OVERVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) PROCESS UNDER THE ACCORDS ACTS

Designates Indigenous and Stakeholder Engagement

01 PROJECT DESCRIPTION (PD) REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT SCOPING DOCUMENT (SD) BY THE CNSOPB (TYPICALLY 4 WEEKS)

» Proponent submits PD
» PD is reviewed for completeness
» PD is accepted or returned for more information
» CNSOPB drafts a scoping document (SD) for environmental assessment (EA)
» PD posted on CNSOPB EA Registry

02 EXTERNAL REVIEW OF DRAFT SD (30 DAYS)

» Draft SD forwarded to government departments and other parties, and posted on CNSOPB EA Registry
» Comments sought on draft SD

03 FINALIZATION OF SD (TYPICALLY 1 WEEK)

» Draft SD revised, in consideration of comments received
» Finalize SD
» Final SD, and comments received, posted on CNSOPB EA Registry

04 PROPONENT PREPARES AND SUBMITS DRAFT EA TO THE CNSOPB

» Proponent conducts Indigenous engagement
» Proponent conducts stakeholder engagement
» Proponent prepares and submits draft EA Report, including a report on Indigenous and stakeholder engagement

05 REVIEW OF DRAFT EA REPORT (TYPICALLY 6 WEEKS)

» Draft EA Report reviewed
» Draft EA Report forwarded to government departments, agencies and other parties for review, and posted on CNSOPB EA Registry
» Comments sought on draft EA

06 CONSOLIDATION OF COMMENTS ON EA REPORT (TYPICALLY 2 WEEKS)

» Comments within the scope of the EA are forwarded to the proponent
» All comments posted on the CNSOPB EA Registry

07 PROPONENT TO FINALIZE EA REPORT WITH CONSIDERATION OF COMMENTS RECEIVED

» Proponent to prepare revised EA Report
» CNSOPB reviews revised EA Report for completeness and acceptance
» Final EA posted on CNSOPB EA Registry

08 DETERMINING THE LIKELIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS (TYPICALLY 3 WEEKS)

» A determination is made by the CNSOPB on the likelihood of significant adverse environmental effects from the project
» Proponent receives determination from the CNSOPB
» Determination posted on CNSOPB EA Registry

NOTE: Timeline for EA process completion is typically 6-8 months

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