

Request for a different monitoring committee composition

This directive enters into force on November 27, 2025. It renders null and void any previous directives on the same subject. The directive is adopted pursuant to paragraph 4 of section [101.0.3](#) of the Mining Act (CQLR, chapter M-13.1) as amended by an Act to amend the Mining Act and other provisions¹. Bill 36 was assented and came into force on November 29, 2024. This section states:

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 who are to sit on the committee. However, the committee must include at least one representative of the economic sector and one member of the public from the region where the project is situated and, if applicable, one representative of each Indigenous nation or community, as the case might be, consulted by the Government with respect to the project. The committee must also include a representative of each local municipality or regional county municipality whose territory is included, in whole or in part, on land that is the subject of the project that so requests. A majority of the committee members must be independent from 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.

This section, as amended, now requires all mining lease and concession holders to establish a monitoring committee in accordance with prescribed legislative and regulatory standards. For those who were not subject to this obligation prior to November 29, 2024, a period of time is provided until November 29, 2025, to comply.

The holder of a mining lease or concession can send the Ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts a request for authorization for a different composition of the

¹ S.Q. 2024, chapter 36.

monitoring committee if he or she is unable to form a monitoring committee that includes, at a minimum:

- a representative of the economic sector;
- a citizen from the project area;
- where applicable, a representative of each Indigenous nation or community consulted by the government for this project;
- one representative from each local municipality or regional county municipality (RCM), the territory of which is included, in whole or in part, on the project site.

This request should be sent by email to the Centre de services des mines at: services.mines@mrnf.gouv.qc.ca.

The request must include:

- the reasons for a different composition;
- a proposal for alternative composition;
- the steps taken to try to establish a monitoring committee that complies with legal and regulatory requirements.

It must also be accompanied by supporting documents (e.g. names and titles of persons contacted, minutes of discussions, e-mails sent and received, acknowledgements of receipt or any other relevant document).

Sufficient time must have been given to those contacted, i.e. at least 14 days for the affected Indigenous nations and communities, and 10 days for RCMs and local municipalities. A follow-up must also be done with those who have not confirmed their willingness to sit on the committee.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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