



NAVIGATING THE LAW CRITICAL MINERALS WEBINAR

A “REAL” CRITICAL MINERALS STRATEGY:
ENVIRONMENT, SOCIAL IMPACTS, ECONOMY AND RECONCILIATION

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ROADMAP

- Manitoba's current critical minerals strategy
- October 2023 mandate letter
- What should a “real” critical minerals strategy consider?
 - Lead by example
 - Learn from other jurisdictions

The Manitoba Critical Minerals Strategy: Driving Sustainable Growth

JULY 2023: MANITOBA RELEASES
ITS NEW CRITICAL MINERALS
STRATEGY

Significant issues noted by environmental groups



MANDATE LETTER FOR NEW MINISTER
IN OCTOBER 2023:
“REAL” CRITICAL MINERALS STRATEGY

- Promising, but only if done right
- Meaningful public engagement, including industry, public at large, non-governmental organizations and Indigenous nations and organizations on renewing the critical minerals strategy?
 - **No evidence of this to date**



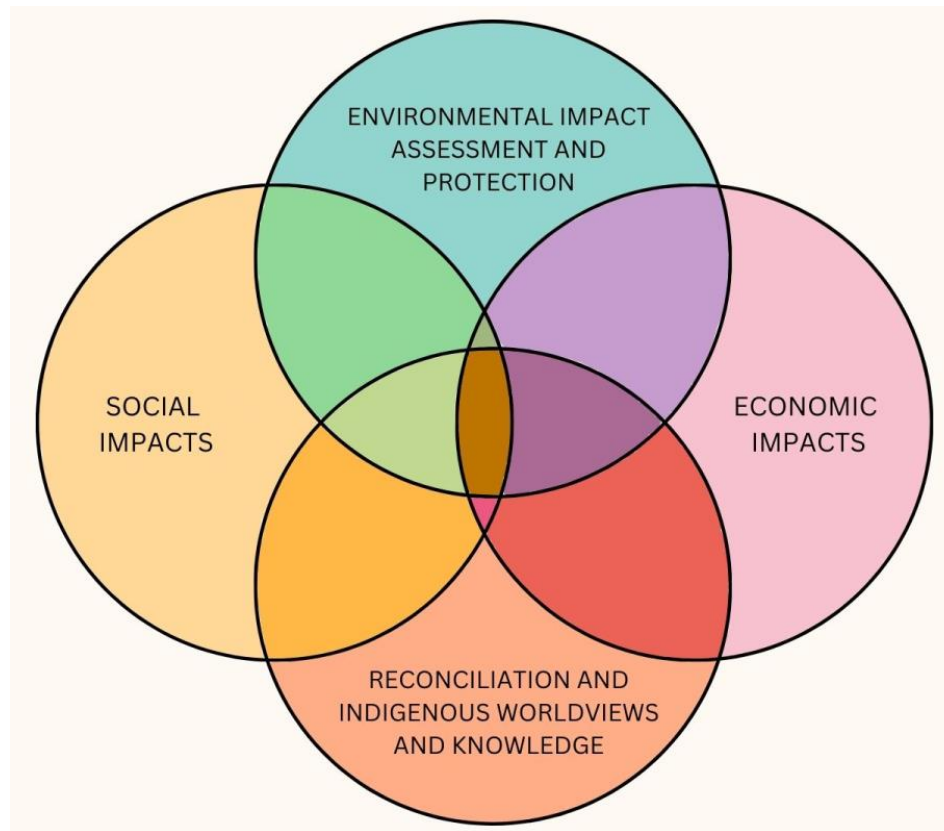
TIME IS
PRESSING

Mining industry is expanding and shifting focus due to transition to low-carbon economy

WHAT SHOULD A “REAL” CRITICAL
MINERALS STRATEGY CONSIDER?

Lead by
example

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LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Critical minerals strategy grounded in four interrelated considerations

LEARN FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS

- Public engagement
- Updating and amending mining legislative framework
- Investing in Indigenous engagement in natural resource projects
- Consideration of workplace violence and harassment that disproportionately affect Indigenous people, women and minorities when considering socio-economic considerations for updated legislation

SIO SILICA APPLICATION AND
HEARING:
ILLUSTRATIVE OF CURRENT CHALLENGES IN MANITOBA'S MINING
LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

- Siloed approach – separate applications for processing plant and extraction activities
- Important voice missing at the table – no commentary from Mines Branch
- Clean Environment Commission hearing – no participant funding
- Further technical review by government – behind closed doors

THANK YOU!

