

The Impact Assessment Process

TIMELINES AND OUTPUTS



Key points for public engagement



Key points for Indigenous engagement & partnership

Pre-planning

10 DAYS
SERVICE STANDARD

- Proponent submits **initial Project Description**
- Agency accepts initial PD

1. Planning

UP TO 180 DAYS

- Agency engages on initial PD* & Prepares **summary of issues**
- Proponent submits **detailed PD** with response to summary of issues
- Agency determines if Impact Assessment (IA) is required – posts **Notice of Determination (NOD)**
- If IA required, Agency develops draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (TISG) and draft plans*
- Agency issues **final TISG and plans** to proponent – posts **Notice of Commencement (NOC)**
- Minister may **refer** IA to Review Panel (within 45 days of NOC)
- Minister may approve request* that IA be conducted by another jurisdiction

2. Impact Statement (IS)

IA by Agency

UP TO 3 YEARS

- Proponent submits **IS*** and supplements it, as needed
- Agency accepts IS when all required studies and information provided – posts **notice**
- Agency implements Public Participation Plan/Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan

IA by Review Panel

UP TO 3 YEARS

- Proponent submits **IS*** and supplements it, as needed
- Minister Issues **Panel Terms of Reference** and Agency **appoints its members** (no later than 45 days from accepting IS)
- Agency accepts IS when all required studies and information provided – posts **notice**
- Agency implements Public Participation Plan/Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan

3. Impact Assessment (IA)

IA by Agency

UP TO 300 DAYS

- Agency conducts assessment
- Agency develops **Report*** and any **potential conditions** and provides to Minister
- Agency implements Public Participation Plan/Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan

IA by Review Panel

UP TO 600 DAYS **Integrated Review: 300 DAYS**

- Panel conducts assessment and holds public hearing*
- Panel develops **Report** and any **potential conditions** and provides to Minister

4. Decision Making

Minister 30 DAYS

GIC 90 DAYS

- Minister makes public interest decision, or refers to Governor in Council (GIC)
- Minister issues **Decision Statement** with detailed reasons and any conditions

5. Post Decision

(if decision allows project to proceed)

Ongoing

- Proponent implements conditions in Decision Statement, Agency verifies compliance
- Indigenous and community monitoring committees, as needed

* Public Comment Period

Deliverables:

- Impact Assessment Agency
- Review Panel
- Minister or Governor in Council
- Proponent