

Monthly GNWT ITI – NT Chamber of Mines Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 7, 2022
9:00 AM

Attendees:	ITI: Benji S., Charlene S., Dianna B., Alex H.
	COM: Kenny R., Tom H., Glen K.

Summary Highlights	Commitments
<p>ITI Staffing Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Director of Mineral and Petroleum Resources was introduced at the start of the meeting. - The recent creation of a new position, Director of Strategic Initiatives, was also discussed at the start of the meeting. Although not part of MRD, this position will now take the lead on few key initiatives, including critical minerals and Mackenzie Valley Operational Dialog. - The work plan is still being developed/finalized, but the Director of Strategic Initiatives will continue to attend these meetings going forward. - The Manager, Mineral Resource Planning will not change for the foreseeable future. 	
<p>Proposed Change for TOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be no working group meetings in the summer months, which is a busy time for the sector. ToR will be revised to recognize this. 	
<p>Proposed Change to Meeting Date/Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At present, the group meets the first Wednesday of every month in the morning, but some asked if scheduled meeting time could move to Tuesday. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some engagement group participants have other meetings first-thing on Tuesdays but could find time later in the morning. - A Doodle poll will be conducted to find a new time that will work for all involved. 	
<p>Engagement Group priorities</p> <p>Critical Minerals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Critical mineral space: we've seen the discussion paper and critical path come out. ITI has promised an action plan and feds are working on their own strategic plan. This should be front and center. <p>ESG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It's tough to explain to the rest of the world that our ESG is top-notch. The mines get no credit with rest of world for the ESGs. - Some things we can highlight; co-management project is unique to territory. The North has embraced ESG long before other jurisdictions. <p>Economic incentives for mineral exploration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previous incentives to get new mining people in haven't worked very well. - We can advance North 60 METC. Need to incentivize people to come here. - Small-scale exploration has finally helped - Economic strategies need to include the resource sector in regional strategies. <p>Priorities for Engagement Group</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The initial work plan for the working group was developed during COVID-19 and may not be relevant anymore – the industry has changed. - Looking at ESG and critical minerals. - Critical minerals and regulatory policies need to be the highest priority. - Need to focus of those areas of the sector that will make industry attractive again. - Advance critical infrastructure (mines 20-50 years away) through this group. - We can have targeted meetings going forward. Biggest area of focus is the need for infrastructure. We'll need to engage with Dept. of Infrastructure and provide real input from both ITI and industry. 	
<p>Additional comments:</p> <p>Communications and messaging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These are unprecedented times. Never before has the federal government implemented such a large budget with benefits for the mineral industry. The opportunity needs to be seized - Messaging must be about how development will be done going forward (how we measure/evaluate projects going forward) - The Slave Geological Assessment is going to happen. Messaging and assurances need to reflect that <p>- Participation at future meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As these engagement meetings are conversational in nature, it was suggested inviting guests to future meetings. 	

Next Steps/Next Meeting	
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- Fill out Doodle poll to determine meeting schedule going forward
- Include guest participants and other departments (i.e., ENR, Infrastructure, Power Corp) at future meetings.
- Date and time of next meeting TBD