directly into mines Mine Property Taxes Mining Tax Incentives Infrastructure Investment Mine Closure & Reclamation Support Settle Land Claims Provide direct exploration and mining investment fund
17-Jun-20	2 and 2 to draft a letter to boards for industry John and Mencie to engage regulatory boards from the GMMT Perspective GRWT will raise this issue at the next meeting of the Federal - Territorial working group 2 will report back to Working Group if Loyalty Relief is a priority Because Surety Bonds are not feasible, the working group decided to omit this short term action. (1) will provide a Critical Minerals Summary to the Working Group GRWT will emphasize Critical Minerals at the next Federal-Territorial Working Group	Provide Exploration Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies) Regulatory Permit and License support including Land Use Permits, Water Management Plans Service a supply companies (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) Provide Mining Wage Subsidies (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) Tax Relief for Mining Companies Mining Royalties Open land access to exploration Incent Exploration Investment Take advantage of Critical Minerals Project Incent Exploration Investment specifically for Critical Minerals Increase Use of Reclamation Surety Bonds to help ensure cash for investments in the Mine Explore and create Northern Mineral Exploration Tax Credit Make Financial Opportunities available Mining Cash Flow Relief Regulatory Support - Government Regulatory Process Operational Support Increase Public Awareness Support direct government investment support fund Raise Public Awareness Increase Mineral Exploration Tax Credit Support direct government investment support fund Advance Land Tenure Efficiencies Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies Invest directly into mines Mine Property Taxes Mining Tax Incentives Infrastructure Investment Mine Closure & Reclamation Support Settle Land Claims Provide direct exploration and mining investment fund	Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies Invest directly into mines Mine Property Taxes Mining Tax Incentives Infrastructure Investment Mine Closure & Reclamation Support Settle Land Claims Provide direct exploration and mining investment fund	Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies Invest directly into mines Mine Property Taxes Mining Tax Incentives Infrastructure Investment Mine Closure & Reclamation Support Settle Land Claims Provide direct exploration and mining investment fund
25-Jun-20		Provide Exploration Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies) Regulatory Permit and License support including Land Use Permits, Water Management Plans Service a supply companies (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) Provide Mining Wage Subsidies (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) Tax Relief for Mining Companies Mining Royalties Open land access to exploration Incent Exploration Investment Take advantage of Critical Minerals Project Incent Exploration Investment specifically for Critical Minerals Increase Use of Reclamation Surety Bonds to help ensure cash for investments in the Mine Explore and create Northern Mineral Exploration Tax Credit Make Financial Opportunities available Mining Cash Flow Relief Regulatory Support - Government Regulatory Process Operational Support Increase Public Awareness Support direct government investment support fund Raise Public Awareness Increase Mineral Exploration Tax Credit Support direct government investment support fund Advance Land Tenure Efficiencies Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies Invest directly into mines Mine Property Taxes Mining Tax Incentives Infrastructure Investment Mine Closure & Reclamation Support Settle Land Claims Provide direct exploration and mining investment fund	Provide Exploration Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies) Regulatory Permit and License support including Land Use Permits, Water Management Plans Service a supply companies (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) Provide Mining Wage Subsidies (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) Tax Relief for Mining Companies Mining Royalties Open land access to exploration Incent Exploration Investment Take advantage of Critical Minerals Project Incent Exploration Investment specifically for Critical Minerals Increase Use of Reclamation Surety Bonds to help ensure cash for investments in the Mine Explore and create Northern Mineral Exploration Tax Credit Make Financial Opportunities available Mining Cash Flow Relief Regulatory Support - Government Regulatory Process Operational Support Increase Public Awareness Support direct government investment support fund Raise Public Awareness Increase Mineral Exploration Tax Credit Support direct government investment support fund Advance Land Tenure Efficiencies Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies Invest directly into mines Mine Property Taxes Mining Tax Incentives Infrastructure Investment Mine Closure & Reclamation Support Settle Land Claims Provide direct exploration and mining investment fund	Provide Exploration Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies) Regulatory Permit and License support including Land Use Permits, Water Management Plans Service a supply companies (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) Provide Mining Wage Subsidies (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) Tax Relief for Mining Companies Mining Royalties Open land access to exploration Incent Exploration Investment Take advantage of Critical Minerals Project Incent Exploration Investment specifically for Critical Minerals Increase Use of Reclamation Surety Bonds to help ensure cash for investments in the Mine Explore and create Northern Mineral Exploration Tax Credit Make Financial Opportunities available Mining Cash Flow Relief Regulatory Support - Government Regulatory Process Operational Support Increase Public Awareness Support direct government investment support fund Raise Public Awareness Increase Mineral Exploration Tax Credit Support direct government investment support fund Advance Land Tenure Efficiencies Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies Invest directly into mines Mine Property Taxes Mining Tax Incentives Infrastructure Investment Mine Closure & Reclamation Support Settle Land Claims Provide direct exploration and mining investment fund

02-Jul-20	<p>21 and 23 will report back to Working Group if Royalty Revenue Deferment is a priority</p> <p>14(1)(a)</p>																																																		
15-Jul-20	<p>It was reported that CEWS is in force in the NMT</p> <p>IT to provide update on Federal/Territorial Meeting Progress</p> <p>IT to discuss Critical Minerals issues on Pan Territorial Discussions.</p> <p>IT Provided Critical Minerals Summary but no jurisdictional Scan. Will provide a jurisdictional scan/summary.</p> <p>IT will provide a Critical Minerals Review to the Working Group</p> <p>Action Items will be Prioritized by all Group Members</p> <p>GNWT and COMT to have a discussion about Arctic framework Policy and Arctic Strategy</p>																																																		

Definitions of Short Term Actions

SHORT TERM ACTIONS

	Federal Government Responsibility	Territorial / Indigenous Governments Responsibility	ITI Comments (green highlight = higher priority or more achievable)
Maintain Mineral Tenure Security	Federal Government on Crown lands in Nunavut and on Federal Crown lands in NWT	Yukon Government	
14(1)(a)			
Protect Flow-through Obligations	Federal Government		
14(1)(a)			14(1)(a)
Provide Exploration Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)	Federal Government		
14(1)(a)			14(1)(a)
14(1)(a)			
Regulatory Permit and License Support including Land Use Permits, Water Licences and their associated Management Plans	Federal Government	Regulatory Boards & Governments	
14(1)(a)			
14(1)(a)			
14(1)(a)			
Service & Supply Companies Wage Subsidies (Indigenous and non-Indigenous)	Federal Government	Territorial Governments	
14(1)(a)			14(1)(a)
Mining Royalties	Federal Government	NWT Government	

14(1)(a)

Tax Relief for Mining companies      Federal Government      NWT Government

14(1)(a)

Provide Mining Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)      Federal Government      NWT Government

14(1)(a)

Open land access to exploration      Federal Government      Territorial Governments

14(1)(a)

Make Financial Opportunities available      Federal Government

14(1)(a)      14(1)(a)

Encourage the Use of Reclamation Surety Bonds to free up scarce cash for investment in the North      Federal Government      Territorial Governments

14(1)(a)

14(1)(a)

Incent Exploration Investment      Federal Government      NWT Government

14(1)(a)

**MEDIUM TERM ACTIONS: PROMOTE RECOVERY**

Federal Government Responsibility      Territorial / Indigenous Governments Responsibility      ITI Comments (green highlight = higher priority or more achievable)

Incent Exploration Investment specifically for Critical Minerals      Federal Government      NWT & Nunavut Governments



14(1)(a)

Take advantage of Critical Minerals Plan to reopen Cantung and investigate advancing Mactung project

Federal Government

NWT & Yukon Governments

14(1)(a)

Increase/create Northern Mineral Exploration Tax Credit

Federal Government

14(1)(a)

14(1)(a)

Exploration and Mineral Extraction and Processing Incentive Programs

Federal Government

NWT Government

14(1)(a)

14(1)(a)

Surety Bonds for Exploration

14(1)(a)

NWT Government

14(1)(a)

Reclamation Security

Federal Government

NWT Government

14(1)(a)

MIP

NWT Government

14(1)(a)

Mining Tax Relief

Federal Government

NWT Government

14(1)(a)

Mining Cash Flow Relief

Federal Government

14(1)(a)

Regulatory Support – Government

Federal Government

NWT Government

	14(1)(a)	
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Regulatory Support – Boards and Departments	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments
	14(1)(a)	

Regulatory Process Operational Support	Federal Government	NWT Government & Regulatory Boards
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14(1)(a)		
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14(1)(a)		
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Raise Public Awareness	Federal Government	Territorial Governments
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14(1)(a)		
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Support direct government investment in Northern exploration	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments
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14(1)(a)		
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Establish a Northern mining capital investment support fund	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments
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14(1)(a)

LONG TERM ACTIONS: CREATE RESILIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY

	Federal Government Responsibility	Territorial / Indigenous Governments Responsibility	ITI Comments (green highlight = higher priority or more achievable)
Advance Land Tenure Efficiencies	Federal Government	NWT Government	
	14(1)(a)		
Increase Mineral Exploration Tax Credit	Federal Government		
	14(1)(a)		
Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies	Federal Government	NWT Government	
	14(1)(a)		
Invest directly into mines	Federal Government	Territorial Governments	
	14(1)(a)		
Mine Property Taxes		NWT and Nunavut Governments	
		14(1)(a)	
Mining Tax incentives	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments	
	14(1)(a)		
Infrastructure Investment	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments	
	14(1)(a)		

14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	
Mine Closure & Reclamation Support	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments
14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)	
Settle Land Claims	Federal Government	
	14(1)(a)	
Repatriation actions	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments
	14(1)(a)	
Provide direct exploration and mining investment fund	Federal Government	
	14(1)(a)	

Table extracted from "2020-05-20 Towards a North of 60 Mineral Resources Recovery Plan v10"

SHORT TERM ACTIONS

	Federal Government	Territorial / Indigenous Governments	(1) Comments (green highlight priority or more achievable)	higher	Working Group Action Items	Completion Date	Completed?
Maintain Mineral Tenure Security	Federal Government on Crown lands in Nunavut and on Federal Crown lands in NWT	Yukon Government					
14(1)(a)							
Protect Flow-through Obligations	Federal Government						
14(1)(a)							
Provide Legislation Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)	Federal Government						
14(1)(a)							
Regulatory Permit and License Support including Land Use Permits, Water Licences and their associated Management Plans	Federal Government	Regulatory Boards & Governments					
14(1)(a)							
Service & Supply Companies Wage Subsidies (Indigenous and non-Indigenous)	Federal Government	Territorial Governments					
14(1)(a)							
Mining Royalties	Federal Government	NWT Government					
14(1)(a)							
Use Relief For Mining Companies	Federal Government	NWT Government					
14(1)(a)							
Provide Mining Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)	Federal Government	NWT Government					
14(1)(a)							

14(1)(a)							
Open land access to exploration	Federal Government	Territorial Governments					
	14(1)(a)						
Make financial opportunities available	Federal Government						
	14(1)(a)						
Encourage the use of the Northern Security Bonds to free up scarce cash for investment in the North	Federal Government	Territorial Governments					
	14(1)(a)						
	14(1)(a)						
Recent Exploration Investment	Federal Government	NWT Government					
	14(1)(a)						
MEDIUM TERM ACTIONS: PROMOTE RECOVERY							
	Federal Government	Territorial / Indigenous Governments	ITI Comments (green highlight higher priority or more achievable)	Working Group Action Items	Completion Date	Completed?	
Recent Exploration Investment - specifically for critical minerals	Federal Government	NWT & Nunavut Governments					
	14(1)(a)						
Take advantage of Critical Minerals Plan to reopen Caating and investigate advancing Mackung project	Federal Government	NWT & Yukon Governments					
	14(1)(a)						
ISO 14001/EMAS Northern Mineral Exploration Tax Credit	Federal Government						
	14(1)(a)						
Exploration and Mineral Extraction and Processing Incentive Programs	Federal Government	NWT Government					
	14(1)(a)						
Security Bonds for Exploration		NWT Government					
	14(1)(a)						
Reclamation Security	Federal Government	NWT Government					
	14(1)(a)						
	14(1)(a)						

			14(1)(a)				
Mineral Tax Relief	Federal Government	NWT Government	14(1)(a)				
Mining Cash Flow Relief	Federal Government		14(1)(a)				
Regulatory Support – Government	Federal Government	NWT Governments	14(1)(a)				
Regulatory Support – Boards and Departments	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments	14(1)(a)				
Regulatory Process Operational Support	Federal Government	NWT Governments & Regulatory Boards	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a)			
Issue Public Awareness	Federal Government	Territorial Governments	14(1)(a)				
Support direct government investment	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments	14(1)(a)				
Establish a Northern mining capital investment fund	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments	14(1)(a)				
LONG TERM ACTIONS: CREATE RESILIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY							
	Federal Government	Territorial / Indigenous Governments	ITI Comments (green highlight higher priority or more achievable)	Working Group Action Items	Completion Date	Completed?	
Advance Land Tenure Efficiencies	Federal Government	NWT Government	14(1)(a)				
Increase Mineral Exploration Tax Credit	Federal Government		14(1)(a)				

	14(1)(a)	
Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies	Federal Government	NWT Government
	14(1)(a)	14(1)(a) Nunavut Government
Invest directly into mines	Federal Government	Territorial Governments
	14(1)(a)	
Mine Property Taxes		NWT and Nunavut Governments
		14(1)(a)
Mining Tax incentives	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments
	14(1)(a)	
Infrastructure Investment	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments
14(1)(a)		
	14(1)(a)	
Mine Closure & Reclamation Support	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments
14(1)(a)		
Settle Land Claims	Federal Government	
	14(1)(a)	
Repatriation actions	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments
	14(1)(a)	
Provide direct exploration and mining investment fund	Federal Government	



14(1)(a)

SHORT TERM ACTIONS						
	05-Jun-20	12-Jun-20	23-Jun-20	02-Jul-20	Completion Date	Completed?
Maintain Mineral Tenure Security	14(1)(a)				Drafted - June 5 2020 Sent - June 12 2020	Yes
Protect Flow-through Obligations	14(1)(a)				Drafted - June 5 2020 Sent - June 12 2020	Yes
Provide Exploration Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)	14(1)(a)				Drafted - June 5 2020 Sent - June 12 2020	Yes
Regulatory Permit and License Support Including Land Use Permits, Water Licences and their associated Management Plans	14(1)(a)	June 12 - [redacted] and [redacted] to draft a letter to boards for Industry John and [redacted] to engage boards from the GNWT Perspective				Incomplete
Service & Supply Companies Wage Subsidies (Indigenous and non-Indigenous)	14(1)(a)	June 12 - GNWT will raise this issue at the next meeting of the Federal - Territorial working group			Drafted - June 5 2020 Sent - June 12 2020	Yes
Mining Royalties	14(1)(a)	June 12 - [redacted] will report back to Working Group if this is a priority		July 2 - [redacted] and [redacted] will report back to Working Group if this is a priority		Incomplete
Tax Relief for Mining companies	14(1)(a)					Yes
Provide Mining Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)				July 2 - It was reported that CEWS is in force in the NWT		CEWS in force in the NWT
Open land access to exploration		June 12 - The GNWT will make the Federal/Territorial Working Group aware of this issue				
Make Financial Opportunities						
Encourage the Use of Reclamation Surety Bonds to free up scarce cash for investment in the North		June 12 - Because Surety Bonds are not feasible the working group decided to omit this short term action.				Yes
Incent Exploration Investment						
Incent Exploration Investment specifically for Critical Minerals		June 12 - ITI to Provide Critical Minerals Summary to Group		July 2 - ITI Provided Critical Minerals Summary but no Jurisdictional Scan.	July 2 - Partial Report Provided	Incomplete
Take advantage of Critical Minerals Plan to reopen Cantung and investigate advancing Mactung project			June 23 - GNWT will emphasize Critical Minerals at the next Federal-Territorial Working Group			
MEDIUM TERM ACTIONS: PROMOTE RECOVERY						
	05-Jun-20	12-Jun-20	23-Jun-20	02-Jul-20	Completion Date	Completed?
Increase/create Northern Mineral Exploration Tax Credit						
Exploration and Mineral Extraction and Processing Incentive Programs						
Surety Bonds for Exploration		June 12 - Because Surety Bonds are not feasible the working group decided to omit this short term action.				Yes
Reclamation Security MIP		June 12 - Because Surety Bonds are not feasible the working group				Yes
Mining Tax Relief						
Mining Cash Flow Relief						
Regulatory Support – Government						
Regulatory Support – Boards and Departments						
Regulatory Process Operational Support						
Raise Public Awareness						
Support direct government investment in Northern exploration						
Establish a Northern mining capital investment support fund						
LONG TERM ACTIONS: CREATE RESILIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY						
	05-Jun-20	12-Jun-20	23-Jun-20	02-Jul-20	Completion Date	Completed?
Advance Land Tenure Efficiencies						
Increase Mineral Exploration Tax Credit						
Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies						
Invest directly into mines						
Mine Property Taxes						
Mining Tax Incentives						
Infrastructure Investment						
Mine Closure & Reclamation Support						
Settle Land Claims						
Repatriation actions						
Provide direct exploration and mining investment fund						



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MAY 17 2021

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

Mr. Kevin O'Reilly  
MLA Frame Lake  
PO BOX 1320  
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

**Request for Access to General Information**

Your request for access to general information held by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment was received on April 16, 2021. You have specifically requested:

*"Notes and summaries from the bi-weekly working group meetings held with the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment officials (including the Deputy Minister) and the NWT and Nunavut Chamber of Mines from March 1, 2021 to present; and any records related to the processing and consultations or communications (including any with the Chamber of Mines) with regard to my previous ATIPP request File # ITI-20-21-G-060."*

This request for information was processed under the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the *Act*).

The Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) has decided to grant you partial access to the records requested. Portions of the records requested contain information that is excepted from disclosure under the *Act*. Attached is a sections guideline listing to better explain the specific sections of the *Act* that were applied.

Please note that there is internal correspondence from the GNWT Access and Privacy Office (APO) included in the responsive documents. As the APO is located within the Department of Justice, these records would typically be considered to be in the custody and control of that department. However, as the APO has been designated as the coordinator for ITI under section 68.1 of the *Act*, they were working on behalf of ITI in processing request ITI-20-21-G-060. Therefore, these records have been deemed responsive to this request for records held by ITI.

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Under section 28 of the *Act*, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review our decision to deny access to portions of the information you requested. You have 30 days from the date of this notice to request a review by writing the Information and Privacy Commissioner at:

Mr. Andrew Fox  
Information and Privacy Commissioner  
PO BOX 382  
YELLOWKNIFE NT X1A 2N3

If you wish to request a review on the matter of the decision to deny access to portions of the information requested, please provide the Information and Privacy Commissioner with the following information:

1. A copy of this letter and all attachments.
2. A copy of your original request for information that you sent to the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment; and
3. The reason why you are requesting a review.

If you have any questions about this letter, please write or call Ms. Danielle Webb, Senior Information and Privacy Specialist at [Danielle\\_Webb@gov.nt.ca](mailto:Danielle_Webb@gov.nt.ca) or call me at (867) 767-9256 extension 82102.

Sincerely,



Pamela Strand  
Deputy Minister  
Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment

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Attachments

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**Application of Exceptions under the  
Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

**Section 14 - Advice to Officials**

***14(1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant where the disclosure could reasonably be expected to reveal:***

***(a) advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses, and policy options developed by or for a public body or a member of the Executive Council.***

- **Advice** includes the analysis of a situation or issue that may require action and the presentation of options for future action, but not the presentation of facts.
- **Recommendations** include suggestions for a course of action as well as the rationale for a suggested course of action.
- **Proposals and analyses or policy options** are closely related to advice and recommendations and refer to the concise setting out of the advantages and disadvantages of particular courses of action.
- The criteria for advice are that it should be;
  - sought or expected, or be part of the responsibility of a person by virtue of that person's position;
  - directed towards taking an action, including making a decision;
  - and made to someone who can take or implement the action.

Section 14(1)(a) would not normally apply to the details of a study or background paper where factual information is presented to describe certain issues, problems or events. Rather, it applies to the statements of advice or recommendations that set out or analyze possible directions or options in dealing with an issue or problem, to establish a policy or to make a decision. For example, section 14(1)(a) could be applied to a report prepared by an investigation panel to advise a senior official on how to handle a complaint.

There are cases where the disclosure of advice could reveal information that would cause damage to the internal decision-making processes of a public body. Disclosure could also affect the public body's overall ability to effectively manage programs and activities. At the same time, there are also cases where the disclosure of advice would have little or no effect on the overall administration or operation of the affected program or activity.

The exception also would not apply to the names of correspondents, dates, subject lines that do not reveal advice, or information that reveals that a person participated in a discussion about a particular subject matter but does not indicate anything substantive about their involvement.

**14(1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant where the disclosure could reasonably be expected to reveal:**

**(b) consultations or deliberations involving;**

- (i) officers or employees of a public body,**
- (ii) a member of the Executive Council, or**
- (iii) the staff of a member of the executive council.**

This provision allows discretion to refuse access to those records or parts of records containing consultations or deliberations involving officers or employees of a public body, a minister or a minister's staff.

- **Deliberation** is a discussion of the reasons for and against a future action by an employee or officer of a public body. Deliberations include information indicating that a decision-maker relied on the knowledge or opinions of particular persons.
- **Consultation** is a very similar activity where the views of one or more employees are sought about the appropriateness of a specific proposal or potential action. Consultations include correspondence between third party advisors and government departments which was conveyed to the public body by a government department as background information to enable the public body to provide advice (e.g. when officials are asked to comment on advice already developed by other officials).

This discretionary exception is provided for the purpose of permitting the frank exchange of views among a number of individuals whose employment responsibilities include a consultative function. Within public bodies, consultations and deliberations are normally carried on in an organized manner through the exchange of email, memos, proposals and e-mail.

This exception is intended to cover consultations or deliberations at all levels in a public body and also those involving a minister or his or her staff. The exception does not apply to records created and provided to the public body by a third party participating in a general stakeholder consultation. The third party is simply providing its own comments. This differs from the situation where a specific stakeholder, with particular knowledge, expertise or interest in a topic, has been asked to provide advice, recommendations or analysis.

*In the application of subsection 14(1)(a) and 14(1)(b) we undertook the following analysis:*

- **Does the information requested qualify as an exception under the Act?**  
*Yes. The advice, recommendations, consultations and deliberations identified within the records is clearly advisory information, meant to assist Department of ITI officials in regards to the working group, as well as, the previous access to information request.*
- **If the information fits the exception, then would disclosure of the information reasonably be expected to reveal the particular class of information involved?**

*Yes. On review of the advice, recommendations, consultations and deliberations related to the working group discussions, we believe disclosure of information that was advisory in nature, would affect responses provided by Department of ITI officials and other working group members. The result of this would be less candid and frank advice received in the future and could hinder the relationship between the GNWT and the NWT-NU Chamber of Mines.*

*In addition, advice and consultation within the APO is an important process in developing an appropriate response to an access to information request. Disclosure of these discussions could impair the effectiveness of these consultations.*

- **Should the Department exercise its discretion to disclose or not disclose the requested records?**

*In review of this matter, we determined that the provision of this advice and recommendations, along with the consultation and deliberations that occur in working group meetings and within the APO must be protected in order to ensure the provision of frank and candid advice and recommendation in the future.*

**14(1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant where the disclosure could reasonably be expected to reveal:**

***(g) Information, including the proposed plans, policies or projects of a public body, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to result in disclosure of a pending policy or budgetary decision***

This paragraph provides protection for all policy and project planning in public bodies where disclosure of the information could lead to premature disclosure of a policy or budgetary decision

### **Section 23 - Personal Privacy of Third Party**

When considering disclosure of a third party's personal information a public body is not allowed to disclose personal information to an applicant where the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy.

The *Act* defines personal information as recorded information about an identifiable individual, including:

- the individual's name, home or business address or home or business telephone number;
- the individual's race, colour, national or ethnic origin or religious or political beliefs or associations;
- the individual's age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, or family status;
- an identifying number, symbol or other particular assigned to the individual (e.g., social insurance number, personal health number);
- the individual's fingerprints, blood type or inheritable characteristics (e.g., DNA profile);

- information about the individual's health and health care history, including information about a physical or mental disability;
- information about the individual's educational, financial, criminal or employment history;
- anyone else's opinions about the individual; and
- the individual's personal views or opinions, except where they are about someone else.

This section of the *Act* establishes a mandatory exception (i.e., the public body has no discretion to release) for personal information if disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy. Section 23(2) sets out the particular types of personal information, the disclosure of which is *presumed* to be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy. Sections 23(2)(d) and 23(2)(h)(i) state:

***(d) the personal information relates to employment, occupational or educational history;***

Employment history refers to any information regarding an individual's work record, including the name of an employer, past and present, the term of employment, the duties associated with a position, the salary and reasons for leaving and any evaluation of job performance.

*These exceptions to access are mandatory and have been applied to a portion of the information requested. Access was denied to those portions of the records which specifically pertain to the personal employment information of employees.*

***(h) the personal information consists of the third party's name where***

***(i) it appears with other personal information about the third party;***

Disclosure of an individual's name is presumed to be an unreasonable invasion of privacy if it is connected to other information about the individual or it has attributes which, by itself, reveals information about the individual (e.g., gender, race, ethnic origin etc.).

*These exceptions to access are mandatory and have been applied to a portion of the information requested. Access was denied to those portions of the records which specifically pertain to the personal employment information of employees along with the names of individuals and any other identifiable information.*

**Section 24 – Business Interests of a Third Party**

Section 24(1) creates a mandatory exception to the public's right of access to information that, if disclosed, would harm third party business interests.

A *third party* is defined in the *Act* as a person, other than the person making an access request or a public body. *Person* includes corporations and organizations as well as individuals.



Sections of the information have been excepted from disclosure under **24(1)(b)(i)**:  
***(b) the public body shall refuse to disclose financial, commercial, scientific, technical, or labour relations information;***  
***(i) obtained in confidence, explicitly or implicitly, from a third party,***

*This exception to access is mandatory and has been applied to a portion of the information requested. Access was denied to third party business records containing labour relations information supplied in confidence.*

## AGENDA

### **GNWT/ CHAMBER OF MINES COVID 19 RECOVERY WORKING GROUP ONLINE - VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING – 31 MARCH 2021 (9:00 – 10:00)**

1. Pricewaterhouse Coopers Study (23(2)(d) [REDACTED])
2. Life after Diamond Mining (23(2)(d) [REDACTED])
3. Mackenzie Valley Operational Guidance Process
4. Mineral Tenure Relief (Menzie McEachern)
5. Critical Metals Action Plan – carried over from last meeting (Menzie McEachern)
6. Next Meeting

## MEETING NOTES

### GNWT/ CHAMBER OF MINES COVID 19 RECOVERY WORKING GROUP ONLINE - VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING – 31 MARCH 2021 (9:00 – 10:00)

GNWT: Menzie, Tejas, Charlene Squibb, Angie, Mike  
Chamber: 23(2)(d)

#### 1. Pricewaterhouse Coopers Study (23(2)(d))

**PwC Study:** The engagement of PwC by territorial governments to conduct a study assessing policy options to encourage investment in mineral exploration and mining in Canada's territories. **Two issues: limited interviewees, and missing project specific funding.** According to COM, few from industry on our working group have been invited to participate.

- NWT interviewees: only Osisko and Mountain Province. Can you add Gold Terra and Fortune or NorZinc (missing grassroots exploration where we have problems). Also, include Nunavut: North Arrow for exploration and a contact at Agnico Eagle Mines
- And 23(2) at the Chamber.
- Also missing key issue – project specific funding which we have pressed with you guys since the beginning.

**Action Item:** Benji will reach out to Laura who oversees contract to see about changes.

Issue with the questionnaire. This is just step one in the project. It will be a report with recommendations and just a phase 1. If we expand the network to speak, they could speak on the other issues.

The objective is to have Pan Territorial study that sought out Connor funding to support North of 60 – what could be some innovative financial and investment things to accelerate resource development in the north? To make things go faster.

23(2) To be clear, we have pushed and worked with you and Vandal, Freeland, O'Toole on 4 items: enhanced METC, critical minerals, project specific funding, and regional infrastructure. They have missed the project specific funding. It needs to be put back.

#### 2. Life after Diamond Mining 23(2)(d)

23(2) thanks for comments from 23(2) and others and 23(2) Overview of how it started:

- De Beers has 3 mines to close out in the coming years – 2 in Canada one in S. Africa
- We want to look at closure differently. De Beers has new strategy, building forever, talks about leaving a legacy and contribute to regional development in the future. Reimagining closure. Is there something that can contribute to the development of the area: repurpose, re-use site for something else in future.
- We met with minister, Pam. We have hired ERM and Watershed, ERM is doing our closure work all around the world. We chatted with Minister, IBA partners to have a discussion on reimagining closure, eg, 23(2)(d)
- 23(2)(d)
- We want to have the discussions with the stakeholders. We want to hear from GNWT to participate. Have meetings between now and end of Sept.
- Meeting with Pam on Thursday.

- Consultants will meet with others.

CSCR mentioned that John Ketchum and Angela Norries have meeting with 23(2)(d) on this, and Pam will also attend this as it goes forward.

23(2) You might want to also in addition to change the web page title, but also some words, eg:

- o 14(1)(a)

**COM: The ERM proposal: Life After Diamond Mining:** Change the Name firstly, and the project will explore how mining companies, communities, and governments can collaboratively discuss the future of the Slave Geological Province (SGP) and how reimagining mine closure can support a future that meets everyone's aspirations. Learn more about the project: [lifeafterdiamondmining.com](http://lifeafterdiamondmining.com). Kick-off Session April 15, 2021, 1-4:00pm MST.

Two concerns:

- few from industry on our working group have been invited to participate. (In fact, we don't know who has been invited as ERM hasn't answered).

### 3. Mackenzie Valley Operational Guidance Process

COM - we are not seeing improvements in the NWT and seem to be stuck. I know our member participants are getting frustrated that a year into this, and we don't have a lot show for it, except for more quarterly meetings to come. To quote from the recent MVRMA Environmental Audit: "Despite the efforts of LWBs, small exploration companies continue both to struggle with the application process and to meet its requirements. If allowed to persist, this disconnect between industry and regulators will continue to affect the level of exploration activity in the territory which, in turn, will affect the NWT's socio-economic environment." Is the Audit a powerless tool for change?

23(2) met with 23(2)(d) on this yesterday, so that she understands and hopefully can see about improving the process.

Menzie: Can we use the Environmental audit as a tool here? Traditionally it's not been acted upon. Not sure why. Maybe with governmental renewal it can change. Your quote is a good one to be used at the next operational guidance meeting.

Benji: I did miss the last planning committee meeting. I spoke with 23( ) prior to that meeting, and looks like we will move into shorter meetings. Sentiments are not lost on me, and we need to streamline the process for a specific goal to improve investment. It's been a year, and COVID no doubt had an effect, but now a year later, we need more focus. 23(2)(h)(i) in the spring, so could help too.

23(2) 14(1)(b)

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Mike: Feds are in the driver's chair. The audit could be instrumental to bring politicians together to meet with Board chairs. But real work is in the MVOD - there are good items and places where ITI has not delivered, due to capacity issues. We need to be down in the weeds and make tweaks and changes. Boards are ready.

ITI: 14(1)(a)

#### 4. Mineral Tenure Relief (Menzie McEachern)

Menzie: Looked into idea to use S51 of the mining reg's to provide relief this year, but 51(2) spoke to "proponent waiting to receive some sort of authorization which is preventing them from doing work". COVID restrictions yes, but no real thing that stopping work, etc. so doesn't work well. So Charlene has found an <sup>14(1)(g)</sup> [REDACTED]

Charlene: approach suggested <sup>14(1)(a)</sup> [REDACTED]

Menzie: <sup>14(1)(b)</sup> [REDACTED]

Charlene: <sup>14(1)(b)</sup> [REDACTED]

Menzie: we will mention that the Chamber of Mines supports this in briefing note to Minister.

#### 5. Critical Metals Action Plan – carried over from last meeting (Menzie McEachern)

Carry over to next meeting

#### 6. Next Meeting

14 April

## NOTES TWH

### **GNWT/ CHAMBER OF MINES COVID 19 RECOVERY WORKING GROUP ONLINE - VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING – 14 APRIL 2021 (9:00 – 10:00)**

Chamber: 23(2)(d)

GNWT: Menzie, Benji, Val Gordon, Tejas, Mike Byrne, Lora Archer, Angie Norris

#### **1. Mining North Works**

- 23(2) At our meeting with the Minister in March, she indicated that she / you would be reaching out to Minister Simpson and ECE. We're wondering how you are making out with that? Ece we have been pushing rope, and if they actually pulled by recognizing the need, we would get stuff done. There is still a need for this.
- Menzie: We will look into this. Also feel ECE's response was weak to MNW.

#### **2. Menzie added: support for juniors this season from CPHO perspective**

- Menzie: 14(1)(a) ? Mines already have the capacity themselves. Perhaps 14(1)(a) 14(1)(a) . Or do juniors have capacity on hand.
- 23(2) If they're looking for ideas to help exploration, encouragement from cpho was vaccination would solve this. But now it appears it isn't. So why are we still having to self-isolate for 14 days? If someone comes vaccinated and has a test back to back then they should be able to go.
- 23(2) I'm in BC now, and even wit a second dose, they are reluctant to let seniors outside of their homes after 15 months lock down?
- 23(2) What 23(2) says about vaccinating explorers would be like vaccinating all the miners. How is that working, 23(2)
- 23( ) GNWT is brining in nurses to our sites. 24(1)(b)(i) They will only talk to our medical professionals. You need a medical person to talk to them. If ou want to help explorers, ou wil need a medical person.
- Mike B – we have a good system with generic ITI. Maybe we want to create a greater awareness to get explorers into NWT and beyond, eg, Blue Star into Nunavut.
- Menzie: We have rave reviews that our system to get explorers to Carter Stirling
- 23(2)(d) – at Diavik. 24(1)(b)(i) . Conversation on what happens after is still happening. Working with Carter is the best.
- 23(2) costs of vaccinations. AstraZeneca is less than US\$5, and others similar. How many exploration people will come? Even if 1,000 it's minimal cost. \$10k is very small. Could send a strong message to the public and investors that we are serious about supporting exploration.
- Menzie: we will take idea forward.
- 23( ) totally reasonable for NWT to be careful. Shit show in the provinces. For those who are not at the mines, there is a case by case ability for rotational workers to get vaccinated. Find out what has been the approval rate by CPHO to get these. Eg, some air crew coming up are getting

vaccinated. We are kind of blind right now, as no formal program, rather case by case basis.  
Where are we at on the spectrum.

- 23(2) CPHO is looking at people who will be frequenting the NWT, eg, my mom. Anyone who is frequenting the NWT. Good to have CPHO come out and formalize that. Getting vaccine and just roaming around is not that simple. Doesn't mean you can't spread the virus if you're vaccinated. There should be something that can be done. Sounds like CPHO is going to reduce the isolation time to 7 days and 10 day test. (Benji also has heard similar rumour)

3. **Access to Lands – Update on Akaitcho and Dehcho Interim Land Withdrawals and Progress on Removing the Withdrawal.** 23(2)(d)

- 23(2) Where is this at? 2007 for Akaitcho withdrawal is getting a long time for interim.
- Mike B: YK Dene are pushing hard for claim negotiations to be resolved. Deninu Kue in same position. LKDFN is on a conservation economy. Akaitcho probably ahead of Dehcho which is in doldrums. In SE corner, SK Dene are advancing, but Feds have put a lockdown to resolve something.
- 23(2)
- Val: Nahco Nyak Dun overlap with Sahtu
- 23(2) Can we get a more formal update?

4. **Critical Metals Action Plan (Menzie McEachern)**

Benji:

- Plugging along on action plan. Internal WG, (John K, Benji, Angie).
- We have shared the draft proposed actions. Also with the DM right now
- Proceeding based on these actions. Also a draft Table of Contents
- Dates pushed back to late May for final document – will be public facing document.
- Working on the backgrounder and jurisdictional scans

23(2)

- Add to the Critical Path, March 11, Canada identifies Cdn critical minerals including Zinc and copper. This might influence the action plan
- when and how will you identify the action plan items?
- Draft actions under #2 Policies, not sure OECD fits here;
- Another action might be to use the arctic Policy as one tool, use the lack of green energy in the north to get Canada to help advance our projects using green energy;
- I don't see any Goals. Are they there? Actions would then support reaching those goals. Our goals should include:

- o 14(1)(a)

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Menzie:

- agree link actions to goals. Similar Canada critical minerals list will be helpful and zinc and copper.

23(2)

- Draft actions #3, 14(1)(a)

Benji:

- Use good point, and Angie brings this up all the time. Targeted community and resident buy in. We've been hearing that from you guys all the time.
- Angie:
- Action #3 is our CSCR role. While ation plan is being developed and written. We have developed some promotional items, and using Inukshuk and Inkit to produce Fact Sheets, social media items. Stay tuned. Scott Cairns suggested 14(1)(a)
- 23(2) That is good news. 14(1)(b)
- Angie: Fits into REDI program too. Looking at a REDI Session in the fall.
- Mike: 14(1)(b)
- Menzie: 14(1)(b)
- 23(2) Maybe that's a good REDI fact sheet to produce: 14(1)(b)

**5. Update – PwC Investment Study**

- Lora: PwC has done a lot of work since then. About 75% through thep0ject.
- I shared draft report with 14(1)(b) for comments. Meeting this fRdaiy to discuss comments and have another draft
- 23(2) Are you adding any other interviewees? Only two from each territory, and we want to add more people. Only Osisko and Mtn Province in NWT and AEM and North Arrow. They have a narrow view.
- 14(1)(b) Who on GN side has reviewed it as we haven't heard a peep from them.
- Lora: Paul Budkewitsch
- 23(2) I'll touch him then.
- Benji: Some Chamber comments two weeks ago when it was our year end. 14(1)(a)
- We won't let that fall off the table.
- Menzie: now in new fiscal year, we have freedom to add scope as long as it's not extravagant.

**Last comments:**

- Mike Byrne: re item on land withdrawals, if I were the Chamber, 14(1)(a)
- For years industry has been meat in the sandwich, and we don't want to do that anymore, but want to help.
- 23(2) Can you provide a contact for 23(2)(h)(i) ?
- Mike: 14(1)(a)
- 23(2) good point – maybe we can 14(1)(a)
- Angie: I can get 23(2) contact information.



- Angie: Conversation with Aurora College on a course for SME training for communities.
- Menzie: across multiple departments here, by mid-May we will have completed Mining Essentials course. 3 different sessions.

**6. Next Meeting**

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