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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: Notice of Commencement of the Impact Assessment for the
Crawford Nickel Project**

On March 31, 2023, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) commenced an impact assessment pursuant to the *Impact Assessment Act* for the Crawford Nickel Project. The following documents were posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry website¹ (Registry #83957) and will inform the impact assessment process:

- Notice of Commencement
- Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (the Guidelines)
- Public Participation Plan
- Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan
- Cooperation Plan with the Province of Ontario
- Permitting Plan

The Agency thanks those municipalities that provided comments on the draft Guidelines and plans. These comments informed the final versions.

Please note, in accordance with section 36 of the *Impact Assessment Act*, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada has until 45 days after the Notice of Commencement to refer the impact assessment to a review panel. If the assessment is referred to a review panel, a notice will be posted to the Registry website.

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¹ Canadian Impact Assessment Registry website: <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/83857>



The proponent must satisfactorily provide the Agency with the information and studies set out in the Guidelines within three years. The proponent may request input from your municipality while it prepares an Impact Statement. Upon receipt of the Impact Statement, the Agency will hold a public comment period.

Please contact me, with any questions, at *Crawford@iaac-aeic.gc.ca* or by phone at 416-659-0765.

Sincerely,

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