



Active Environmental Assessments

The Review Board maintains a Public Registry in its Yellowknife office. You may review public registry documents at www.mveirb.nt.ca

▶ EA03-004 Drybones Bay Mineral Exploration, New Shoshoni Ventures

Status: Completed & Accepted

The Minister of INAC accepted the review board's rejection of the New Shoshoni Ventures Ltd. project in Drybones Bay, NWT April 10th 2006. The Minister agreed with the Board's decision that the cumulative cultural impacts of the proposed development would be too significant.

▶ EA03-009 Deh Cho Geotechnical Survey, Imperial Oil Ventures Ltd.

Status: Completed & Awaiting Ministerial Approval

This environmental assessment remains in the "Consult to Modify" process.

▶ EA0506-004 Yellowknife Gold Project, Tyhee NWT Corporation

Status: Awaiting Developer's Assessment Report

▶ EA0506-005 Drybones Bay Exploratory Drilling, Consolidated Goldwin Ventures

Status: Awaiting adequate Information Request Responses

▶ EA0506-006 Exploratory Drilling at Defeat Lake, Sidon International Resources Corp.

Status: Awaiting adequate Information Request Responses

▶ EA0506-007 SDL8 2D Geophysical Program, Paramount Resources Ltd.

Status: Awaiting Developer's Assessment Report and Information Request Responses

The Review Board issued Information Requests to some of the parties and released the Terms of Reference so the developer can prepare a Developer's Assessment Report.

▶ EA0506-008 Gahcho Kué Project, DeBeers Canada Inc.

Status: Drafting Terms of Reference

After a technical scoping workshop and hearing in Yellowknife; community scoping workshops in Dettah, Lutsel k'e, Fort Resolution, Behchoko; and, a final community scoping hearing on April 28th, 2006, the Review Board is considering information presented by the parties and the public as it drafts the Terms of Reference.



Community Scoping Workshop, Dettah

▶ EA0607-009 Water License Extension, Miramar Con Mine

Status: EA start up

The City of Yellowknife referred the Miramar water license renewal application to environmental assessment April 4, 2006.

Coming Soon

The Review Board will be releasing its Draft SEIA Guidelines for an 8 week public review period on Monday, May 8th. The document will be available on the Review Board website at that time. Comments will be accepted until June 30, 2006.

In addition, the Review Board will be releasing the Report of its EA Practitioners' Workshop in mid-May. This Report and accompanying CD will include valuable resources in the continuing efforts to "Raise the Bar for Socio-economic Impact Assessment", including a copy of the Draft SEIA Guidelines and a variety of presentations and research materials.

New INAC Minister visits NWT Board Forum



Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Jim Prentice and MVEIRB Chair Gabrielle Mackenzie-Scott

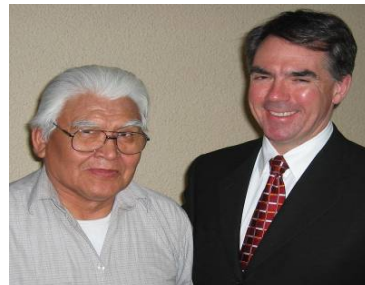
MVEIRB Chair Gabrielle Mackenzie-Scott, and her fellow NWT Board Forum Chairs met INAC Minister Jim Prentice during the forum's April 20, 2006 meeting in Yellowknife.

Mackenzie-Scott told Minister Prentice about Northerners' passion for the land and their need for a high-quality, responsive environmental assessment and regulatory regime in the NWT. Minister Prentice said his officials will continue to work on improvements with the Board Forum. He stated that he looked forward to working with the Boards.

The Board Forum Chairs told the Minister that:

- Boards lack adequate funding to do the work required
- Boards are concerned about the slow process for appointing new board members
- Board members require training to fulfill their duties

- A lack of land-use plans throughout the NWT is jeopardizing responsive resource management



Charlie Snowshoe, MVEIRB and Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board member, and Minister Prentice

The members of the NWT Board Forum appreciated the timeliness of Minister Prentice's visit, and his willingness to listen to their concerns.

Welcome MVEIRB's new staff member

Alison Blackduck is the MVEIRB's new Planning and Communications Advisor.



As a journalist, Alison's worked for the *Toronto Star* and CBC North Radio.

Her other experience includes doing

communications for the NWT and Yukon governments, and project coordination for Yukon First Nations.

Most recently, Alison was the Executive Director of the Yukon First Nations Heritage Group in Whitehorse.

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