

January 5, 2022

Marathon Palladium Project – Change of Start Date for the Public Hearing

On December 7, 2021 the Panel announced that the public hearing would begin on February 15, 2022. Since the hearing was announced, Canadians are now faced with surging cases of the Omicron variant. Accordingly, the Province of Ontario has implemented additional public health measures that include new restrictions associated with meetings and indoor gatherings. It has also created unprecedented cases of Covid-19 in our communities resulting in staffing shortages within private and public organizations. The Panel needs participants to be prepared for the hearing in order to receive meaningful evidence that will inform the Panel’s conclusions. The Panel believes that the current public health situation in Ontario may have notable implications for participants to effectively prepare for the public hearing. As a result the Panel has decided to change the start date of the public hearing to March 14, 2022. Accordingly, the deadline for written submissions will change to February 25, 2022.

In view of the Panel’s decision to change the start date of the hearing, the Panel need not address the requests by Environment and Climate Change Canada, Parks Canada and the Crown Consultation Division of the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada for extensions to the previously established deadline for written submissions.

The attached table identifies other changes to some of the key dates. If you have any questions regarding this letter, you are encouraged to contact Jason Patchell, Acting co-Panel Manager, at marathonminereview-examenminemarathon@iaac-aeic.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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Debra Sikora
Chair, Joint Review Panel

Date	Activity
December 7	Hearing notice issued
January 7	Date by which GenPGM has committed to submit caribou information requested in CIAR # 955
January 14	Deadline for GenPGM to submit remaining information requested in CIAR # 955
February 12	Deadline for registering for the public hearing
February 25	Deadline for submitting written submissions
March 14	Start of the public hearing