



Quebec City, August 20, 2024

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Subject : Proposal to Encourage Your Participation in the Public Hearing on the Horne 5 Project

INFORMER

Dear Chief Rodgers,



On August 13, 2024, the Commission of Inquiry and public hearing for the Horne 5 Project hosted a preparatory meeting in Rouyn-Noranda, which you and members of your community attended.

CONSULTER

During this meeting, you expressed a desire for the Commission to conduct sessions within your community and to encourage Indigenous communities in Abitibi-Témiscamingue to participate. This wish comes late in the continuity of the three press releases you received from the Commission (see attachments), and since they were sent to your community, you have not contacted the Commission to express your requests.



ENQUÊTER

At the outset, the Commission of Inquiry wishes to reiterate its commitment to ensuring the fair and inclusive participation of all communities concerned about the Horne 5 Project. For this reason, we met with you and the members of your group at the end of the preparatory meeting to explore possible options.



AVISER

During our exchange on August 13, 2024, the Commission of Inquiry raised various options to encourage your participation. 1) The possibility of simultaneous translation of the sessions of the first part of the public hearing dedicated to questions about the project, which will take place during the week of August 26, in Rouyn-Noranda. This translation would enable your community to follow the Commission's work and participate both face-to-face and remotely. 2) The possibility of the Commission holding sessions in your community for the second part of the public hearing dedicated to the hearing of briefs and oral opinions, during the week of September 30, 2024.

You indicated that these two solutions did not suit you. We then agreed that the Commission would submit to you in writing a new option to meet your expectations. You

will understand that this proposal must take into account the legal deadlines to which the Commission is bound, and that we are less than a week away from the start of the first part of the public hearing.

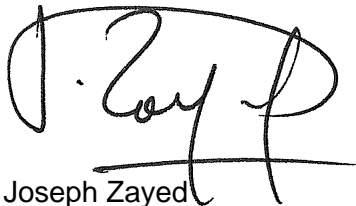
NEW PROPOSAL:

The Commission of Inquiry proposes holding two sessions **with simultaneous translation** (French - Anishnaabemowin) in your community on **Thursday, October 3, 2024**.

- Afternoon session: This session will feature a **presentation of the project** by its initiator, followed by a Q&A segment. This will provide an opportunity for your community and communities in the region that you would be responsible for inviting to **seek clarification** and engage with the project initiator and invited resource persons.
- Evening session: This session will be dedicated to the **presentation of briefs and expression of opinions**.

In conclusion, we recognize the importance of Indigenous input, both in your community and in neighbouring communities. By taking your concerns into account, we hope that the proposed measures will meet your expectations and foster constructive dialogue. It goes without saying that, regardless of this proposal, you will still be able to actively participate in the public hearing through the means already established by the Commission of Inquiry.

We look forward to hearing from you, Chief Rodgers.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Zayed', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Joseph Zayed
Chair of the Commission of Inquiry

attachments: press releases issued by the Commission of Inquiry