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February 6, 2023

**Sent by email**

Mayor Doug Bender, Township of Black River-Matheson  
Mayor Michelle Boileau, City of Timmins  
Mayor Patrick Roberts, Town of Smooth Rock Falls  
Mayor Peter Politis, Town of Cochrane  
Mayor Tory Delaurier, Town of Iroquois Falls

Dear Mayors,

**Subject: Comments invited on the Draft Tailored Impact Statement  
Guidelines and Draft Public Participation Plan for the Crawford  
Nickel Project by March 8, 2023**

On January 5, 2023, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) announced that an Impact Assessment is required for the Crawford Nickel Project (the Project) proposed by Canada Nickel Company (the Proponent). The Agency has developed the following draft documents:

- Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (the Guidelines)
- Public Participation Plan
- Cooperation Plan
- Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan
- Permitting Plan

The Agency is conducting a 30-day comment period from February 6, 2023 to March 8, 2023, inviting the public, Indigenous communities, and other jurisdictions to provide feedback on the above draft documents.

The draft Guidelines and Plans are available on the Project's Canadian Impact Assessment Registry website<sup>1</sup> (Reference #83857).

At this time, the Agency would like to invite your municipality's input on the draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and the draft Public Participation Plan. Please submit any comments by **March 8, 2023**.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/83857>



In providing comments on the draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines, you may choose to consider:

- How the project influences your municipalities' plans and priorities;
- Any key issues related to **sustainability**<sup>2</sup> (positive or negative) that may require additional information or studies;
- What conversations you've had, or intend to have, with the Proponent about existing programs and plans that can help mitigate adverse effects and enhance benefits; and
- Local sources of knowledge that are relevant to the assessment.

In providing comments on the draft Public Participation Plan, you may consider:

- Providing information on how your municipality would like to participate in the impact assessment process;
- Identifying any challenges facing you or your community that may prevent people from accessing public participation opportunities regarding the impact assessment.

All comments should be submitted via the **Submit a Comment** feature available on the Project's Canadian Impact Assessment Registry website<sup>3</sup> (Reference #83857). Documents can be uploaded using this feature. If you have any difficulties submitting this way, please contact the Agency at *Crawford@iaac-aeic.gc.ca*.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Any information submitted to the Agency to inform this project assessment will be made publicly available as part of the project file, and may be posted online via the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (Reference #83857), subject to certain exceptions related to privacy, security or confidentiality. The Agency's Submission Policy<sup>4</sup> describes what submitted information can be shared publicly, and what should remain private. For further information on how we protect your privacy, please refer to the Privacy Notice.<sup>5</sup>

Should you wish to provide any comments or documents that contain confidential or sensitive information that should be protected from release to the public, please contact Harry Keess at *Crawford@iaac-aeic.gc.ca*, or 416-659-0765 **before** submitting the information. This will ensure that your submission is handled appropriately.

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<sup>2</sup> Sustainability means the ability to protect the environment, contribute to the social and economic well-being of the people of Canada, and preserve their health in a manner that benefits present and future generations.

<sup>3</sup> <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/83857>

<sup>4</sup> <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/participation/conditions>

<sup>5</sup> <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/protection>

**Invitation to public information sharing and discussion sessions**

The Agency invites you to attend an information session on the federal impact assessment of the Project. Representatives from the Agency will deliver presentations on the impact assessment process and the Project, guide discussion sessions, answer questions and collect comments on the draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and the draft Public Participation Plan. Interested participants can select and join one of the following sessions:

Virtual sessions (via Zoom)

ENGLISH: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm (EST)

FRENCH: Thursday, February 16, 2023 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm (EST)

Bilingual In-person session in Timmins, ON

February 22, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm (EST)

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1800 Riverside Dr.

Timmins, ON P4R 0A5

Please register for one of the public information sessions at least 24 hours in advance of the. Meeting details will be provided to those who register.

**Notice to members of the public**

In addition to the Registry, the Agency uses print, web, radio and social media to advertise public comment periods. We would appreciate your support in making residents aware of the opportunity to comment. If you routinely send notices to residents, including via social media, please consider posting or forwarding this link: <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/146384>.

Please feel free to contact me at *Crawford@iaac-aeic.gc.ca* or by phone at 416-659-0765.

Sincerely,

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