

Hello,

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) conducted a public comment period on the Crawford Nickel Project (the Project), proposed by Canada Nickel Company (the proponent), from August 8 to September 7, 2022. The purpose of this comment period was to invite input from Indigenous groups, federal authorities, provincial ministries, municipalities and the public on the Initial Project Description and any issues that they consider relevant to the Project.

The Summary of Issues document, which reflects the comments received by the Agency in conjunction with the information already available in the proponent's Initial Project Description, is available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry webpage for the Project (Reference # 83857 at <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/145202?culture=en-CA>). The Registry webpage also includes the comments that were received from Indigenous groups, federal authorities, provincial ministries, municipalities and the public.

The Agency did not receive comments from your municipality. We would be happy to learn more about your community's views and concerns on the Project in the coming weeks and months.

#### Next steps

Pursuant to subsection 15(1) of the Impact Assessment Act, the proponent must provide the Agency with a Detailed Project Description that sets out how it intends to address the issues in the Summary of Issues and includes the information described in Schedule 2 of the Information and Management of Time Limits Regulations.

For your information: Any proponent may notify the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change that it wishes to suspend the 180-day time limit of the planning phase of the impact assessment process to provide itself more time to prepare the Detailed Project Description, along with their response to the Summary of Issues. If such a request is received and accepted, the Agency would post a notice on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry website for the Project and would notify interested and/or participating municipalities.

The Detailed Project Description and the proponent's responses to the Summary of Issues will inform the Agency's decision of whether an impact assessment is required for the Project. If an Impact assessment is required, the Agency will prepare the draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines, and will reach out to your municipality to seek your views on this document.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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