

GUIDELINES

for

Environmental Preview Report

for the

Queensway Gold Project

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ENVIRONMENTAL PREVIEW REPORT GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are intended to assist **New Found Gold Corp.** (the Proponent) with the preparation of the Environmental Preview Report (EPR) for the **Queensway Gold Project** (the Project). The EPR is a report that presents the results of an investigation based on readily available information and supporting studies that supplement the information provided by the Proponent upon registration of the undertaking. The purpose of the information in the EPR is to provide the Minister of Environment and Climate Change with supplementary information to clarify potential environmental effects. The EPR is expected to be concise, while presenting the comprehensive information necessary to facilitate an informed decision.

The EPR shall include and update relevant information provided in the environmental assessment registration document (registration document) and shall address information gaps identified during the government and public review, as presented in the EPR guidelines. If there are instances where the Proponent is of the opinion that information should not be required, the Proponent shall contact the environmental assessment committee (EAC) to indicate the rationale for not including it, prior to submitting the EPR. The rationale for not including the information must be provided in the EPR. The Proponent shall identify in the EPR any changes made to the Project as originally proposed in the registration document that may result in a different set of effects and may require a reconsideration of information requirements.

A licence, permit, approval or other document of authorization may be required by law under the **Environmental Protection Act** or another Act for work that must be conducted by the Proponent to fulfill the information requirements of the EPR guidelines. Section 68(1)(a) of the **Environmental Protection Act** would not apply to work that must be carried out by the Proponent to inform the EPR, as determined by the Minister. It is recommended that the Proponent include a note with the submission of these applications to advise that the licence, permit, approval or other document is needed to conduct work that will inform the EPR.

The EPR shall be a stand-alone document upon which a critical review can be undertaken. For clarity and ease of reference, the EPR shall include a Table of Concordance that cross-references the EPR guidelines so that information requirements in the guidelines are easily located in the EPR.

The contents of the EPR should be organized according to the following format:

1. NAME OF UNDERTAKING

The undertaking has been assigned the name “Queensway Gold Project” for the purpose of the environmental assessment.

2. PROPONENT

- a. Name of the Proponent and the corporate body, if any.
- b. Name of the chief executive officer if a corporate body.

- c. Provide the name and official title of the principal contact person for purposes of environmental assessment.

Note: the EPR will be posted on the Department's web page and accessible to the public. Contact information for a, b and c above, such as telephone numbers, email and mailing addresses, shall be provided in a separate cover letter that will not be posted on the web page.

3. THE UNDERTAKING

- a. State the nature of the Project.
- b. State the purpose/rationale/need for the Project. If the proposal is in response to an established need, this should be clearly stated. Identify needs that are immediate as well as potential future needs. Identify any broader public sector policies, plans or programs to which the objectives of the Project contribute, i.e. job creation programs, equal opportunity employment plans, local employment, recruitment and training strategies, economic development plans, and any potential opportunities to partner with local business.

4. DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING

Provide a complete overview of the Project, including information about the preferred choice of location and design of Project components and the construction, operation and maintenance standards and procedures, and proposed decommissioning, closure and rehabilitation plans.

4.1. Geographical Location/Physical Components/Existing Environment

Further to the description of Project components found in section 4 of the registration document, the EPR shall include a description and mapping/aerial imagery of concrete batch plants (if applicable) and work camps and infrastructure associated with the Project. The EPR shall update information provided in the registration document and include in the EPR a description of the existing environment that may be affected by Project components, including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. information regarding ownership/zoning of the land upon which Project components are to be located, and any restrictions imposed by that ownership (e.g., private or Crown or land within a municipal boundary and associated zoning);
- b. proximity of Project components to key boundaries and receptors, including:
 - i. municipal boundaries
 - ii. dwellings, cabins, institutions,
 - iii. tourist and commercial establishments, including farms, hotel and outfitter operators
 - iv. Gander River and its tributaries,
 - v. Gander River watershed,
 - vi. trails, the T'Railway Provincial Park, and roads,
 - vii. recreational areas, including fishing, hunting, trapping, plant and berry harvesting areas, and

- viii. protected areas, ecologically sensitive areas, and sensitive wildlife habitat;
- c. site-specific noise modelling for nearby residences, farms and other sensitive receptors;
- d. mapping of scheduled salmon rivers, freshwater streams, waterbodies and wetlands located within and adjacent to the Project footprint;
- e. further details regarding location and design of ditching and water control infrastructure around the industrial terrace and site access road;
- f. details of any potential alterations to natural and stormwater drainage patterns and runoff within and adjacent to the project boundary;
- g. delineation of groundwater flow directions and hydrogeology in the southern area of the project boundary and role of the Appleton Fault Zone and related structures in groundwater movement;
- h. historical sampling results for Sampling Site SW-8;
- i. water quality sampling of surface water bodies in the Gander Lake Tributary 1 Watershed;
- j. additional information on flora and fauna, as follows:
 - i. digital geospatial data to support the assessment, including but not limited to survey sites, survey tracks, dates, observational records for all species surveyed for the Project (e.g., raptors, lichen, bats, marten, muskrat, avifauna insects, and plants),
 - ii. field verification (e.g. diagnostic photos) to support the assessment of plant species of conservation concern such as Black Chokeberry, Cyperus-like Sedge, Woodland Strawberry, Old-field Cinquefoil, Smooth Blackberry, and Starved Sedge,
 - iii. updated information, including mapping and geospatial data on rare plants, lichens, species at risk (SAR), species of conservation concern (SOCC), and their habitats within the Project area and area of influence, and
 - iv. characterization of fish and fish habitat, including fish species and habitat types, spawning and rearing areas, and migration corridors.

4.2.Construction

This section of the EPR shall describe the Project construction period (if staged, list each stage and its estimated duration), and proposed date of first physical construction-related activity. Clearly indicate pre-construction related activities and provide details on materials, methods, and timing windows proposed for construction, including, but not limited to:

- a. source water supporting facilities and infrastructure that will be used, including, but not limited to:
 - i. location and description of all temporary or permanent water intakes for the Project including end-of-pipe screening size and design, water withdrawal rates, and water drawdown levels,
 - ii. water quality and quantity monitoring locations, and
 - iii. a description and mapping of the protected public water supply area in relation to construction activities;
- b. design, construction and upgrades (if planned) of all existing and proposed dams, water management ponds, and associated water control infrastructure;

- c. design and construction details for proposed new and modified waterbody crossings, including bridges, culverts, and associated infrastructure to support DFO review requirements under the **Fisheries Act**;
- d. infilling, blasting, piling, and other in-water construction works planned in the freshwater aquatic environment (if applicable);
- e. all access, crossings, and construction activities proposed within and adjacent to the T'Railway Provincial Park, in consultation with the Provincial Parks Division; and
- f. verification as to whether air emissions during Project construction will be compliant with the Air Pollution Control Regulations.

4.3.Operation and Maintenance

The following aspects of the operation and maintenance phase of the Project shall be presented in detail, including scheduling details and timing of each phase, where applicable, for at least the following:

- a. source water supply and any supporting facilities and infrastructure, if the water supply for operations and maintenance is different from that of the construction phase, including but not limited to:
 - i. proximity of the source water supply, facility and supporting infrastructure to the protected public water supply area,
 - ii. location and description of all temporary or permanent water intakes and outfalls for the Project including water withdrawal rates and drawdown levels, available yield, and water balance assessment including drawdown levels for any surface water source; and
 - iii. source water quality and quantity monitoring locations and details;
- b. activities that may interact with fish and fish habitat, including blasting, noise, water withdrawals, water discharges, habitat alteration, and watercourse crossings;
- c. activities that may interact with migratory birds, including species at risk, such as blasting, noise-generating activities, artificial lighting and habitat alteration;
- d. activities and infrastructure that may interact with roosting bat species at risk, including blasting, noise-generating activities, artificial lighting, and habitat alteration;
- e. operation and maintenance procedures for settling ponds, sediment ponds, diversion channels, and other water control infrastructure, including their purpose, design capacity, inspection procedures, and performance objectives;
- f. clarification on the separation of PAG/non-PAG waste rock that will facilitate the removal and deposition of PAG sub-aqueously;
- g. an outline of the footprint of all stockpiles and consideration that segregation of the material into a standalone stockpile may be required should the process and tracking be deemed insufficient;
- h. use of the provincial road network for the transportation of materials, equipment, supplies, and personnel, including transportation routes, anticipated traffic volumes, and any expected overweight or over-dimensional loads;

- i. clarification as to whether any new access roads constructed on Crown land for Project use will remain open for public access, including forestry, mineral exploration, agriculture, cottage owners, outfitters, and other approved land users, in consultation with Crown Lands and other applicable regulators;
- j. maintenance plans for upkeep of access roads, stream crossings, bridges, culverts, and other transportation infrastructure;
- k. identification of dust suppressants to be used throughout the Project site and acknowledgement that all chemical dust suppressants must be approved by the Water Resources Management Division of the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change, and other authorities if applicable, prior to use;
- l. identification of all chemicals and hazardous materials to be used in Project operations;
- m. quantification of air emissions during Project operations and details as to whether the **Management of Greenhouse Gas Act** applies to the Project;
- n. verification as to whether air emissions during Project operations will be compliant with the Air Pollution Control Regulations;
- o. characterization, prior to discharge, of any effluent planned to be discharged into the environment and verification as to whether the effluent is compliant with the Environmental Control Water and Sewer Regulations. Environment and Climate Change Canada advises that the definition of effluent found in the Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulations includes any seepage containing any deleterious substance that flows over, through or out of the site of a mine;
- p. Project activities that may affect existing land uses, recreational access, tourism activities, outfitting operations, use of the T'Railway Provincial Park, and other transportation corridors, including any proposed access and traffic management; and
- q. procedures for sharing information regarding Project activities, road use, temporary access restrictions, and other operational matters with potentially affected stakeholders.

5. POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS AND MITIGATION

Provide detailed information in the following sections regarding the potential effects of the Project on the existing environment, and the proposed measures that will be implemented to avoid and/or mitigate adverse environmental effects, including, but not limited to the following:

5.1.Land Ownership, Land Use Planning, and Adjacent Receptors

- a. Assess the potential effects of the Project on nearby residences, institutions, cabins, tourist and commercial establishments, farms and other land users, including the effects of noise, light, vibrations and mining vehicles and equipment, and identify measures to avoid or mitigate adverse effects and land-use conflicts.

5.2. Air Quality and Climate

- a. Conduct a best available control technologies (BACT) analysis for significant sources of particulate and associated metals, and assess the predicted state of compliance with the air quality standards in the Air Pollution Control Regulations, 2022, with BACT employed.
- b. Assess potential air quality effects associated with project-related dust and metal-containing particulate matter, including generation, transport, deposition, and accumulation and identify measures to avoid or mitigate adverse effects.
- c. Evaluate potential air quality effects on human health and ecological receptors, including residential, tourist, commercial and recreational areas, sensitive habitats and vegetation, ecological reserves, species of conservation concern, wildlife and livestock.
- d. Address greenhouse gas reporting obligations and implementation of identified BACT measures for GHG emissions in the registration document.

5.3. Surface Water, Groundwater and Water Resources

- a. Assess potential effects of heavy metals on surface water and groundwater resources, including effects of arsenic, antimony, lead, and sulphur mobilization from waste rock, ore stockpiles, pit water and mine runoff.
- b. Describe long-term groundwater contamination pathways and seepage to the Gander River Watershed.
- c. Assess the potential effects of mine effluent, seepage, contact water, wastewater, and water control infrastructure failures (including flooding, dam failures, and high-water events) on downstream water quality, aquatic environments, and water users, and identify appropriate mitigation and contingency measures.
- d. Provide a detailed mine water treatment strategy, including:
 - i. treatment methods for mine contact water,
 - ii. expected influent and effluent water quality,
 - iii. removal of dissolved metals (e.g., arsenic, lead),
 - iv. contingency measures for treatment failures, and
 - v. post-closure water management and treatment requirements.
- e. Assess potential environmental effects associated with acid rock drainage and metal leaching, including potential effects on groundwater, surface water, and downstream receptors, and identify mitigation, monitoring, and contingency measures.
- f. Assess predicted effects of construction and operation activities associated with potential changes to drainage patterns and runoff within catchment areas associated with provincial transportation infrastructure.

5.4. Aquatic Environment

Describe the potential environmental effects of the Project on fish and fish habitat, including Atlantic salmon, in consultation with the Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands (FAL) and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), (refer to Best Management Practices for the Protection of

Freshwater Fish Habitat in Newfoundland and Labrador at <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/publications/pnw-ppe/nfl-freshwater-eaudouce-tnl/protection-eng.html>).

A description of the potential effects and proposed mitigation measures shall consider, but not be limited to the following:

- a. sensitive times of the year (e.g. migration, feeding and spawning) and the use of work windows to mitigate adverse effects;
- b. areas where fish, fisheries, or species at risk could be directly or indirectly affected by the Project;
- c. all in-water works, including, but not limited to the following:
 - i. fording,
 - ii. removal of aquatic and/or stream-side vegetation and habitat alteration,
 - iii. installation, maintenance and removal of culverts, bridges, dams, water crossing infrastructure, and water withdrawal structures,
 - iv. infilling,
 - v. in-water site isolation,
 - vi. water withdrawal and dewatering, and
 - vii. changes to natural flow regime and water withdrawals;
- d. blasting activities, assessed according to the DFO Guidelines for the Use of Explosives in or Near Canadian Fisheries Waters;
- e. increased public access to fish-bearing waters;
- f. the Gander River and tributary streams of the Gander River; and
- g. fish relocation plans and a commitment to relocate fish within the same watershed.

5.5.Wildlife, Wetlands and Species at Risk

In consultation with ECCC and the Wildlife Division of FAL, the EPR shall describe the potential effects of Project construction and operations activities on the following:

- a. sensitive habitats (e.g., raptor nest sites, migratory bird breeding habitat, bat habitat, red pine, etc.);
- b. migratory birds, nests, eggs, and species at risk ;
- c. nesting birds and species at risk;
- d. roosting bats, maternity colonies, and bat species at risk;
- e. insects of conservation concern, including bumble bees and other listed invertebrates;
- f. wildlife; and
- g. wetlands identified in section 4.1, including wetland areas, functions, hydrology, groundwater interactions, available habitat, and carbon storage.

Project construction and operations activities considered in this section shall include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- a. vegetation clearing, grubbing, earthworks, including the effects of habitat fragmentation and restriction of movements and habitat alteration and loss;
- b. blasting, crushing, hauling and other high impact activities, and effects resulting from associated noise and vibration;
- c. the effects of artificial lighting at construction and operations; and
- d. the potential introduction and spread of invasive plant and animal species through the movement of construction equipment and operational activities.

The EPR shall describe measures that will be implemented to avoid or mitigate the effects of the Project on wildlife, wetlands and species at risk, as noted above, and shall consider the application of work timing windows, setback distances/ buffer zones, monitoring, and adaptive management.

5.6.Socio-economic and Land Use

- a. Describe the potential effects and mitigation measures of all access, crossings, and construction activities proposed within and adjacent to the T'Railway Provincial Park in consultation with the Provincial Parks Division;
- b. Assess potential blasting-related vibration, air overpressure, and structural impacts on nearby residences, cabins, drinking water wells, and infrastructure.
- c. Assess potential effects on traditional harvesting, country foods, cultural practices, and cultural heritage resources.
- d. Assess Project effects on community well-being, mental health, community services, housing affordability, and quality of life.
- e. Assess the potential effects of the Project on tourism operations and recreational fishing (including those directly reliant on the salmon river), outfitting businesses, hotel operators, T'Railway users, recreational land access, Crown land users, cottage owners, and other stakeholders, and identify proposed mitigation, monitoring, and follow-up measures.
- f. Assess traffic-related safety risks associated with the proposed new mine access road and increased mine-related vehicle movements and identify appropriate mitigation measures.
- g. Assess potential changes to drainage patterns and runoff within catchment areas associated with provincial transportation infrastructure.
- h. Assess the effects of the Project on the natural landscape and aesthetic appeal of the region, including viewsapes and identify appropriate mitigation measures.

5.7.Cumulative Effects Assessment

- a. Identify and assess the Project's cumulative environmental effects over the life of the Project. Cumulative effects are defined as changes to the environment and resident species and their habitat in the area due to the Project and combined with the effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future planned projects and/or developments and activities in the

area. A project causes a cumulative effect if the potential impacts associated with the Project will cause an additive effect when added to other projects in the region and in consideration of climate change.

- b. Justify the geographic and temporal boundaries of the cumulative effects assessment and shall describe measures to mitigate adverse environmental effects.

5.8. Accidents, Malfunctions and Emergencies

- a. Assess environmental effects of accidental releases of fuels, lubricants, hazardous materials, wastewater, process water, and sediment-laden water on wetlands, fish and fish habitat, wildlife, migratory birds, and species at risk, and identify mitigation measures.
- b. Describe proposed emergency preparedness and response measures for operational activities, including spills of hazardous materials, water management failures, wildlife incidents, and extreme weather events.
- c. Provide monitoring and dam safety information for all existing and proposed dams, water management ponds, and associated water control infrastructure, including inspection, maintenance, and emergency preparedness measures.
- d. Environmental Emergency Response Plan (EERP) that includes, but may not be limited to, a specific response plan for a fuel/oil spill, or high-water events that cause water control infrastructure failures in areas that overlap the Gander Lake PPWSA (including the industrial terrace and site access road)

6. DECOMMISSIONING AND REHABILITATION

Describe aspects of the proposed decommissioning, reclamation, and rehabilitation and closure plans for the Project. Discuss how mine infrastructure, the open pit, waste rock storage areas, water management infrastructure, access roads, and other disturbed areas will be managed and monitored to achieve a safe, stable, and environmentally acceptable post-closure condition and support the intended post-closure land use, including:

- a. post-closure pit lake water quality and overflow; and
- b. long-term environmental effects associated with residual contamination, water treatment requirements, watercourse crossings, and long-term infrastructure management.

7. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

7.1. Open House Public Information Session

At minimum, an Open House Public Information Session shall be held at a place adjacent to or in the geographical area of the undertaking, or as the minister may determine, in order to:

- a. provide information concerning the undertaking to the people (including, but not limited to residents, commercial and tourist establishments and operators, farmers and other stakeholders) whose environment may be directly affected by the undertaking;
- b. incorporate traditional knowledge, land use and cultural practices into Project design

- c. and mitigation planning;
- d. record and respond to the concerns of the local community regarding the environmental effects of the undertaking, and describe those concerns and how the Proponent is addressing the concerns in a separate chapter of the EPR;
- e. describe the proposed approach for ongoing engagement with residents and commercial and tourism operators during construction, operation and maintenance, rehabilitation and decommissioning, and post-closure of the Project, including a complaints-resolution process so that issues may be addressed as they arise. The description should clearly outline how residents, land users and other stakeholders will be informed of Project activities, consulted on matters of interest or concern, and provided opportunities to participate in decision-making processes where appropriate;
- f. Notify the Minister and the public of the scheduled meeting not fewer than 7 days before that meeting, in accordance with Section 10(2) of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, 2003. Public notification specifications are outlined in Appendix A.

The Proponent is encouraged to hold additional public information sessions or meet with stakeholder organizations or groups of concerned citizens, as needed, to ensure the public concerns are heard and understood and are addressed in the EPR.

8. PROJECT- RELATED DOCUMENTS

Provide a bibliography of all Project-related documents already generated by or for the Proponent (e.g., feasibility/environmental/socio-economic studies, engineering reports, etc.).

9. PLANS AND PROGRAMS

Plans and programs noted in the following sections shall be updated/provided in the EPR.

9.1.Environmental Protection Plan

An updated table of contents for the **Environmental Protection Plan (EPP)** for all phases of the Project shall be provided in the EPR and shall include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- a. a commitment to submit a comprehensive EPP prior to the commencement of each phase of the Project (construction, operation and maintenance, decommissioning and rehabilitation);
- b. a commitment to conduct pre-clearing survey of trees and snags with a diameter at breast height of greater than 25 cm for potential active bat colonies for tree removal from May 1 to September 1, and a commitment to apply a 250-metre no-cut buffer until September 1 should an active bat colony be detected;
- c. a commitment to apply an undisturbed (no cutting or ground disturbance) buffer zone of at least 300 metres of the high water mark around Gander Lake, at least 100 metres from the high water mark around major lakes and ponds and along both sides of all streams and main tributaries running into Gander Lake, and at least 30 metres around all other water bodies including wetlands and along both sides of field identified streams. Activity or development

within these buffer zones is prohibited unless otherwise authorized by the Water Resources Management Division. All buffer zones must be marked with signs or flagging tape to avoid encroachment into the buffer zones.

- d. a commitment that no vegetation clearing will occur within:
 - i. 800 metres of a bald eagle or osprey nest between March 15 and July 31; 200 metres during the remainder of the year,
 - ii. 800 meters of a short-eared owl (ground) nest between May 15 to August 15, and
 - iii. 200 meters of any other raptor nests between March 15 and July 31;
- e. a commitment to report the location of any raptor nest site to the Wildlife Division (WildlifeReferrals@gov.nl.ca).

9.2.Wildlife and Wetland Environmental Effects Monitoring Program

The EPR shall include a commitment to develop an Environmental Effects Monitoring Plan (EEMP) that discusses the preventative measures, long-term monitoring objectives, performance indicators, reporting requirements, and adaptive management measures that will be undertaken for all species listed under the Newfoundland and Labrador **Endangered Species Act**, species of conservation concern, and wetlands for the life of the Project, including the decommissioning and reclamation phase.

9.3.Groundwater and Surface Water Environmental Effects Monitoring Plan

The EPR shall provide a commitment to establish and maintain, in consultation with the Water Resources Management Division, an environmental effects monitoring and reporting program for the life of the Project that includes real-time monitoring of surface water and groundwater quality and quantity and climate parameters, with ongoing adaptive management where it is determined that mitigation measures are not effective.

The monitoring plan shall demonstrate how the proposed monitoring program will detect, evaluate, and support mitigation of potential Project-related effects on surface water, groundwater, aquatic habitats, and downstream receptors throughout all phases of the Project.

9.4.Erosion and Sediment Control Plan

The EPR shall include an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan that describes measures that will be undertaken to mitigate the effects of erosion and sedimentation on the receiving environment prior to the commencement of, and adapted throughout all Project phases, including pre-construction, construction, operations and maintenance, and decommissioning and rehabilitation. Mitigation measures shall consider the use of diversion ditching and settling ponds.

9.5.Outfitter Environmental Effects Mitigation and Monitoring Program

An Outfitter Environmental Effects Mitigation and Monitoring Program shall be developed in consultation with the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation (TCAR) and the Newfoundland and

Labrador Outfitting Association to mitigate potential Project effects on the outfitting sector. A list of licensed Outfitters in and near the Project area is available from TCAR.

9.6.Blast Management Plan

The EPR shall provide a Blast Management Plan that includes readily available information from the Proponent and a commitment to submit an updated plan in consultation with its blasting contractor. The Blast Management Plan shall focus on, but may not be limited to, a description of the following effects and shall clearly describe measures that will be implemented to mitigate adverse effects:

- a. motorists using provincial, municipal and local roads and ATV trails in close proximity to the proposed blasting areas, and how blasting times and potential traffic delays will be communicated;
- b. local residents, business and tourism operators and employees, farms, and schools and institutions in close proximity to the proposed blasting areas.

9.7.Wildlife Monitoring, Management and Contingency Plan

The EPR shall include a commitment to develop a Wildlife Management Contingency Plan that describes procedures for wildlife monitoring and reporting wildlife observations, maintains a geospatial database of monitoring results, and includes a wildlife emergency response plan. The Plan shall be developed in consultation with the FAL-Wildlife Division.

10. TABLE OF COMMITMENTS

The EPR shall provide a table of all commitments made in the EPR regarding environmental effects mitigation, monitoring and follow-up. Each commitment shall be cross-referenced to the section of the EPR where it was made.

11. APPROVALS, AUTHORIZATIONS AND PERMITS

The EPR shall include and update the Approvals, Authorizations, and Permits information provided in Section 3 of the registration document.

12. FEE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Undertakings with an estimated capital cost greater than \$5 million are subject to the Department's fees for environmental assessment found at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/env-assessment/fees/>. Fees may be paid in two installments, with the first installment due prior to the issuance of EPR guidelines and the second installment due on submission of the EPR.

13. SUBMISSION OF EPR

The Proponent shall provide a searchable electronic version of the EPR to the environmental assessment committee with a navigation panel feature (headings), which may be submitted by email as follows:

EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca

Subject: EPR submission (Queensway Gold Project)

The Minister reserves the right to require paper copies of the EPR, and additional digital copies on a USB or other external drive if needed. Paper copies and digital drives may be mailed to:

Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change
Environmental Assessment Division
P.O. Box 8700
100 Prince Philip Drive
St. John's, NL, A1B 4J6

Appendix A- REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS

Appendix A is intended to provide guidance to Proponents and the public regarding public information sessions to be held by the proponent during the development of an environmental preview report, as required under **the Environmental Protection Act**, SNL 2002 cE-14.2, (Section 58), and the Environmental Assessment Regulations, (Section 10).

1. A public meeting shall normally be held in the largest local population centre within the Project area. This shall be the minimum requirement. When demonstrated public interest warrants, additional meetings may be required. This may take the form of additional meetings to be held in major regional or provincial population centres, or additional meetings within the original or nearby communities. Such requirements are at the discretion of the Minister based on public interest as evidenced during the public comment period during the environmental assessment process.
2. The format of the public meeting may be flexible, and the Proponent may propose a suitable format for approval by the Environmental Assessment Division. The format may range from formal public meetings chaired by the Proponent or representative with a presentation of the project followed by questions and answers, to a less formal open house forum where the public may discuss the proposal with the Proponent or representatives with the assistance of story boards or other methods of illustrating the project for the public. Other formats may be considered by the Environmental Assessment Division. The purpose of the public information session is to provide information concerning the proposed undertaking to those who may be affected, and to record and address the concerns of the local community in the EPR. The format of the public information session shall meet these objectives.
3. The proponent shall ensure that each public information session is advertised in accordance with the Public Notice requirements specified on the following page (proponent to substitute appropriate information for italicized items).

PUBLIC NOTICES

Under the provisions of the Environmental Assessment Regulations 2003, Section 10, and where the EPR Guidelines require a public information session(s), the following public notification requirements shall be met by the Proponent prior to each meeting:

PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT

Public Information Session on the Proposed

Name of undertaking

Location of undertaking

shall be held at

Date and Time Location

This session shall be conducted by the Proponent, *Proponent name and contact phone number*, as part of the environmental assessment for this Project.

The purpose of this session is to describe all aspects of the proposed Project, to describe the activities associated with it, and to provide an opportunity for all interested persons to request information or state their concerns.

ALL ARE WELCOME

- The proponent is advised to propose effective means of public notice, including local and social media announcements, for the Minister's consideration and approval.
- Where applicable, minimum newspaper ads shall be published and shall be two columns wide with a minimum posted ad size of 10 cm x 12 cm.
- Minimum newspaper ad frequency in locally distributed newspapers within each meeting area or in newspapers with the closest local distribution area:
 - for dailies, the weekend between 2 and 3 weeks prior to each session and the two consecutive days prior to each session, or
 - for weeklies, in each of the two weeks prior to the week in which the session is to be held.
- Minimum posted ad coverage (with permissions): in places where people frequent/gather, e.g., local Town or City Hall, post office, stores/businesses, community web sites/television channels to be posted continually for not less than 7 days prior to each session (15 days is recommended).
- The Proponent shall provide the EA Division with a copy of the advertisement not less than 7 days prior to each session.

It is incumbent upon the Proponent to provide sufficient opportunity for Indigenous communities and the public to participate in the information session(s).