

ITI/NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines Engagement Group

Terms of Reference

Vision Statement

Through government and industry partnerships, rejuvenate, sustain, and grow responsible mineral resource development in the NWT for the benefit of the territory, its communities, and residents.

Introduction

Industry, Tourism, and Investment (ITI) and the NWT mineral resource industry, represented by the NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines (the Chamber of Mines) have mutual interests in ongoing engagement and communication to build awareness of issues and opportunities related to mineral resource exploration and development in NWT, and to pursue collaborative actions in cases of mutual benefit.

To this end, ITI and the Chamber of Mines have created a group (the Engagement Group) with mutual interests in seeing healthy, strong, beneficial, and responsible mineral resource development in the territory.

Through ongoing engagement and communication, this Engagement Group will raise awareness of issues, challenges and opportunities related to mineral resource exploration and development in the NWT and pursue collaborative actions to support healthy mineral resource development that benefits the NWT and its residents.

The Engagement Group will help advance the 19th Legislative Assembly's mandate, including to "Increase Resource Exploration and Development." The Engagement Group will update this Terms of Reference with mineral sector relevant mandate information from future GNWT legislative assemblies.

Mandate

- The Engagement Group will advance the 19th Assembly's Mandate to – "Increase Resource Exploration and Development.", including:
 - o "promoting economic self-sufficiency through responsible development of mineral ... resources";
 - o "advancing the knowledge economy";

- o “lead the efforts of our government to increase resource exploration and development by attracting and supporting both early-stage and advanced exploration projects”, and;
- o “enhancing Indigenous participation in the resource sector”
- Any initiative or action of the Engagement Group will be developed jointly by ITI and the Chamber of Mines.
- The Engagement Group will be designed to provide a forum for frank and open discussions on issues of common interest within the territorial mineral resource sector.
- The Engagement Group will be a forum to build awareness and understanding of mineral industry and GNWT activities that affect the mineral resource sector.
- While mineral resource policy issues and ideas may be discussed at Engagement Group meetings, the group is not a forum for policy development.

Objectives

- The Engagement Group will document actions for any joint initiatives, either in meeting notes or planning documents that will be publicly available at the ***GNWT-Chamber WG Files*** section on the Chamber of Mines website (<https://www.miningnorth.com/resources>).
- To enhance success, the Engagement Group will seek to limit joint initiatives to what is achievable, although it is not obligated to pursue any initiatives.
- The Engagement Group will consider and pursue opportunities to engage Nunavut and Yukon governments and industry through a coordinated Pan-Territorial Approach.
- The Engagement Group will consider and pursue opportunities to engage the federal government on actions to strengthen mineral resource development in the NWT.
- The Engagement Group will consider and pursue opportunities for Indigenous government and/or business participation and support in its work.
- The Engagement Group will not be a forum for discussing operational initiatives that ITI is funding the Chamber of Mines to do through a contribution agreement or contract.

Duties and Functions

ITI members of the Engagement Group do not speak for the whole of the GNWT but will serve as an intermediary and liaison across GNWT departments where needed. ITI can invite GNWT staff to meetings to discuss agenda items relevant to their responsibilities, where appropriate.

Engagement Group Membership

Department of Industry, Tourism, and Investment

- Assistant Deputy Minister, Mineral and Petroleum Resources
- Director, Mineral and Petroleum Resources
- Manager, Mineral Resources Planning
- Other GNWT staff as needed, depending on the agenda

NWT and Nunavut Chamber of Mines

- Executive Director
- Executive Members including:
 - President
 - Vice President – NWT
 - Past President
 - Other chamber members as needed, depending on the agenda

Meetings

- Meetings will take place once a month, with the potential for additional meetings to be held as required.
- High level summary, decisions and action items will be recorded at each meeting by a note-taker assigned by ITI. These meeting documents will be distributed to all attendees after each meeting and will be approved by the Assistant Deputy Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources and the Executive Director of the Chamber of Mines. Meeting notes will be made available to additional stakeholders on request.
- The approved Terms of Reference and monthly meeting notes will be posted in the **GNWT-Chamber WG Files** section on the Chamber of Mines website (<https://www.miningnorth.com/resources>).
- Meeting agenda will be agreed by the Assistant Deputy Minister, Mineral and Petroleum Resources, and the Chamber of Mines Executive Director at least two days in advance of the meeting. If there are no agenda items for a given scheduled meeting, it will be cancelled.
- The group will offer to meet with representatives of GNWT Lands and ENR departments twice a year to build mutual awareness of issues, opportunities and GNWT and Industry initiatives.

Quorum

At least two members from ITI and two members from the Chamber of Mines must be present for quorum and for a meeting to proceed.

Communications

Any information and/or discussion released regarding the Engagement Group will require approval from both the Assistant Deputy Minister, Mineral and Petroleum Resources and the Chamber of Mines Executive Director.