

Discussion Question Responses:

- 1) Currently we have no suggestions for improving the cost apportionment applications
- 2) We would like to suggest that the process steps for compensation applications include as mandatory compensation for administrative time and legal fees.
- 3) To best provide and protect Indigenous knowledge, we suggest that hearings and feedback sessions be conducted in-person. Meetings relating to Indigenous knowledge could be made separate from hearings and be conducted over multiple meetings/engagements with smaller groups based on factors such as community bases, location, etc. For example, the Metis Settlement General Council could be provided with its own hearing.
- 4) The rules should specify that the Crown Consultation Coordinator disclose his or her role and responsibilities in the participation in Commission hearings. Providing clarification on how and why the CCC makes decisions would be extremely helpful.
- 5) The Commission can align the Rules with the commitment to Reconciliation by explicitly defining how each of the rules (if applicable) address Reconciliation and move towards the calls to action of the UN Declaration.
- 6) Questions 6 – 13: It would be helpful to discuss these points in a meeting with a representative
- 14) Online portals for electronic filing and service in most cases could be made more user friendly so it does not require specialized staff training to complete. This step would allow more members of our community staff be able to engage with the online portals.
- 15) No suggestions at this time.
- 16) As long as project applications are made easily accessible to the public, we have no further feedback on this question.
- 17) Reliance on purely digital notice publication is not sufficient.
- 18) The Rules could specify a requirement for the Commission to have regional representatives who communicate processes to Indigenous communities. (i.e. 5-10 representatives per province/territory)
- 19) The mission to modernize practices and procedures is in direct conflict with network accessibility within Indigenous communities.
- 20) No suggestions at this time.
- 21) Legislation and legal documents.

NOTE: I probably have more concerns but with the timeline I had from signing of grant to today was three weeks give or take so I reserve the right to add more ideas at a later time that can work for both parties.

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