



Work Plan and Core Budget 2007-2009

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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
- Additional funding can be requested
- Agency has independence over work plan, not subject to BHPB or government approval
- 2007-8 and 2008-9 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 Next Two Years

- Closure and Reclamation
 - Working Group
 - Draft Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan
 - Public Hearing on the Plan
- New Water Licence Requirements
 - Adaptive Management Plan
- Sable, Pigeon and Beartooth Water Licence
- Regional Monitoring and Cumulative Effects
 - Cumulative Effects Study on Lac de Gras
 - Bathurst caribou herd cumulative effects workshop

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
 - Revised Wastewater and Kimberlite Management Plan
 - Adaptive Management Plan
 - Five-year Review of the Environmental Agreement

Interventions at Public Hearings

- For 2007-8, the Agency anticipates no public hearings
- For 2008-9, two public hearings are anticipated
 - Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan
 - Sable, Pigeon and Beartooth water licence renewal

Consultation and Communications

- Agency has maintained its activities
- Annual Report, new Website
- Our policy is to visit communities only on invitation – everyone is very busy
- Propose to host the environmental workshop in the years that BHPB does not (conditional on need and availability of information)

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	2006-7	2007-8	2008-9
Board Meetings	\$91,250	110,800	111,760
Document Review	\$22,106	32,200	32,256
Interventions	\$63,799	40,100	42,200
Communications	\$141,370	172,000	174,530
Outside Contracts	\$17,294	10,000	10,000
Management/Admin	\$242,657	227,473	234,109
TOTAL	\$578,476	590,073	604,825