

# NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF A MINING LEASE OR MINING CONCESSION

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## MONITORING COMMITTEE

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An [Act to amend the Mining Act and other provisions](#) (2024, chapter 36) (hereinafter Bill 36) was assented to on November 29, 2024, when most of the amendments came into force.

Bill 36 contains a transitional provision that states:

**172.** Section 101.0.3 of the Mining Act (chapter M-13.1), as amended by section 49 of this Act, applies to mining concessions.

A holder of a mining lease or mining concession in force on 28 November 2024 must establish a monitoring committee, in accordance with section 101.0.3, before 29 November 2025.

Section 101.0.3 of the [Mining Act](#) (CQLR, chapter M-13.1) on the monitoring committee was amended by Bill 36:

**101.0.3.** The lessee shall establish a monitoring committee, whose mandate is determined by regulation, to foster the involvement of the local community within 30 days after the lease is issued, unless a committee has already been established for the same project.

The committee members are chosen in the manner determined by the lessee.

The lessee determines the number of representatives on the committee. However, the committee is composed of at least one representative from the economic community and one citizen from the region where the project is located and, if applicable, a representative from each of the Indigenous nations or communities consulted, as the case may be, by the government in respect of that project. The committee must also be composed of a representative from each local municipality and regional county municipality whose territory is included, in whole or in part, on the land subject to the project and who requests it. The majority of committee members must be independent of the lessee.

However, the Minister may authorize a different committee composition if the lessee shows that it is impossible to find a representative of each sector.

The committee shall be maintained until all the work provided for by the rehabilitation and restoration plan has been completed.

The amendments made to section 101.0.3 by Bill 36 have been in force since November 29, 2024, with the exception of paragraph 1, insofar as it determines the mandate of the monitoring committee, which will only come into force when the [Mining Regulation](#) (CQLR, chapter M-13.1, r. 1) have been adjusted accordingly.

As a reminder, sections 42.1 to 42.6 of the *Mining Regulation* provide details on the composition of the monitoring committee, its operation and its obligations.

The obligation to establish a monitoring committee is therefore now also incumbent on holders of mining concessions.

In addition, any holder of a mining lease or concession in force on November 28, 2024, must, by November 29, 2025, establish a monitoring committee that meets the requirements set out in the *Mining Act* and the *Mining Regulation*.

In the event that the holder of a mining lease or concession is unable to establish a monitoring committee with one representative from each area, the holder may submit a request to the Ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts for approval of a different composition.

The holder of a mining lease or concession is invited to send an email to the Centre de services des mines ([services.mines@mrnf.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:services.mines@mrnf.gouv.qc.ca)) with the address of the website where documents are filed in accordance with sections 42.2 and 42.6 of the *Mining Regulation*, as well as the composition of its monitoring committee.

If you would like additional information, please contact the Centre de services des mines at [services.mines@mrnf.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:services.mines@mrnf.gouv.qc.ca).

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