



# **Work Plan and Core Budget 2013-15**

**Independent Environmental  
Monitoring Agency**



# Work Plan and Core Budget 2013-15

- ▶ Core budget fixed by Resolution Agreements and grows with cost of living
- ▶ Separate Fund is part of core funding for Agency participation in public hearings
- ▶ Additional funding can be requested
- ▶ Agency has independence over work plan, not subject to BHPB or government approval
- ▶ 2013-14 and 2014-15 work plan and budget prepared based on Agency mandate



# Key Agency Activities

- ▶ Board Meetings
- ▶ Document Review
- ▶ Separate Fund activities (public hearings)
- ▶ Consultation and Communication
- ▶ Outside Contracts
- ▶ Management and Administration



# Board Meetings

- ▶ Main way to meet our mandate
- ▶ 4 meetings per year, plus conference calls if needed
- ▶ One board meeting a year held in a community
- ▶ Meetings are open to all Society Members
- ▶ Guests invited to provide updates and receive input



# Review of Documents

- ▶ Agency regularly reviews documents on:
  - Wildlife
  - Aquatics (including special reports or plans, e.g. Response Framework)
  - Air Quality
  - Annual Environmental Reports
  - Closure and Reclamation (e.g. Annual Progress Reports)



# Separate Fund Activities

- ▶ Agency interventions in regulatory and other legal processes
- ▶ For 2013-14
  - Review of Ekati water licence renewal
  - Lynx and Jay-Cardinal Projects



# Consultation and Communication

- ▶ Community visits, including one Board meeting and open house per year held in a community
  - Open to invitations for Board meeting in a community for 2013-14
- ▶ Regular updates and summaries of Directors' meetings distributed by e-mail
- ▶ AGM and Xmas Open House
- ▶ Posters and pamphlets revised and produced in all Aboriginal languages (Chipewyan, Inuinnaqtun, Tlicho, Weledeh) English and French
- ▶ Sound files in same languages posted to Agency's website
- ▶ Facebook page



# Consultation and Communication

- ▶ Annual Report (technical, plain language, summary brochure)
- ▶ Website and Timeline Project
- ▶ Communications Strategy implementation
- ▶ Newsletters (April 2013 and November 2013)
- ▶ Recruited second staff position (Jessica Simpson started April 2013)
- ▶ Information management Request for Proposal to upgrade computer network in Agency office



# Outside Contracts

- ▶ Agency sometimes uses outside expertise
- ▶ Help review reports, studies and plans for topics where Agency Directors may not have experience
  - Closure and Reclamation, and Financial Security
  - Air Quality
  - Seepage and Waste Rock Management
  - Aquatics



# Management and Administration

- ▶ Office in Yellowknife (rent, equipment, supplies, cleaning, insurance, phone, fax, internet—Agency has taken over all services)
- ▶ Staff: Executive Director and Communications and Environmental Specialist (salaries and benefits, professional development)
- ▶ Accounting and audit fees



# Technical Focus for 2013-15

## ▶ **Lynx and Jay-Cardinal Projects**

- Lynx can be handled through regulatory process but much better information needed
- Agency recommended Jay-Cardinal should go to an Environmental Assessment, AANDC made a referral
- to avoid impacts from Jay-Cardinal, all the alternatives should be presented and carefully analyzed

## ▶ **Closure and Reclamation**

- Requested closure plan for Old Camp and WLWB agreed plan should be submitted
- Financial security review still under way



# Technical Focus for 2013-15

## ▶ **Wildlife**

- Review of wildlife monitoring guidelines
- Wildlife Management Plan should be updated
- Better caribou monitoring still needed

## ▶ **Water Licence**

- Response Framework (adaptive management)

# Core Budgets

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Year-End 2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>Planned 2014-15</b>
Board Meetings	\$60,000	93,375	94,308
Document Review	\$55,000	42,650	43,077
Separate Fund	\$41,000	40,000	40,000
Communications	\$181,500	181,250	183,063
Outside Contracts	\$12,500	10,000	10,000
Management/Admin	\$288,000	284,000	286,840
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$638,000</b>	<b>651,275</b>	<b>657,288</b>

