

ITI-COM Working Group Meetings Reviewing Approach

Thursday, October 18, 2022 3: 00 PM

Attendees:	ITI: Dianna B., Menzie M., Benji S., Pamela S. Charlene S.
	EIA: Harjot S.
	COM: Kenny R.

Summary Highlights	Commitments
<p>Arctic Northern Policy Framework (ANPF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIA was in attendance to speak about the framework and the work that has been done to date to move it forward • The document has been used by the federal government to engage with the provinces and territories on a number of issues, with some level of success in terms of housing. • One of the challenges going forward is that no funding has been clearly identified for the implementation of the framework, and until the federal government take this step there can be no set path forward. • There are some bigger infrastructure pieces in the works, but EIA said no information can be shared until they become official. • Meetings on the framework were held in September, and another round of meetings is set to take place in the spring. • COM mentioned that although there is an NWT chapter, there were no chapters regarding the Yukon or Nunavut. • COM noted there is some interest in making edits to the framework, and is looking to perhaps work with Yukon on the process going forward to coordinate the response 	
<p>MAARS and Online Map Staking</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COM asked about the project, noting that this component is the most significant piece of the modernization process enabled through the MRA ○ COM interested in ensuring that there is a commitment within the regulations in development to OMS ○ ITI noted that OMS implementation, while tied to the MRA, is a capital project and is in fact linked to other budgetary considerations ○ COM asked about the timeline for OMS implementation, and asked if there would be opportunities to refine the system once OMS is introduced to the staking process ○ ITI noted that work is ongoing to develop the back-end components of the system, and is also looking for ways to build upon existing programs for OMS implementation ○ ITI notes that the experience of other jurisdictions to implement similar systems has been informative, and has been an important learning experience for GNWT in terms of proper rollout of OMS ○ ITI expects a clearer picture of OMS implementation by summer 2023 ○ COM noted it had hoped to hear better news as to OMS rollout, but stressed that the rollout needs to happen and cannot afford to be delayed much longer 	<p>ITI to invite Information Services to a future engagement group meeting to discuss OMS and MAARS</p> <p>ITI to provide status update on OMS implementation in July 2023.</p>
<p>Federal critical minerals advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ITI provided a status update on the progress to date on advocating for critical minerals support at both the federal and territorial level ● ITI mentioned that NRCan had received 120 submissions regarding the critical mineral strategy, including 	

<p>submissions from the northern chambers and governments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRCan recently held the kick off meeting at the NWT Energy and Resource Table meeting, and ITI is committed to ensuring the work moves forward along with INF • ITI noted that regional discussion tables will be part of the implementation process for the critical minerals strategy, and those will be part of Phase 2 • Bilateral meetings on the subject are already in the planning stages • ITI also noted there will be more discussion on the subject with both industry and Indigenous government and organizations 	
<p>Summary/Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ITI to invite Information Services to a future engagement group meeting - ITI to update COM on OMS and MAARS implementation as the information becomes available 	