



## Terminology

Common terms you will hear in the Yukon Water Board’s water licensing and Class 4 placer land use approval processes include:

**“application”** means a written request to the Board for the issuance, amendment, renewal, cancellation or assignment of a licence, or a written request to the Board under Chapter 14 of a First Nation Final Agreement;

**“applicant”** means a person who makes an application to the Board;

**“approval”** has the same meaning as subsection 99(1) of the *Placer Mining Act*, a Class 4 placer land use “approved operating plan”.

**“evidence”** means any information submitted to the Board during a proceeding which may be considered by the Board in its decision-making.

**“Indigenous knowledge”** means the stories, history, skills, observations and understandings about the environment, and about the relationship of living beings with one another and the environment, that has been and continues to be accumulated over generations by Indigenous peoples.

**“intervener”** means a person who has filed an intervention under Part 11 of the 2021 Rules of Procedure.

**“intervention”** means a written statement made by an intervener.

**“licence”** means a water licence issued under the *Waters Act*.

**“licensee”** means a person who holds a licence.

**“party”** means a person who is an applicant, a claimant, an intervener or a licensee.

**“participant”** means any person, organization, company, government agency or entity that has interest in the outcome of a proceeding before the Board and who may wish to participate in the proceedings.

**“person”** includes an individual, association, partnership, society, board, committee, council, organization, corporation, municipality, government or agency of a government.

**“proceeding”** means a process in which the Board reviews evidence and makes final decisions, including licence and approval proceedings, public hearings, security determination processes, compensation determinations, water use disputes, review and approval processes, and technical workshops.

**“representation”** means presenting an oral summary of your intervention at a public hearing.

**“undertaking”** means the promise of a party to provide information to the Board during a public hearing.

**“Waterline”** means the online public register and platform used for the records, information and evidence management during proceedings.

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