

**Call for Nominations to the Community of Interest Panel**

**Category: Local Economic Development**

**Overview**

The Mining Association of Canada (MAC) is seeking nominations for candidates to participate in its *Towards Sustainable Mining* (TSM) Community of Interest Panel (COI Panel).

TSM is MAC’s commitment to responsible mining. Mandatory for all MAC members with operating mine sites in Canada, TSM requires the assessment, independent verification, and public reporting of distinct performance indicators that address key areas of social and environmental performance. Though TSM was originally developed in Canada, mining associations around the world are now implementing TSM. [Learn more about TSM here](https://tsminitiative.com/).

The COI Panel, established in 2004, serves in an equal decision-making role to the MAC Board of Directors on the design and implementation of the TSM program. It also provides an important forum for dialogue between MAC and its communities of interest in Canada.

The COI Panel’s objectives are to:

* Identify current and emerging priority issues for sustainability in Canada’s mining sector.
* Receive updates from MAC on the industry’s performance and on issues raised by COI, including issues raised through community-level engagement processes undertaken by MAC member companies.
* Provide a place for rich and well-informed dialogue. Provide space for MAC and its members to share and seek advice on industry policies and approaches.
* Advise and encourage MAC and its members to improve and raise expectations for responsible business conduct in Canada’s mining sector.
* Review and approve, in parallel with the MAC Board, changes and additions related to the ongoing development and implementation of TSM by MAC members and through MAC’s TSM Subscription Service.
* Routinely review TSM implementation results, including through the post-verification review process.
* Contribute to understanding of and support for the goals and achievements of TSM among MAC’s COI.

The COI Panel is comprised of a dozen respected individuals who are external to the mining industry and who represent key communities of interest. Representatives from MAC’s Board of Directors and a representative of the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada participate in the COI Panel on an ex‐officio basis.

The COI Panel meets twice per year at different locations in Canada. COI Panel members are also encouraged to participate in working groups and other intersessional activities. [Learn more about the COI Panel here](https://mining.ca/towards-sustainable-mining/community-of-interest-advisory-panel/).

**Criteria**

The COI Panel is currently seeking nominations for the **Local Economic Development** category. The successful candidate will demonstrate:

* Experience and understanding of the opportunities, challenges, and emerging priorities for social and economic development in mining communities
* Access to perspectives from economic and community development organizations operating in mining communities

Assets qualifications include:

* Active engagement in one or more local economic development initiatives

The successful candidate will also be:

* Committed to open and constructive engagement
* Able to devote time and effort to participate in the work of the COI Panel

The COI Panel expects its members to contribute their expertise and knowledge, as well as the perspectives of relevant communities of interest. Members should hold respect and credibility within their respective communities to serve as an authoritative voice on the COI Panel and to communicate with their communities on issues relevant to the COI Panel. Members participate on an individual basis and do not represent any organization with which they may be affiliated. Diversity factors (including but not limited to gender, race, geography, age, and language) will also be considered in the selection process.

# Application process

Individuals can submit their own nomination or be nominated by a third party. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please submit the attached nomination form along with a current CV to: [**tsm@mining.ca**](mailto:tsm@mining.ca)**.**

# The deadline for nominating candidates is August 18, 2024.

The COI Panel renewal committee, comprised of both industry and non‐industry Panel members, is responsible for recommending new members to the COI Panel. A representative from the committee may be in touch with selected candidates to further discuss their nominations. Successful applicants will be informed of their selection in early September 2024, with an opportunity to participate in a meeting of the COI Panel in late September 2024.

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| **MAC COMMUNITY OF INTEREST PANEL NOMINATION FORM** | |
| **Nominee:** [Candidate’s full name] | **Category of nomination:**  Local Economic Development |
| **Affiliated Organization:** [Candidate’s Affiliation]  *Note that this is for background information only. Members of the Panel participate on an individual basis and do not represent any organization.* | **Role/Title:** [Candidate’s role/title at affiliated organization] |
| **Nominee’s contact information:**  E-mail:  Phone: | **Nominee’s place of residence:**  City/Town:  Province/Territory: |
| **Please briefly describe why you believe this candidate would be suitable:** | |
| **The COI Panel seeks to reflect diverse experiences and perspectives among its members. Please feel free to comment on any qualities or characteristics that you think would be of interest to the COI Panel:** *For example: geographic representation, gender, age, language, etc.* | |
| **Nominated By:** [Full name] | **Contact** [**information:**](mailto:kyle@thestarfish.ca)  E-mail:  Phone: |
| **Is the nominee aware of this nomination?** | **Is the nominee’s CV attached?**  [A CV will be required to assess the candidacy of the nominee. It can also be supplied directly by the nominee.] |