



Work Plan and Core Budget 2008-10

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- Core budget is fixed by the Resolution Agreement and grows with cost of living increases
- Portion of core funding from BHPB goes into a Separate Fund for Agency participation in regulatory and other legal processes where a public hearing is reasonably assured
- Additional funding can be requested
- Agency has independence over work plan, not subject to BHPB or government approval
- 2008-09 and 2009-10 work plan and budget prepared based on Agency mandate

Key Agency Activities

- Board meetings
- Technical review of reports, plans, studies
- Interventions
- Communications and Consultation
- Outside Contracts
- Management and Administration

Technical Focus for 2008-10

- Closure and Reclamation
 - Working Group process to be completed
 - Review of Final Draft Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan
 - Public Hearing on the Plan
 - Phase I and Beartooth Closure Plans
- Sable, Pigeon and Beartooth Water Licence Renewal
 - Effluent Discharge Criteria for ammonia, copper, nickel, nitrite and zinc
 - Public Hearing on the renewal application
- New Water Licence Requirements
 - Adaptive Management Plan
- Environmental Impact Report 2009
- Regional Monitoring and Cumulative Effects

Board Meetings

- Primary avenue for meeting our mandate
- 5 or 6 per year, plus conference calls
- Agency proposes one board meeting a year be held in a community
- Meetings are open to all society members
- Agency now has a full complement of Directors

Review of Documents

- Agency regularly reviews documents on:
 - Wildlife
 - Aquatics (including special reports, e.g. Panda Diversion Channel)
 - Air Quality
 - Annual Environmental Reports

Separate Fund Activities

- Relates to Agency interventions in regulatory and other legal processes:
 - Wek'eezhi Land and Water Board Working Group and review of the Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan
 - Sable, Pigeon and Beartooth Water Licence

Interventions at Public Hearings

- For 2008-09, the Agency anticipates two public hearings
 - Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan
 - Sable, Pigeon and Beartooth water licence renewal

Consultation and Communications

- Agency has maintained its activities
- Annual Report, Website
- Our policy is to visit communities only on invitation – everyone is very busy
 - Agency visited Lutsel K'e in September 2008, open to invitations for 2009
- Propose to host the environmental workshop in the years that BHPB does not (conditional on need and availability of information)
 - Agency held an environmental workshop day before this AGM
 - Agency not likely to hold an environmental workshop in 2009-10 as the Environmental Impact Report 2009 is due

Outside Contracts

- Agency uses outside expertise on occasion for topics like:
 - Closure and Reclamation
 - Air quality
 - Seepage and waste rock management
 - Aquatics

Management and Administration

- Agency office in Yellowknife
- Staff: Manager, Environmental Analyst
- Public Registry, Website, Photo library

Core Budgets

Activity	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Board Meetings	\$110,800	138,200	139,400
Document Review	\$32,200	25,260	43,020
Interventions	\$40,100	40,050	39,600
Communications	\$172,00	146,852	135,733
Outside Contracts	\$10,000	10,000	10,000
Management/Admin	\$227,473	244,463	250,574
TOTAL	\$590,073	604,825	618,327