



January 13, 2022

Debra Sikora
Chair, Joint Review Panel
Marathon Palladium Project

Subject: Parks Canada registration in the hearing process for the Marathon Palladium Project

Dear Ms. Sikora,

Thank you for your invitation to participate in the upcoming hearing process for the Marathon Palladium Project. Parks Canada's participation in the Project has been as a Federal Authority with expertise on matters related to Parks Canada's mandate that may be impacted by the Project. Parks Canada's participation has accordingly focused on matters related to potential impacts on boreal caribou within the Coastal Range that encompasses Pukaskwa National Park. Parks Canada does not have information or expertise to share on other species under the *Species at Risk Act* related to the Marathon Palladium Project. Parks Canada is writing to register for the hearings and will provide a written submission, oral presentation, and participate in the topic-specific hearing sessions with a focus on the importance of maintaining adequate habitat and range connectivity for the protection and recovery of boreal caribou within Pukaskwa National Park.

Parks Canada has been closely collaborating with Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) as the Federal Authority for species at risk, including boreal caribou, outside of federal lands administered by the Parks Canada Agency. Parks Canada will be coordinating our review of potential effects and recommendations with ECCC and requests to present immediately following ECCC during the topic specific sessions related to caribou. Parks Canada does not anticipate representation by legal counsel and will not require a translator.

If you have further questions, please feel free to reach out to Heather Cherry at

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Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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