

As a part of MNDMF's commitment to continuing dialogue on the Mining Act Modernization initiative, following workshops were held between September 28 and November 3, 2010.

Multi-Party Workshops	Workshops with Aboriginal Organizations
➤ Thunder Bay (Oct. 18-19)	➤ Wabun Tribal Council (Sept. 28)
➤ Sioux Lookout (Oct. 21)	➤ NAN (Sept 28-29)
➤ Timmins (Oct. 26-27)	➤ Métis Nation of Ontario (Oct. 2-3 / 30-31)
➤ Toronto (Nov. 3)	➤ Wahgoshig First Nation (Oct. 28)

A significant volume of input from participants was received through unsolicited comments as well as answers to specific questions posed. The documents enclosed are an itemized summary of the feedback received through these sessions on the following topics:

Plans and Permits

Aboriginal Consultation

Protection of Sites of Aboriginal Cultural Significance

Dispute Resolution

Mineral Tenure

The content of the documents reflects the related feedback received during the workshops as responses to specific questions posed to the participants either through breakout or plenary sessions. No responses to questions have been excluded. There has been no attempt to modify the answers except to combine into one instance where same or similar comments were provided multiple times. All responses have been given equal weight.

The level of engagement by participants was high and all participants were given the opportunity to voice their opinions, questions and concerns. The session proceedings were respectful of differences of opinion and were recorded as provided. This has resulted in an overall productive and useful outcome.

The documents attached will be used for communication related to the Mining Act Modernization initiative internally within MNDMF and externally to key stakeholders and partners prior to incorporation into regulations, policies and education components.

As the facilitator for these sessions, I believe that the attached summary is a fair, balanced and accurate reflection of the sessions.

  
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