

The Impact Assessment Process

TIMELINES AND OUTPUTS

* Public Comment Period

Key points for public engagement

Key points for Indigenous engagement & partnership

Pre-planning

10 DAYS
SERVICE STANDARD

- Proponent submits **Initial Project Description (PD)**
- Agency accepts Initial PD

1. Planning

UP TO **180 DAYS**

- Agency engages on Initial PD* & Prepares **Summary of Issues**
- Proponent submits **Detailed PD** with response to Summary of Issues
- Agency determines if impact assessment (IA) is required – posts **Notice of Determination (NOD)**
- If IA required, Agency develops draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (TISG) and draft plans*
- Agency issues **final TISG and plans** to proponent – posts **Notice of Commencement (NOC)**

Minister may **refer** IA to review panel (within 45 days of NOC)

Minister may approve request* that IA be conducted by another jurisdiction

2. Impact Statement (IS)

IA by the Agency

UP TO **3 YEARS**

- Proponent submits **IS*** and supplements it, as needed
- Agency posts **notice** when all required studies and information provided

Agency implements Public Participation Plan, Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan, Permitting Plan and/or Cooperation Plan

IA by a review panel

UP TO **3 YEARS**

- Proponent submits **IS*** and supplements it, as needed
- Minister Issues **Panel Terms of Reference** and Agency **appoints its members** (no later than 45 days from accepting IS)
- Agency posts **notice** when all required studies and information provided

Agency implements Public Participation Plan, Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan, Permitting Plan and/or Cooperation Plan

3. Impact Assessment (IA)

IA by the Agency

UP TO **300 DAYS**

- Agency conducts impact assessment
- Agency develops **IA Report*** and any **potential conditions** and provides to Minister

Agency implements Public Participation Plan, Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan, Permitting Plan and/or Cooperation Plan

IA by a review panel

UP TO **600 DAYS** INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT: **300 DAYS**

- Panel conducts assessment and holds hearing
- Panel develops **IA Report** and any **potential conditions** and provides to Minister

Agency implements Public Participation Plan, Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan, Permitting Plan and/or Cooperation Plan

4. Decision-Making

Minister **30 DAYS**

GIC **90 DAYS**

- Minister decides whether project's adverse effects are in the public interest, or refers to Governor in Council (GIC)
- Minister issues **Decision Statement** with detailed reasons and any conditions

5. Post Decision

(if decision allows project to proceed)

ONGOING

- Proponent implements conditions in Decision Statement, and Agency or lifecycle regulator verifies compliance
- Indigenous and community monitoring committees, as needed

Deliverables:

- Impact Assessment Agency
- Review Panel
- Minister or Governor in Council
- Proponent