

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for Cougar Creek Long-term Mitigation

The Purpose of Environmental Assessment

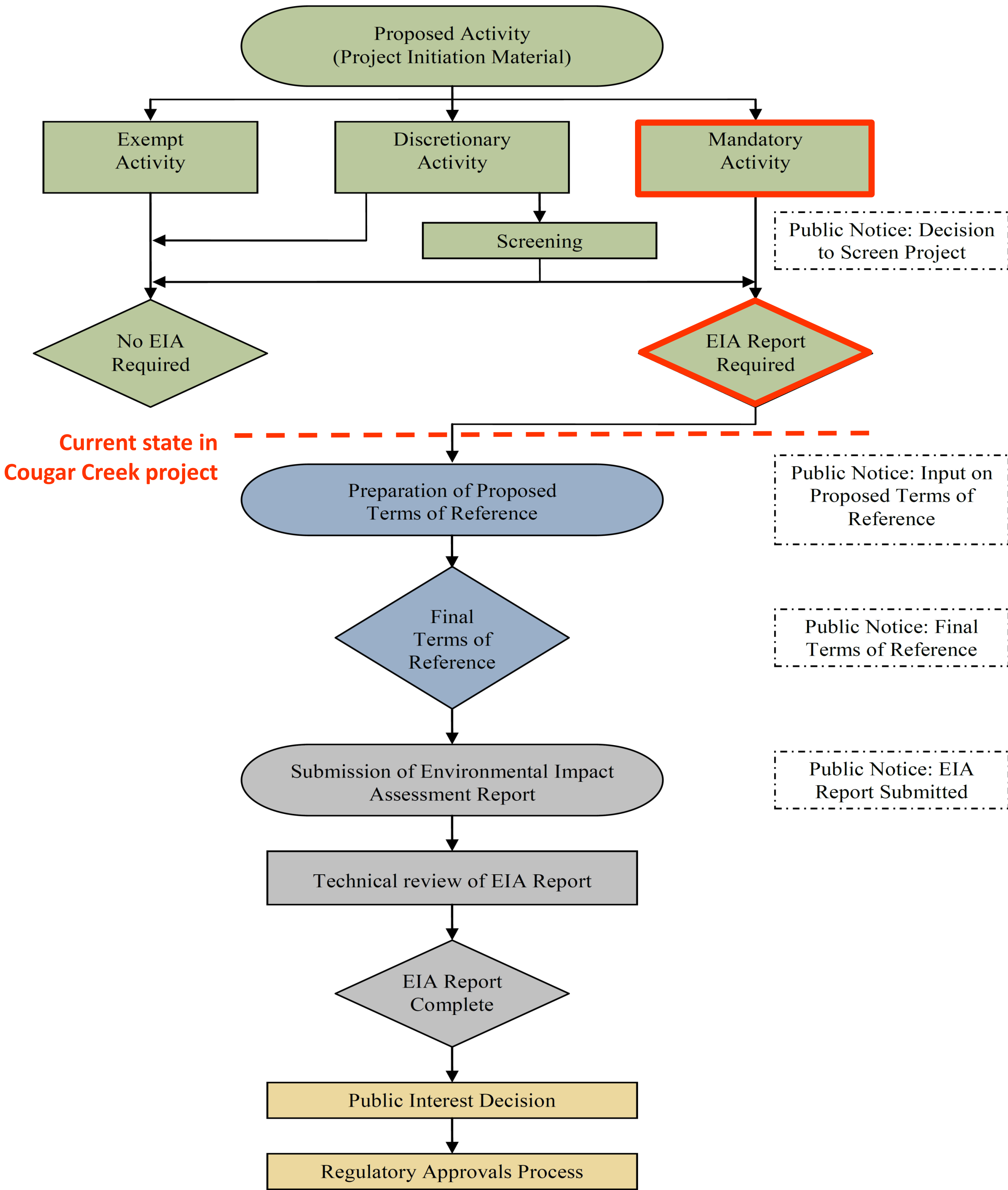
Alberta’s Environmental Assessment process has three basic goals:

- Gather information – the process ensures that enough information is provided by the Town of Canmore to inform the public and government agencies about the Town’s understanding of the consequences of the project;
- Public involvement – the process provides an opportunity for people who may be affected by a proposed activity to express any concerns and provide advice to the Town and government agencies; and
- Support sustainable development – the information provided during the process allows early consideration of the project’s place in the overall plan for Alberta’s environment and economy.

The Stages of the Environmental Assessment Process

The overall process is thorough and involved and includes the following stages:

- Determining if an Environmental Impact Assessment report is required
- Developing a Terms of Reference
- Engagement, information gathering and producing an Environmental Impact Assessment report
- Technical Review
- Public Interest Decision and Regulatory Approvals



The EIA process is illustrated in this flow chart. The next step for Cougar Creek is to submit the Proposed Terms of Reference to the Province. The Province will then review internally and seek public input before the Terms of Reference are finalized.