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Sent by email

Chief Henry Rodgers
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Dear Chief Henry Rodgers:

Subject: Crawford Nickel Project - Next Steps in the Impact Statement Phase of the Impact Assessment Process

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) is writing to follow-up on our March 31, 2023 letter regarding the federal impact assessment for the Crawford Nickel Project (the Project), proposed by Canada Nickel Company (the Proponent). The Project is now in the Impact Statement Phase of the federal impact assessment.

The purpose of this letter is to:

- provide you with updates on the federal impact assessment process for the Project;
- summarize the information available to the Agency with respect to the potential impacts of the Project on Long Point First Nation;
- identify the next steps in the federal impact assessment process and opportunities for Long Point First Nation to participate; and
- offer bridge grant funding of **\$10,000** to support your community's participation in the federal impact assessment process, as we transition from the Planning Phase to the Impact Statement Phase.

Updates on the Federal Impact Assessment Process for the Project

During the Planning Phase for the Project, the Agency received a request for the assessment to be referred to a review panel. As per section 36 of the *Impact Assessment Act*, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada may refer the impact assessment of a project to a review panel if he determines it is in the public interest to do so.

Taking into consideration the information available to date, the assessment of the Project was not referred to a review panel under section 36 of the *Impact Assessment Act* and will continue to be led by the Agency.

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Summary of Information Available to the Agency on the Potential Impacts of the Project on Long Point First Nation

During the Planning Phase, the Agency did not receive any information from Long Point First Nation on the Project's potential to cause adverse impacts on Long Point First Nation's exercise of rights, and on impacts to the health, social and economic conditions of your community. The Agency *invites your community to provide information* related to the above and pertaining to your traditional territory or traditional land uses, so it can be used to inform the impact assessment process.

Next Steps in the Federal Impact Assessment Process and Opportunities for Participation

The Agency understands that Long Point First Nation is interested in participating in the impact assessment process for the Project.

The Agency would be pleased to schedule a virtual meeting with Long Point First Nation to discuss the contents of this letter. The Agency encourages you to share information with the Agency on the Project's potential to cause adverse impacts on your community's exercise of rights, and impacts to the health, social and economic conditions of your community by **November 1, 2023**. The bridge grant funding, noted below, can be used to support your community's participation at this meeting as well as for providing any additional information to the Agency. **Please follow-up with the Agency to confirm whether your community is interested in a meeting, and to schedule a date and time.**

Funding

The Agency is able to offer bridge grant funding of **\$10,000** to support Long Point First Nation's participation in the impact assessment process for the Project, as we transition from the Planning Phase to the Impact Statement Phase. Eligible activities for this grant would include:

- preparing for, and participating in, meetings with the Agency to discuss the impact assessment of the Project; and,
- providing information to the Agency regarding the potential adverse impacts of the Project on Long Point First Nation's exercise of rights, and on impacts to the health, social and economic conditions of your community.

Please respond to Crawford@iaac-aeic.gc.ca to confirm your interest in this grant funding opportunity, and the Agency's funding program will follow up with you. An overview of eligible activities and expenses is also enclosed (**Enclosure 1**).

The Agency will offer additional funding during the Impact Statement Phase to support the continued participation of Long Point First Nation throughout the remainder of the impact assessment process. The Agency will notify your community once a call for applications for this funding is made available. Further information on participant funding during the impact assessment process can be found on the Agency's website.¹

IMPORTANT NOTE: Information submitted to the Agency to inform this project assessment may be posted online to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (Reference #83857) subject to certain exceptions related to privacy, security or confidentiality. The Agency's Submission Policy² describes what submitted information can be shared publicly, and what should remain private. For more information on how we protect your privacy, please refer to the Privacy Notice³.

Indigenous Knowledge shared in confidence is protected from disclosure under section 119 of the *Impact Assessment Act*, except if written consent is provided, or if the information is publicly available. In addition, Indigenous Knowledge shared in confidence could be shared with certain parties if disclosure is necessary for procedural fairness and natural justice or for use in legal proceedings. This ensures that interested persons have a fair opportunity to participate in processes that would likely affect their interests, and that they have access to all necessary information and evidence relied on by the decision-maker.

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 the Agency at the details provided below **before** submitting the information. This will ensure that your submission is handled appropriately. Note, the Agency will consult with you prior to disclosing Indigenous Knowledge shared in confidence under an exception.

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¹ Agency's Participant Funding Program: <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/public-participation/participant-funding-application-environmental-assessment.html>

² Agency's Submission Policy: <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/participation/conditions>

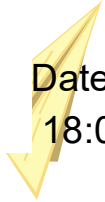
³ Agency's Privacy Notice: <https://www.iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/protection?culture=en-CA>

New Crown Consultation Coordinator

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Crown Consultation Coordinator and the main point of contact at the Agency for the federal impact assessment process for the Project. Please note that Erin Norton, the former Crown Consultation Coordinator, has moved on to a new opportunity with the Agency. Any future questions or comments can be directed to me at Crawford@iaac-aeic.gc.ca or by phone at 416-209-4623.

Sincerely,

Neha Frantz Date: 2023.08.30
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Enclosures:

1. Overview of Eligible Activities and Expenses for Bridge Grant Funding

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