

**Agenda for GNWT ITI – Chamber of Mines Working Group to
Advance Minerals Industry Recovery from COVID**

Time/Date: 2-4 PM / June 5, 2020

By Teleconference: or Video Conference

Attendees:

GNWT ITI:

Pamela Strand, John Ketchum, Angela Norris, Menzie McEachern; Benji Straker, Lora Archer

Chamber of Mines:

Ken Armstrong, Gary Vivian, Kenny Ruptash, Scott Trusler, Paul Gruner, Erik Madsen, Winter Bailey, Tom Hoefer

NOTES:

Introductions

Develop Project Charter – See Draft for consideration / approval

Create a linkage to Emerging Strongly Plan and BAC.

Talk more about COVID in the mission

We needed fixing before; now COVID, and beyond. Get economy stronger than ever before.

Weave in the short, medium, long term themes in here.

- Menzie: you've built your plan around the three time themes). Need to be careful to not bite off more than we can chew. Focus on a few clear actions. Ensure that the actions are those that we can make progress on.
- John K: we discussed with Feds and CanNor about organizing that. He sees this group as feeding into the larger business advisory group currently being set up.
- Ken: It's a starting point. He agrees that the groups should be coordinated to ensure that efforts are focused, and that action items are with the appropriate group (to ensure that action can be taken).
- Kenny: Look at short, med, long, but then look at the short term and pick three priority items that the group can actually affect.
- Pam: There's a disconnect currently in the focus of efforts – the Territorial governments are focused on relief, and the federal government is more forward looking. Currently there is Pan Territorial letter drafted for signature by Premiers ensuring that the federal government is on board with the relief priorities.

- Pam: The EMMC will meet virtually in August. We are really focusing our efforts on relief in the short term.
- Ken – The letter should emphasize that supporting the North is supporting Indigenous communities.
- Gary: Deneen Everett said three Senators penned new letter today, and will forward this letter to Pam (Pam will distribute the letter to GNWT members)_
- Industry supports small business too.
- Scott: In the charter, under participants, add Roles and responsibilities, e.g. on how meetings will be organized.
- Pam: Maybe generalize about bringing in observers like Indigenous governments. The Charter should define roles & responsibilities. A general catch-all could be useful in this context.
- Ken: Meet more often. Meeting weekly would be good until the group is up and running.
- Comments by Tuesday end of day. Next meeting Thursday at 3 pm.
- Even if not full attendance, meetings will go on. (Chamber)
- GNWT (Menzie, Angie, and/or Benji) to send scheduler. Point persons to be identified.
- Create a work plan from the charter.

Create a Mineral Resource Development COVID Recovery Action Plan

Discussion around Chamber document: "Towards a 'North of 60' Mineral Resources Recovery Plan: Actions to assist the COVID and Post COVID Needs of the northern minerals industry"

Starting to open earlier:

- John Ketchum has been starting to work with the Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) on how workers can fly into the North and proceed to work sites.
- For example, T=truckers currently have a 30 hour reprieve without having to self-isolate – learn more
- What are mines doing? They are not self-isolating
- NU is looking to be OK with 23(2) coming in through YK
- The Territories may start working together to ensure that there is consensus.
- Gary: Get some numbers out on economic effects of COVID to start analyzing the risk/reward of the restrictions related to the Pandemic.
- Pam: We are working at zero risk right now.
- Gary: if we could get treated as truckers with say 10 hour layovers in Yellowknife or other major centres before moving on to their worksites, that could work.
- John: There are opportunities within the current public health orders to move forward. CPHO are seeing ability to accommodate, e.g, they see moving through town fast as a workaround for self-isolation. Apr 27 order allowed 35 hours

reprieve. Scenario presented to CPHO and hope to get response this weekend or early next week. Keep 14 day record when you arrive and it's proof you're being diligent. John has been working to interpret these orders recently. He said that he would share what he's learned.

- Erik M: De Beers currently has robust procedures in place to ensure the safety of workers arriving and departing, as well as monitoring COVID-19 on site. Testing is currently being done on site prior to being sent home, also workers are having their temperatures monitored every day. Their temperatures are checked by a medic before they get on the plane They also have to have a mask to get on the plane. Also Dr. Kandola requires a form signed by the company President that says that a person is a mine worker in transit that they can show in an airport. In canteen every morning, they get their temp taken before they are allowed in.
- Kenny: 23(2) has interpreted 4/4 and 2/2 so you've actually quarantined people.
- Menzie: issue of arriving in YK – can you overnight in YK? How?
- John: it's a "when you're not working, you're self-isolating". That's what Apr 27 order says. What we're expecting, is largely following the Chief Public Health Officer's orders.

Short term actions:

Mineral Tenure Relief news

- Extending the June 26 (90 day) pause but have a plan going forward for approval.
- The pause will be extended, although should not be discussed until the Minister makes an announcement in Session.
- There is a full relief package in consideration.
- Saskatchewan has already got similar legislation in place.
- Delays in enacting legislation in the NWT because of the different levels of consultation that need to be understood and completed. This is land claim and resource revenue sharing related, and potentially section 35 of the constitution related.

Land Use Permit extensions

- 23(2)(d) said that the MVRMA is not currently able to allow these extensions, however they are proposing three different approaches to Permit extensions:
 1. Talk to 23(2)(d) and her team to see if a resolution can be negotiated.
 2. Look for ministerial approval for the Permit extensions.
 3. Look for jurisdictional approval.
- 23(2) will share his approaches with Pam and her team.

- Ken: if you can't access your property, principle would be to extend by the time lost. I like idea of engaging 23(2) and Board if sympathetic; any levers they have?
- Menzie: GNWT has initiated work on policy direction to Boards. Canada says no changes to legislation or reg's, so where is there manoeuvring room. We are starting to engage Canada to see if they will allow policy direction to boards. Work in progress. Working with Jamie Fulford at EIA.
- Pam: Talking to Board a good one. Maybe approach with thresholds, from easy wins to more complicated scenarios; eg, if no camp there, should be easier.
- Ken: situations might be so unique that a blanket extension might be difficult.
- Ken: only 23(2)(h)(i) has reached out. But no other members have raised this with us and we haven't chased it directly as a result. In NU companies are dealing directly with the Boards.

Comment [MM1]: Since the meeting, it has become clear that Canada doesn't want to provide policy direction to the Boards, so GNWT/Industry will have to consider potential engagement with the Boards.

Flow through problem

- Feds understand this, but no solution has been given

Assistance for northern service and Supply and juniors

- Falling through cracks as lumpy revenues
- Menzie: we have met with Feds and raising issue of juniors and service and supply not getting assistance. We seem to be getting heard, but still no concrete action by Feds
- Ken: \$5B in three territories over 10 years raised by exploration. It's a concern that south is opening up faster.
- Ken: CEWS consultation closing today
- Tom: What we submitted was juniors, and mines should get compensated because of vulnerability. The comments that have been received from industry are that they are currently not qualifying for relief because of revenues. Also, mines are currently compensating vulnerable workers to stay home. Would it be possible for the Federal government to reimburse (even at the minimum) for the wages that have been paid by the mines?
- Erik: Agrees with Tom's point. We are currently working at a lower capacity because of safety measures in place to keep workers from vulnerable communities and situations safe. We have also invested in a testing machine. We are also working with the CPHO to get vulnerable employees back to work. We are being impacted and you're right, wages for vulnerable workers eats into our revenues
- Kenny: From a service company perspective, future revenues are seriously impacted from the COVID-19 restrictions (Ekati, Diavik, GK slow down). Revenues from 2019 are not indicative of revenues of 2020 and beyond.
- John Ketchum: Pan-Territorial letter does ask for such compensation.

Royalty deferment to 2021

- Tom asked if last year's royalties be deferred to next year? The funds could be used in the mean time to recover.
- John Ketchum: Mines have asked for relief on Gas and Carbon taxes which was refused. However Royalties Relief hasn't been heard directly from the mines, but ITI can take that to Government for consideration.
- Pam: Confirmed that if Mines are interested in this, she will discuss this with Finance, but would need a formal request from the mines to initiate it

Tax Relief/Credit for Mines

- From Federal – mines need to ask
- No uptake on this.
- John: Finance would be responsible for Tax Relief/Credits.
- Pam: Royalties Schedules are currently being reviewed, if there are suggestions, then those can be reviewed at the same time.

Open land access

- Make it medium term
- Gary: Under interim land withdrawal can Indigenous groups stake on their land?
- Pam: This is not allowed.

MIP funding:

- Pam: ITI is currently seeking a top up on MIP funding. There is also a MIP review underway to help extend the program to advanced exploration projects.

Surety bonds

- Double edged sword, if not used correctly this could lead to lasting damage.

Comment [MM2]: Not understanding this point.

Any other short-term ideas?

- Menzie: There is currently a push for a program similar to the inactive and orphaned well programs in AB, BC and SK to extend to the cleanup of contaminated sites in the North. In a Pan territorial letter we are seeking to stimulate Northern employment in remediation and contaminated sites management through federal investment.
- This program would accelerate clean-up of sites and promote the use of Indigenous companies to do work on the sites. Pam: There is also discussion about the Critical Minerals/Metals plan, and trying to get Feds to incent exploration with roads, eg, Avalon, Norzinc, etc.

- John: sounds like Feds are going to restart GEM and Geoscience programs (we heard TGI).

Discussion

- **Kenny**: Can you look through the short term and say what you can do now?
Suggest we come back to it at the next meeting
- John: We can look at Arctic Policy Framework and other plans to see how we can approach this in a way with government mandates and policy direction.
- **Gary**: What are the best short term goals? What's doable?
- Pam: CanNor is offering relief for northern companies to \$100k. Can you talk to CanNor to have exploration companies qualify? You have to be incorporated in the north with a business license. Could they be lenient?
- **Ken**: Not a bad idea? Worth bringing up with them.

Medium and Long Term

- **Kenny**: we can look at medium and long term goals and put our heads together, and GNWT come back with short term actions that are workable.

INTEGRATING WITH PAN TERRITORIAL APPROACH

Pam: So far Pan-Territorial – Federal meetings have been about sharing information. It would be good if the meetings were more action oriented. This group could feed into the discussions at the Pan-Territorial-Federal level.

Pam: Add communications to this – issue news release once charter is complete to feed into BAC and for our own purposes. Who it represents, and why, etc.

Pam: Focus is important in these meetings, collaboration is critical to success. The councils need to be aggressive to establish what they want to see.

Summary

- GNWT will take away list of short-term measures and provide feedback.
- Next meeting will be on Thursday, June 11 at 3pm.
- Charter will be reviewed by Tuesday and presented at next meeting.
- **Tom** will send out a communication once the Charter is approved to let everyone know that work is done.

- Medium and Long Term Measures will be saved for a discussion on another day, the Short-Term Measures will impact what is doable in the Medium and Long Term.

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GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

MEETING NOTES – FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2020

In attendance:

Pamela Strand, Deputy Minister, ITI

Ken Armstrong, President, NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines

Tom Hoefer, Executive Director, NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines

Glen Koropchuk, Fortune Minerals

Erik Madsen, Debeers

Gary Vivian, Aurora Geoscience

Rory Moore, Dominion Diamonds

Lane Dewar, Cassidy Point Exploration Services

Kenny Ruptash, Nahanni Construction

John Ketchum, ADM ITI

Menzie McEachern, ITI

Angela Norris, ITI

Lora Archer, ITI

Review of Working Group Project Charter

- The Updated charter was reviewed.
- Funding – Chamber of Mines requested \$150,000 for coordinating the efforts of Industry.
- Delegates should be integrated into the charter.

ACTION – The Chamber will review the Charter and provide comments next week.

Review of Economic Recovery Actions Table

- The table produced by ITI was presented, highlighting the priorities of ITI.
- The table was produced based on the Chamber of Commerce's table.
- The table could use more comments/organization/information.
- The table was reviewed line by line.

Project Flow-Through Funding

- Industry's perspective is that flow-through funding is essential for industry. Industry is disappointed that the federal government has been slow at delivering the relief program.
- Flow through moneys that need to be spent by Dec 31, it is requested that the funds can be delayed beyond the deadline.
- Northern focus recovery/relief priority is expanding the Mining and Exploration Tax Credit (METC) funding needs to be expanded. This is to level the playing field for attracting investors into the North vs. Southern Canada. This is to bmake up the gap between credits available from Provinces. The credit should be increased rom 15-30%. This credit should be expanded even more potentially, up to 100%.
- The tax credit should not be limited to Northern companies, but should be open to any business.
- It's believed that the reason that there is hesitation because of past abuses/industry of the tax credit program.

ACTION – GNWT will provide the Pan-Territorial Letter that has been drafted and signed by all ministers. The letter is addressed to Ministers O'Reagan and Vandal. The letter may not have been sent to the addressees.

Exploration Wage Subsidies

- Currently exploration workers are not eligible for Wage subsidies, a letter has been prepared and will be sent to the Federal Ministers addressing this issue.

Land Use Permits and License Support

- Suggested paths: Policy Direction from the Minister, Take to MVRMA Directly, or talk to Jurisdictions impacted.
- GNWT has reached out to CIRNAC to see if policy direction could be sought from the Federal Minister. This did not appear feasible. GNWT will next approach the boards to see what they are able to do to respond to the current environment, given COVID-19 restrictions. EIA, Lands and ENR will also be required to address this issue. EIA will likely need to lead this work.
- Action dates should be associated with the action items.
- This issue should be addressed in a "one-page" letter to see if there is flexibility. Keep the issue/resolution simple. Ask relief for reasonable restrictions to access to sites/getting personnel to site.
- This is likely just a request for an extension to the permits.
- Policy change may still be required.

ACTION - Glen and Erik will draft a letter/approach the board from the Industry Perspective.

ACTION - John and Menzie will approach the board from a GNWT Perspective.

Service and Supply Companies

- Service and Supply Companies have accepted that no relief is coming. Minister Vandal was made aware of the issue, however this didn't seem like a priority. The relief was intended initially for companies that couldn't operate, and then big business, however service and supply companies seem to fall through the cracks.
- It will require more discussion with the Federal government to address the issue.
- Traction for this issue would come from the Energy and Mines ministers across the country appealing to the Minister of NRCan about the gap in funding.
- Next steps could include the three Territorial ministers request a meeting with Ministers O'Reagan and Vandal. The Pan-Territorial letter addresses this as well.

ACTION - At the next meeting of the Federal-Territorial meeting, the GNWT can raise this issue to highlight the need as well.

Mining Royalties

- This issue may not be as relevant as it once was. There are some tax implications that need to be considered before industry determines if this is a priority.

ACTION – Erik will let the group know if this is a priority.

Tax Relief for Mining Companies

No Comments

Provide Mining Wage Subsidies

- Some mining companies are starting to receive CEWs however exploration and service and supply companies (secondary and tertiary companies) are not receiving CEWs.

Open Land Access to Exploration

- Degais will continue to have subsurface protection. This becomes a long term discussion on the UN designation of lands.
- However, there needs to be work done on this issue now. The perception is that there is not enough available land to explore.
- GNWT should be the strong the voice leading the consultation with other partners on how access to lands.
- A plan to address this should be implemented ASAP.
- A meeting should be planned on this issue with GNWT Representatives, and Industry. This issue needs its own conversation. That conversation can start now.

ACTION - The Federal/Territorial working group should be made aware of this issue (GNWT will action).

Make Financial Opportunities Available

- Federal Guarantees would be good if available.

Reclamation Surety Bonds.

- Surety bonds may not be feasible
- Agreed that this action item is scrapped.

Incent Exploration Investment

- Moved to Short Term from Medium Term as this is doable.
- Incent Exploration Investment specifically for Critical Minerals
- All members can lobby for this.
- Plan has not been released yet.
- This could be a way to encourage investment into the Territories if this is pursued though.
- Canada and US will be having a discussion in June about the Critical/Strategic Minerals.
- NWT could create a strategy on how to get minerals to market.
- A letter is under preparation from Cheetah, Avalon, and Fortune, on key ideas on expanding critical mineral supply chain in Canada.
- Andrew Ghattas is the new minister could move this file.
- Two federal tables to consider: critical minerals and battery minerals.

ACTION - ITI will create a jurisdictional scan on what is being done for critical minerals for the next meeting.

GeoScience Forum

- Chamber is prepared to cancel the GeoScience Forum.
- Look at other alternatives, smaller virtual events that could replace the big event.
- It might be a good time to rebrand, and decide how to approach this moving forward.
- NTGS would need to consider what needs to be achieved moving forward. The northern infrastructure for virtual events may be limited.
- A public announcement should be made jointly from Chamber, ITI and NTGS.
- A statement could be developed by the end of June.

MIP Update

- MIP has been oversubscribed. Could MIP Funding be increased?
- Application deadline was June 5. 28 application, asking for \$2.8 million. Last year was 28 applications looking for \$2.5 million. However, the number of prospector applications didn't go up dramatically.
- Evaluations include people outside of NTGS as well.
- CanNor may not be the best group to approach for more funding, and was directed to NRCan.
- This is a pan-territorial request, part of the letter that will be shared.

Opening the NWT to Exploration

- The CPHO is aware of the urgency of this issue.
- The April 10 Mineral and Petroleum Industry Order Is the primary order for exploration camps as well. There are not a lot of additional considerations for companies coming in for exploration.
- It is expected that workers will undergo 14 days of self-isolation before coming into the NWT. It is recommended that workers go from a hub community to camps ASAP. Access to Nunavut through NWT will need to be considered/added into the orders as well.
- The order should be fairly simple, and very similar to the Mineral and Petroleum Industry Order.
- The order will be sent out by the NWT as soon as it is released/approved.
- If there are any issues the GNWT can bring it back to the CPHO.

ACTION - GNWT will circulate the document when it is received to get the perspective of Industry/Nunavut operating Industry, on the operating orders.

Next Meeting (Thursday, June 18 – 3-4pm)

ACTION - GNWT will send out the invitation. May already be out.

GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

MEETING NOTES – TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020

11:00AM – 12:00PM MST

Attendees**Tom Hoefer, Executive Director, Chamber of Mines****Glen Koropchuk, Fortune Minerals****Rory Moore, Dominion Diamonds****Scott Trusler, Stantec****John Ketchum, ADM, ITI, GNWT****Menzie McEachern, Director, Mineral and Petroleum Resources, GNWT****Angela Norris, Manager,****Benji Straker, Manager, Mineral Resource, GNWT****1- Review of June 12 Meeting Minutes and Action Items**

- Some edits are required to minutes; any changes will be sent to Lora Archer to adjust meeting minutes.
- Any comments on the revised charter are still welcome.
- Last meeting focused on the short-term recovery strategies.
- Pan Territorial Letter was sent to the Minister of Northern Affairs and the Minister of NRCan. This letter was sent to the membership of this working group last week. Many of the short-term strategies were touched on in the letter to Canada.
- With regards to Regulatory Relief, Glen and Erik were going to approach the boards from the Industry perspective, and Menzie and John were going to approach the boards from the Government Perspective.
- 23(2)(d) will be approaching 23(2)(d) about what their flexibility is regarding dealing with permits for companies that are impacted by the Pandemic. GNWT will be determining the gaps for which policy direction can be generated to provide relief in the regulatory process.
- Industry's identified barriers are costs and time limitation. At this point there is no access to the project area or lab to have sampling conducted; would be interested in looking for relief on the timelines. Also looking for relief on the frequency and the required information to meet monitoring requirements that may not be possible at this point. A letter has been prepared addressing these issues.

- GNWT is willing to assist in the editing of the letter from Industry if that would help.
- An exploration team with a B type water license, there may not be funding available to conduct work, as the markets have not recovered. If the timelines were extended to allow for two years for the companies to raise the money to carry out this work, it would help.
- Relief for grassroots and advanced projects would be the focus of this relief, as they are dependent on the markets to raise funding.
- It is unclear if the boards can make changes to provide this relief, due to legislative and regulation constraints.
- Industry believes that it is within the regulatory bodies' purview to grant this relief, or within ENR and Lands departments or the Federal equivalents.
- Reclamation's surety bonds will not be focused on by this group at this point.

Critical Minerals Discussion

- Critical Minerals discussion was opened. Cheetah had sent a letter to Canada, which was supported by Fortune and Avalon. The discussion is now open about the critical minerals supply chain and ways to support it.
- Currently there is some action being taken from the Federal Government, and we have some critical minerals projects in NWT that could benefit.
- Industry's perspective is that Critical Minerals should be accelerated as a key recovery strategy to revitalize the economy and gain investor confidence. This also ties into the green economy push of the Federal government. These minerals are critical to the technology needed to move away from fossil fuel dependence. It would be necessary to get some political support for this Industry. It would be good to demonstrate that there are 4-5 projects that are in the pipeline, and then outline the infrastructure that is required to get those projects online. It would be a good base for seeking the investment needed for that infrastructure as a shift for our minerals strategy. It would require the support of the 3 premiers, and then see what funding could be made available from the Federal government to support this. Perhaps asking CIRNAC, NRCan or other federal agencies? Engaging Michael Macleod to get MP support would also be critical. There is the potential for driving prospecting and mineral exploration and development because of the push for Critical Minerals independence from China.
- Federal support and funding is critical for this. Territorial-Federal discussion will be happening this week to determine what the appetite is for Critical Minerals as well as follow-up on the Pan Territorial letter. **ACTION: GNWT can provide an update at the next working group meeting on the progress of both files.**
- There is a green economic recovery group that has been established, and it would be good to determine if we can start a discussion with that group to advance this file as well.

Comment [MM1]: Not sure what this group is or who is leading it?

- A Critical Minerals Secretariat has been established within NRCan to advance the critical minerals file.
- The Arctic and Northern Policy Framework is also a lever that can be used in this conversation. There is also the Canadian Mine and Metals Plan that can be used to leverage this issue. During the Federal and Territorial meetings these will be emphasized. **Industry requests to the GNWT to push NRCan for support on Critical Minerals.** This is a priority for the GNWT to focus on.
- The Pan Canadian Geoscience Strategy will be producing a report that highlights Critical Minerals as necessary for the Green Economy.
- **ACTION – Progress on Action Items will be inserted into the Matrix. GNWT will take the lead on the matrix. The Matrix will become a tracking matrix that GNWT will keep up to date.**

Opening NWT to Exploration

- There was an email sent out last night with the document with guidance on CPHO's order on how workers can enter the territory for work within the exploration industry.
- In brief, the guidance is straightforward. There is good access to the territory for workers. The orders emphasize minimizing layovers in urban areas and move to work sites as soon as possible.
- The document was made in a partnership between ITI and the CPHO. ITI will be acting as a communications contact point which will then work with the CPHO.

MIP

- The applications for this year's MIP program have been reviewed, and the funding decisions have been made. Communications are being prepared to let applicants know who was successful and not. Because of a limited pot of funding some tough decisions were made with regards to who qualified.
- Application deadline was June 5th. **Were 28 applications, asking for \$2.8 million. Last year there were 28 applications looking for \$2.5 million. The number of prospector applications didn't go up dramatically.**
- There is a plan to **increase the MIP budget over the next 4 years. There will be a planned increase of \$200,000 for next year.**
- The letters will be sent out hopefully by the end of the week.

Comment [MM2]: Or should this be reversed? Need to double check.

PDAC

- GNWT spoke with the PDAC team. **They are on board with the asks that this working group is looking for, as well as the asks in the Pan-Territorial mining Ministers' letter to NRCan and Northern Affairs. They are working with Finance to try to get a commitment on funding.**

- A targeted Geoscience Initiative Project will be moving forward in the near term. Critical Minerals will likely be part of this. They are concerned with the availability of land for exploration.
- The PDAC team appreciates the information coming from different jurisdictions to get a good picture of the regional challenges.

Next Meeting

- It was determined that meetings would happen Wednesdays at 9 am. However, next meeting will be Thursday, July 2 at 10 am to accommodate Canada Day.

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MEETING AGENDA – THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2020

10:00–11:00AM MST

In Attendance

Pamela Strand, Deputy Minister, ITI

Tom Hoefer, Executive Director, Chamber of Mines

Ken Armstrong

Gary Vivian

Kenny Ruptash

Erik Madsen

Scott Trusler

Winter Bailey

Angela Norris

Benji Straker

Lora Archer

1- Review of June 23 Meeting Notes and Action Items

- Letter from Industry is close to being finished, this will be sent to the working group once it is completed.
- Critical Minerals Jurisdictional Scan was not received by working group. Lora will send it out again immediately. Research found that other jurisdictions have not formally published their action plans for critical minerals, however this research will continue.

ACTION – Lora will continue to research the Critical Minerals File

- The “Tracking Matrix” for the working group needed some alterations including adding a date and making changes to ensure that it is more easily understood.

ACTION – Lora will update the “Tracking Matrix” and work to make it more usable by the group.

2- Finalize Project Charter

- No other issues identified. Accepted as presented.

3- Review Industry Recovery Action Table

a. Update from GNWT on short term actions

Maintain Mineral Tenure Security

- ITI is still working on the detailed package on the plan.

Protect Flow-Through Obligations

- Letter has been sent. It is unclear if the Feds will do anything.
- Industry has not had any updates with regards to this.
- PDAC's update has been that Finance is onboard at this point; however, there has been no action taken on this. No explanation for the delay has been provided. COM will be having a meeting this afternoon; an update can be provided.
- Clear communications are required at this point.
- Could Michael McLeod be engaged to take on this issue?
- Minister of ITI has a good relationship with O'Regan. Minister Nokleby could follow up on the letter sent with Minister O'Regan.
- It could be framed that this is important to the North because of the additional costs involved. Work is not being undertaken in the North because of these issues.

ACTION – Minister ITI will have a follow-up call with Minister O'Regan to get an update on the Flow-Through funding. The ministers from the other 2 territories could be included.

ACTION – COM will update their letter with details, the content can be used in the follow-up discussion.

Provide Exploration Wage Subsidies

- This is covered in COM's letter. Still an important issue for Industry.

Regulatory Permit and License Support

- Letter has been drafted to MVRMA regarding this issue.

ACTION – COM finalize letter and send to ITI for review before sending it out.

Service and Supply Companies Wage Subsidies

- This issue is covered in COM's letter.

Mining Royalties

- This issue is closed unless there is a demand from industry.

ACTION - Industry will let the Working Group know if this is still an issue.

- o Erik has determined not an issue.
- o Winter will follow up.

Tax Relief for Mining Companies

- Rejected by GNWT Finance. This item will be closed.
- Reasons were not provided in the response item.

ACTION – ITI can determine what the reasons for the rejection.

ACTION – ITI can share the letter with the working group.

Providing Mining Wage Subsidies

- The wording in this section is not clear.
- There has been an impact on costs for Southern workers, however, there has not been much done for Northern workers.
- Some of this arose because of CEWS funding, however Northern companies are receiving his now.

ACTION – COM will reword the action items in this section to make it clear what they are looking for.

Open Land Access to Exploration

- This is the critical issue for exploration.
- This is a short-term issue with long term implications.
- If this is not fixed, there will not be exploration in the Territories moving forward.

ACTION – ITI Deputy Minister will raise this up with the Minister.

ACTION - GNWT will discuss this with Federal-Territorial working group. GNWT will report back on what was said during the group.

ACTION – COM will raise this with the GN on their next meeting with them.

Make Financial Opportunities Available

- Making financial opportunities available and 14(1)(a)
- This should be moved into the Medium-Term action items

ACTION – Lora will update the Matrix

Surety Bonds

- This is not going to be included moving forward.

ACTION – Lora will update the Matrix

Incent Exploration Investment

- Incent exploration with 150% work assessment.
- GNWT is agreement.
- This should be completed by September.

Medium Term Actions

- Incent Exploration Investment specifically for Critical Minerals
- Move to short term actions.
- This is important to reinvigorating mining in the North.
- We need the right incentives and programs to be available to allow exploration and advanced exploration projects to move forward.
- Looking for Federal Investment like CanTung.
- However, this working group should make this a priority.

ACTION – ITI will make sure that Federal-Territorial Working Group is reminded of the importance of Critical Minerals to the North.

ACTION – Minister Nokleby will speak to Minister O'Regan as it ties into the CMMP.

Review of Ministers' letter to Ottawa

- Request for money for rehabilitation of sites – please ensure government does not focus on remediation and not exploration and mining industry.
- METC should be increased further. Looking to double the incentive to ensure that other jurisdictions don't become more attractive. The North needs more incentives than

- Southern Jurisdictions, particularly in BC and Saskatchewan. Federal Government should be aware of the necessity of this incentive to keep the North attractive for investments.
- No mention of critical minerals. We currently have three opportunities: Cantung, NICO, and Nechalacho that could be helped. Advance these projects as examples of Critical Minerals success.
 - Land Access should also be mentioned in the letter.

Public messaging of economic ramifications/consequences of industry effects

- The focus has been on health concerns to date. It would be good to start to understand the economic impacts of the pandemic to the North.
- Analysis of worst-case scenario economic impacts of Diamond Mine Closures to the NWT. This study was done already. Could this information be made available to the public?
- When will the studies be made available? GNWT thinks the next week or so.

General Comments

- Industry is generally frustrated by the delays in Business Advisory Council because of administrative delays in getting information out.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 8, 9-10AM

GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

MEETING NOTES – WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020

10:00–11:00AM MST

Attendees

Chamber of Mines

- Gary Vivian
- Ken Armstrong
- Glen Koropchuk
- Kenny Ruptash
- Tom Hoefer
- Winter Bailey

GNWT

- John Ketchum, ADM ITI
- Angela Norris, Manager, CSCR, ITI
- Lora Archer, Mineral Resources Specialist, ITI

Review of July 2 Meeting Notes and Action Items

Review of Meeting Notes from July 2, 2020

There was some clarification needed as to who the responsible Minister is for opening Land Access, either O'Reagan or Vandal. It was recommended that it would depend on which lands were being discussed. There are several ministers that are implicated with this action item, including CIRNAC, DFO, and ECCC.

It was recommended that the GNWT should take control over this issue.

The GNWT recommended that Interim Land Withdrawals are the biggest issue at this point, and that the GNWT can take that away for discussion.

Industry emphasized that there are some concerns over new indigenous lands that allow for double dipping if the claims are not settled.

There are also some interest in IUCN definitions; e.g. two protected bird sanctuaries on Banks Island should be included.

ACTION: GNWT will discuss Interim Land Withdrawals and how they can be addressed to facilitate mining activities.

Review of Action Items from July 2, 2020

ACTION – Lora will continue to research the Critical Minerals File

- Ongoing

ACTION – Lora will continue to research the Critical Minerals File

- Completed

ACTION – Minister ITI will have a follow-up call with Minister O'Reagan to get an update on the Flow-Through funding. The ministers from the other 2 territories could be included.

- No Update

ACTION – COM will update their letter to the Boards with details, the content can be used in the follow-up discussion.

- Chamber of Mines sent letter to Boards and GNWT yesterday regarding land use permits and water licenses. Menzie had helped.

ACTION - Mining Royalties Relief

- Winter confirmed this is not issue for Diavik.

ACTION - Tax relief and rejection letter.

- Hasn't received by COM.

ACTION – Providing Wage Subsidies

- COM to reword action items – but will update with table work so not issue.

ACTION - Open lands to access.

- GNWT report back on Federal - Territorial WG. Recent meetings have been cancelled for some reason. John will bring up at next meetings
- COM did raise protected areas concern with GN.

ACTION - Make Financial Opportunities Available

- Lora moved from short term to medium term actions

ACTION - Update matrix to exclude surety bonds.

- Lora greyed out in matrix.

ACTION - Moving critical minerals to short term actions and making Federal -Territorial WG aware of those.

- Minister had short call with O'Regan and focused on flow through, so no opportunity to delve into critical minerals. Discussion to get longer call with O'Regan scheduled.

Review new Action Table

GNWT Presented a newly formatted action table that provides an overview of the actions that the Working Group is undertaking, the prioritization of the Action Items, a rough schedule for work on the Action Items and a summary of the work that has been undertaken, and the progress to date of actions.

The working group recommended some changes to the look and feel of the action table, ensuring that the table is printable; that the short, medium and long term goals were easily distinguishable, and some adjustments to colour to make the tables easier to follow.

It was suggested that the wording of "Incent Exploration Investment specifically for Critical Minerals" be changed by adding to get "Incent Exploration and Development investment" as Industry would appreciate government and Indigenous equity participation in "shovel ready" projects like NICO, Nechalacho, and perhaps Cantung and Mactung as well.

It was determined that "Open Land Access to Exploration" can also be medium to long term actions. There might be different actions for each time frame, e.g., IUCN argument for medium term.

ACTION - Lora will make changes to the table.

Discuss Prioritization of Action Items

GNWT presented the draft prioritization methodology to prioritize action items.

Some discussion about the measurements resulted in the Federal Priorities ranking changing to being scored from (1 to 5) to (1 to 4) – where 1 is the highest priority - by combining Federal Mandat and Mandate Letters. Territorial Priorities were also changed from being scored from (1 to 5) to (1 to 4) by making both Legislative Mandates and COVID-19 Response items the highest priority items (ranked as 1).

Ranking based on Time Sensitivity was also added, so that items needed to be worked on first would have a higher ranking.

Prioritizing based on impacts and Timeframe were thought to be the two most important issues.

COM had a good meeting with MP McLeod July 14. It is important to get the priorities sorted in the next few months or the recovery action items could get punted to next budget.

Specifically, critical minerals investments could come from recovery plan but this has to happen fast or will be delayed until next budget. Recovery plan actions need to be determined quickly. MP is suggesting he could get Minister Nokleby in front of Federal Finance Committee on priority items. We should align our actions to get into the Federal COVID Recovery plan.

The action item critical minerals should include development of critical minerals not just exploration, but investments in shovel ready projects as well.

ACTION - Lora will update the table and send out later today and we can populate this.

Can GNWT take a Different Approach with Feds to Treat the North Differently?

The GNWT has talked a bit of this and will share their thoughts. The equity investment part is more difficult, eg, to establish a fund like Quebec. We'd have to appeal Federally. The GNWT thinks that investment in infrastructure specific for projects would be the easiest.

The COM believes that Pan Territorially equity investment will be important. Not much exploration is happening in the North right now. In the South, there is a massive difference. T40 years. So, exploration is not great. However, it's hot in BC, and there's lots in ON, so COVID-19 is not an excuse in the north. While infrastructure is great, COM would urge GNWT to work with other territories to get exploration moving. In NU, China takeover of Hope Bay is an embarrassing situation that no Canadian companies have even taken an interest in running the mine. COM is also disappointed the Federal-Territorial Working Group has not met.

COM also had questions about the Arctic Strategy and the Arctic Policy Framework.

ACTION – GNWT (John) will follow up with COM on Policy and Strategy issues.

Tom: Any burning issues?

Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 29, 10-11 AM

GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group**MEETING NOTES – WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020****9:00–10:00AM MST****Attendees**Chamber of Mines

- Gary Vivian
- Ken Armstrong
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- John Ketchum, ADM ITI
- Menzie McEachern, Director, ITI
- Angela Norris, Manager, CSCR, IT
- Benji Straker, Manager, MRD, ITI
- Lora Archer, Mineral Resources Specialist, ITI

Review of July 15 Meeting Notes and Action Items

ACTION: GNWT will discuss Interim Land Withdrawals and how they can be addressed to facilitate mining activities.

- Work still needs to be done on this action item to be able to brief working group.

ACTION: ITI will continue to research the Critical Minerals File

- Ongoing. Menzie will provide an update on the Critical Minerals Discussion later during the working group.

ACTION: ITI will send an amended Action Table to the working group to prioritize.

- ITI will present the results of the Action Table later in the meeting.

ACTION: GNWT (John) will discuss with COM on Policy and Strategy issues.

- ITI updated on recent meetings. Highlighting that Federal/Territorial working groups have not been meeting. ITI will push to have meetings, COM will continue to pressure on their part for meetings.

Review Action Items Prioritization

GNWT presented the prioritization table for review. It was pointed out that there was not significant response to the table. Options were presented to reformat the prioritization methodology into a survey.

Some items in the prioritization list had already been actioned, and therefore they are no longer relevant to be prioritized. The example mentioned was that the Mactung/Cantung projects are progressing and do not require the intervention of the working group. It was recommended that this action item be removed. However, because some interested parties to this action item were not present during the conversation, removal was deferred to a later date.

It was determined that the best method for review would be for the working group to have one more week to review the prioritization and the results would be presented in the next working group meeting.

ACTION – Working Group members to review action table, provide feedback.

ACTION – GNWT to compile results and present a new action table organization at the next working group meeting.

Critical Minerals Opportunities

ITI presented an update to the current discussions that are occurring related to Critical Minerals. Recent discussions with NRCan had highlighted that the CMMP is the primary vehicle to advance work on Critical Minerals. Critical Minerals will be advanced through NRCan and other government departments.

The working group discussed that NRCan is not always in a decision making role when critical minerals is being discussed. It was discussed that, where possible, it was important to engage NRCan as a decision making body.

The working group discussed that the Critical Minerals Strategy would be a key driver to advance investments into the mineral sector infrastructure and projects, however this could be at the expense of other key players in the industry in the North (i.e. Gold, Diamonds).

ACTION – ITI will continue work on how to capitalize on the Critical Minerals Strategy will report back to the Working Group.

Innovative Supports to the Mining Industry

As Tom Hofer was not present to discuss, this item was moved to the next working group meeting.

ACTION - This agenda item will be discussed at the next Working Group Meeting

Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 12, 9-10 AM

GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

MEETING NOTES – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 2020

9:00–10:00AM MST

Attendees

Chamber of Mines

Tom Hoefler

Glen Koropchuk

Kenny Ruptash

Winter Bailey

GNWT

Pamela Strand

Menzie McEachern

Benji Straker

Angela Norris

Lora Archer

Review of July 29 Meeting Notes and Action Items

Land Withdrawals

- ITI recommended that Land withdrawals discussion should be put off for a while, stating that this may not be an immediate need. ITI views that this is a multi-year process, that involves many players, and there's no easy fix to this issue.
- Industry views that this should be on the agenda of the government and the discussion should be happening ASAP. The issue needs to be at the forefront of everyone's mind as an important issue to advance mineral exploration and the mining industry in the North
- ITI agrees that this is an important, ongoing issue, and that this should be discussed with other departments in the GNWT.

ACTION: ITI will schedule a meeting with other departments to discuss (Pam and John will come up with next steps).

Federal – Territorial Coordination

- ITI met with CanNor – to discuss the inaction of the Federal Territorial working group and how to make this meeting more effective moving forward. It was emphasized that this group is seen by ITI and by the COM as an integral piece of moving recovery efforts forward.
- A secretariat has been established to do research and set agenda items, however this secretariat needs more direction on how to move forward. There is a need for a structured research project that would be undertaken to identify projects and policy items to advance to ensure meaningful actions are taken away from this group.
- CanNor has agreed to take the lead in discussing this with other colleagues in the Federal Government and report back later in the month as to how things will be moved forward.
- CanNor had stated the group originally established was at too high of a level to make effective changes, and that the structure of the group may need to change in order to be more effective.

ACTION: ITI will arrange a meeting with the Federal Government (CanNor/CIRNAC and NRCan) and COM (NWT/NU and YK if possible) to ensure that the needs of Industry are being heard.

Critical Minerals

- ITI stated that a Critical Minerals Strategy is important to recovery and that ITI will continue to be worked on and pushed at all levels.
- What ITI wants to see from Canada, is what part of the Critical Minerals supply chain will be the thrust of their efforts?
- The letter from Cheetah to the Federal Ministers gave a good starting point for the focus, however this may need to be further refined.
- Industry asked who in the feds should be talked to about a Critical Minerals Strategy? How can this strategy be accelerated? COM views this as this is time sensitive, and needs to be on the agenda of the federal government? Does Minister Nokleby need to present a strategy to the Finance Committee?

- ITI reported that MP McLeod has been contacted to make this happen, however more work needs to be done to find solutions. We need to determine what the actions are that we see as priorities and begin communicating this to the Federal government.
- ITI needs to create more of a plan that emphasizes existing projects as well as deposits and would provide ways to secure the investment to back Industry.
- The timeline is short on this, as this would need to be done by September/October.
- Industry recommended that ITI should focus on the three current projects, what will be mined, how the minerals will be used, and what will be the benefit to the North American Economy. Fortune and Cheetah have already done some of this work.
- COM believes that other priorities should also be identified to the Finance Committee as priorities for the Northern mining Industry. There are some other “out of the box” solutions that should be identified.
 - Critical minerals strategy
 - METC
 - Direct investment into mines and infrastructure for resource development.
- Sovereignty element as well should be emphasized for the North, i.e. who is actively operating mines in the North (e.g. TMAC).
- COM pointed out that we’ve missed the opportunity to send written submissions to the Finance Committee. At this point we would need to put together a compelling presentation to the committee about the opportunity for critical minerals and investments.
- COM received word from MP McLeod that we have missed the opportunity to have something presented to the finance committee.
- COM mentioned that 23(2)(d) has authored a report that speaks to the economic opportunities associated with the mining industry.
- COM suggested that they can also reach out to some senators to advocate as well.

ACTION: ITI will work on developing a Critical Minerals Strategy. Including promotions and how to get this to market. Develop pillars for the strategy within one month. Will put together documentation, do a desktop review, and develop priorities on how to promote our projects and resources.

ACTION: A draft slide deck will be presented at the next working group meeting.

ACTION: ITI and COM will work together to flush out the 3 priorities.

ACTION: COM will provide written submissions by August 14.

ACTION: Scott will reach out to 23(2)(d) to get a copy of the report.

Consolidated Action Table

- ITI briefly presented the consolidated action table to make the action items more easily understood when presented.
- There were no major objections to the table. Some minor edits will be done.
- The table will be used to assist in the development of strategies and for focusing discussion in the future.

Innovative Supports to the Mining Industry

- This was not discussed during the meeting. This will be discussed in bilateral conversations with ITI and brought up at the next working group meeting.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 26, 9-10 AM

GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

MEETING AGENDA – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

10:00–11:00AM MST

In Attendance

Chamber of Mines

Tom Hoefler, Executive Director, Chamber of Mines

Glen Koropchuk, Fortune Minerals

Scott Trusler, Stantec

Kenny Ruptash, Nahanni Construction

Industry Tourism & Investment

John Ketchum, ADM, ITI

Menzie, Director, Mineral and Petroleum Resources, ITI

Angie Norris, Manager, Client Services and Community Relations, ITI

Benji Straker, Manager, Mineral Resources Planning, ITI

Review of August 12 Meeting Notes and Action Items

Land Withdrawals

- ITI suggested that the group needs to figure out how to approach this. It is an overwhelming issuing, need to determine how to move this forward. Potentially have a meeting focused on how to proceed on addressing Land Withdrawals in a separate meeting.
- COM suggests starting with IUCN designations. There's a good paper that the Mining Association of Canada (MAC) has put together, that can be used as a starting point.
- There was agreement that this is a critical issue for the working group.

ACTION – ITI and COM will coordinate a meeting time to discuss this item separately.

ACTION – COM will forward a the MAC paper.

Federal-Territorial Coordination

- ITI has been working to kick-start the working group again. There will be a meeting next Thursday.
- The agenda for the next meeting was shared. The presentation to be discussed later in the meeting will be shared within the meeting. ITI has been allocated for only 15 minutes. ITI will narrow in on a few slides that drive the key messages on recovery.

- COM has a letter from Minister Vandal that outlines the progress to date. That will be shared with the group.
- There is also the possibility of having a federal territorial meeting that includes the COM. This meeting would be separate to the meeting on Thursday. ITI suggested a meeting could include all territories or just focus on the NWT.
- COM could start to work with the Chamber of Mines in the Yukon and with the GN to get buy in on our approach.
- COM suggests that industry should be at the table in the future. ITI is willing to advance this, however the other working group with local CIRNAC CanNor representatives would be a good point in and more traction could be received.
- COM is willing to have a local meeting with CIRNAC and CanNor, limited to NWT representatives.
- COM emphasized that they wanted to ensure that we have enough time to table the issues that are a concern to industry, to ensure that the meeting is productive and the salient issues are brought forward in the meeting.
- ITI suggested that the Federal government is tough to ensure that traction is gained on complex issues. Suggests focusing on a short list of items.
- COM suggested that focusing in too much on individual items could mean that the bigger issues are never addressed. It's important to tie everything together to ensure that it is understood how the industry is currently affected and the measures that need to be taken to recover from COVID.
- COM reiterated that we need to recover from COVID stronger than we were before COVID. IUCN document will highlight this.

ACTION – ITI will set up a meeting with 23(2)(d) and the COM/ITI Working Group.

ACTION – ITI/COM will have a strategy meeting to discuss approach for this meeting?

ACTION – COM will share letter from Minister Vandal.

ACTION – COM will work with counterparts in GN and the Yukon Chamber of Mines to discussion a shared vision for recovery.

Critical Minerals

- There's work progressing within ITI on research.
- Do we want to pursue value-added activities in addition to mining exploration?
- COM suggests is there something we could do in conjunction with the rare earths facility in Saskatchewan to see how this investment could be leveraged.
- Glen suggests that permitting for a processing facility would be daunting. Focus on mining and creating strategic partnerships? Gold and diamonds could happen in the North, everything else should be shipped South.

- COM suggests getting a win for mining first.
- ITI agrees that working strategically with Southern partners could be the best approach.
- NWT's strategy should focus on getting the mines going. Near-term small scale critical minerals projects should be the focus with the supports (financing and stockpiling of the production) required to get the mines started. Once the mines are over the hump.
- Critical Infrastructure will also need to be considered – enabling the mines to open and operate.
- Glen suggests that a cross government discussion is required to ensure that mining is advanced.
- COM has not presented to the DMs within the GNWT for many years.
- ITI will bring this up to the DMs in a multi departmental forum, to ensure that the development is understood as a priority and links are understood.

ACTION – ITI will make a presentation at an upcoming DM meeting. Will ensure new minister is briefed.

ACTION – ITI will reach out internally to look for the 23(2)(d) reports.

Review of Presentation

- COM suggested that the proposed investment fund could be included in the presentation.
- ITI replied that this may be premature
- Slides 7 and 8, show the peak employment and where we are now. Will be more impactful.
- Focus on the small scale impacts as well.
- Also include stats on what the Economy would look like in the NWT without the mines.
- Consensus to share this presentation.

ACTION – ITI will share the fund proposal idea by Friday, September 11

ACTION – ITI will add slides on peak economics

ACTION – ITI will look for stats on what the impact would be to the economy if the mines close.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 16, 9-10 AM

- Requested Agenda Items – MVRMA regulatory guidance documents update at next meeting.

ACTION – ITI will reach out to the MVRMA about a table related to the MVRMA.

GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

MEETING NOTES – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

9:00–10:00AM MST

In Attendance:

Chamber of Mines:

Ken Armstrong

Tom Hoefler

Kenny Ruptash

Erik Madsen

Glen Koropchuk

Scott Trusler

GNWT ITI:

Pam Strand

John Ketchum

Menzie McEachern

Benji Straker

Angie Norris

Lora Archer

COM-ITI Minister's Meeting

- A meeting will be taking place between the newly appointed Minister of ITI and COM, that will discuss the mining in general and the work being done by this working group.
- Proposed agenda items for Minister's Meeting:
 - Surface Lease Issue
 - Critical Metals Progress
 - Federal Territorial Meeting Discussion

Review of September 2 Meeting Notes and Action Items

Land Withdrawals

- COM reported that MAC will likely back off the approach proposed in the IUCN document that they shared. PDAC will be taking the lead. There was a Seal River Watershed Indigenous Protected area in Manitoba that has raised concerns for MAC.
- COM is concerned that there is a lot of adhoc protection that is being given to lands by Federal organizations in the process of settling land claims, etc. COM is concerned that the adhoc approach to meet obligations without engagement with the provincial and territorial government. It was discussed that there should be something constitutionally that would prevent the government from taking this unilateral action on land use planning. COM believes that ITI should not allow the federal representatives to shirk their responsibilities in this process,
- ITI will be engaging more with ENR on boreal caribou range planning. They are currently working on different levels of impact to the herd. ENR is currently looking for data on where mineral and oil and gas potential will be in the next 10 years. COM has not weighed in on this issue. There has not been a lot of overlap with the boreal caribou range.

Federal Territorial Coordination

- COM provided a letter from Minister Vandal. COM also received a letter from Minister Vandal about the Hope Bay issue.
- ITI had a meeting with the three territories, with CIRNAC, CanNor, NRCan.
 - Canada provided a backward looking update on initiatives.
 - Nunavut and Yukon provided a more COVID impacts oriented update
 - NWT provided an update on our action plan, and how we see recovery moving forward.
 - Canada is impressed with the three items, and want to progress those actions moving forward. Nunavut was also supportive.
 - 23(2)(d) from CanNor is taking the lead from the Federal Level.
 - ITI and CanNor will be meeting with the Secretariat to assign work and advance research and planning.
 - COM will figure out who can help on each of the action items.

Meeting with Minister of ITI

- DM ITI recommends that there be a regular update to the Minister on the work of the COM-ITI working group and how their work will be progressed. ITI should also ensure that the Minister is briefed on what has been happening. ITI suggests that COM leads the meeting.
- ITI has been discussing with 23(2)(d) and Global about how to get the attention of the Federal Government. They (Global) are putting together something to make dialogue more effective with the Federal government.
- COM agreed that they could work with ITI on this to emphasize the importance of the North and mining for the Federal Government.
- COM suggested that it might be good to reach out to the three Senators, as they have been working collaboratively through the COVID-19 Pandemic.

ACTION – Put together some briefing materials for the Minister to keep her updated

ACTION – Have a meeting with COM, ITI and the Minister

ACTION – COM will reach out to 23(2)(d) at the Chamber of Mines in Yukon to see if they can support the action items.

ACTION – ITI will reach out to the Government of Yukon to see if they support the priority action items.

ACTION – COM will reach out to the three senators.

Critical Minerals

- DM ITI was thinking about how to pitch the Critical Minerals. Was thinking about how to better pitch this idea so that it better resonates with the Federal Government? The sales pitch to change the dialogue.
- COM agreed that the argument needs to be changed to fit the Federal Government's needs. 23(2)(d) and Global could be useful in
- ITI recommends that potentially an outside contractor could be used to bring in some communications expertise to help with branding.
- COM highlighted a public opinion survey that was supportive of critical minerals.
- This marketing initiative would have multiple audiences, and could be used by many groups to support mineral development.
- ITI reported that the critical minerals will have a bigger profile in the CMMP moving forward.

- There should be an approach that is brought to the intergovernmental council. It would be good to get everyone on the same page moving forward.
- Two allies that could help are 23(2)(d) and Paul Gruner. 23(2)(d) continues to put on his forums. They should be engaged to help progress this.

ACTION – ITI/COM will look for the public opinion survey.

ACTION – COM will get a meeting put together between COM/ITI and 23(2)(d) and Paul Gruner

Review of Presentation/Slide Deck

- Suggested changes to Slide 17 – Diavik and Gahcho Kue are thinking about reimagining closure. The facilities could contribute to regional collaborative development in the region. They are having discussions with IBA partners, to see if there's the possibility of having these facilities in place for the groups moving forward. The facilities could be used for foundational infrastructure for other projects as well moving forward.

ACTION – Lora add something to say that facilities could have future uses on Slide 17.

ACTION – The group could go through the slides again individually to make the show more crisp.

ACTION – Gahcho Kue will provide more information on what they've done to keep the mines open.

ACTION – Lora will coordinate the review of the slide show, Lora will send out the slide show again.

Review of Mineral Development Fund Initiative

- The group discussed the need for some work on the Mineral Development Fund Initiative. The group agreed to review the document in its current form to have comments by next Wednesday.

ACTION – Working group will provide comments on the Mineral Development Fund Initiative.

MVRMA Regulatory Guidance Documents Update

- 23(2)(d) wrote a letter to various groups on the Regulatory Review. COM suggested that the

- Regulatory Dialogues were worked on previously at ITI. They have been in draft form for three years. ITI is willing to contract the updating of these documents and making them available for public use. The document should be shared with Mark Phillips who's been developing an online tool to help navigate the regulatory process. This was a deliverable from the MDS. This would also be something that ITI would want to make available online in an easily usable format.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 30, 9-10 AM

GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

MEETING AGENDA – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

9:00–10:00AM MST

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1- Welcome

Review of 3 Priority Items

2- Investment in Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development Projects

3- Critical/Strategic Minerals

4- METC

5- Regulatory Dialogues

6- Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 30, 9-10 AM

GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

MEETING NOTES– WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020

9:00–10:00AM MST

In Attendance

Chamber of Mines

Ken Armstrong

Gary Vivian

Tom Hoefer

Scott Trusler

Kenny Ruptash

GNWT – ITI

John Ketchum

Menzie MacEachern

Benji Straker

Angela Norris

Lora Archer

Changes to Agenda

- COM requested an update on the Territorial Ministers Meeting
- ITI will provide an update on the Geosciences Forum

Review of 3 Priority Items

1 - Investment in Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development Projects

- ITI had a meeting with counterparts in Nunavut and Yukon. There is interest in moving forward as a collective on a study to determine what investment is required for Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development Projects.
- The meeting determined the scope of the project. To determine the investment mechanisms that would be needed in the North. The study will not determine the specific projects needed at this point.

- GNWT will be drafting a statement of work for the project, and will get consensus from the other two territories. There is \$50,000 on offer from CanNor, there is the possibility of top off from the other two territories.
- COM suggested that specific projects should be kept in the background of the study, to be able to determine the level of funding required for the fund/investment mechanisms.
- The details on how the fund or investment mechanisms could be determined in the course of the study.
- The study is intended to be collaborative. ITI will need the input from COM on how to make the investment scheme work for industry. Collaboration will also be emphasized with the other territories.
- COM provided a presentation on an off-grid energy fund to try to get investment in getting Northern projects off diesel generation. They are interested in this being advanced, and this is being advanced with the federal government. Could this also be integrated into the idea of investments in Northern infrastructure?
- COM also advanced that the fund could include indigenous participation in the investment mechanisms.
- ITI agrees that the fund could include a principle that would include indigenous participation.

2 - Critical/Strategic Minerals

- ITI asked if there is anything that the GNWT could do to promote and market critical minerals projects at either the early exploration stage or at the mine development stage.
- ITI has a budget allocated for trade shows/promotion and marketing that cannot be spent this year. The GNWT is looking to spend this budget in a productive way.
- COM said that the perception is not good for investing because the areas where there is potential for minerals is tied up in land negotiations or land that is set aside for other uses. This makes it difficult to attract investors, when there's uncertainty about where there can be development, and understanding that there are the political issues in trying to access the areas, it is difficult.
- COM asked if ITI could do work with the Indigenous groups to generate interest in mineral development.
- ITI said that the communities themselves have to get together and decide how they want to have their lands developed. It's tough to get one voice to speak for all the communities or an individual community.
- COM asked if it would be possible to spend time in the communities discussing the scope of the projects, and to understand that the industry is not the same as it was in the past. Education may be needed to reach the communities'.
- ITI has done some work on the education piece, and will continue to try to push the education. The best approach may be to get the Dev Corps on side and to get organizations like DII on board in the education process.

- ITI mentioned that there has been success in developing regional mineral development strategies through MDS funding. There are now strategies in place for the IRC and the GTC.
- ITI asked if there is a particular area to prioritize for the critical minerals. If there's an area/advanced project that the GNWT can help push forward.
- COM replied that there is an interest in getting help from the GNWT to push
- ITI is interested in knowing what mechanisms that could be put in place to help projects push forward.
- COM said that the GNWT could play a bigger role in engagement with indigenous communities.
- COM said that land being tied up and permitting headaches are big inhibitors to investment.
- The example of direction being given by CIRNAC to the regulatory boards to help advance projects that are being not fully adopted by the boards, which is creating distrust by investors.
- COM will provide the letter and the emails providing clarity to the boards.

ACTION – COM will reach out to Fortune, Cheetah to discuss what would have the biggest impact from their perspective.

ACTION – COM will determine what the top 5 communities would be important for community engagement activities to occur in.

ACTION - COM will share the note from CIRNAC on land use permit extensions.

3 - METC

- ITI provided an update on the work being done on the METC by CIRNAC in conjunction with NRCan. CIRNAC will be entering into a sole-source contract to have the financial and economic impacts of the increase in the METC

Regulatory Dialogues

- ITI reviewed the Regulatory Dialogues document that would be discussed at the steering committee meeting on October 8. Because it is a lengthy document, there was a focus on key priorities/sections.
- Priority 2 – Joint Consultation and Engagement Policy from the Boards - Examine the level of pre-application engagement required for exploration projects.
 - TI suggested that an approach could be for ITI to start engaging with the boards on some of these issues.
- Priority 3 – Tool for Estimating Security

- COM indicated that the Boards have sent out the estimator for consultation, there is a deadline of October 25 to respond. COM has sent this out to their membership to respond to.
- Reclamation formulas may also need to be reviewed.
- Priority 7 – Build Awareness.
 - ITI asked if there was a priority that should be focused on, this is something that ITI could be working on.
 - COM indicated that number 7, building awareness could be a priority moving forward.
 - COM also emphasized the importance of making things easier for early exploration. Priorities 1 and 2 would support this.

ACTION – ITI will meet to discuss an engagement strategy.

ACTION – ITI will provide an update at the next COM/ITI WG meeting and a strategy can be developed.

Update on Territorial Meeting

- ITI will be briefing a minister tomorrow that will happen on October 15 with Minister O'Reagan and the three territorial ministers. It is unclear if there's been a call with the three territorial ministers outside of this call.

Geoscience Symposium

- There was a call for expressions of interest for the Geoscience Symposium. There was 55 presentations requested, which is a cross section from energy, geoscience and regulatory updates. Permafrost, Geoscience Research, and ... followed by Exploration.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, 21 October, 9-10 AM

GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

MEETING NOTES – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020

10:00–11:00AM MST

In Attendance

Chamber of Mines

Ken Armstrong

Tom Hoefer

Kenny Ruptash

Scott Trusler

Gary Vivian

Glen Koropchuk

ITI

Pam Strand

John Ketchum

Menzie McEachern

Angela Norris

Benji Straker

Lora Archer

Update on Minister O'Reagan Call

- ITI had a call with Minister O'Reagan October 15.
- Minister O'Reagan was taken by surprise, with how well prepared the territories were for the call.
- Reviewed the Pan-Territorial Letter, and ministers made it clear that this is a Pan-Northern voice and that it would be a priority moving forward.
- Yukon highlighted the costs that are associated with the COVID-19 Restrictions. \$12 million to date that they have spent as a government.
- The Minister from Yukon was vocal. He wants people back working and wants subsidies that support exploration and the service industries that support it.
- Northern site rehabilitation (mostly oil wells) and contaminated sites was also presented as a priority. This was presented as an opportunity for remediation capacity building.
- The Territories also reviewed the need for a Northern METC program.
- Matching of MIP by the federal government for the Territories was asked for again.
- The Minister from the Yukon was also focused on public Geoscience. Proposed an MOU between NRCan and all three territories to advance this.

- NWT Minister focused on Critical Minerals. O'Reagan is open to all suggestions with regards to advancing this initiative.
- O'Reagan wants an MOU for collaboration, particularly on the critical mineral.
- A joint letter will be sent summarizing the meeting and how the North sees development of the mining industry moving forward.
- O'Reagan was surprised at the level of coordination and preparation in the North.
- COM asked if ITI addressed creative funding ideas for projects. ITI replied that the call focused on the top priorities, however this would fit within the investment in Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development Projects. Having a paper and a study done through the RFP will advance this.
- COM asked if the Deputy Ministers or Ministers are planning to meet on a regular basis? ITI replied that they can commit to figuring out a consistent plan on how to coordinate with the other territories.
- ITI is keen to get the Investment Study done and have a Critical Minerals Strategic Plan done by January.
- COM stated that they have been in contact with CIRNAC, and they are keen to see a Strategic Plan related to Critical Minerals.

ACTION – ITI will send the Pan-Territorial Letter to the Group.

ACTION – COM to send any other discussion items to bring up with CIRNAC to ITI

Review of 3 Priority Items

Investment in Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development Projects

- Territorial colleagues have been contacted with regards to this initiative. CanNor is willing to provide funding for this.
- ITI has drafted a high-level statement of work. Has been sent to Territorial colleagues early this week. Once that initial review is done, the draft will be sent to the group and to CanNor for review.
- It is important to build in the Indigenous participation in the fund. There is also potentially some funding that could be taken advance of, and investment houses in Toronto/Vancouver that focus on indigenous capacity building.
- COM said that they could ask around to find out about that segment of the financing market. They said that there is an increased interest in this type of funding. There could be more pools of funds available from the Feds in terms of supporting indigenous capacity development.
- COM asked when the money needs to be spent for the RFP? ITI replied that the study would have to be completed this fiscal year. The study could be done in the last quarter of the fiscal year. Could be done sooner? All agreed that it would be great, however we could be limited by government procurement process.

ACTION – ITI will forward the Investment Fund SOW when the initial review has been completed.

ACTION – COM will do some research into private sector investment into indigenous capacity building.

Critical/Strategic Minerals

- ITI wants to create an Action Plan to focus efforts. They would like to start thinking of what this could look like, ITI is looking to start brainstorming. An example of an initiative/strategy is Promotions and Marketing.
- Promotional and Marketing
 - Promoting hotspots to industry
 - Internal to NWT engagement, outreach, education, and promotion to communities to build support and interest in critical mineral development.
- COM stated that this could be a message to the public that MacTung and CanTung could be assets in the Critical Mineral Strategy.
- COM asked when a more in-depth conversation could happen to start discussing what this action plan would look like. ITI replied that they were not sure if the focus was on NWT or Pan-Territorial. The group discussed the importance of focusing on the NWT first.
- COM suggested to focus on known deposits. They also suggested that diamond mines are not going to be the only mines in the NWT, and that mineral development needs to be diversified.

METC

- The project work is advancing. There is good alignment with the Arctic and Northern Policy Framework.
- CIRNAC is working on this file.
- There will be more to report after the Federal-Territorial meeting later this week.

Direct Investment into Northern Mining Operations

- COM highlighted that this is a key part of the Investment Fund review. This is the most creative part and what they think will have the biggest impact on the industry in the North.
- How can subsidies be better directed to mining operations to spur development?
- This should not fall off the table.
- COM wants a sustainable long-term approach. Russia has been investing in the North for years; similarly, China has taken an approach to make a shipping channel through the North. Canada should take an approach that recognizes the value in investing in

companies in the North. This investment needs to be broad-based not focused just on Critical and Strategic Minerals.

- There is the potential to create many complementary programs through this investment.
- ITI highlighted that the Road to Whati is a modern example of this. This was built based on multiple considerations.

ACTION – ITI will ensure that this concept is built into the SOW

Update on Mineral Tenure Relief

- There is work that is being advanced with the department of Justice for regulation changes. The date has been extended. There is a relief package that has been released. The information is available on the MRO site.
- The relief package is in line with what is offered in other jurisdictions.

Reporting Protected Areas to ECCC

- ITI will coordinate with ENR to determine how reporting to ECCC will be done.

ACTION - ITI will contact ENR to determine what the mechanism/process will be.

ACTION – COM to provide ITI with any specific questions that they might have by Friday, October 22.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 4, 9-10 AM

GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

MEETING NOTES – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020

9:00–10:00AM MST

In Attendance

Chamber of Mines

Ken Armstrong

Tom Hoefer

Kenny Ruptash

Erik Madsen

Gary Vivian

Glen Koropchuk

ITI

John Ketchum

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Angela Norris

Lora Archer

Additions to Agenda:

ITI asked to add an agenda item, an update on the Mineral Tenure Relief package.

Mineral Tenure Relief Package

- ITI presented the final Mineral Tenure Relief Package. ITI reported that the final package has been delayed in being released because GNWT shares resource revenues with IGOs, therefore there is a consultation stage that has to happen that doesn't necessarily happen in other jurisdictions. This happened in September/October.
- The Financial Management Board needed to approve the package prior to going to Cabinet. This happened in October.
- With regards to fees, there is no waiver option available for fees. However, the fees can be deferred, and will be deferred to December 31. Starting January 1 the fees will be incurred again. This decision was made as to not penalize the IGOs who would not

receive any resource revenue for this fiscal year. 3 months of resource revenue will be provided during the current fiscal year.

- ITI recognizes that this may not be the option that will make industry happy, however it was a balance that had to be struck between the IGOs and Industry's needs.
- ITI reported that claims are being treated differently. Claims will be deferred for the entire fiscal year.
- COM asked if that since the lease payments are not big money, however is there any thought to the number of lease holders that will be disadvantaged by this policy?
- ITI replied that it's about 25 leases that are impacted. Leases that are mostly owned by Diavik and Dominion.
- COM stated that the policy does not appear fair on face value. The deferral is not in line with what is happening in other jurisdictions, where it is a waiver. Is there not a way to replace the resource revenue with other government money, that way the IGOs aren't losing money and Industry isn't being penalized.
- ITI stated that there is an extra year to pay the lease. There are a number of other jurisdictions that are doing deferrals as opposed to waivers.
- COM asked if this is the final package, or if there is still room for negotiation?
- ITI stated that further consultation could not happen between now and the end of the fiscal year. However ITI can take this feedback and move forward with it next fiscal year.
- ITI stated that they realize this situation isn't perfect, however this was the balance that they were able to achieve.
- ITI stated that there things that could be done.

ACTION – ITI will provide details of the Mineral Tenure Relief Package in writing.

Review of 3 Priority Items

METC

- ITI reported that there was a presentation from CIRNAC at the last Intergovernmental Working Group on Northern Minerals Sector, that was provided in the meeting invite for today's meeting. CIRNAC is looking at how to level the playing field in the north from a tax regime perspective. They are not necessarily looking at a cost differential perspective.
- COM's perspective is that the tax field needs to be leveled in order to encourage investment. That a focus on the tax regime will not drive investment like a tax credit would. The southern jurisdictions (provinces) are coming out with METC of their own that will further disadvantage the North.

- COM stated that the METC needs to be boosted tremendously if we want to increase investment in the North. Other levers should also be examined to determine what needs to be done to level the playing field.
- COM asked if CIRNAC is consulting with PDAC? It would be good to ensure that whatever is being proposed matches the work that they have already done and previously with the Yukon Chamber.
- ITI committed to following up with CIRNAC.

ACTION – ITI will follow up with Jamie to find out if PDAC is being consulted and if this presentation can be shared with PDAC.

Investment in Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development Projects

- ITI presented that they are working through creating a Statement of Work for Investment in Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development Projects. They are waiting for input from Nunavut and Yukon before sharing with the working group. They will also be sharing this with CanNor from whom ITI will be receiving funding to have the study conducted.
- COM asked if this included investing in specific projects.
- ITI replied that this concept would be included.

Investment Incentives for Canadian Companies

- COM discussed the importance of incentivizing Canadian companies and that this Investment Fund should consider this concept.
- ITI stated that this could be added to the statement of work, that this could be an important principle of the study to ensure that Canadian companies are part of the solution in developing the North.
- COM stated that this could also drive partnerships between Canadian and foreign companies.

ACTION – ITI will ensure that the SOW includes a focus on incentivizing investments for Canadian companies.

Critical/Strategic Minerals

- ITI reported that NRCan presented their view of how they want to advance the Critical/Strategic Minerals file, and they are trying to develop a list of critical/strategic minerals.
- ITI reported that NRCan is looking at the Critical and Strategic Minerals issue from both the supply and the demand issue. NRCan will be preparing a report on this that can hopefully be shared with this group soon.

- ITI believes that the NWT/North can be working on how to advance critical mineral projects. There are a number of relevant projects that should be highlighted.
- ITI reported that internally the GNWT is trying to work on an action plan for Critical and Strategic Minerals. There are some ideas brewing on how to advance this. Some ideas are to push marketing and promotion of the resources, incentivizing exploration, getting advanced projects over the “hump”, building awareness in indigenous groups, etc.
- COM stated that almost any mineral is a critical mineral. That perhaps in the development of a Northern/NWT plan for Critical and Strategic minerals, the minerals that are located in the North should be included in an expanded list of critical minerals, as they are vital to the development of the North.
- ITI’s perspective is that there will be some room for the North to determine what it believes are critical minerals.

Reporting Protected Areas to ECCC

- ITI reported that ENR has committed to providing some answers to COM’s questions. ENR’s is committed to meet afterwards to discuss the answers.
- COM stated that there was a Parks Canada submission made on IUCN designations. They could share this with the group.

ACTION – ITI will share the letter

ACTION – COM will share the Parks Canada Submission

Other Discussion

- COM asked if government is looking at all mining as being important? The worry is that the focus on Critical/Strategic Minerals may overshadow the importance of all mining to the North. Minerals of all kinds are critical to Indigenous reconciliation.
- ITI replied, that they agree that all minerals are important, however the current federal government focus is on Critical/Strategic Minerals, and that this would have to be navigated in order to ensure funding for our initiatives.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 18, 9-10 AM

GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

MEETING NOTES – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020

9:00–10:00AM MST

A. Welcome

Chamber of Mines

Ken Armstrong

Tom Hoefler

Erik Madsen

Glen Koropchuk

Kenny Ruptash

Gary Vivian

ITI

Menzie McEachern

Benji Straker

Angela Norris

Lora Archer

B. Review of 3 Priority Items

1- Investment in Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development Projects (For Information)

- ITI has been working with the other territories on a Statement of Work for a study to accelerate investment and mineral projects North of 60. The document is provided for information. It was prepared with input from Nunavut and the Yukon governments.
- COM asked if there is an opportunity for comments, ITI replied that it took a considerable amount of time to get the document to this stage, and that it wouldn't necessarily be in the interest of getting the SOW to the RFP stage. ITI stated that the COM will be a key stakeholder, and there will be many opportunities to engage with the consultant to influence the findings of the study.
- COM replied that they wanted to ensure that there is direct help for Canadian exploration companies.

- ITI emphasized that the benefits are intended to flow to Northern Indigenous Development Corporations, Northern and Canadian Items.
- COM asked that the 4th requirement should be changed to include “other northern companies”. ITI stated that this would be done.

2- Critical/Strategic Minerals

a. NRCan Criticality Framework

- ITI reported that Canada presented their Critical Minerals “Criticality Framework”. This is representation of the work so far in the Critical Minerals Task Team.
- ITI reviewed the criteria for what will be on the Critical Minerals List: something on an ally’s critical mineral list, and Canada has a competitive edge to produce it; something that is essential to Canada’s economic security and there’s threats to its supply; and, essential to Canada’s national security. There are currently approximately 25 minerals on the list.
- COM asked about what happens with materials that are needed for military technology that is made somewhere else. ITI believes that those materials would still be on the critical minerals list.
- COM asked if the preliminary list could be shared? It would be good to see what has been produced so that there is context for what minerals are being chosen.
- ITI believes that the list is intended to be dynamic. The criteria are meant to be a guide to choose what minerals will be on the list. As the economic environment and defence environment evolve the minerals required may change.
- COM asked if other criteria could be minerals essential for green/clean technologies. ITI believes that these minerals are included in both the first and the second criteria. COM believes that mineral potential for a greener economy is a good way to emphasize the importance of these minerals moving forward.
- COM also asked about whether the minerals that are essential to maintaining a regional economy. This would include diamonds for the NWT economy. ITI

believes that there are scales that are going to be applied. The regions are going to be able to create their own list that will be slightly different from the Canadian list. COM suggested making a list that includes “Strategic Minerals” which are important to the economy, and a “Critical Minerals” list which is a subset of the Canadian critical minerals list. ITI agreed that this was a good concept.

b. Prospectus Discussion (COM Lead)

- COM wanted to raise this as an example of a useful promotional document. ITI believes that this material is similar to what have been produced in the GNWT, with Mineral Commodity Fact Sheets. Prior to COVID these were put into a booklet form with tabs which showed where different mineral showings are. The GNWT also has a standard slide deck that emphasizes the mineral potential. However, ITI doesn’t believe that the information has been put together in the same way that this Australian document has.
- COM suggested that marketing critical minerals (and other minerals) with other regions to alert them to the potential in the Northwest Territories.
- ITI stated that the next goal should be to provide a list of actions for a critical minerals action plan. The GNWT will be putting together a strategy document, as well as some promotional materials to promote critical minerals.
- COM asked if the GNWT is working on a Critical Minerals Development Strategy? ITI replied that they are trying to decide whether they need to produced a revised Mineral Development Strategy, or whether the GNWT should take a portfolio approach which would address critical minerals, diamonds, gold, etc. separately. Whether these could be rolled up within a larger Mineral Development Strategy. ITI believes that they should continue doing the work they are already doing, and then brand it as a refreshed mineral development strategy. COM agreed that a package approach could make the strategy more nimble.
- COM asked if there could be a COVID Recovery Development Strategy.
- COM suggested Lab access and regulatory are two issues that are not currently in our list of priorities for recovery that should be added. An additional issue is Land Tenure security is also something that is essential to COVID recovery, to ensure that developers have certainty on what lands can be explored.

- ITI replied that these issues are noted and that there is work currently underway to address these. They are good issues to highlight to be able to continue to move forward
- COM asked about what was happening with Regional Mineral Development Strategies since the Minister announced it in the Legislative Assembly on November 3. ITI stated that the work will be continuing based on what has already happened with the IRC and the GTC, as well as trying to move forward with Sahtu and the Akaitcho to try to promote the work of regional mineral development strategies.
- COM stated that there is a real appetite to back indigenous corporations to develop an economic development vision for the North. However, there is currently a lack of strategic vision to ensure that there is concerted effort on economic development through mining.

ACTION – By next meeting ITI will produce actions which can be taken by the GNWT to move forward with a Critical Minerals Plan.

ACTION – Can COM think about whether there should be any other issues that should be added to our list of 3 priorities for COVID recovery.

3- METC (No Update)

C. Diamond Benefits Report

- ITI will follow up with COM about what details are needed.

D. Protected Areas

- ITI reported that there was a response to the questions that Ken had about how protected areas are determined in the NWT.
- COM stated that they received the documents, however it would be something that they would want to circle back to this discussion to have a more fulsome discussion.

E. Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 2, 9-10 AM

GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

MEETING NOTES – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12th, 2020

9:00–10:00AM MST

Attending

Chamber of Mines

Ken Armstrong

Tom Hoefer

Erik Madsen

Glen Koropchuk

Kenny Ruptash

Gary Vivian

ITI

Menzie McEachern

Benji Straker

Items Added

Meeting with Official Leader of the Opposition

- COM was invited to meet with Official leader of the opposition on January 13th. This is an opportunity to champion Northern needs.
- It is a short meeting, therefore a focused but interesting message needs to be developed.

Planning Workshops with the US Embassy Commercial Department

- COM began planning a session with the US Embassy, Commercial Department to help with two workshops.
- The aim of the workshops is to attract American Investors to the North.
- COM asked if the GNWT could be involved, as critical minerals is a subject that is likely to be discussed.

MVRMA Workshop in 2021

- The MVRMA Workshop is being planned for March 9-11, 2021.
- The theme for the workshop is Well-being and the MVRMA: Making good resource co-management decisions in the Mackenzie Valley.
- It is anticipated that there will be a session economic well-being, COM suggested that it would be good idea if it is not done by industry. COM's recommendation:

- Have Pam (DM ITI)/Minister Wawzonek speak to how government invites industry to come do what government cannot do: create benefits from rock in the ground using its money and risk tolerance;
- Paul Gruner (Det'on Cho), could speak about why it's important to invite industry, and cite the many benefits that it provides his Indigenous corporation and Yellowknives Dene First Nation.
- 23(2)(d) (Denendeh Investments Incorporated) and/or some other group like Gwich'in who have completed a regional mineral development strategy could speak about how Indigenous governments are worried about not enough invitations being accepted by industry; and how the Dene Nation has tasked Denendeh to help turn this around.
- ITI recommended that the following people could be reached out to as speakers for MVRMA Workshop:
 - 23(2)(d)

ACTION – COM will send 3 or 4 speaker suggestions to the group.

Investment in Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development Projects (RFP Release)

- The RFP for the study related to the Northern Infrastructure and Strategic Investment Fund should be released later today.

Critical/Strategic Minerals

- ITI has been working on developing a baseline jurisdictional scan, Lora will provide an update prior to Donny Days.
- To give advanced exploration projects some visibility they will be promoted at Roundup and PDAC.
- Roundup and PDAC will be held virtually this year, the GNWT will be producing videos with spokespeople for the event; 23(2)(d) is helping. ITI has invited Osisko, Fortune Minerals, Cheetah, Norzinc, Nighthawk, Seabridge and Gold Terra to participate.
- COM recommended that Kennady Diamonds be invited as well.
- ITI added that there will be two panel discussions moderated at Roundup with three or four companies per panel. ITI is working with a company in Toronto to help promote

ACTION - Lora will provide an updated Critical Minerals baseline jurisdictional scan.

ACTION – ITI to invite Kennady Diamonds to be a spokesperson.

Diamond Benefits Report

- COM reported that they found errors in GNWT's product. COM has submitted their spreadsheet of proposed changes which were incorporated into the report.

Identifying Community Champions

- COM suggested we get ESG (Environment, Social Impacts, Governance) champions from various communities. This was an issue that was brought up by ^{23(2)(d)} [REDACTED] at the BAC sub-group.
- COM also discussed replacing REDI by hiring local people to do the work in their home community, they felt this would save on travel expenses for staff, and have people embedded in communities that can promote mining.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 13th, 9-10AM

GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

MEETING NOTES – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021

9:00–10:00AM MST

Attending

Chamber of Mines

Ken Armstrong

Erik Madsen

Glen Koropchuk

Kenny Ruptash

Gary Vivian

Scott Trusler

Tom Hoefler

ITI

Menzie McEachern

Benji Straker

Angela Norris

Lauren Bengts

Items Added - Land Use Permit Extensions

- The MVLWB has not received a response from GNWT about the Land Use Permit extensions yet.
- Department of Lands or ENR is responsible for these responses, not ITI.
- Benji got draft response, will get it to Menzie today.
- ITI should be able to see the response and have their input.

ACTION – Chamber to share their submission with ITI

ACTION – Benji and Angela to provide comments on draft response before forwarding to Menzie.

Meeting with Official Leader of the Opposition

- Meeting is later today, will provide update once meeting is done

MVRMA Workshop in 2021

- Do have ITI reps attending, not yet on Agenda.
- ITI asked if Mike Byrne can be on planning committee, 23(2)(d) with MVLWB said there was no room for ITI.
- The MVRMA Workshop is being planned for March 9-11, 2021.

ACTION – Benji reach out to Mark Cliff-Phillips about getting ITI on agenda

Investment in Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development Projects (RFP Release)

- Waiting for submissions to be sent in, deadline is January 18.
- Reminder, it is pan-territorial project with Nunavut and Yukon

Critical/Strategic Minerals

- E-mails have been submitted, waiting on NRCan to process all comments and respond.
- Heat Map only show lands that are formally unavailable but fails to categorize lands that are effectively unavailable.
- There is a need to create awareness and training programs in communities.
- Angela going to the Sahtu next week to discuss RMDS.
- GNWT would like to start conversations of development with Deline

ACTION – Benji to come up with 5 critical mineral actions for next meeting.

Mining Sector 101 Online Course

- Meeting by Zoom next week to look at content and costs.
- One for technical information and one geared to communities.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 27th, 9-10AM

GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

MEETING NOTES – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021

9:00–10:00AM MST

Attending

Chamber of Mines

Ken Armstrong
Erik Madsen
Glen Koropchuk
Kenny Ruptash
Gary Vivian
Scott Trusler
Tom Hoefler

ITI

Benji Straker
Angela Norris
Tejas Kashyap
Lauren Bengts

Meeting with Official Leader of the Opposition

- Tom provided overview of the deck.
- They reached out to us, good sign.
- Finance Minister, Deputy Premier Chrystia Freeland reached out to COM, another good sign.
- No commitments were made, just discussion.

MVRMA Workshop in 2021

- Angela and Mike spoke with Mark regarding putting ITI on agenda.
- Mark advocated to get us on agenda, everyone seemed to agree.
- Inference not that industry should be supporting the communities, rather they have been all along.
- Could be opportunity for ITI to promote RMDS and its benefits.

Action – Mike is looking for feedback on approach he wants to take – set up meeting.

Action – Angela to ask who is on committee from Feds.

MV Operational Dialogue Workshop (Item Added)

- CanNor has funding to help hold workshop.
- For now, just want to confirm budget, next step get planning group together.

Investment in Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development Projects (RFP Release)

- RFP closed last week.
- Lora Archer still ITI lead. Coordinating schedules with Yukon, Nunavut and CanNor
- Two proposals received, hopefully award contract on Friday.
- Share with this group next meeting
- Desktop study, could be completed by March 31, might need slight extension.

Action – Benji send terms of reference to Tom.

Critical/Strategic Minerals

- 5 actions will be brainstormed later this week.
- COM had their experts submit thoughts in a letter to Ottawa.
- Should focus on things we can deliver from territories that fits some niches.

Action – Once 5 actions decided, Benji will send to group.

Mining Sector 101 Online Course

- Introduced 23(2)(d) to Boards, highly recommend for training to leaders and executives as well as community education.

CoM/YK MOU

- City had MOU's with every other sector but mining.
- Everyone seemed on board except 2 councillors.
- Everyone seems on board now, expected to be signed and a group formed.
- A representative from GNWT should be on the board.
- Ideal to do it at opportune time such as PDAC.

Action – Benji and Angela to discuss what it could potentially look like

Business Advisory Council

- The BAC stood itself down
- Have not heard back from Minister.
- Proposed to ask finance Minister to back ITI

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 10, 9-10AM

GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

MEETING AGENDA – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

9:00–10:00AM MST

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Menzie McEachern

Mike Byrne

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Tejas Kashyap

A. Welcome

B. MVRMA Workshop

- a. ITI's approach
 - Planning for a two and half hour event on March 10. Paul Gruner (Det'on Cho Corp) and ^{23(2)(d)} [REDACTED] (Denendeh Investments) have made themselves available.
 - It will be great to have Minister –ITI speak at the event. If not, the DM or the ADM can read the Minister's message.
 - It is also important to confirm the speakers, and the time slots. Fill the speaking time with presentations and focus on having constructive dialogue about resource development and the Socio-Economic benefits of mining industry. It will be taken seriously if the message is delivered by the Minister – ITI or senior management of Indigenous business corporations.
 - It is also important have the particular company/ representative from industry speak at the event. Alternately, it is proposed that Tom Hoefer (NWT and Nunavut

Chamber of Mines) speak on behalf of the industry, and Dianna Beck/ Benji Straker speak about benefits from diamond mines.

- Another topic to focus on is the capacity building and training opportunities in communities – Either GNWT deliver the message, or have a subject matter expert deliver the message. Highlight NWT's accomplishment that we the jurisdiction with highest percentage of indigenous employment in mining sector in the world.
- **Action Item** – Angela Norris and Mike Byrne will develop the agenda

C. Mackenzie Valley Dialogue Workshop

- Secured funding from CanNor, and this will solidify the next steps
- Workshop Report was circulated last week. Recording and the copy of transcript available.
- Recommendation 1-8 – Industry has been highlighting potential for low level mineral exploration and production. We should have a policy for it, and other jurisdictions have a policy for it and use it extensively. Idea is to have a standardised regulatory approach for small scale and medium scale mineral exploration.

D. Investment in Northern Infrastructure and Mineral Development (Infrastructure Fund Study)

- Rounding up with Yukon and Nunavut Governments, and the RFP process is complete. The contract is awarded to PwC, and they will kick off with meetings this week.
- Recommendations will be focused on having access to mineral exploration funding and increasing public/ private investments in mineral sector
- PwC – will provide us their recommendations to by the end of March as its mostly desktop study

E. Critical/Strategic Minerals – Critical Minerals and Metals Action Plan Next Steps

- a. Critical Mineral Actions
 - Internal Meeting this week to put together action items necessary to develop critical metals in NWT
 - 5 action items including what minerals will be included for NWT Context, and How NWT can cater to the demand, study the initiatives undertaken by other jurisdictions in Canada
 - It is also necessary to study the geology and the associated projects for critical and strategic minerals – the level of advancement, the supporting infrastructure and our geology.

- We will need to reach out better to communities, as we should have a full catalogue for critical minerals, geology, communities involved and the application of the minerals.
- Recently, the deputy PM recognised that NWT has potential for critical and strategic minerals, we need to capitalise on this

AGENDA ITEMS CARRIED OVER TO NEXT MEETING

F. COM Presentation and meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Freeland

G. OECD Mining and Cities EOI

H. Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 24, 9-10 AM

Tom's notes from:**GNWT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group**

MEETING AGENDA – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

9:00–10:00AM MST

GNWT: Menzie, Angie, Tejas, Dianna Beck, Mike Byrne

Chamber: Ken, Glen, Scott, Kenny, Tom, Erik,

A. MVRMA Workshop – March 10

- a. ITI's approach – is to share ITI's perspective on socioeconomic benefits.

Menzie:

[TWH: What's the Diavik cultural determination?]

Mike Byrne:

- Cobbled together an agenda with 23(2)(d) Paul G, Tom focused on economic well-being
- Industry has participated in these in the past. But the audience is more cultural, environmental, anti-development and often industry folks get raked over the coals. But given focus is on well-being,
- We've always tried to emphasize that MVRMA contains socio-economic well being.
- So want to emphasize that we invite industry in.
- 23(2)(d)
- 23(2)(d), Paul G speak along lines of ABQ magazine article
- Also get Minister live or canned, Pam, then Dianna Beck with agreements
- Then maybe a panel session: flexible on name and whether we want one. And don't have
- Ideas on potential topics
- Need to confirm speakers now.
- Urgency: Thursday the 25th there is a 2021 virtual workshop overview and we want to finalize by then.

Menzie: Pam says Minister can't make it. But Pam will represent the Minister and open our part of the workshop. Also spoke to 23(2)(d) and he is keen to participate.

[TWH: maybe panel should be on how we can get more socio-economic benefits? How to get a bigger slice of the pie? Education, business capacity, Indigenous equity participation. Paul G would be able to speak to this too. Getting people onto how to get more speaks to getting support for mining.

Kenny: 23(2)(d) would be good here with the TASR road.

Glen: How to diversify the economy. Maybe Federal Gov't rep?

Mike: We'd have to get someone quickly. But people don't like Feds right now. Also ownership of MVRMA.

Glen: nothing on the infrastructure bank for example.

Menzie: We are pretty short on time.

[TWH: maybe we have to be careful on the level of sophistication and not debate ongoing challenges on MVRMA. I believe these are meant to be educational.

Mike: Important for a good moderator. Paul G suggested as one, but maybe he needs to be on the panel. Maybe someone from the Boards [TWH: maybe Mark CP?]

Ken: I like a panel. But that doesn't mean you open it to the floor necessarily. Moderator asks the questions. And perhaps only if there is time left over do you open it to the audience. Who is the audience? What are their outcomes, is there anything that comes from this?

Mike B: This year, probably the most diverse audience than ever. Board staff and members, regulators, others. But not sure of exactly who. Group hug. Virtual panel too. Not sure how they will go down. Often propensity to Elders, first at the microphone.

Glen: How about 23(1)? He's on the Alberta advisory to minerals. Good relationship.

Menzie: also 23(1) might be good. Could also do a scenario note that explains the next level of detail. Who are the broader facilitators?

Mike: not supposed to be political though. Suggest stay away from them. What I've seen with staff is huge gap in knowledge on what the resource industry is all about, just don't know how it works. Anticipate some of that. Need to tout how

[TWH: two questions: are Board staff speaking to what they look for from industry? And can 23(2) be the moderator?

Mike: looking at the agenda 23(2)(d) then a fellow from UofWaterloo, then 23(2)(d). I'll share with you folks.

Kenny: What about Mike Byrne as moderator?

Ken: Time is tight. Layout is good. Make a decision on the format. Just do it and then allocate time for the speakers as it is relatively short.

Menzie: Thinking too of virtual environment, maybe just have panels one after another.

Mike: I'll talk to 23(2) about how they are doing other panels, etc. and will let you know. I'll ask folks like Tom to ask 23(2) Paul, 23(2) to get strong messages out.

[TWH: probably smart to develop some good questions prepared to ask the panelists so that they are prepped and the questions are going in the way we want, ie, how do

Kenny: I like the 23(2), Paul, 23(2) trio as working well together. Keep those three together. Sticky dollars and how do you contribute to that?

Menzie: sounds like stars of the show are those people.

B. Critical/Strategic Minerals – Critical Minerals and Metals Action Plan Next Steps

a. Critical Mineral Action

Menzie: look at the 5 actions we discussed internally:

- 1. Adding ones that don't fit in the Federal list, eg, sand, phosphate, quartz
- Ask Chamber if they want to add to these.

[TWH: I'd make sure you keep tungsten on there due to Cantung. May not be smart to rush to close and reclaim the mine, but recover your Tungsten space. Cantung used to be world class]

2. research policies, eg, OECD

3. Outreach, communications, etc:

4. Cross jurisdictional, eg,

- SK and REE processing plant (maybe partner with them?) Quebec a bit distant perhaps.

5. Marketing

Tejas: Quebec is moving fast and in the last 6 months launched a whole plan on this. Three days ago, they invested in Telesat for \$400M

Tom: Why quartz, sand? I think all minerals in the NWT are critical to our economy.

Menzie: Came from NTGS.

Ken: We often have discussions on what should be defined as critical and strategic. I'd say diamonds are critical.

Menzie: I'd say we don't include diamonds in this part, but should be part of bigger picture.

Glen: Definition of scale. Impact of diamonds is strategic. In 23(2)(d) letter Tom signed on critical minerals, ... I think if we have no diamonds, then we have nothing.

Ken: maybe define it.

Tom: Do you have an Emerging Wisely plan for ITI? Something you can lay on the table publicly on what you are doing to help supercharge the NWT with resource development, eg, supporting Critical minerals is one, and supporting diamonds, zinc, etc are in another action. [infrastructure, project support, etc are others]

Ken: maybe stick with the Federal one right now rather than cramming other ones into this list.

Menzie: Refresh of mineral development strategy.

Mike B: Quote Chrystia Freeland on why north will be important in future

Ken: We have three most advanced critical minerals. We told Freeland the same. Just to reinforce her words, she said at our meeting too.

Menzie: we will refresh in our Mineral Development Strategy.

[TWH: I thought the MDS is on hold?]

C. COM Presentation and meeting with Minister Vandal planned

Ken: Re Freeland meeting. She was engaged in our meeting and said all the right things. We will need mining and more mining. What message didn't resonate was the conservation one. She

did circle back on Indigenous business, and he did a great job on that. She also spoke to the sovereignty.

Tom: With Vandal, we want to take on the approach to Vision and his work on Arctic Policy Framework.

D. ITI Minister meeting – March 5

Menie: Can you share your agenda with us once you have developed it?

Ken: It was at Pam's suggestion. Circling back to the MvRMA workshop, it would be good for her to speak as Minister of Finance too as that is doubly important.

Menzie: We can't ask her to do that, we'd have to take it through the Finance DM on that. I will raise it with Pam again today.

Mike: the Leg is in session and it is her role as two ministers that she is so busy. That's why we suggested a pre-recorded piece for her.

E. Mineral Tenure Relief

We have indicated to Pam that the NWT did not do as much as the provinces in supporting tenure relief and some companies and hope ITI can do more. Discuss the status of this.

Menzie: We are still looking into that. Analysis being done. Looking at s.51 of the reg's on a case-by-case basis as a potential solution. Have Laura Faryna and MRO looking further into that.

Mike: high degree of interest in what Nunavut has done.

F. Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 3, 9-10 AM

Two weeks from now will overlap with the MVRMA workshop and week of PDAC too.

Let's look at next week then, March 3.

Notes of Meeting

GNWT/ CHAMBER OF MINES COVID 19 RECOVERY WORKING GROUP ONLINE - VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING – 3 MARCH 2021 (9:00 – 10:00)

GNWT: Menzie, Angie, Tejas, Mike Byrne

Chamber: Ken, Glen, Scott, Kenny, Tom, Erik

1. OECD

CanNor response: Once again this year, CanNor received many excellent applications from across the region, and demand for funding greatly exceeded available funds. Following an initial assessment of all applications received, the application was not selected as part of the first round of projects moving on to further review and assessment, **it was found to meet the basic eligibility criteria** for this EOI. As such, the Agency will be retaining application for further consideration at a later date, pending upcoming decisions on program funding allocations for next fiscal year. Once the size and composition of CanNor's funding envelope for next fiscal year has been fully confirmed, we will **be contacted to submit further information for a detailed assessment of your proposal**

Proposal to organize a call with the OECD team.

Action Item: Tom will organize a meeting with OECD. Will invite Cannor and CIRNAC to it as well?.

2. Fraser Report – Annual Survey Report 2020

Dismal rankings this year - lower in the bottom half of the 77 surveyed. Fraser Institute has mentioned that they received more than 10 responses but refuses to disclose any further details. Major detractors are land claim uncertainty, land access uncertainty, regulatory uncertainty, infrastructure deficit, protected areas uncertainty.

3. COM Meeting with ITI Minister

Tom: Revised Agenda:

- Our current work with ITI on federal asks
- Federal meetings to reinforce those asks

- NWT Mineral Tenure – address this to catch up to the south
 - Gary: We had a long chat with Pam that they are trying to come up with something. Companies should be able to file Section 51 is the answer.
 - Ken: simply acknowledge that Pam is looking at and trying to find. I don't know how many would take it up, but the offer would be meaningful. Continue to urge the government to move forward with map staking asap. NU has a working platform now. Staking in NWT would cost me \$150k while in NU would be \$10k.
- Mining North Works update – shut down the program
- Minister's thoughts on the BAC stepping back
- Improvement idea: Add OECD idea here – we may bring up with Vandal – needs much support from various governments and money too

ITI has hired two individuals who will add project management expertise. It is important to actively look at Section 51 for relief and also looking at ideas under work credits that might offer relief.

It is important to articulate the Mining North Works initiative and its success.

The Chamber of Mines has started to see potential cutbacks in funding from governments, and has admitted that their membership base is reducing. Also, a lot of the members of the chamber of mines are running out of business.

4. MVRMA Workshop

Chamber of Mines is very effectively pushed Indigenous investment to the forefront, and the workshop is now focused on Indigenous business investment and ITI speaking to community wellbeing.

Afternoon of Wed, 1:30-3 next week.

Menzie:

5. Next Meeting – Yet to be scheduled.

Meeting Notes

GNWT/ CHAMBER OF MINES COVID 19 RECOVERY WORKING GROUP ONLINE - VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING - 24 FEBRUARY, 2021 (9:00 – 10:00)

1. MVRMA Resource Co- Management Workshop

The MVRMA workshop is planned for 10 March 2021, and will focus on the resource development projects in NWT and the socio economic benefits to Indigenous communities and Indigenous business corporations.

The draft agenda's aim is to have presentations from Paul Gruner (Det'on Cho Corp), 23(2) 23(2)(d) (Denendeh Investments) and 23(2)(d) (Tlicho Investment Corp), and have the ITI Minister deliver a message. If the Minister is unable to attend the event, the Deputy Minister will be requested to deliver a message on behalf of the minister.

The workshop will include individual presentations from the speakers and a panel discussion. It was suggested that Mark Cliffe – Phillips (MVEIRB) be the moderator for the panel discussion.

ACTION ITEM – Reach out to Mark Cliffe - Phillips

It is necessary to note that as NWT is recovering from the economic downturn caused due to the pandemic, we can diversify our economy with resource development (mining and petroleum) as springboard to new sectors. Also, it is critical to find new ways to increase employment and have a strong and broad Arctic policy framework

The Arctic Economic Policy Framework will focus on infrastructure, sovereignty of our nation and vision for northern economic development – especially within the communities. It will be great to invite the Federal Government to make a presentation at the workshop as well.

ACTION ITEM – Invite the Federal Government (CanNor or CIRNAC)

We will also need to develop a Scenario Note - step by step template that is generally used for conference events. Other speakers will include Menzie McEachern or Dianna Beck (to speak on SEA's, the SEA Review, Diavik Measure 6, possibly Benefit Agreements under MRA)

ACTION ITEM – Develop the Scenario Note

2. Update on Critical Metals Action Planning and Meeting

Menzie McEachern provided an update for ITI's Critical Metals Planning meeting that was held on 4 Feb 2021.

For the NWT, it is important to not only learn what commodities classify as critical metals and strategic metals, but also important to define what constitutes for a critical metal and what constitutes a strategic metal

A cross jurisdiction scan to learn what other jurisdictions are doing in this space will be helpful.

As mining is a vital component of NWT's economy, it will be important to consider diamonds as critical/ strategic element.

ACTION ITEM – Define NWT's Critical and Strategic Elements, and decide if it is necessary to include diamonds in the list.

AGENDA

**GNWT/ CHAMBER OF MINES COVID 19 RECOVERY WORKING GROUP
ONLINE - VIDEOCONFERENCE
MEETING – 31 MARCH 2021 (9:00 – 10:00)**

1. Pricewaterhouse Coopers Study (Tom Hoefler/ Ken Armstrong)
2. Life after Diamond Mining (Erik Madsen)
3. Mackenzie Valley Operational Guidance Process
4. Mineral Tenure Relief (Menzie McEachern)
5. Critical Metals Action Plan – carried over from last meeting (Menzie McEachern)
6. Next Meeting

MEETING NOTES

**GNWT/ CHAMBER OF MINES COVID 19 RECOVERY WORKING GROUP
ONLINE - VIDEOCONFERENCE
MEETING – 31 MARCH 2021 (9:00 – 10:00)**

GNWT: Menzie, Tejas, Charlene Squibb, Angie, Mike
Chamber: Gary, Erik, Scott, Kenny, (Regrets: Glen and Ken)

1. Pricewaterhouse Coopers Study (Tom Hoefler/ Ken Armstrong)

PwC Study: The engagement of PwC by territorial governments to conduct a study assessing policy options to encourage investment in mineral exploration and mining in Canada's territories. **Two issues: limited interviewees, and missing project specific funding.** According to COM, few from industry on our working group have been invited to participate.

- NWT interviewees: only Osisko and Mountain Province. Can you add Gold Terra and Fortune or NorZinc (missing grassroots exploration where we have problems). Also, include Nunavut: North Arrow for exploration and a contact at Agnico Eagle Mines
- And Tom at the Chamber.
- Also missing key issue – project specific funding which we have pressed with you guys since the beginning.

Action Item: Benji will reach out to Laura who oversees contract to see about changes.

Issue with the questionnaire. This is just step one in the project. It will be a report with recommendations and just a phase 1. If we expand the network to speak, they could speak on the other issues.

The objective is to have Pan Territorial study that sought out Connor funding to support North of 60 – what could be some innovative financial and investment things to accelerate resource development in the north? To make things go faster.

Tom: To be clear, we have pushed and worked with you and Vandal, Freeland, O'Toole on 4 items: enhanced METC, critical minerals, project specific funding, and regional infrastructure. They have missed the project specific funding. It needs to be put back.

2. Life after Diamond Mining (Erik Madsen)

Erik: thanks for comments from Gary and others and Tom. Overview of how it started:

- De Beers has 3 mines to close out in the coming years – 2 in Canada one in S. Africa
- We want to look at closure differently. De Beers has new strategy, building forever, talks about leaving a legacy and contribute to regional development in the future. Reimagining closure. Is there something that can contribute to the development of the area: repurpose, re-use site for something else in future.
- We met with minister, Pam. We have hired ERM and Watershed, ERM is doing our closure work all around the world. We chatted with Minister, IBA partners to have a discussion on reimagining closure, eg, SGP will go by the mines. Can our sites be enablers to the SGP?
- Concern it could stall out the SGP road; it's not about no more diamond mining, so that terminology has to be changed.
- We want to have the discussions with the stakeholders. We want to hear from GNWT to participate. Have meetings between now and end of Sept.
- Meeting with Pam on Thursday.

- Consultants will meet with others.

CSCR mentioned that John Ketchum and Angela Norries have meeting with 23(2) (ERM) on this, and Pam will also attend this as it goes forward.

Tom: You might want to also in addition to change the web page title, but also some words, eg:

- o “With a focus on ‘life after diamond mining’, this includes active participation in conversations about economic diversification, the remediation economy, including how alternative uses of existing assets and infrastructure might support the future of the region

COM: The ERM proposal: Life After Diamond Mining: Change the Name firstly, and the project will explore how mining companies, communities, and governments can collaboratively discuss the future of the Slave Geological Province (SGP) and how reimagining mine closure can support a future that meets everyone’s aspirations. Learn more about the project: lifeafterdiamondmining.com. Kick-off Session April 15, 2021, 1–4:00pm MST.

Two concerns:

- few from industry on our working group have been invited to participate. (In fact, we don’t know who has been invited as ERM hasn’t answered).

3. Mackenzie Valley Operational Guidance Process

COM - we are not seeing improvements in the NWT and seem to be stuck. I know our member participants are getting frustrated that a year into this, and we don’t have a lot show for it, except for more quarterly meetings to come. To quote from the recent MVRMA Environmental Audit: “Despite the efforts of LWBs, small exploration companies continue both to struggle with the application process and to meet its requirements. If allowed to persist, this disconnect between industry and regulators will continue to affect the level of exploration activity in the territory which, in turn, will affect the NWT’s socio-economic environment.” Is the Audit a powerless tool for change?

Tom met with 23(2)(d) on this yesterday, so that she understands and hopefully can see about improving the process.

Menzie: Can we use the Environmental audit as a tool here? Traditionally it’s not been acted upon. Not sure why. Maybe with governmental renewal it can change. Your quote is a good one to be used at the next operational guidance meeting.

Benji: I did miss the last planning committee meeting. I spoke with 23() prior to that meeting, and looks like we will move into shorter meetings. Sentiments are not lost on me, and we need to streamline the process for a specific goal to improve investment. It’s been a year, and COVID no doubt had an effect, but now a year later, we need more focus. 23(2)(h)(i) in the spring, so could help too.

Tom: can you not have the ministers responsible for the audit take the boards to task and ask them for performance.

Gary: problem is MVRMA being owned by Feds, and need to be devolved to GNWT.

Mike: Feds are in the driver’s chair. The audit could be instrumental to bring politicians together to meet with Board chairs. But real work is in the MVOD – there are good items and places where ITI has not delivered, due to capacity issues. We need to be down in the weeds and make tweaks and changes. Boards are ready.

ITI: We have an action in process are advancing minerals regulatory guide and draft is out for review with departments to provide input. Eventually, we will publish that guide for industry.

4. Mineral Tenure Relief (Menzie McEachern)

Menzie: Looked into idea to use S51 of the mining reg's to provide relief this year, but 51(2) spoke to "proponent waiting to receive some sort of authorization which is preventing them from doing work". COVID restrictions yes, but no real thing that stopping work, etc. so doesn't work well. So Charlene has found an innovative approach that doesn't require changing reg's, and we can do in our system. Application based for those who need it. – if you can / want to work go ahead, but if you're challenged, you can apply for a benefit.

Charlene: approach suggested is expansion of work credit program. Procedure still exists, 25 cents per acre, maintain timelines, but looking at 75% reduction up front. So client who wants to maintain tenure, significant reduction in deposit. Apply the work credit at the back end and at the front end.

Menzie: 75% relief at front end rather than 100% is to give substantial relief, but still shows company is serious to work the claim in the future. 25% down means ...

Charlene: Cash in lieu is refundable so not a complete out of pocket expense

Menzie: we will mention that the Chamber of Mines supports this in briefing note to Minister.

5. Critical Metals Action Plan – carried over from last meeting (Menzie McEachern)

Carry over to next meeting

6. Next Meeting

14 April

NOTES TWH

**GNWT/ CHAMBER OF MINES COVID 19 RECOVERY WORKING GROUP
ONLINE - VIDEOCONFERENCE
MEETING – 14 APRIL 2021 (9:00 – 10:00)**

Chamber: Ken, Gary, Tom, Erik, Glen, Kenny Ruptash, Cherish Winsor

GNWT: Menzie, Benji, Val Gordon, Tejas, Mike Byrne, Lora Archer, Angie Norris

1. Mining North Works

- Tom: At our meeting with the Minister in March, she indicated that she / you would be reaching out to Minister Simpson and ECE. We're wondering how you are making out with that? Ece we have been pushing rope, and if they actually pulled by recognizing the need, we would get stuff done. There is still a need for this.
- Menzie: We will look into this. Also feel ECE's response was weak to MNW.

2. Menzie added: support for juniors this season from CPHO perspective

- Menzie: **What do you think about providing medical support to small operators?** Mines already have the capacity themselves. Perhaps **ITI could pursue / advocate for something like this, a medical director on retainer for the exploration sector.** Or do juniors have capacity on hand.
- **Gary:** If they're looking for ideas to help exploration, encouragement from cpho was vaccination would solve this. But now it appears it isn't. So why are we still having to self-isolate for 14 days? If someone comes vaccinated and has a test back to back then they should be able to go.
- **Glen:** I'm in BC now, and even wit a second dose, they are reluctant to let seniors outside of their homes after 15 months lock down?
- **Tom:** What **Glen** says about vaccinating explorers would be like vaccinating all the miners. How is that working, **Erik**?
- **Erik:** GNWT is brining in nurses to our sites. **By June 1, we will have vaccinated anyone who wants it done twice. Only about 35-40 are hesitant to take it. Our experience withi outbreak at GK and Diavik, we can't talk to the CPHO. They will only talk to our medical professionals. You need a medical person to talk to them. If ou want to help explorers, ou wil need a medical person.**
- Mike B – we have a good system with generic ITI. Maybe we want to create a greater awareness to get explorers into NWT and beyond, eg, Blue Star into Nunavut.
- Menzie: We have rave reviews that our system to get explorers to Carter Stirling
- **Cherish Winsor** – at Diavik. **We have had amazing uptake. 88% have had first dose and now working on second; most of hesitation coming from the north.** Conversation on what happens after is still happening. Working with Carter is the best.
- **Glen:** costs of vaccinations. AstraZeneca is less than US\$5, and others similar. How many exploration people will come? Even if 1,000 it's minimal cost. \$10k is very small. Could send a strong message to the public and investors that we are serious about supporting exploration.
- Menzie: we will take idea forward.
- **Ken:** totally reasonable for NWT to be careful. Shit show in the provinces. For those who are not at the mines, there is a case by case ability for rotational workers to get vaccinated. Find out what has been the approval rate by CPHO to get these. Eg, some air crew coming up are getting

vaccinated. We are kind of blind right now, as no formal program, rather case by case basis. Where are we at on the spectrum.

- **Kenny:** CPHO is looking at people who will be frequenting the NWT, eg, 23(2)(h). Anyone who is frequenting the NWT. Good to have CPHO come out and formalize that. Getting vaccine and just roaming around is not that simple. Doesn't mean you can't spread the virus if you're vaccinated. There should be something that can be done. Sounds like CPHO is going to reduce the isolation time to 7 days and 10 day test. (Benji also has heard similar rumour)
3. **Access to Lands – Update on Akaitcho and Dehcho Interim Land Withdrawals and Progress on Removing the Withdrawal. (Tom Hoefler/ Gary Vivian)**
- **Tom:** Where is this at? 2007 for Akaitcho withdrawal is getting a long time for interim.
 - **Mike B:** YK Dene are pushing hard for claim negotiations to be resolved. Deninu Kue in same position. LKDFN is on a conservation economy. Akaitcho probably ahead of Dehcho which is in doldrums. In SE corner, SK Dene are advancing, but Feds have put a lockdown to resolve something.
 - **Gary:**
 - **Val:** Nahco Nyak Dun overlap with Sahtu
 - **Tom:** Can we get a more formal update?

4. Critical Metals Action Plan (Menzie McEachern)

Benji:

- Plugging along on action plan. Internal WG, (John K, Benji, Angie).
- We have shared the draft proposed actions. Also with the DM right now
- Proceeding based on these actions. Also a draft Table of Contents
- Dates pushed back to late May for final document – will be public facing document.
- Working on the backgrounder and jurisdictional scans
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Tom:

- Add to the Critical Path, March 11, Canada identifies Cdn critical minerals including Zinc and copper. This might influence the action plan
- when and how will you identify the action plan items?
- Draft actions under #2 Policies, not sure OECD fits here;
- Another action might be to use the arctic Policy as one tool, use the lack of green energy in the north to get Canada to help advance our projects using green energy;
- I don't see any Goals. Are they there? Actions would then support reaching those goals. Our goals should include:
 - o get preferential treatment for NWT project startup (competitive or ahead of the south) and how can we do that?
 - o get communities support now through communications on the value and opportunity and what's in it for them

Menzie:

- agree link actions to goals. Similar Canada critical minerals list will be helpful and zinc and copper.

Gary:

- Draft actions #3, put in a statement to add that communities need to recognize there is a benefit – what's in it for me.

Benji:

- Use good point, and Angie brings this up all the time. Targeted community and resident buy in. We've been hearing that from you guys all the time.
- Angie:
- Action #3 is our CSCR role. While action plan is being developed and written. We have developed some promotional items, and using Inukshuk and Inkit to produce Fact Sheets, social media items. Stay tuned. Scott Cairns suggested and easy to ready two pager on how Indigenous gov'ts fit into the regulatory process. So communities will understand when you show up.
- Gary: That is good news. Concerned that regulatory dialogue with Feds they just say we will just send out information, not engage.
- Angie: Fits into REDI program too. Looking at a REDI Session in the fall.
- Mike: Communities have always good at asking what's in it for us. Governments have not been very good at explaining that to them. Tangibles about what's in it for them. We at CSCR have always been doing that and now have a platform for this. Conversation has begun to change. At MVRMA workshop we got good feedback.
- Menzie: At Federal table, really focused on downstream part of value chain. Battery production, etc. We have to remind them constantly to include the entire value chain.
- Tom: Maybe that's a good REDI fact sheet to produce: "Mineral Resource Development: What's in it for me?" There are various "me's" and you could answer the question for communities, government,

5. Update – PwC Investment Study

- Lora: PwC has done a lot of work since then. About 75% through the project.
- I shared draft report with Tom for comments. Meeting this Friday to discuss comments and have another draft
- Tom: Are you adding any other interviewees? Only two from each territory, and we want to add more people. Only Osisko and Mtn Province in NWT and AEM and North Arrow. They have a narrow view.
- Ken: Who on GN side has reviewed it as we haven't heard a peep from them.
- Lora: 23(2)(h)(i)
- Ken: I'll touch him then.
- Benji: Some Chamber comments two weeks ago when it was our year end. Intent was to get that part of PwC contract out by year end. I touched base with them and told them that we needed to add and if we needed to throw any more money at it. We won't let that fall off the table.
- Menzie: now in new fiscal year, we have freedom to add scope as long as it's not extravagant.

Last comments:

- Mike Byrne: re item on land withdrawals, if I were the Chamber, I'd confer with the Indigenous groups themselves. No reason why you can't formally or informally reach out and ask them for an update. You might want some informal discussion on anything that we can add to help. For years industry has been meat in the sandwich, and we don't want to do that anymore, but want to help.
- Gary: Can you provide a contact for 23(2)(h)(i) ?
- Mike: now that discussions are between GNWT and Indigenous groups, there is nothing to prevent you from doing this. Recommend it be the Chamber of Mines that does this, not individual companies.
- Tom: good point – maybe we can get Paul to get a meeting with their two chiefs]
- Angie: I can get 23(2) contact information.

- Angie: Conversation with Aurora College on a course for SME training for communities.
- Menzie: across multiple departments here, by mid-May we will have completed ^{23(2)(d)} Mining Essentials course. 3 different sessions.

6. Next Meeting

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9:00am August 25, 2021 - Meeting Minutes ITI and NT Chamber of Mines COVID-19 Recovery Working Group

Summary Highlights	Commitments
<p>Update on Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITI has decided not to engage in the case study for this fiscal year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resourcing factors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Money and staff time • Matter of timing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Potential for study in the future
<p>Private Members Bill C-375</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royalty Review Regime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Payables ◦ Property Taxes ◦ Sensitivities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at it holistically • Currently a "Narrow" view <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Standing committee to review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mines want Chamber to represent them • Context of the review • Mining Fiscal Review process • "Transparency" • Industry wants transparency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITI will do royalties briefing for those from the Chamber who are interested
<p>GNWT Surface Leases creating financing risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chamber will stay out • Ministerial Discretion • How do we as a jurisdiction become more attractive • Applicable (positive) context <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Broad nature is scaring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently in discussion – no commitments at this time

<p>investors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fair and Due Notice • Legal Angle (rules based) 	
<p>The role of the Land Use Inspector in the NWT (MVLWB regions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for ground truthing the document into a briefing note <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Already started <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate knowledge • Legal information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITI will ask Lands if this document is factual or not • ITI internal meeting regarding this
<p>MVLWB Water Use Reference Bulletin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVLWB view it same way as industry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Policy statement is complex ◦ Water Licenses given out by GNWT... • Involvement from broader group as a whole <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ IGOs, Federal Government, GNWT, MVLWB, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVLWB will clarify on policy statement to Chamber and communicate to ITI
<p>Closing Remarks / Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Meeting Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing to Investors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal investing first • Indigenous involvement (regional marketing development plan) • Unlocking our potential brand • ESG • Strategizing YGSF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather people at ITI to receive future requests

CHAMBER OF MINES PARTNERSHIP

ISSUE

The Northwest Territories (NWT) and Nunavut Chamber of Mines and Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) COVID-19 Recovery Working Group (Working Group) was established to cohesively address the needs of the NWT mining industry and the actions that the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) needs to take to effectively recover from the COVID-19 pandemic

KEY MESSAGES

- All NWT businesses large and small have had to make difficult decisions in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes our mining industry.
- Our resource companies have taken extraordinary measures to protect their workforce and communities, at significant cost to their projects.
- Our economy will continue to be reliant on our diamond mines. In fact, we need this sector to anchor our territory's economic recovery.
- We know that the market has been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, with rough diamond prices that fell as much as 25 percent, although the market is starting to show signs of a recovery.
- Mining and exploration are the biggest source of private sector jobs and income for our residents and a major buyer of products and services from our businesses.
- The Working Group has established a list of three common priorities for recovery based on a compiled list of short-term, medium-term, and long-term actions, which are detailed in Appendix A.

STATUS

- The Working Group is meeting regularly to discuss actions that can be taken that will enable the NWT mining industry to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and flourish in the short, medium, and long-term.

- ITI continues to undertake key mandate items such as the *Mineral Resources Act* implementation and regulation development as well as the Socio-Economic Agreement Program review.
- ITI will be undertaking an update of the Mineral Development Strategy (MDS), the key policy instrument in improving investor and public confidence in the mineral resource sector to reflect the new economic reality. The Working Group will help inform the MDS update.

BACKGROUND:

The Working Group was established as part of the COVID-19 Recovery efforts in order to develop an action plan for the NWT to protect and ensure a stronger mineral resource development industry exists in the NWT post-COVID for the benefit of Northerners, Canada, and investors. The first meetings were held in April 2020; regular meetings are ongoing.

The Working Group will also advance similar actions where they make sense in Nunavut and Yukon so as to develop a coordinated Pan-Territorial Approach. Additionally, it will seek support from the federal government for actions to strengthen resource development in the NWT, and Pan-Territorially.

The resource sector directly employs over 3,000 people in the NWT and contributes over \$800 million in spending each year. It accounts for almost a third of NWT's Gross Domestic Product. The growth of the resource sector is critical for NWT and its people.

Currently in NWT there are two diamond mines operating and two diamond mines in care and maintenance, as well as two oil and gas operations.

All resource companies are following COVID-19 precautionary practices and the Chief Public Health Officer's directives and guidance.

All mineral claims and leases have been protected until further notice while longer term mineral tenure relief policies are being assessed.

APPENDICES

- APPENDIX A - COVID EMERGING STRONGER PLAN

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The Working Group has established three priority items that will focus collaborative efforts in emerging from the COVID-19 Pandemic. They are as follows:

1. Northern infrastructure and resource sector investment options assessment.
2. Advancing critical minerals exploration and development in the North (and value-added projects in Canada).
3. Increasing the Mineral Exploration Tax Credit (METC) for the North.

The priorities have been shared with the Inter-governmental Working Group on Northern Minerals Sector and has received working-level support from the federal government [Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor), Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada] and our territorial counterparts.

1) Northern Infrastructure and Resources Sector Investment Options Assessment

The Working Group identified the critical need to determine how government support (predominantly federal) could be directed to support the resources sector through investments in regional infrastructure, project specific infrastructure projects as well as direct investment to support the operations of projects.

The Working Group highlighted the need for government support of key project-specific infrastructure projects that would entice advanced exploration projects and mines to commit to construction and operations in the NWT. Examples of such projects could include obtaining government assistance in developing access roads for projects like NICO and Prairie Creek; and for powerlines to the Nechalacho project.

Direct Investment in projects is also being explored, in either creating a fund to support companies in their operations, or through other grants and contribution programs. The Working Group would like to determine how government funds could be best used to support exploration, mine development, mining operational supports and innovation.

Regional level infrastructure investment options that benefit multiple northern (and southern) jurisdictions, including Canada, will also be in scope, and will account for previous and current work underway on regional infrastructure projects in the North.

The GNWT will act as the lead on this project, with CanNor assistance of up to \$50,000. The GNWT will be collaborating with the two other territories to develop a terms of reference document for the project and determine what other resources are required. The Request for Proposals document was posted in December 2020, closing January 18, 2021. The study is expected to be completed by March 31, 2021.

2) **Advancing Critical Metals and Minerals**

Critical minerals are needed for important manufacturing sectors, including communication technology, and aerospace, defence, and clean technology. As such, there is a growing need to advance their production in Canada. They are essential to United State (US) national manufacturing, and economic interests.

In January 2020, Canada and the US finalized the Canada-US Joint Action Plan on Critical Minerals Collaboration, advancing our mutual interest in securing supply chains. Canada has engaged with key trading partners as we jointly try to improve supply-chain resiliency, security and diversify supply towards open, secure, and reliable suppliers.

The NWT and Nunavut host significant known deposits and hold potential for new discoveries of several critical minerals, including: cobalt, lithium, rare earth elements, uranium, tungsten, bismuth, and arsenic.

Advancing production of critical minerals would be enhanced with the creation of long term, secure North American markets, and a Canadian supply chain. The development of Canadian refining capacity would help keep value added benefits in Canada.

This priority is currently being advanced by NRCAN, although the territories must still ascertain if there is a northern component to this work, or if a northern component is something that needs to be advocated for or led by territorial ministers.

NRCAN is currently leading a task force to determine how to best exploit critical minerals from a Canadian perspective. ITI is an active member of the Critical Minerals Task Force.

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ITI continues to work towards an action plan to advance NWT critical and strategic mineral and metal projects.

3) **Mineral Exploration Tax Credit**

The METC is designed to help exploration companies raise equity funds. It can be used in addition to the regular tax deduction associated with flow-through share investments. The ministers responsible for mining in the three territories wrote a pan-territorial letter in June 2020 seeking Natural Resources Canada and Northern Affairs ministers' support to double the METC for the North (the NWT, Nunavut, and Yukon).

The current Federal METC is 15 percent for exploration projects throughout the country. However, Northern territories have higher exploration costs and little fiscal capacity to offer similar tax incentives, as well as insufficient population to generate sufficient funding from resident investors. Before COVID-19, exploration investment in the NWT had been falling, exploration spending fell to \$66.3 million in 2019 from \$112 million in 2018, and 2020 spending intentions were only \$52.1 million.

Since COVID-19 several other provinces are considering further enhancing their exploration tax credits. The widened investment attractiveness gap would leave northern Canada further behind. If other jurisdictions raise their provincial tax credit, they may reach a net 50 percent in exploration tax credits. The North needs to have the ability to stay competitive with a higher METC for the NWT. However, this will only happen if Canada provides a significant increase in, or establishes a new northern, METC.

METCs are used to complement an existing structure of Flow-through Shares. Flow-through shares are a financing tool available to a Canadian resource company that allows it to issue new equity (shares) to investors at a higher price than it would receive for "normal" shares, thereby assisting it in raising money for exploration and development. In return the share-purchasing investors can claim deductions for the issuing corporation's Canadian Exploration Expense deduction (and in some cases the Canadian Development Expense deduction). Flow-through share financing contributes over 65 percent of the funds raised on Canadian stock exchanges for exploration across the country, generating significant exploration activity within Canadian borders.

**GNWT – Chamber of Mines Initiative on:
*Actions Towards a North of 60 Mineral Resources Recovery Plan***

SHORT TERM ACTIONS

- Maintain Mineral Tenure Security
- Protect Flow-through Obligations
- Provide Exploration Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)
- Regulatory Land Use Permit and Water Licence Support including their Management Plans
- Service & Supply Companies Wage Subsidies (Indigenous and non- Indigenous)
- Defer Mining Royalties
- Provide Tax Relief for Mining companies
- Provide Mining Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)
- Open land access to exploration
- Make Financial Opportunities available
- Encourage Use of Reclamation Surety Bonds to free up scarce cash for investment in the North
- Incent Exploration Investment
- Use Critical Minerals Plan to reopen Cantung and advance Mactung project as well as other advanced critical mineral projects(Avalon, Cheetah (Rare Earths), Fortune (Cobalt, Bismuth)
- Incent Exploration Investment specifically for Critical Minerals (Pan-Territorially)

MEDIUM TERM ACTIONS: PROMOTE RECOVERY

- Increase/create Northern Mineral Exploration Tax Credit
- Exploration and Mineral Extraction and Processing Incentive Programs
- Surety Bonds for Exploration
- Reclamation Security
- Increase MIP Mineral Exploration Incentive Grants
- Mining Tax Relief
- Mining Cash Flow Relief
- Regulatory Support – Government
- Regulatory Support – Boards and Departments
- Advance Regulatory Process Operational Support Recommendations
- Raise Public Awareness
- Support direct government investment in Northern exploration
- Establish a Northern mining capital investment support fund

LONG TERM ACTIONS: CREATE RESILIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY

- Advance Land Tenure Efficiencies
- Increase Mineral Exploration Tax Credit
- Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies
- Invest directly into mines
- Mine Property Taxes Deferment
- Mining Tax incentives
- Infrastructure Investment
- Mine Closure & Reclamation Support
- Settle Land Claims
- Repatriation actions
- Provide direct exploration and mining investment fund

Action Plan Overview

SHORT TERM ACTIONS

	Overview/Defintion
Maintain Mineral Tenure Security	Provide companies with time extensions to end of 2021 to - submit work requirements - submit payments for permits, leases and payments in lieu of work requirements - survey mineral claims
Protect Flow-through Obligations	Extend flow-through expenditure and tax deadlines to compensate for our inability to gain access to the field in a timely manner. There will be limited to little or no exploration season this year, one full year of survival may be required. Expand eligible expenditures for existing flow-through commitments already made eg. to administration expenses, resource and reserve estimation, and engineering, environmental and feasibility studies. [Requires Federal Support/action]. Consider including COVID related expenses.
Provide Exploration Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)	Compensate all exploration companies retroactive to April 1 who have paid and continue to pay salaries of their workers
Regulatory Land Use Permit and Water Licence Support including their Management Plans	Obtaining land use permits and water licenses is a costly and time- consuming process for mineral exploration. The permitting process consumes much energy and money. These authorizations have a fixed life. So in a year that is disrupted, this investment is lost. A 12-18 month extension on Authorizations and plans would preserve this investment and allow the industry to stay focused on restarting.
Service & Supply Companies Wage Subsidies (Indigenous and non- Indigenous)	Need a formula for how to help service and supply companies who are losing revenues as a result of COVID, but for which existing subsidy programs are not working.
Defer Mining Royalties	Mines are suffering extra costs due to COVID. Freeing up government payments until next year can help them meet pandemic needs.
Provide Tax Relief for Mining companies Defer payment of NWT fuel taxes until end of 2021 Defer payment of NWT carbon taxes Defer surface lease payments Defer 2019 royalty payments until 2021	
Provide Mining Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)	Compensate all mines retroactive to April 1 that have paid and continue to pay salaries of their workers they were forced to send home because their small communities were vulnerable to COVID-19. This vulnerability is not connected to, or the responsibility of the mines, rather the responsibility of governments.
Open land access to exploration	
Incent Exploration Investment	Incent critical mineral exploration and mining projects by attractive support provided through Federal Electric Vehicle and Critical Mineral supply chain initiatives. Fund Territorial governments for Critical Minerals geoscience
Use Critical Minerals Plan to reopen Cantung and investigate advancing Mactung project	Investigate opportunity to reopen the Cantung mine and open the Mactung deposit to mining using Federal Critical Minerals Plan Assistance.
Incent Exploration Investment specifically for Critical Minerals (Pan-Territorially)	Bonds are generally either secured with partial collateralization or no collateral. This frees up capital for the company to use for other business activities, including CAPEX, wages, exploration, etc.

MEDIUM TERM ACTIONS: PROMOTE RECOVERY

	Overview/Defintion
Increase/create Northern Mineral Exploration Tax Credit	Increase METC (or create a similar vehicle expressly for northern Canada) to provide as much as perhaps 100% beginning in 2020 (or 21 if the 2020 season is lost), with subsequent annual revisits to ensure exploration investment grows and will sustain mining. Ensure it is competitive with southern mining provinces to recognize higher northern costs and level the playing field.
Exploration and Mineral Extraction and Processing Incentive Programs	
Make Financial Opportunities available	Federal guarantees on Letters of Credit to allow Northern operators to gain some additional financial flexibility. Participation in short term loans, backed and/or working capital facilities coupled with financial institutions to allow Northern operators to gain some additional financial flexibility during adverse times.
Reclamation Security	Allow exploration companies to convert their security to a 0% interest loan for exploration
Increase MIP Mineral Exploration Incentive Grants	Increase to \$10 million and decrease % share that industry puts up.
Mining Tax Relief	Reduce Federal Corporate taxes by half for the next 5 years for companies mining North of 60, beginning in 2020. Consider a further 10% reduction for those with headquarters in the North. Eliminate/Defer payment of NWT property taxes until 2021
Mining Cash Flow Relief	Provide Federal guarantees for reclamation security to free up company moneys for where it is needed to keep people working.
Regulatory Support – Government	
Regulatory Support – Boards and Departments	
Advance Regulatory Process Operational Support Recommendations	
Raise Public Awareness	A better understanding of the industry and its importance will increase public support for resource development.
Support Direct Government Investment in Northern Exploration	Investigate the creation of a government supported exploration entity that will partner with industry in mineral exploration projects.
Establish a Northern Mining Capital Investment Support Fund	Investigate the creation of a government supported exploration entity that will partner with industry in mineral exploration projects.
Surety Bonds for Exploration	Lower cost for security without any added liability risk to government, lowers costs for explorers, frees up money to explore.

LONG TERM ACTIONS: CREATE RESILIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY

	Overview/Defintion
Advance Land Tenure Efficiencies	
Increase Mineral Exploration Tax Credit	Maintain an increased METC or similar vehicle for northern Canada for at least 5 years to ensure exploration investment grows and is sustained to sustain mining. Ensure it remains competitive with southern mining provinces to recognize higher northern costs.
Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies	
Invest Directly into Mines	Provide up to 20% direct Federal investment in mining projects that develop the north, provide Indigenous benefits, contribute to northern sovereignty, an additional 5% matching investment from Canada for Territorial and / or Indigenous government investment in a project.
Mine Property Taxes Deferment	Remove requirement for payment of property taxes, a tax that is anomalous in Canada and for which the mines receive no services.
Mining Tax Incentives	
Infrastructure Investment	Create resource infrastructure fund to assist with infrastructure needs for roads, rail, power, airports and ports.
Mine Closure & Reclamation Support	
Settle Land Claims	Expedite settlement of land claims, and/or find ways to remove this hurdle to resource development by other methods including supporting Indigenous investment in projects.
Repatriation Actions	Devolve MVRMA to NWT Government Repatriate the 50% royalty share that Canadaretains to the NWT Government with no claw back on Federal transfers or other grants, providing that the GNWT invest that royalty share into the mining investment fund.
Provide Direct Exploration and Mining Investment Fund	Create a mining investment vehicle similar to investment funds associated with Plan Nord, ie, Resources Quebec, and Investissement Quebec in Quebec to provide investment in mineral exploration projects.

	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term
Financial Incentives	<p>Incent Exploration Investment</p> <p>Incent Exploration Investment specifically for Critical</p> <p>Protect Flow-through Obligations</p>	<p>Make Financial Opportunities available</p> <p>Exploration and Mineral Extraction and Processing</p> <p>Establish a Northern Mining Capital Investment Support Fund</p> <p>Support Direct Government Investment in Northern Exploration</p> <p>Mining Cash Flow Relief</p> <p>Increase MIP Mineral Exploration Incentive Grants</p>	<p>Infrastructure Investment</p> <p>Significantly finance actions to promote recovery and</p> <p>Provide direct exploration and mining investment fund</p> <p>Invest directly into mines</p>
Wage Subsidies	<p>Provide Exploration Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)</p> <p>Service & Supply Companies Wage Subsidies (Indigenous and non- Indigenous)</p> <p>Provide Mining Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)</p>		
Tax Efforts	<p>Provide Tax Relief for Mining companies</p> <p>Defer Mining Royalties</p>	<p>Increase/create Northern Mineral Exploration Tax Credit</p> <p>Mining Tax Relief</p>	<p>Increase Mineral Exploration Tax Credit (METC)</p> <p>Mining Tax Incentives</p> <p>Repatriation Actions</p> <p>Mine Property Taxes</p>
Land Access & Administration	<p>Open land access to exploration</p> <p>Maintain Mineral Tenure Security</p> <p>Regulatory Land Use Permit and Water Licence Support including their Management Plans</p>	<p>Advance Regulatory Process Operational Support Recommendations</p>	<p>Settle Land Claims</p> <p>Advance Land Tenure Efficiencies</p>
Critical Minerals	<p>Use Critical Minerals Plan to reopen Cantung and investigate advancing Mactung project as well as other advanced critical mineral projects(Avalon, Cheetah (Rare Earths), Fortune (Cobalt, Bismuth)</p>		<p>Develop and support the growth of northern Critical Minerals exploration, extraction, concentration, materials handling and production</p>
Regulatory	<p>Regulatory Land Use Permit and Water Licence Support including their Management Plans</p>	<p>Advance Regulatory Process Operational Support Recommendations</p> <p>Regulatory Support – Boards and Departments</p> <p>Regulatory Support – Government</p> <p>Reclamation Security</p>	<p>Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies</p> <p>Mine Closure & Reclamation Support</p>

- Completed
- In Progress
- No Longer Required
- Potentially Unnecessary

Action Plan Priorities

	Industry h	Potential i	Potential i	Potential i	When an r	
SHORT TERM ACTIONS	Incent Exploration Investment	1	1	2	2	2.5
	Open land access to exploration	1.5	1	2.5	1.5	2.66666667
	Use Critical Minerals Plan to reopen Cantung and investigate advancing Mactung project as well as other advanced critical mineral projects(Avalon, Cheetah (Rare Earths), Fortune (Cobalt, Bismuth)	1.5	1	2	2	3
	Service & Supply Companies Wage Subsidies (Indigenous and non- Indigenous)	3	3	1	2	1
	Provide Exploration Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)	4	2	4	4	1
	Maintain Mineral Tenure Security	4.5	2.5	4	3	1.33333333
	Incent Exploration Investment specifically for Critical Minerals (Pan-Territorially)	6	3	3	2	2.5
	Protect Flow-through Obligations	7	2	2	3	1
	Regulatory Land Use Permit and Water Licence Support including their Management Plans	8	2	4	2	2
	Provide Mining Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)	10	2	4	3	1.5
	Provide Tax Relief for Mining companies	11		4	5	5
	Defer Mining Royalties	12		4	5	4
	MEDIUM TERM ACTIONS: PROMOTE RECOVERY	Make Financial Opportunities available	1	1.5	3	3
Exploration and Mineral Extraction and Processing Incentive Programs		2	1.5	2.5	2	3
Advance Regulatory Process Operational Support Recommendations		4	2.5	4	3	3.5
Surety Bonds for Exploration		5	2	4	3	4
Increase/create Northern Mineral Exploration Tax Credit		6	1	1.5	1.5	2
Reclamation Security						
Raise Public Awareness		6	2.5	4	3	3
Establish a Northern Mining Capital Investment Support Fund		7	1.5	1.5	1.5	3.5
Support Direct Government Investment in Northern Exploration		8	2	2.5	2	2
Mining Cash Flow Relief		9	2	2	2	3.5
Reclamation Security		10	3	5	5	3
Mining Tax Relief		10	3	5	5	2
Increase MIP Mineral Exploration Incentive Grants		11	2	5	5	3
Regulatory Support – Boards and Departments	12	4	4	4	3.5	
Regulatory Support – Government	13	3	4	3.5	4	
TERM ACTIONS: CREATE RESILIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY	Invest directly into mines	1	1	3	2	3.5
	Mine Closure & Reclamation Support	2	2.5	2	2.5	4
	Advance Land Tenure Efficiencies	3	2.5	4	3	4
	Repatriation actions	4	1.5	1.5	1.5	4
	Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies	5	2	3	3	3
	Provide direct exploration and mining investment fund	6	2	3	1	3
	Increase Mineral Exploration Tax Credit	7	2	4	3	3
	Mining Tax incentives	8	4	4	5	4

	Short Term	Medium	Long Term
Financial Incentives	Incent Exploration Investment	Make Financial Opportunities available	Infrastructure Investment
	Incent Exploration Investment specifically for Critical Minerals (Pan-Territorially)	Exploration and Mineral Extraction and Processing Incentive Programs	
	Protect Flow-through Obligations	Establish a Northern Mining Capital Investment Support Fund	Provide direct exploration and mining investment fund
		Support Direct Government Investment in Northern Exploration	Invest directly into mines
		Mining Cash Flow Relief	
		Increase MIP Mineral Exploration Incentive Grants	
Land Access & Administration	Open land access to exploration		Settle Land Claims
	Maintain Mineral Tenure Security		Advance Land Tenure Efficiencies
Critical Minerals	Use Critical Minerals Plan to reopen Cantung and investigate advancing Mactung project as well as other advanced critical mineral projects(Avalon, Cheetah (Rare Earths), Fortune (Cobalt, Bismuth)		
Regulatory	Regulatory Land Use Permit and Water Licence Support including their Management Plans	Advance Regulatory Process Operational Support Recommendations	Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies
		Regulatory Support – Boards and Departments Regulatory Support – Government Reclamation Security	Mine Closure & Reclamation Support
Wage Subsidies	Provide Exploration Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)		
	Service & Supply Companies Wage Subsidies (Indigenous and non- Indigenous) Provide Mining Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)		
Tax Efforts	Provide Tax Relief for Mining companies	Increase/create Northern Mineral Exploration Tax Credit	Increase Mineral Exploration Tax Credit
	Defer Mining Royalties	Mining Tax Relief	Mining Tax incentives Repatriation Actions Mine Property Taxes
		Raise Public Awareness	

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LONG RESILI	Infrastructure Investment	9	2.5	2.5	3	3
	Settle Land Claims	10	2.5	2	2	4
	Mine Property Taxes	11	4	5	5	3.5

Marking Guide:

Rankings 1 to 5

Short Term Actions 1 to 13

Medium Term Actions 1 to 13

Long Term Actions 1 to 11

Alignment

Federal Priorities 1 to 4

1 - Aligns Directly to Mandate of the Federal Government and/or

Aligns with Minister's Mandate Letter Priorities 1 to 5

2 - Aligns Directly to Key Policy/Strategies

3 - Aligns with Departmental Mandate

4 - Does not currently Align with Existing Programs

Territorial Priorities 1 to 4

1 - Aligns Directly to 19th Assembly Mandate

1 - Aligns with COVID-19 Recovery Priorities

* please highlight this ranking if used

2 - Aligns to Key Strategies Currently being Implemented

3 - Aligns with Departmental Responsibilities

4 - Is not Currently being Addressed by Government

Action Plan Schedule

SHORT TERM ACTIONS

Working Group Action Schedule

	April-June	July-September	October-December	January-March	Completed?
Maintain Mineral Tenure Security	Pan Territorial Letter to Federal Ministers				Yes
Protect Flow-through Obligations	Pan Territorial Letter to Federal Ministers				Yes
Provide Exploration Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)	Pan Territorial Letter to Federal Ministers				Yes
Regulatory Permit and License Support including Land Use Permits, Water Licences and their associated Management Plans		Letters to Regulatory Boards from ITI and Industry			Incomplete
Service & Supply Companies Wage Subsidies (Indigenous and non- Indigenous)	Pan Territorial Letter to Federal Ministers				Yes
Mining Royalties					Incomplete
NWT Tax Relief for Mining companies					
Defer payment of NWT fuel taxes until end of 2021	ITI Will propose to GNWT Finance				Rejected by GNWT Finance
Defer payment of NWT carbon taxes	ITI Will propose to GNWT Finance				Rejected by GNWT Finance
Defer surface lease payments	ITI Will propose to GNWT Finance				Accepted by GNWT Finance
Defer 2019 royalty payments until 2021	Industry to Determine if this is Relevant	Industry to Determine if this is Relevant			Incomplete
Provide Mining Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)	Pan Territorial Letter to Federal Ministers				CEWS in force in the NWT
Open land access to exploration					Incomplete
Make Financial Opportunities available					Incomplete
Incent Exploration Investment					Incomplete
Incent Exploration Investment specifically for Critical Minerals	ITI will Raise at Federal Territorial Working Group	ITI Minister to Raise to Federal Minister			
Take advantage of Critical Minerals Plan to reopen Cantung and investigate advancing Mactung project					
Encourage the Use of Reclamation Surety Bonds to fee up scarce cash for investment in the North					

Legend

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Not Completed

MEDIUM TERM ACTIONS: PROMOTE RECOVERY

	April-June	July-September	October-December	January-March	Completed?
Increase/create Northern Mineral Exploration Tax Credit					
Exploration and Mineral Extraction and Processing Incentive Programs					
Surety Bonds for Exploration					
Reclamation Security					
MIP					
Mining Tax Relief					
Mining Cash Flow Relief					
Regulatory Support – Government					
Regulatory Support – Boards and Departments					
Regulatory Process Operational Support					
Raise Public Awareness					
Support direct government investment in Northern exploration					
Establish a Northern mining capital investment support fund					

LONG TERM ACTIONS: CREATE RESILIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY

	April-June	July-September	October-December	January-March	Completed?
Advance Land Tenure Efficiencies					
Increase Mineral Exploration Tax Credit					
Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies					
Invest directly into mines					
Mine Property Taxes					
Mining Tax incentives					
Infrastructure Investment					
Mine Closure & Reclamation Support					
Settle Land Claims					
Repatriation actions					
Provide direct exploration and mining investment fund					

Definitions of Short Term Actions

SHORT TERM ACTIONS

	Federal Government Responsibility	Territorial / Indigenous Governments Responsibility	ITI Comments (green highlight = higher priority or more achievable)
Maintain Mineral Tenure Security	Federal Government on Crown lands in Nunavut and on Federal Crown lands in NWT	Yukon Government	
Provide companies with time extensions to end of 2021 to:	- Allow under Canada Mining Regulations	Under Quartz Mining Act?	GNWT is pursuing a mineral tenure relief package and in the meantime will be extending the initial 90 day tenure freeze/protection period for another 90 days, to September 24, 2020
- submit work requirements		NWT Government	
- submit payments for permits, leases and payments in lieu of work requirements		Under NWT Mining Regulations	
- survey mineral claims		Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. Under Nunavut Lands Policy?	
Protect Flow-through Obligations	Federal Government		
	Extend flow-through expenditure and tax deadlines to compensate for our inability to gain access to the field in a timely manner. There will be limited to little or no exploration season this year (one full year of survival may be required).		NWT and the other two territories have prepared a letter to the Northern Affairs and NRCan ministers requesting flow-through expenditure deadline extensions and expanded eligibility requirements. Requires a pan-Canadian approach and coordination with PDAC.
	- Expand eligible expenditures for existing flow-through commitments already made eg. to administration expenses, resource and reserve estimation, and engineering, environmental and feasibility studies. [Requires Federal Support/action]. Consider including COVID related expenses.		
Provide Exploration Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)	Federal Government		
Compensate all exploration companies retroactive to April 1 who have paid and continue to pay salaries of their workers	CEWS for Exploration companies		NWT and the other two territories have prepared a letter to the Northern Affairs and NRCan ministers requesting changes to CEWS eligibility requirements, so that northern exploration and service and supply companies will qualify, given their current inability to meet the revenue criteria. Requires a pan-Canadian approach and coordination with PDAC.
	- Apply the Federal 75% emergency wage subsidy to publicly traded exploration companies and overcome their current ineligibility as non-revenue generating.		
	- These companies have generated \$5B in revenues to explore in Canada's 3 territories over the past 10 years. This is deserving of protection to maintain their ability to continue to raise exploration revenues.		
Regulatory Permit and License Support including Land Use Permits, Water Licences and their associated Management Plans	Federal Government	Regulatory Boards & Governments	
Obtaining land use permits and water licenses is a costly and time-consuming process for mineral exploration. The permitting process consumes much energy and money. These authorizations have a fixed life. So in a year that is disrupted, this investment is lost. A 12-18 month extension on Authorizations and plans would preserve this investment and allow the industry to stay focused on restarting.	- Coordinate all government and departments required to implement this request	- Extend all licenses and permits for by 12-18 months on the principle that a year of work has been lost due to COVID.	There are restrictions in the MVRMA as to what can be achieved, but GNWT is assessing what can be done in policy via discretion/policy flexibility at the Boards, and is happy to work with the Boards and Industry on that. ITI is a participant in this, not a lead GNWT dept., but can help to advise from an industry perspective.
		- This will preserve industry's investment in permits, licences and associated management plans and industry can focus on getting back to work quickly. - Allow late reporting without penalty of government reports for mines and exploration companies	
Service & Supply Companies Wage Subsidies (Indigenous and non-Indigenous)	Federal Government	Territorial Governments	
	- Need a formula for how to help service and supply companies who are losing revenues as a result of COVID, but for which existing subsidy programs are not working.		See above action on Pan-Territorial letter and the request for CEWS amendments
Mining Royalties	Federal Government	NWT Government	

<p>Mines are suffering extra costs due to COVID. Freeing up government payments until next year can help them meet pandemic needs.</p>	<p>- defer royalty payments in Nunavut until 2021</p>	<p>- Defer NWT 2019 royalty payments until 2021</p>	<p>This has not been requested by the mines and a number of proponents have already filed their 2019 returns.</p> <p>If there is an interest ITI will discuss this with the department of Finance.</p>
<p>Tax Relief for Mining companies</p>	<p>Federal Government</p> <p>- Offer a 20% tax break on operations for 2020 just for the fact most have stayed operational during this pandemic.</p> <p>Ideas?</p>	<p>NWT Government</p> <p>- Defer payment of NWT fuel taxes until end of 2021</p> <p>- Defer payment of NWT carbon taxes</p> <p>- Defer surface lease payments</p> <p>- Defer 2019 royalty payments until 2021</p>	<p>Rejected by GNWT Finance</p> <p>Rejected by GNWT Finance</p> <p>This was accepted by the GNWT</p> <p>This has not been requested by the mines and a number of proponents have already filed their 2019 returns.</p>
<p>Provide Mining Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)</p> <p>Compensate all mines retroactive to April 1 that have paid and continue to pay salaries of their workers they were forced to send home because their small communities were vulnerable to COVID-19. This vulnerability is not connected to, or the responsibility of the mines, rather the responsibility of governments.</p> <p>In paying these furloughed workers, mines have saved government significant moneys in EI and social assistance benefits.</p>	<p>Federal Government</p> <p>CEWS for Mining companies</p> <p>- Apply the Federal 75% emergency wage subsidy to mining companies who have compensated workers furloughed back to their vulnerable communities. Provide compensation immaterial of revenue tests, as the furloughing of vulnerable workers is unrelated to revenues, and is more rightfully the responsibility of governments.</p>	<p>NWT Government</p> <p>- Consider foregoing the NT payroll tax that companies in the north pay.</p>	<p>Finance would have to comment on this. Some small community workers are already back to work. This is partly a CPHO + mines issue that is evolving.</p> <p>Does the CEWS already allow for this? It is our understanding that at least one of the mines successfully applied for CEWS support?</p> <p>Many of these workers are now back to work. CEWS has been used as these workers were not laid off.</p>
<p>Open land access to exploration</p>	<p>Federal Government</p> <p>- Protected areas, marine protected areas, parks, etc must undergo Environmental Assessments just like projects if there is a concern regarding environmental or economic considerations. And the decision should be made in the north, not Ottawa.</p>	<p>Territorial Governments</p> <p>- Same for territorial governments advancing conservation initiatives.</p> <p>- Find ways for land use planning in NU and NWT to add investor certainty</p>	<p>This is a long term issue, not a short term COVID one. Suggest the ITI-COM working group not focus on this issue at this time.</p> <p>Needs to be a GNWT-Fed collaboration and larger table; tied to LC negotiation and PAS finalization.</p> <p>This is a long term issue, not a short term COVID one. Suggest the ITI-COM working group not focus on this issue at this time.</p>
<p>Make Financial Opportunities available</p>	<p>Federal Government</p> <p>- Federal guarantees on Letters of Credit to allow Northern operators to gain some additional financial flexibility.</p> <p>- Participation in short term loans, backed and or working capital facilities coupled with financial institutions to allow Northern operators to gain some additional financial flexibility during adverse times.</p>		<p>This is a Federal issue and question. Suggest a pan-Canadian approach as an aid to the Canadian minerals industry.</p> <p>This is a Federal issue and question. Suggest a pan-Canadian approach as an aid to the Canadian minerals industry.</p>
<p>Encourage the Use of Reclamation Surety Bonds to free up scarce cash for investment in the North</p> <p>Bonds are generally either secured with partial collateralization or no collateral. This frees up capital for the company to use for other business activities, including CAPEX, wages, exploration, etc.</p> <p>Bonds do not just provide cash payments on default of the operator; in most cases, they also provide an option for the party providing the surety to complete the reclamation itself (i.e. "perform" the obligation under the relevant authorization). This is important for a small jurisdiction as it transfers the responsibility for hiring a reclamation contractor to reclaim the land to the surety. In the LC scenario, the regulator has to hire a contractor and manage the reclamation themselves.</p>	<p>Federal Government</p> <p>- Advance Surety Bonding in Nunavut.</p>	<p>Territorial Governments</p> <p>- Use existing powers to accept surety bonds in NWT</p>	<p>This is a Lands and Finance issue and evaluated on a case by case basis. Politically sensitive and there is currently little tolerance for increasing taxpayer risk. A longer-term issue involving multiple GNWT depts.</p> <p>Surety bonds are a form of security that need to be looked at on a company and project basis. Tied to the regulatory process.</p>
<p>Incent Exploration Investment</p>	<p>Federal Government</p> <p>- Once field work begins again, provide 150% extra assessment credit for work in Nunavut that is completed (initiatives like this cost the government nothing).</p>	<p>NWT Government</p> <p>- Once field work begins again, continue with the 150% extra assessment credit for work that is completed (initiatives like this cost the government nothing).</p>	<p>This is do-able and would simply require ITI Minister's decision to extend. Suggest moving this to a short-term action.</p>

MEDIUM TERM ACTIONS: PROMOTE RECOVERY

	<p>Federal Government Responsibility</p>	<p>Territorial / Indigenous Governments Responsibility</p>	<p>ITI Comments (green highlight = higher priority or more achievable)</p>
<p>Incent Exploration Investment specifically for Critical Minerals</p>	<p>Federal Government</p>	<p>NWT & Nunavut Governments</p>	

<p>The North has known deposits of critical minerals, and untapped potential for additional discovery and development.</p>	<p>Incent critical mineral exploration and mining projects by attractive support provided through Federal Electric Vehicle and Critical Mineral supply chain initiatives.</p>	<p>- Advance geoscience work to identify known deposits of the 35 critical minerals, and geological terranes prospective for them, to attract investment</p>	<p>This is do-able in the medium term, although probably doesn't need to be a focus of the COM-ITI WG. Coordinate actions with Fed. Gov't.</p>
<p>Canada is finalizing a Critical Minerals Strategy</p>	<p>Fund Territorial governments for critical minerals geoscience</p>	<p>- Coordinate efforts with Federal Government</p>	<p>This is do-able in the medium term, although probably doesn't need to be a focus of the COM-ITI WG. GEM and TGI are to be renewed and may provide focus on this commodity group. Lobby for this approach.</p>
<p>Take advantage of Critical Minerals Plan to reopen Cantung and investigate advancing Mactung project</p>	<p>Federal Government</p>	<p>NWT & Yukon Governments</p>	
<p>Tungsten is a critical mineral on the US Critical Minerals List and on Canada's Critical Minerals Plan.</p>	<p>- Investigate opportunity to reopen the Cantung mine and open the Mactung deposit to mining using Federal Critical Minerals Plan Assistance.</p>	<p>- Mactung provides opportunities to both territories.</p>	<p>GNWT is working with Canada on this.</p>
<p>Cantung was one of the largest operating tungsten mines outside of China. Its closures arose because China drove down the price of tungsten. Now it's being considered for reclamation.</p>	<p>- Open the mine and in so doing, remove the taxpayer's reclamation liability on the site.</p>	<p>- Seek opportunities to refine tungsten in Yukon.</p>	
<p>Mactung is the largest undeveloped tungsten deposit in the world. It straddles the Yukon and NWT border and offers potential</p>			<p>GNWT is working with Canada on this.</p>
<p>Increase/create Northern Mineral Exploration Tax Credit</p>	<p>Federal Government</p>		
<p>Northern Canada has only the METC as a tax credit. Other provinces add their own exploration tax credits on top of METC to make them more competitive. The north already is in an unlevel playing field with exploration costs as much as 6 times higher than in the south.</p>	<p>- Increase METC (or create a similar vehicle expressly for northern Canada) to provide as much as perhaps 100% beginning in 2020 (or 21 if the 2020 season is lost), with subsequent annual revisits to ensure exploration investment grows and will sustain mining</p>		<p>The pan-territorial advocacy letter to Canada includes a request to increase the METC</p>
	<p>- Ensure it is competitive with southern mining provinces to recognize higher northern costs and level the playing field.</p>		<p>The pan-territorial advocacy letter to Canada includes a request to increase the METC</p>
<p>Exploration and Mineral Extraction and Processing Incentive Programs</p>	<p>Federal Government</p>	<p>NWT Government</p>	
	<p>- Canada can assist with exploration incentives</p>	<p>- Expand the Mining Incentive Program with 2 million annually</p>	<p>Will be discussing this possibility with NRCan for this year (CanNor has indicated they are likely unable to consider this)</p>
		<p>- Adjust the current MIP guidelines to reflect the actual costs of working in the North by allowing flights as eligible expenses, for example.</p>	<p>Flights within the NWT are allowed as an eligible expense. It levels the all-important NWT spending score if external flights are not included as eligible expenses.</p>
		<p>- Expand to include new extraction, concentrating, sorting and materials handling technologies associated with critical minerals</p>	<p>This change is envisioned to some degree. It would be part of the 50% budget increase over 4 years as indicated in the GNWT Mandate</p>
		<p>- Expand to include incentives for processing minerals in the Territories perhaps similar to the Saskatchewan Mineral Processing Initiative</p>	<p>Scope creep danger, plus NWT's current challenge is attracting exploration activity. Also part of royalty review consideration. Address this in royalty review, not MIP.</p>
		<p>Nunavut Government - Create a similar exploration incentive program as the NWT's MIP program</p>	
<p>Surety Bonds for Exploration</p>	<p>Federal Government</p>	<p>NWT Government</p>	
<p>Lower cost for security without any added liability risk to government, lowers costs for explorers, frees up money to explore.</p>		<p>- Allow exploration companies option to convert cash security to surety bonds.</p>	<p>Not likely to be pursued easily, and also a case by case evaluation. See comments above as well.</p>
			<p>Surety bonds are a form of security that need to be looked at on a company and project basis. Tied to the regulatory process.</p>
<p>Reclamation Security</p>	<p>Federal Government</p>	<p>NWT Government</p>	
	<p>- Advance the ongoing work in Nunavut to completion to allow Nunavut projects the lower cost option of surety bonding</p>	<p>- Allow exploration companies to convert their security to a 0% interest loan for exploration</p>	<p>I don't think this idea is possible. It would not be acceptable to GNWT or NWT residents.</p>
<p>MIP</p>	<p>Federal Government</p>	<p>NWT Government</p>	
		<p>- Increase to \$10 million and decrease % share that industry puts up.</p>	<p>Unlikely in the medium term unless MIP was transformed into something like the SIDEX fund in Quebec.</p>
			<p>Good goal for ongoing work. Note no other PTs have this much funding for similar programs, e.g. Yukon. NU does not have a similar program so perhaps this can be a suggestion for NU going forward.</p>
<p>Mining Tax Relief</p>	<p>Federal Government</p>	<p>NWT Government</p>	
	<p>- Reduce Federal Corporate taxes by half for the next 5 years for companies mining North of 60, beginning in 2020.</p>	<p>- Eliminate/Defer payment of NWT property taxes until 2021</p>	<p>Was not requested by the diamond mines in a letter to the GNWT.</p>
	<p>- Consider a further 10% reduction for those with headquarters in the North.</p>	<p>Nunavut Government - Eliminate/Defer payment of Nunavut property taxes until 2021</p>	
<p>Mining Cash Flow Relief</p>	<p>Federal Government</p>	<p>NWT Government</p>	
	<p>- Provide Federal guarantees for reclamation security to free up company moneys for where it is needed to keep people working.</p>		
<p>Regulatory Support – Government</p>	<p>Federal Government</p>	<p>NWT Government</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modify the Mackenzie Valley Federal Areas Waters Regulations (MVFAWR) (apply to lands within a federal area) - Modify the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations (MVLUR) (apply to both federal and non-federal areas) - Change land use and water regulations to support better alignment of Type B land use permit with industry needs: • Increase person-days of work for a land use permit to 1,000; • Increase daily water use to 300 cubic metres; • Increase fuel storage - Ensure that regulatory boards such as the Nunavut Impact Review Board are supported so that environmental assessments can continue without exacerbated delays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modify the Water Regulations (WR) (which apply to lands outside a federal area) - Note, these two regs. currently mirror each other. One is territorial one is federal. Ideally, if changes were made, they would be made to both regulations so that rules are consistent on federal and non-federal areas. Most exploration occurs on non- federal areas, but some projects are located on both (e.g. Tyhee). 	<p>This is worth pursuing with other GNWT departments and Canada in the medium term.</p> <p>Can't fully comment on this without talking to ENR with more information in hand.</p> <p>This is worth pursuing with other GNWT departments and Canada in the medium term.</p> <p>Can't fully comment on this without talking to ENR with more information in hand.</p> <p>This is worth pursuing with other GNWT departments and Canada in the medium term.</p> <p>The recent MV regulatory dialogue workshop and working group represent a start to this type of discussion.</p> <p>As above</p> <p>As above</p> <p>As above</p> <p>This is worth pursuing with other GNWT departments and Canada in the medium term.</p> <p>These regulatory issues need to go to larger tables for meaningful discussion. The WG is limited in what it can do here.</p>
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Regulatory Support – Boards and Departments	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Direct all regulatory Boards to launch red tape reductions and process improvements to support timely and focused processes. - Simultaneously bolster regulatory Boards capacity to fast track environmental assessment and regulatory processes without contravening environmental diligence. - No permit should be refused or delayed if conditions meet the scalability of the project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Direct all departments to launch red tape reductions and process improvements to support timely and focused processes. - Simultaneously bolster regulatory Boards capacity to fast track environmental assessment and regulatory processes without contravening environmental diligence, eg, research licenses slowing down acquisition of other permits and licenses. 	<p>As above</p> <p>As above</p> <p>As above</p>

Regulatory Process Operational Support	Federal Government	NWT Government & Regulatory Boards	
<p>Recommendations arose from the NWT Mackenzie Valley Operational Dialogue Workshop held in March 2020:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify opportunities to scale information requirements for exploration projects 2. Examine the level of pre- application engagement required for exploration projects 3. Update the tool for estimating security when just a land use permit is required 4. Confirm approach to handling substantial issues that would otherwise alter requirements for proponent s mid-process 5. Examine opportunities for process / execution improvements in the Online Review System 6. Strengthened and ongoing collaboration and dialogue among all parties to encourage and support continuous improvement 7. Build awareness through education and communication 8. Grow capacity, knowledge and expertise to support effective and scaled regulation of mineral exploration (at each stage) 9. Identify opportunities to promote greater transparency of Board decisions <p>PERHAPS BREAK THESE DOWN INTO INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advance the actions arising from the NWT Mackenzie Valley Operational Dialogue Workshop held in March 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advance the actions arising from the NWT Mackenzie Valley Operational Dialogue Workshop held in March 2020 	<p>This work could advance tactfully with the Boards and IGOs under the MV Regulatory Dialogues umbrella.</p> <p>These regulatory issues need to go to larger tables for meaningful discussion. The WG is limited in what it can do here.</p>

Raise Public Awareness	Federal Government	Territorial Governments	
<p>A better understanding of the industry and its importance will increase public support for resource development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Infrastructure strategy - Indigenous reconciliation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support a program to increase public awareness of the minerals industry opportunity plan that industry has been doing in the North for 20 years. This is not new to us. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support a program to increase public awareness of the minerals industry 	<p>Agreed -we could work on this</p>

Support direct government investment in Northern exploration	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments	
<p>SOQUEM is a subsidiary of Investissement Québec, and its mission is to promote the exploration, discovery, and development of the province s mineral resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigate the creation of a government supported exploration entity that will partner with industry in mineral exploration projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigate the creation of a government supported exploration entity that will partner with industry in mineral exploration projects. 	<p>ITI will take this away and talk with Finance about this concept.</p> <p>Further assessment of the SOQUEM and SIDEX models in Quebec and how it could be applied to NWT is worth pursuing as a longer-term goal. If Federal support is desired, it could be via the ANPF and CMMP.</p>

Establish a Northern mining capital investment support fund	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments	

In the early 1970s, Canada invested in 18% of the Nanisivik Mine, and provided infrastructure (port, airport, roads and community infrastructure). Similar direct investment could advance current projects. Green energy projects could also be funded, eg, LNG, Solar, Wind.

- The new mine investment fund would provide up to 30% of the costs of mine site capital projects to sustain their operations through the crisis and beyond

- Allow Territorial and Indigenous Governments to leverage additional federal investment with matching contributions.

This could be pursued with Canada through the ANPF and CMMP.

LONG TERM ACTIONS: CREATE RESILIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY

	Federal Government Responsibility	Territorial / Indigenous Governments Responsibility	ITI Comments (green highlight = higher priority or more achievable)
Advance Land Tenure Efficiencies	Federal Government	NWT Government	
	- Operationalize Nunavut map staking by January 2021.	- Operationalize NWT map staking by April 1, 2022.	
Increase Mineral Exploration Tax Credit	Federal Government		
	- Maintain an increased METC or similar vehicle for northern Canada for at least 5 years to ensure exploration investment grows and is sustained to sustain mining		
	- Ensure it remains competitive with southern mining provinces to recognize higher northern costs.		
Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies	Federal Government	NWT Government	
	- Canada devolve MVRMA to GNWT	- GNWT create a service standard that provides investors with efficient turnaround times for licences, etc.	
	- Select board members that have mineral industry knowledge and also who understand the social and economic benefits of mining and some who understand the science around environmental issues as well as those who appreciate the concerns of communities		
	- Boards address inflexible permitting criteria where minor decisions cannot be amended without going through a screening process.	Nunavut Government	
	- Minister use power to provide direction to Boards and work with government departments to reduce lengthy and cumbersome permitting processes;		
	- Institute a moratorium on additional regulation. To give Indigenous peoples the chance to build a prosperous future the government should institute a moratorium on additional regulation and interference with the resource economy. (Dr. Ken Coates esteemed professor and historian. See story here, page 19)		
Invest directly into mines	Federal Government	Territorial Governments	
	Provide up to 20% direct Federal investment in mining projects that develop the north, provide Indigenous benefits, contribute to northern sovereignty, This is not unprecedented in Canada, witness the Federal Government's 18% direct investment in the Nanisivik mine project in 1974.	- Get an additional 5% matching investment from Canada for Territorial and / or Indigenous government investment in a project.	This could be pursued with Canada through the ANPF and CMMP but needs to be taken away for further discussion.
	Match up to an additional 5% investment to match Territorial and / or Indigenous government investment.		
Mine Property Taxes		NWT and Nunavut Governments	
		- Remove requirement for payment of property taxes, a tax that is anomalous in Canada and for which the mines receive no services.	Finance would have to comment on this. Needs to be taken away for further discussion.
Mining Tax incentives	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments	
	Accelerated Capital Cost Allowance for operating mines – I know nothing about this.	- Provide a tax incentive to companies who hire northern based firms.	Some form of incentivising Northern employment could be looked at during the review of the Mining Regulations.
	Maybe look at increasing CEE and CDE		
	Work needed to better understand opportunities here.		
Infrastructure Investment	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments	
Create resource infrastructure fund to assist with infrastructure needs for roads, rail, power, airports and ports.	Create a Northern Resource Roads Program like the Federal Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources program of 1961, which supported 4 categories of road developments:	- Canada add additional infrastructure funding to match funds contributed by Territorial and/or Indigenous governments into infrastructure.	This could be pursued with Canada through the ANPF and CMMP but needs to be taken away for further discussion.
This kind of government investment is not unprecedented in Canada, witness Pine Point Railway and Taltson Power built by Canada to enable the Pine Point mine to leverage long term infrastructure for nearby communities; Snare power built for Giant mine and Yellowknife; and advancing Arctic ice breaking cargo ship technology for Nanisivik and Polaris mines (MV Arctic).	- "area development roads" which open relatively undeveloped regions (like the Slave Province);		

<p>Opportunities for assistance could include the Slave Geological Province Road, the Gray s Bay Road & Port, the Prairie Creek mine road, and the NICO mine road.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "mine development roads" which serve an area where two or more mining companies have made substantial progress toward large scale production. These would be financed entirely by the Federal Government. - "Mine access roads" which serve the property of one mining company capable of achieving production on a large enough scale to warrant federal assistance, may be financed two-thirds by the Federal Government and one-third by the company concerned. - "tote" roads or trails. These are low standard roads built to provide temporary seasonal, or year-round access to the property of an individual company to bring in supplies or equipment for exploration, development, or small-scale production. A similar Energy program could address Taltson Power and Kivalliq Power and even alternative energy projects to support mining operations. - A similar airports program could help mines that need air access. A similar railway program could help mines that need rail access. 	
<p>Mine Closure & Reclamation Support</p>	<p>Federal Government</p>	<p>Territorial and Indigenous Governments</p>
<p>Mines that are closed must be reclaimed, which is a de- construction and land reclamation exercise. It generates no revenues for the mining companies.</p> <p>However, reclamation is revenue generating for service and supply companies, many of which are Indigenous.</p> <p>Projects that fall under this include Giant, Colomac, Port Radium, Snap Lake diamond mine in the NWT and the Lupin gold mine and Jericho diamond mine in Nunavut.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make all reclamation projects exempt from Federal corporate taxation for both the mining company and for the service and supply companies working on those projects. - Direct regulatory Boards to reduce red tape and find efficiencies to provide speedy but environmentally diligent processes to advance approval of reclamation projects. - Provide training and invest in Indigenous participation in these projects to help make Indigenous businesses full service, cradle to grave, mining service and supply companies that can compete anywhere. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide training and invest in Indigenous participation in these projects to help make Indigenous businesses full service, cradle-to-grave, mining service and supply companies that can compete anywhere. <p>This could be pursued with Canada and other Provinces through CMMP, specifically the National Orphaned and Abandoned Mines Initiative (NOAMI) table</p>
<p>Settle Land Claims</p>	<p>Federal Government</p> <p>Expedite settlement of land claims, and/or Find ways to remove this hurdle to resource development by other methods including supporting Indigenous investment in projects.</p>	
<p>Repatriation actions</p>	<p>Federal Government</p>	<p>Territorial and Indigenous Governments</p>
	<p>Devolve MVRMA to NWT Government Repatriate the 50% royalty share that Canada retains to the NWT Government with no claw back on Federal transfers or other grants, providing that the GNWT invest that royalty share into the mining investment fund.</p> <p>Devolve in Nunavut</p>	<p>Repatriate these provided these governments invest that royalty share into enhancing mineral resource development, eg, by sharing some of that repatriated royalty with those Indigenous groups on whose traditional lands a mine is discovered.</p>
<p>Provide direct exploration and mining investment fund</p>	<p>Federal Government</p>	
	<p>Create a mining investment vehicle similar to investment funds associated with Plan Nord, ie, Resources Quebec, and Investissement Quebec in Quebec to provide investment in mineral exploration projects.</p>	<p>This could be pursued with Canada through the ANPF and CMMP but needs to be taken away for further discussion.</p>

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SHORT TERM ACTIONS

	Federal Government	Territorial / Indigenous Governments	ITI Comments (green highlight higher priority or more achievable)	Working Group Action Items	Completion Date	Completed?
Maintain Mineral Tenure Security	Federal Government on Crown lands in Nunavut and on Federal Crown lands in NWT	Yukon Government				
Provide companies with time extensions to end of 2021 to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow under Canada Mining Regulations submit work requirements submit payments for permits, leases and payments in lieu of work requirements survey mineral claims 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under Quartz Mining Act? NWT Government Under NWT Mining Regulations Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. Under Nunavut Lands Policy? 	GNWT is pursuing a mineral tenure relief package and in the meantime will be extending the initial 90 day tenure freeze/protection period for another 90 days to September 24, 2020	June 5 - Draft and Send a Pan Territorial Letter expressing the concerns of Territorial Governments and Industry to the Ministers of Northern Affairs and Natural Resources Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafted - June 5 2020 Sent - June 12 2020 	Yes
Protect Flow-through Obligations	Federal Government					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend flow-through expenditure and tax deadlines to compensate for our inability to gain access to the field in a timely manner. There will be limited to little or no exploration season this year (one full year of survival may be required). Expand eligible expenditures for existing flow-through commitments already made eg. to administration expenses, resource and reserve estimation and engineering, environmental and feasibility studies. (Requires Federal Support/action). Consider including COVID related expenses. 		NWT and the other two territories have prepared a letter to the Northern Affairs and NRCan ministers requesting flow-through expenditure deadline extensions and expanded eligibility requirements. Requires a pan-Canadian approach and coordination with PDAC.	June 5 -Draft and Send a Pan Territorial Letter expressing the concerns of Territorial Governments and Industry to the Ministers of Northern Affairs and Natural Resources Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafted - June 5 2020 Sent - June 12 2020 	Yes
Provide Exploration Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)	Federal Government					
Compensate all exploration companies retroactive to April 1 who have paid and continue to pay salaries of their workers	CEWS for Exploration companies		NWT and the other two territories have prepared a letter to the Northern Affairs and NRCan ministers requesting changes to CEWS eligibility requirements so that northern exploration and service and supply companies will qualify given their current inability to meet the revenue criteria. Requires a pan-Canadian approach and coordination with PDAC.	June 5 -Draft and Send a Pan Territorial Letter expressing the concerns of Territorial Governments and Industry to the Ministers of Northern Affairs and Natural Resources Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafted - June 5 2020 Sent - June 12 2020 	Yes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply the Federal 75% emergency wage subsidy to publicly traded exploration companies and overcome their current ineligibility as non-revenue generating. These companies have generated \$58 in revenues to explore in Canada's 3 territories over the past 10 years. This is deserving of protection to maintain their ability to continue to raise exploration revenues. 					
Regulatory Permit and License Support including Land Use Permits, Water Licences and their associated Management Plans	Federal Government	Regulatory Boards & Governments				
Obtaining land use permits and water licenses is a costly and time-consuming process for mineral exploration. The permitting process consumes much energy and money. These authorizations have a fixed life. So in a year that is disrupted this investment is lost. A 12-18 month extension on Authorizations and plans would preserve this investment and allow the industry to stay focused on restarting.	Coordinate all government and departments required to implement this request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend all licenses and permits for by 12-18 months on the principle that a year of work has been lost due to COVID. This will preserve industry's investment in permits, licences and associated management plans and industry can focus on getting back to work quickly. Allow late reporting without penalty of gov't reports for mines and exploration companies 	There are restrictions in the MVRMA as to what can be achieved, but GNWT is assessing what can be done in policy via discretion/policy flexibility at the Boards and is happy to work with the Boards and Industry on that. ITI is a participant in this, not a lead GNWT dept, but can help to advise from an industry perspective.	June 5 - Speak to the MVRMA about solutions - are there levers that the MVRMA has that can be used? -emphasize different thresholds of projects easy-hard (i.e. no camp in place to operating mine)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafted - June 5 2020 Sent - June 12 2020 	Incomplete
				June 12 - Glen and Erik to draft a letter to boards for Industry -John and Menzie to engage boards from the GNWT Perspective		Incomplete
Service & Supply Companies Wage Subsidies (Indigenous and non-Indigenous)	Federal Government	Territorial Governments				
Need a formula for how to help service and supply companies who are losing revenues as a result of COVID but for which existing subsidy programs are not working.			See above action on Pan-Territorial letter and the request for CEWS amendments	June 5 -Draft and Send a Pan Territorial Letter expressing the concerns of Territorial Governments and Industry to the Ministers of Northern Affairs and Natural Resources Canada June 12 - GNWT will raise this issue at the next meeting of the Federal - Territorial working group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafted - June 5 2020 Sent - June 12 2020 	Yes
Mining Royalties	Federal Government	NWT Government				
Mines are suffering extra costs due to COVID. Freeing up government payments until next year can help them meet pandemic needs.	defer royalty payments in Nunavut until 2021	Defer NWT 2019 royalty payments until 2021	This has not been requested by the mines and a number of proponents have already filed their 2019 returns. If there is an interest ITI will discuss this with the department of Finance.	June 5 - Industry to determine if this is an issue to be brought to Finance		Incomplete
				June 12 - Erik will report back to Working Group if this is a priority		Incomplete
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Tax Relief for Mining companies	Federal Government	NWT Government				
Offer a 20% tax break on operations for 2020 just for the fact most have stayed operational during this pandemic. ideas?	Defer payment of NWT fuel taxes until end of 2021	Defer payment of NWT carbon taxes	Rejected by GNWT Finance			Rejected by GNWT Finance
		Defer surface lease payments	Rejected by GNWT Finance			Rejected by GNWT Finance
		Defer 2019 royalty payments until 2021	This was accepted by the GNWT			Accepted by GNWT Finance
			This has not been requested by the mines and a number of proponents have already filed their 2019 returns.	See above		Incomplete
Provide Mining Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)	Federal Government	NWT Government				
Compensate all mines retroactive to April 1 that have paid and continue to pay salaries of their workers they were forced to send home because their small communities were vulnerable to COVID-19. This vulnerability is not connected to or the responsibility of the mines, rather the responsibility of governments.	CEWS for Mining companies	Consider foregoing the NT payroll tax that companies in the north pay.	Finance would have to comment on this. Some small community workers are already back to work. This is partly a CPHO mines issue that is evolving.			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apply the Federal 75% emergency wage subsidy to mining companies who have compensated workers furloughed back to their vulnerable communities. Provide compensation immaterial of revenue tests as the furloughing of vulnerable workers is unrelated to revenues and is more rightfully the responsibility of governments. 	<p>Does the CEWS already allow for this? It is our understanding that at least one of the mines successfully applied for CEWS support?</p> <p>July 2 - It was reported that CEWS is in force in the NWT</p> <p>CEWS in force in the NWT</p> <p>Many of these workers are now back to work. CEWS has been used as these workers were not laid off.</p>
In paying these furloughed workers mines have saved government significant moneys in EI and social assistance benefits.		
Open land access to exploration	Federal Government	Territorial Governments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protected areas marine protected areas parks etc must undergo Environmental Assessments just like projects if there is a concern regarding environmental or economic considerations. And the decision should be made in the north not Ottawa. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Same for territorial governments advancing conservation initiatives. - Find ways for land use planning in NU and NWT to add investor certainty
Make Financial Opportunities available	Federal Government	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Federal guarantees on Letters of Credit to allow Northern operators to gain some additional financial flexibility. - Participation in short term loans backed and or working capital facilities coupled with financial institutions to allow Northern operators to gain some additional financial flexibility during adverse times. 	<p>This is a long term issue not a short term COVID one. Suggest the ITI-COM working group not focus on this issue at this time.</p> <p>Needs to be a GNWT-Fed collaboration and larger table; tied to LC negotiation and PAS finalization.</p> <p>This is a long term issue not a short term COVID one. Suggest the ITI-COM working group not focus on this issue at this time.</p> <p>This is a Federal issue and question. Suggest a pan-Canadian approach as an aid to the Canadian minerals industry.</p> <p>This is a Federal issue and question. Suggest a pan-Canadian approach as an aid to the Canadian minerals industry.</p>
Encourage the Use of Reclamation Surety Bonds to fee up scarce cash for investment in the North	Federal Government	Territorial Governments
<p>Bonds are generally either secured with partial collateralization or no collateral. This frees up capital for the company to use for other business activities including CAPEX wages exploration etc.</p> <p>Bonds do not just provide cash payments on default of the operator; in most cases they also provide an option for the party providing the surety to complete the reclamation itself (i.e. "perform" the obligation under the relevant authorization). This is important for a small jurisdiction as it transfers the responsibility for hiring a reclamation contractor to reclaim the land to the surety. In the LC scenario the regulator has to hire a contractor and manage the reclamation themselves.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advance Surety Bonding in Nunavut. - Use existing powers to accept surety bonds in NWT 	<p>This is a Lands and Finance issue and evaluated on a case by case basis. Politically sensitive and there is currently little tolerance for increasing taxpayer risk. A longer-term issue involving multiple GNWT depts.</p> <p>June 12 - Because Surety Bonds are not feasible the working group decided to omit this short term action.</p> <p>Surety bonds are a form of security that need to be looked at on a company and project basis. Tied to the regulatory process.</p>
Incent Exploration Investment	Federal Government	NWT Government
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Once field work begins again provide 150% extra assessment credit for work in Nunavut that is completed (initiatives like this cost the government nothing). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Once field work begins again continue with the 150% extra assessment credit for work that is completed (initiatives like this cost the government nothing).

MEDIUM TERM ACTIONS: PROMOTE RECOVERY

	Federal Government	Territorial / Indigenous Governments	ITI Comments (green highlight higher priority or more achievable)	Working Group Action Items	Completion Date	Completed?
Incent Exploration Investment specifically for Critical Minerals	Federal Government	NWT & Nunavut Governments				
<p>The North has known deposits of critical minerals and untapped potential for additional discovery and development.</p> <p>Canada is finalizing a Critical Minerals Strategy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incent critical mineral exploration and mining projects by attractive support provided through Federal Electric Vehicle and Critical Mineral supply chain initiatives. - Fund Territorial governments for critical minerals geoscience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advance geoscience work to identify known deposits of the 35 critical minerals and geological terranes prospective for them to attract investment - Coordinate efforts with Federal Government 	<p>This is do-able in the medium term although probably doesn't need to be a focus of the COM-ITI WG. Coordinate actions with Fed. Gov't.</p> <p>This is do-able in the medium term although probably doesn't need to be a focus of the COM-ITI WG. GEM and TGI are to be renewed and may provide focus on this commodity group. Lobby for this approach.</p>			
Take advantage of Critical Minerals Plan to reopen Cantung and investigate advancing Mactung project	Federal Government	NWT & Yukon Governments				
<p>Tungsten is a critical mineral on the US Critical Minerals List and on Canada's Critical Minerals Plan.</p> <p>Cantung was one of the largest operating tungsten mines outside of China. Its closures arose because</p> <p>China drove down the price of tungsten. Now it's being considered for reclamation.</p> <p>Mactung is the largest undeveloped tungsten deposit in the world. It straddles the Yukon and NWT border and offers potential</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigate opportunity to reopen the Cantung mine and open the Mactung deposit to mining using Federal Critical Minerals Plan Assistance. - Open the mine and in so doing remove the taxpayer's reclamation liability on the site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mactung provides opportunities to both territories. - Seek opportunities to refine tungsten in Yukon. 	<p>GNWT is working with Canada on this.</p> <p>GNWT is working with Canada on this.</p>	<p>June 23 - GNWT will emphasize Critical Minerals at the next Federal-Territorial Working Group</p>		
Increase/create Northern Mineral Exploration Tax Credit	Federal Government					
<p>Northern Canada has only the METC as a tax credit. Other provinces add their own exploration tax credits on top of METC to make them more competitive. The north already is in an unlevel playing field with exploration costs as much as 6 times higher than in the south.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase METC (or create a similar vehicle expressly for northern Canada) to provide as much as perhaps 100% beginning in 2020 (or 21 if the 2020 season is lost) with subsequent annual revisits to ensure exploration investment grows and will sustain mining - Ensure it is competitive with southern mining provinces to recognize higher northern costs and level the playing field. 		<p>The pan-territorial advocacy letter to Canada includes a request to increase the METC</p> <p>The pan-territorial advocacy letter to Canada includes a request to increase the METC</p>			
Exploration and Mineral Extraction and Processing Incentive Programs	Federal Government	NWT Government				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Canada can assist with exploration incentives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expand the Mining Incentive Program with 2 million annually - Adjust the current MIP guidelines to reflect the actual costs of working in the North by allowing flights as eligible expenses for example. - Expand to include new extraction concentrating sorting and materials handling technologies associated with critical minerals - Expand to include incentives for processing minerals in the Territories perhaps similar to the Saskatchewan Mineral Processing Initiative <p>Nunavut Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create a sim lar exploration incentive program as the NWT's MIP program 	<p>Will be discussing this possibility with NRCan for this year (CanNor has indicated they are likely unable to consider this)</p> <p>Flights within the NWT are allowed as an eligible expense. It levels the all-important NWT spending score if external flights are not included as eligible expenses.</p> <p>This change is envisioned to some degree. It would be part of the 50% budget increase over 4 years as indicated in the GNWT Mandate</p> <p>Scope creep danger plus NWT's current challenge is attracting exploration activity. Also part of royalty review consideration. Address this in royalty review not MIP.</p>			
Surety Bonds for Exploration		NWT Government				
<p>Lower cost for security without any added liability risk to government lowers costs for explorers frees up money to explore.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allow exploration companies option to convert cash security to surety bonds. 	<p>Not likely to be pursued easily and also a case by case evaluation. See comments above as well.</p> <p>Surety bonds are a form of security that need to be looked at on a company and project basis. Tied to the regulatory process.</p>			
Reclamation Security	Federal Government	NWT Government				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advance the ongoing work in Nunavut to completion to allow Nunavut projects the lower cost option of surety bonding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allow exploration companies to convert their security to a 0% interest loan for exploration 	<p>I don't think this idea is possible. It would not be acceptable to GNWT or NWT residents.</p>	<p>June 12 - Because Surety Bonds are not feasible the working group decided to omit this short term action.</p>		
MIP		NWT Government				

		Increase to \$10 mil ion and decrease % share that industry puts up.	Unlikely in the medium term unless MIP was transformed into something like the SIDEX fund in Quebec. Good goal for ongoing work. Note no other PTs have this much funding for similar programs e.g. Yukon. NU does not have a similar program so perhaps this can be a suggestion for NU going forward.
Minine Tax Relief	Federal Government Reduce Federal Corporate taxes by half for the next 5 years for companies mining North of 60 beginning in 2020. Consider a further 10% reduction for those with headquarters in the North.	NWT Government Eliminate/Defer payment of NWT property taxes until 2021 Nunavut Government - Eliminate/Defer payment of Nunavut property taxes until 2021	Was not requested by the diamond mines in a letter to the GNWT.
Mining Cash Flow Relief	Federal Government Provide Federal guarantees for reclamation security to free up company moneys for where it is needed to keep people working.		
Regulatory Support – Government	Federal Government - Modify the Mackenzie Valley Federal Areas Waters Regulations (MVFAWR) (apply to lands within a federal area) - Modify the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations (MVLUR) (apply to both federal and non-federal areas) - Change land use and water regulations to support better alignment of Type B land use permit with industry needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase person-days of work for a land use permit to 1 000;• Increase daily water use to 300 cubic metres;• Increase fuel storage• Ensure that regulatory boards such as the Nunavut Impact Review Board are supported so that environmental assessments can continue without exacerbated delays	NWT Government - Modify the Water Regulations (WR) (which apply to lands outside a federal area) - Note these two regs. currently mirror each other. One is territorial one is federal. Ideally if changes were made they would be made to both regulations so that rules are consistent on federal and non-federal areas. Most exploration occurs on non-federal areas but some projects are located on both (e.g. Tyhee).	This is worth pursuing with other GNWT departments and Canada in the medium term. Can't fully comment on this without talking to ENR with more information in hand. This is worth pursuing with other GNWT departments and Canada in the medium term. Can't fully comment on this without talking to ENR with more information in hand. This is worth pursuing with other GNWT departments and Canada in the medium term. The recent MV regulatory dialogue workshop and working group represent a start to this type of discussion. As above As above As above This is worth pursuing with other GNWT departments and Canada in the medium term. These regulatory issues need to go to larger tables for meaningful discussion. The WG is limited in what it can do here.
Regulatory Support – Boards and Departments	Federal Government - Direct all regulatory Boards to launch red tape reductions and process improvements to support timely and focused processes. - Simultaneously bolster regulatory Boards' capacity to fast track environmental assessment and regulatory processes without contravening environmental diligence. - No permit should be refused or delayed if conditions meet the scalability of the project	Territorial and Indigenous Governments - Direct all departments to launch red tape reductions and process improvements to support timely and focused processes. - Simultaneously bolster regulatory Boards' capacity to fast track environmental assessment and regulatory processes without contravening environmental diligence eg research licenses slowing down acquisition of other permits and licenses.	As above As above As above
Regulatory Process Operational Support	Federal Government Recommendations arose from the NWT Mackenzie Valley Operational Dialogue Workshop held in March 2020: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Identify opportunities to scale information requirements for exploration projects2. Examine the level of pre- application engagement required for exploration projects3. Update the tool for estimating security when just a land use permit is required4. Confirm approach to handling substantial issues that would otherwise alter requirements for proponent's mid-process5. Examine opportunities for process / execution improvements in the Online Review System6. Strengthened and ongoing collaboration and dialogue among all parties to encourage and support continuous improvement7. Build awareness through education and communication8. Grow capacity knowledge and expertise to support effective and scaled regulation of mineral exploration (at each stage)9. Identify opportunities to promote greater transparency of Board decisions PERHAPS BREAK THESE DOWN INTO INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS	NWT Government & Regulatory Boards - Advance the actions arising from the NWT Mackenzie Valley Operational Dialogue Workshop held in March 2020	This work could advance tactfully with the Boards and IGOs under the MV Regulatory Dialogues umbrella. These regulatory issues need to go to larger tables for meaningful discussion. The WG is limited in what it can do here.
Raise Public Awareness	Federal Government A better understanding of the industry and its importance will increase public support for resource development. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Infrastructure strategy- Indigenous reconciliation	Territorial Governments - Support a program to increase public awareness of the minerals industry - Support a program to increase public awareness of the minerals industry opportunity plan that industry has been doing in the North for 20 years. This is not new to us.	Agreed – we could work on this
Support direct government investment in Northern exploration	Federal Government SQUEM is a subsidiary of Investissement Québec and its mission is to promote the exploration discovery and development of the province's mineral resources.	Territorial and Indigenous Governments Investigate the creation of a government supported exploration entity that will partner with industry in mineral exploration projects. Investigate the creation of a government supported exploration entity that will partner with industry in mineral exploration projects.	ITI will take this away and talk with Finance about this concept. Further assessment of the SQUEM and SIDEX models in Quebec and how it could be applied to NWT is worth pursuing as a longer-term goal. If Federal support is desired it could be via the ANPF and CMMMP.
Establish a Northern mining capital investment support fund	Federal Government In the early 1970s Canada invested in 18% of the Nanisivik Mine and provided infrastructure (port, airport, roads and community infrastructure). Similar direct investment could advance current projects. Green energy projects could also be funded eg LNG Solar Wind.	Territorial and Indigenous Governments - Allow Territorial and Indigenous Governments to leverage additional federal investment with matching contributions.	This could be pursued with Canada through the ANPF and CMMMP.
LONG TERM ACTIONS: CREATE RESILIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY			
	Federal Government	Territorial / Indigenous Governments	ITI Comments (green highlight higher priority or more achievable)
Advance Land Tenure Efficiencies	Federal Government - Operationalize Nunavut map staking by January 2021.	NWT Government - Operationalize NWT map staking by April 1 2022.	Working Group Action Items
Increase Mineral Exploration Tax Credit	Federal Government Maintain an increased METC or similar vehicle for northern Canada for at least 5 years to ensure exploration investment grows and is sustained to sustain mining		Completion Date
			Completed?

	Ensure it remains competitive with southern mining provinces to recognize higher northern costs.		
Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies	Federal Government	NWT Government	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canada devolve MVRMA to GNWT Select board members that have mineral industry knowledge and also who understand the social and economic benefits of mining and some who understand the science around environmental issues as well as those who appreciate the concerns of communities Boards address inflexible permitting criteria where minor decisions cannot be amended without going through a screening process. Minister use power to provide direction to Boards and work with government departments to reduce lengthy and cumbersome permitting processes; Institute a moratorium on additional regulation. To give Indigenous peoples the chance to build a prosperous future the government should institute a moratorium on additional regulation and interference with the resource economy. (Dr. Ken Coates, esteemed professor and historian. See story here, page 19) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GNWT create a service standard that provides investors with efficient turnaround times for licences etc. 	Nunavut Government
Invest directly into mines	Federal Government	Territorial Governments	
	<p>Provide up to 20% direct Federal investment in mining projects that develop the north provide Indigenous benefits contribute to northern sovereignty</p> <p>This is not unprecedented in Canada witness the Federal Government's 18% direct investment in the Nanisivik mine project in 1974.</p> <p>Match up to an additional 5% investment to match Territorial and / or Indigenous government investment.</p>	<p>an additional 5% matching investment from Canada for Territorial and / or Indigenous government investment in a project.</p>	<p>This could be pursued with Canada through the ANPF and CMMP but needs to be taken away for further discussion.</p>
Mine Property Taxes		NWT and Nunavut Governments	
		<p>Remove requirement for payment of property taxes a tax that is anomalous in Canada and for which the mines receive no services.</p>	<p>Finance would have to comment on this. Needs to be taken away for further discussion.</p>
Mining Tax incentives	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments	
	<p>Accelerated Capital Cost Allowance for operating mines – I know nothing about this.</p> <p>Maybe look at increasing CEE and CDE</p> <p>Work needed to better understand opportunities here.</p>	<p>Provide a tax incentive to companies who hire northern based firms.</p>	<p>Some form of incentivising Northern employment could be looked at during the review of the Mining Regulations.</p>
Infrastructure Investment	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments	
<p>Create resource infrastructure fund to assist with infrastructure needs for roads rail power airports and ports.</p> <p>This kind of government investment is not unprecedented in Canada witness Pine Point Railway and Taltson Power built by Canada to enable the Pine Point mine to leverage long term infrastructure for nearby communities; Snare power built for Giant mine and Yellowknife; and advancing Arctic ice breaking cargo ship technology for Nanisivik and Polaris mines (MV Arctic).</p> <p>Opportunities for assistance could include the Slave Geological Province Road the Gray's Bay Road & Port the Prairie Creek mine road and the NICO mine road.</p>	<p>Create a Northern Resource Roads Program like the Federal Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources program of 1961 which supported 4 categories of road developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "area development roads" which open relatively undeveloped regions (like the Slave Province); "mine development roads" which serve an area where two or more mining companies have made substantial progress toward large scale production. These would be financed entirely by the Federal Government. "Mine access roads" which serve the property of one mining company capable of achieving production on a large enough scale to warrant federal assistance may be financed two-thirds by the Federal Government and one-third by the company concerned. "tote" roads or trails. These are low standard roads built to provide temporary seasonal or year-round access to the property of an individual company to bring in supplies or equipment for exploration development or small-scale production. A similar Energy program could address Taltson Power and Kivalliq Power and even alternative energy projects to support mining operations. A similar airports program could help mines that need air access. A similar railway program could help mines that need rail access. 	<p>Canada add additional infrastructure funding to match funds contributed by Territorial and/or Indigenous governments into infrastructure.</p>	<p>This could be pursued with Canada through the ANPF and CMMP but needs to be taken away for further discussion.</p>
Mine Closure & Reclamation Support	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments	
<p>Mines that are closed must be reclaimed which is a de- construction and land reclamation exercise. It generates no revenues for the mining companies.</p> <p>However reclamation is revenue generating for service and supply companies many of which are Indigenous.</p> <p>Projects that fall under this include Giant Colomac Port Radium Snap Lake diamond mine in the NWT and the Lupin gold mine and Jericho diamond mine in Nunavut.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make all reclamation projects exempt from Federal corporate taxation for both the mining company and for the service and supply companies working on those projects. Direct regulatory Boards to reduce red tape and find efficiencies to provide speedy but environmentally diligent processes to advance approval of reclamation projects. Provide training and invest in Indigenous participation in these projects to help make Indigenous businesses full service cradle to grave mining service and supply companies that can compete anywhere. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide training and invest in Indigenous participation in these projects to help make Indigenous businesses full service cradle-to-grave mining service and supply companies that can compete anywhere. 	<p>This could be pursued with Canada and other Provinces through CMMP specifically the National Orphaned and Abandoned Mines Initiative (NOAMI) table</p>
Settle Land Claims	Federal Government		
	<p>Expedite settlement of land claims and/or Find ways to remove this hurdle to resource development by other methods including supporting Indigenous investment in projects.</p>		
Repatriation actions	Federal Government	Territorial and Indigenous Governments	
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Tax Relief for Mining companies	June 5 - ITI Brought Tax Relief requests to NWT Finance					Yes
Provide Mining Wage Subsidies (Protect Workers and Companies)				July 2 - It was reported that CEWS is in force in the NWT		CEWS in force in the NWT
Open land access to exploration		June 12 - The GNWT will make the Federal/Territorial Working Group aware of this issue				
Make Financial Opportunities						
Encourage the Use of Reclamation Surety Bonds to fee up scarce cash for investment in the North		June 12 - Because Surety Bonds are not feas ble the working group decided to omit this short term action.				Yes
Incent Exploration Investment						
Incent Exploration Investment specifically for Critical Minerals		June 12 - ITI to Provide Critical Minerals Summary to Group		July 2 - ITI Provided Critical Minerals Summary but no Jurisdictional Scan.	July 2 - Partial Report Provided	Incomplete
Take advantage of Critical Minerals Plan to reopen Cantung and Investigate advancing Mactung project			June 23 - GNWT will emphasize Critical Minerals at the next Federal-Territorial Working Group			
MEDIUM TERM ACTIONS: PROMOTE RECOVERY						
	05-Jun-20	12-Jun-20	23-Jun-20	02-Jul-20	Completion Date	Completed?
Increase/create Northern Mineral Exploration Tax Credit						
Exploration and Mineral Extraction and Processing Incentive Programs						
Surety Bonds for Exploration		June 12 - Because Surety Bonds are not feas ble the working group decided to omit this short term action.				Yes
Reclamation Security MIP		June 12 - Because Surety Bonds are not feas ble the working group				Yes
Mining Tax Relief						
Mining Cash Flow Relief						
Regulatory Support – Government						
Regulatory Support – Boards and Departments						
Regulatory Process Operational Support						
Raise Public Awareness						
Support direct government investment in Northern exploration						
Establish a Northern mining capital investment support fund						
LONG TERM ACTIONS: CREATE RESILIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY						
	05-Jun-20	12-Jun-20	23-Jun-20	02-Jul-20	Completion Date	Completed?
Advance Land Tenure Efficiencies						
Increase Mineral Exploration Tax Credit						
Regulatory Streamlining and Efficiencies						
Invest directly into mines						
Mine Property Taxes						
Mining Tax Incentives						
Infrastructure Investment						
Mine Closure & Reclamation Support						
Settle Land Claims						
Repatriation actions						
Provide direct exploration and mining investment fund						