



Work Plan and Core Budget 2009-11

Independent Environmental
Monitoring Agency



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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
- 2009-10 and 2010-11 work plan and budget prepared based on Agency mandate

Key Agency Activities

- Board meetings
- Agency participation in review of reports, plans, studies
- Interventions (Separate Fund)
- Communications and Consultation
- Outside Contracts
- Management and Administration

Technical Focus for 2009-11

- Closure and Reclamation
 - Review of revised ICRP (December 2008)
 - Review of revised Reclamation Research Plans
 - WLWB Public Hearing on jurisdiction and judicial review
 - Public Hearing on the Plan
- Water Licence Requirements
 - AEMP review
 - Adaptive Management Plan
 - Revised Wastewater and Processed Kimberlite Management Plan
- Environmental Impact Report 2009
- Diamond Mine Wildlife Monitoring Program review
- Water Quality Standards
 - TK working group on AEMP Guidelines
 - MVLWB policy

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 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 public hearing on jurisdiction over fish and fish habitat in closure planning
 - Agency will apply to be an intervenor in BHPB's judicial review of WLWB decision that it has jurisdiction over fish and fish habitat at closure

Interventions at Public Hearings

- For 2009-10
 - WLWB on jurisdictional issue (June 2009)
 - NWT Supreme Court on BHPB judicial review application (February 2010)
 - WLWB on the ICRP (before April 2010?)

Consultation and Communications

- Agency has maintained its activities
- Annual Report (technical , plain language, summary brochure) and Website
- Our practice is to visit communities on invitation – everyone is very busy
 - Agency visited Gameti in October 2009, open to invitations for 2010-11
 - Follow-up brochure from Gameti visit distributed to all Tlicho communities
- External Review conducted of the Agency by SENES
 - distributed to Society members
 - discussion of the recommendations at the 2009 AGM

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 and Environmental Analyst
- Public Registry, Website, Photo library

Core Budgets

Activity	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Board Meetings	\$138,200	140,000	140,735
Document Review	\$26,380	41,750	26,242
Separate Fund	\$49,845	40,515	40,000
Communications	\$140,000	147,550	165,575
Outside Contracts	\$5,400	10,000	10,000
Management/Admin	\$245,000	239,743	243,339
TOTAL	\$604,825	619,558	625,891