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The Standing Senate Committee on Indigenous Peoples met this day at 9 a.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Michèle Audette, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Audette, Clement, Karetak-Lindell, McCallum, Pate, Prosper, Sorensen and Tannas (8).

Participating in the meeting: Sara Fryer, Analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, the committee began its consideration of the subject matter of those elements contained in Division 14 of Part 4 of Bill C-31, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on November 4, 2025.

WITNESSES:

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada:

Valerie Gideon, Deputy Minister;

Georgina Lloyd, Assistant Deputy Minister, Northern Affairs Organization;

Kim Pawley, Director, Environment and Renewable Resources Directorate.

Department of Justice:

Simon Gruda-Dolbec, Legal Counsel, CIRNAC/ISC Legal Services.

Natural Resources Canada:

Isabella Chan, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Lands and Minerals Sector;

Melanie Campbell, Director, Strategic Policy, Policy and Economics Branch.

Valerie Gideon and Isabella Chan each made a statement and, together with Georgina Lloyd and Kim Pawley, answered questions.

At 10:04 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 10:08 a.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to discuss a draft agenda (future business).

It was agreed that the committee allow the audio recording and/or transcription of the in camera meeting today, that one copy be kept with the clerk of the committee for consultation by committee members or their staff, and that the audio recording and/or transcript be destroyed by the clerk of the committee when authorized to do so by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, but no later than at the end of this parliamentary session.

At 10:31 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Sébastien Payet

Clerk of the Committee