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Dear Ms. Garcia-Wright:

The Rainy River Gold Project is a gold exploration project located within the Township of Chapple, approximately 65 kilometres northwest of Fort Frances in Northwestern Ontario. Rainy River Resources Ltd. (Rainy River) is pursuing environmental approvals for the development of a gold mine that will see a capital investment of approximately $700M along with the creation of approximately 500 fulltime jobs with a projected project life of 16+ years. Rainy River entered into a Voluntary Agreement with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to conduct an Environmental Assessment for the Project in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act in April of 2012.

In support of this process, Rainy River Resources is submitting this Amended Proposed Terms of Reference for approval, along with a Revised Record of Consultation, Discussions and Meetings for review. The document has been developed together with your departmental staff through a collaborative consultation process.

We are confident that you will find the attached documentation satisfactory and look forward to moving to the next phase of project development in the coming year. Should you have any questions or comments related to the information provided herein, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Most sincerely,

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This document contains "forward-looking information" as defined in applicable securities laws (referred to herein as "forward-looking statements"). Forward looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to the cost and timing of the development of the Rainy River Gold Project, including the exercise of the economic parameters of the project; the success and continuation of exploration activities; estimates of mineral resources; acquisitions of additional mineral properties; the future price of gold; government regulations and permitting timelines; estimates of reclamation obligations that may be assumed in connection with the exercise of the economic parameters of the project; requirements for additional capital; environmental risks; and general business and economic conditions. Often, but not always, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "expects", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "suggests", "continues", "forecasts", "projects", "predicts", "intends", "anticipates" or "believes", or variations of, or the negatives of, such words and phrases, or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "should", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved. Inherent in forward-looking statements are risks, uncertainties and other factors beyond the Company's ability to predict or control. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to, the assumptions underlying the document not being realized, future gold prices, changes in cost of labour, supplies, fuel and equipment, changes in equity markets, actual results of current exploration, changes in project parameters, exchange rate fluctuations, title risks, regulatory risks and uncertainties with respect to obtaining necessary surface rights and permits or delays in obtaining same, and other risks involved in the gold exploration and development industry, as well as those risk factors discussed in the section entitled "Description of Business-Risk Factors" in Rainy River Resources' 2012 Annual Information Form. Forward-looking statements are based on a number of assumptions which may prove to be incorrect, including, but not limited to, the availability of financing for the Company's exploration and development activities; the timelines for the Company's exploration and development activities on the Rainy River Property; the availability of certain consumables and services; assumptions made in mineral resource estimates, including geological interpretation grade, recovery rates, and operational costs; and general business and economic conditions. Forward looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the Company's actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any of its future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements herein are qualified by this cautionary statement. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information or future events or otherwise, except as may be required by law.

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GLOSSARY

µg/g	micrograms (one-millionth of a gram) per gram
µg/m^3	micrograms (one-millionth of a gram) per cubic metre
AANDC	Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
Aboriginal	In the context of the RRGP, includes both First Nation and Métis people.
ABA	acid base accounting
AMEC	AMEC Environment & Infrastructure
ARD	acid rock drainage
asl	above sea level
CCME	Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment
CEA Agency	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
CEAA, 2012	*Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*
CEP	Consultation and Engagement Plan
CEQG	Canadian Environmental Quality Guidelines
cm	centimetres
COSEWIC	Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada
dBA	A-weighted decibels
EA	environmental assessment
EIS	environmental impact statement
FFCS	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat
GHG	greenhouse gas
ICP	inductively coupled plasma
km	kilometre
km/h	kilometres per hour
kV	kilovolt
L	litres
L_{eq} levels	loudness equivalent
LSA	local study area
MAA	Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs
m	metre
m^3	cubic metres
m^3/a	cubic metres per year
m^3/d	cubic metres per day
m^3/s	cubic metres per second
mm	millimetre
Mm^3	million cubic metres
MMER	Federal Metal Mining Effluent Regulations
MNDM	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines
MNO	Métis Nation of Ontario
MNR	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
MODFLOW	Modular Finite-Difference Groundwater Flow Model
MOE	Ontario Ministry of the Environment

MTCS	Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
MTO	Ontario Ministry of Transportation
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
Mt	million tonnes
NO	mono-nitrogen oxide
NO_2	nitrogen dioxide
NO_x	nitrogen oxide
^oC	degrees Celsius
PAAC	Participation Agreement Advisory Committee
PAG	potentially acid generating
PDGZNYZ	Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing-Ne-Yaa-Zhing
PM	particulate material
$PM_{2.5}$	particles less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter
PM_{10}	particles less than 10 micrometers in diameter
PSQG LEL	Provincial Sediment Quality Guideline lowest effect levels
PWQO	Provincial Water Quality Objectives for the protection of aquatic life
RRGP	Rainy River Gold Project
RRR	Rainy River Resources Ltd.
RoCDM	Record of Consultation, Discussions and Meetings
RSA	regional study area
SAR	Species at Risk
SARA	*Species at Risk Act*
SARO	Species at Risk in Ontario
SO_2	sulphur dioxide
TK	Traditional Knowledge
TLU	Traditional Land Use
TMA	tailings management area
ToR	Terms of Reference
tpd or t/d	tonnes per day
UTM	Universal Transverse Mercator
WSC	Water Survey of Canada

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Rainy River Resources Ltd. (RRR) is a Canadian gold exploration and development company whose primary focus is developing a gold resource located in the Township of Chapple, approximately sixty-five kilometres northwest of Fort Frances in northwestern Ontario. The Rainy River Gold Project (RRGP) is an advanced stage gold exploration project situated primarily on private lands. RRR is pursuing environmental approvals for the development of gold mine on the property.

In consultation with the regulatory agencies, RRR has entered into a Voluntary Agreement with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) to conduct an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the RRGP in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. As required, RRR issued a Record of Consultation, Discussions and Meetings (RoCDM) as part of the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) submission to facilitate ongoing public consultation on the RRGP.

The Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* requires that the proponent prepare a Proposed ToR. The Proposed ToR provides a framework to guide the preparation of the EA, which requires approval by the Minister of the Environment. The Provincial ToR if approved and the Federal Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines will together define the content requirements for the EA document.

A Record of Consultation is required under Section 6(3) of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*, whereby a "description of the consultations by the proponent and the results of the consultations" in preparation of the Proposed ToR, must accompany the ToR submitted to the Minister of the Environment. In discussion with the MOE, the Record of Consultation is herein submitted under the title RoCDM to more accurately reflect the range of activities undertaken by RRR in engaging their diverse group of stakeholders. It summarizes consultation and engagement related to the Draft and Proposed ToR for the RRGP as required by the *Code of Practice for preparing Terms of Reference* (MOE 2009).

A Consultation Plan has been prepared (and is included as part of the Amended Proposed ToR issued separately) to guide consultation activities in the preparation and review of the EA document. This Revised RoCDM is a comprehensive listing of all consultation activities to date undertaken by RRR related to the RRGP and ToR including activities related to the ToR undertaken up to November 9, 2012.

2.0 STAKEHOLDER AND ABORIGINAL PARTICIPANTS

2.1 Identification of Stakeholders and Aboriginal Participants

Key stakeholders and Aboriginal (First Nation and Métis) groups who are expected to have an interest in the RRGP going forward, were identified during the early consultation efforts and can be considered in the following categories:

- Business, organizations and non-governmental organizations;
- Aboriginal communities and organizations;
- Municipal Government;
- Provincial (Ontario) Government; and
- Federal Government.

Interested stakeholders were identified using the following criteria:

- Proximity to the RRGP and potential for being affected by the RRGP;
- Aboriginal groups with traditional lands encompassing the RRGP site and its related proposed infrastructure;
- Past or current interest in other relevant projects or developments in the region;
- Direction from government agencies, specifically in regards to Federal and Provincial engagement; and
- Demonstrated previous or current interest in potential environmental effects of the RRGP.

The stakeholders list is anticipated to grow through the project stages but may also change to reflect varying levels of interest and issues over time. The issuance of a voluntary Draft ToR by RRR helped to better define the stakeholder and Aboriginal participants.

2.2 Business, Organizations and Non-governmental Organizations

RRR has identified the following organizations that have been engaged in and have an interest in the RRGP:

- Ainsworth Lumber;
- Borderland Snowmobile Club;
- Camp Narrows Lodge;

- Clearwater Lodge;
- Confederation College;
- Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce;
- Fort Frances Sportsman's Club;
- Gateway North Outfitters;
- Riverside Health Care Facilities;
- Mining Watch Canada;
- Natural Resources Advisory Committee;
- Northwatch;
- Northwest Catholic District School Board;
- Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters;
- Rainy Lake Conservancy;
- Rainy River Cattleman's Association;
- Rainy River District School Board;
- Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board;
- Rainy River District Stewardship;
- Rainy River Future Development Corporation;
- Rainy River Outfitters;
- Rainy River Trapping Council;
- Resolute Forest Products;
- Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists; and
- Other local small business owners.

2.3 Aboriginal Communities and Organizations

RRR requested advice from the Crown (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines; MNDM) in 2010 and again in 2011 as to which Aboriginal groups should be engaged regarding the RRGP due to potential impacts of exploration and mine development on Aboriginal or Treaty rights. Following from advice provided by the Provincial Crown (MNDM) at the time, RRR engaged nine First Nations that could be affected by RRGP along with the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO; Table 1). Seven of the nine First Nations are members of the Fort Frances Chief Secretariat (FFCS) and Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing-Ne-Yaa-Zhing (PDGZNYZ) Tribal Council, while the Big Island First Nation and Big Grassy River First Nation belong to a different Tribal Council.

At the direction of the MNDM, RRR began holding discussions and meetings with the additional First Nations identified in Table 1 in the Spring of 2012. Consultations with the First Nations comprising the FFCS has been ongoing for well over a year and culminated with the signing of a Participation Agreement (Impact and Benefits Agreement) in March of 2012. RRR also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Big Grassy First Nation in March of 2012.

These Aboriginal groups initially consulted and engaged in relation to the RRGP were also identified using the following criteria:

- Direction from MNDM;
- Proximity to the RRGP; if the stakeholders or Aboriginal groups are resident in and/or have jurisdiction over the area in which the RRGP is proposed or has the potential to affect;
- Past or current interest in similar projects or developments in the region; if the stakeholders or Aboriginal groups have been involved in consultation processes in current or past projects in the region that are anticipated to have a similar interest in the RRGP;
- Demonstrated previous interest in potential environmental effects of the RRGP; or
- Aboriginal groups with traditional lands encompassing the RRGP site and its related proposed infrastructure.

In May 2012, the Provincial government identified changes and expanded considerably the list of Aboriginal groups RRR is to consult or notify about mine development (Table 1). Many of the identified Aboriginal groups are located in the Lake of the Woods area, a considerable distance from the RRGP site. At the direction of the MNDM, RRR began holding discussions and meetings with the additional First Nations identified in Table 1, in the Spring of 2012.

The Provincial government (jointly with the MNDM, MOE, Ministry of Natural Resources; MNR, and Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs; MAA) has delegated the procedural aspects of Provincial Crown Aboriginal consultation to RRR, who is in the best position to provide information on the RRGP.

2.4 Municipal Government

RRR maintains contact with municipal governments that may have an interest in the RRGP. These governments will continue to be notified of milestones and will be provided with ongoing information and reports for input and review, as appropriate. These include:

- Township of Alberton;
- Township of Chapple;
- Township of Dawson;
- Township of LaVallee;
- Township of Morley;

- Town of Emo;
- Town of Fort Frances; and
- Town of Rainy River.

2.5 Provincial Government

A list of potentially interested provincial government ministries and agencies was identified with the assistance of the MOE:

- Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs;
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs;
- Ministry of Economic Development and Trade;
- Ministry of Energy;
- Ministry of the Environment;
- Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care;
- Ministry of Infrastructure;
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
- Ministry of Natural Resources;
- Ministry of Northern Development and Mines;
- Ministry of the Environment;
- Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport;
- Ministry of Transportation;
- Hydro One Networks; and
- Ontario Provincial Police.

2.6 Federal Government

A list of potentially interested federal agencies was identified that will continue to be notified of milestones and provided with ongoing information and reports for input and review.

- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada;
- Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency;
- Environment Canada;
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada;
- Health Canada;
- International Joint Commission (Canada - United States);
- Major Projects Management Office;
- Natural Resources Canada; and
- Transport Canada.

The Federal agencies are coordinated by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency. As the RRGP design progresses, some of these departments may determine that their involvement is not required.

Table 1: Aboriginal Groups Discussions and Meetings

First Nation or Métis Group	Engaged (based on December 2011 Provincial Government Direction)	Engaged (based on May 2012 Provincial Government Direction)	Notified (based on May 2012 Provincial Government Direction)
Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation	X	X	
Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum (Rat Portage) First Nation			X
Buffalo Point First Nation		X	
Couchiching First Nation	X		X
Lac La Croix First Nation	X		X
Mishkosiminiziibiing (Big Grassy River) First Nation	X	X	
Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	X		X
Naicatchewenin First Nation	X	X	
Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation		X	
Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	X		X
Northwest Angle #33 First Nation			X
Northwest Angle #37 First Nation			X
Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation		X	
Rainy River First Nations	X	X	
Seine River First Nation	X		X
Métis Nation of Ontario – Rainy River Lake of the Woods RCC Region #1	X	X *	

Notes:
* Includes ongoing sharing of information, including the Draft and Proposed ToR documents and correspondence to arrange a meeting which was scheduled for and held on November 30, 2012.

3.0 SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION PRIOR TO THE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

3.1 Early Consultation Goals

Since taking over the property in 2005, RRR has engaged the local communities as well as First Nations and Métis community members about exploration and development plans. RRR believes that in order to be successful it needs to effectively engage the local communities. The primary focus of the consultation and engagement to date has been to introduce the Company, to inform citizens of the status of the exploration and future mining-related activities, and to provide information regarding future consultation opportunities.

To demonstrate commitment to local communities, RRR opened a community office in Emo, Ontario in August 2010 and maintains an open door policy whereby community members may drop by during office hours to learn more about the RRGP and share their views. RRR also maintains an office in Thunder Bay, Ontario. As appropriate, RRR tabulates these visits to their offices from the interested public and documents any issues raised.

3.2 Stakeholders and Aboriginal Groups Engaged

Stakeholders and Aboriginal groups engaged by RRR prior to the Notice of Commencement and issuance of the Draft ToR include:

- Business and Community Interests: Rainy River Future Development Corporation, Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce, Natural Resources Advisory Committee, Rainy River District Stewardship and Resolute (formerly AbitibiBowater);

- Aboriginal Groups: Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mishkosiminiziibiing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing (Stanjikoming) First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning (Nicickousemenecaning) First Nation, Rainy River First Nation, Seine River First Nation and Métis Nation of Ontario;

- Municipal Government: Township of Chapple, Township of Morley, Town of Emo and Town of Fort Frances;

- Provincial (Ontario) Government: Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Natural Resources (including the International Rainy River Water Pollution Board), Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Ministry of Labour and Ministry of Transportation; and

- Federal Government: Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (and other departments through their lead).

Stakeholders involved in the RRGP during early consultation and engagement include those with a direct interest in the RRGP, or those who were able to provide data for baseline environmental reports such as Municipal and Provincial government department representatives, community–based service providers, economic development agencies and similar.

The range of stakeholders has grown since these early project phases and will continue to evolve throughout project development to reflect varying levels of interest and issues over time.

3.3 Overview of Non-Aboriginal Engagement Activities

RRR informed and involved the public and stakeholders in a variety of ways. The focus of early consultation was to introduce the Company, to inform citizens of the status of the exploration and mining-related activities and to provide information regarding future consultation opportunities.

RRR Office Visits

RRR maintains an open-door policy at their offices in both Emo and Thunder Bay, Ontario. As appropriate, RRR tabulates these visits to their offices from the interested public and documents any issues raised.

Public Information Sessions

Prior to the Notice of Commencement and issuance of the Draft ToR, RRR had held a number of public information sessions to share information about the RRGP and obtain public comments. Following the Emo office open house, a public information session was held at the Emo Legion in the evening (October 6, 2010). The second open house was held on August 22, 2011 to share Company objectives for the next year. Notices of all public open house meetings were given through the local newspapers and letters to the RRGP area landowners.

Site Tours

Site tours were completed by RRR with the Natural Resources Advisory Committee (MNR), Rainy River District Stewardship (MNR), as well as members of the Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce. Site tours continue to be provided to all interested parties (Table 2). The purpose of the tours is to inform interested parties about the RRGP and hear and address comments about the RRGP.

Mining Matters Workshops

RRR is also promoting increased understanding of the mining industry through sponsorship of free Mining Matters workshops in Fort Frances. This workshop was initially held in August 2011, and was held again in August 2012. The program, created by the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada provided a chance for the participants to learn about rocks, minerals, metals, exploration and mining in an interactive environment including a tour of the RRGP site.

Newsletters

RRR issued three Community newsletters prior to the Notice of Commencement and issuance of the Draft ToR (Fall 2010, Summer 2011, Fall 2011). These were distributed to the RRGP mailing list and provided an update on current activities at the RRGP site, contact information and educational facts about the mining industry.

Details about the stakeholders who were consulted, dates of the consultation, and methods by which they were consulted are provided in Appendix I.

3.4 Overview of Aboriginal Group Engagement Activities

An important part of the mine permitting and planning process is proactive engagement with area Aboriginal communities and their membership. For the RRGP this engagement included ensuring potentially affected Aboriginal communities are informed and engaged in the development of the RRGP, responding to their interests and concerns, and continuing to build and maintain positive relationships. This has been and is currently being achieved by creating a forum for dialogue and information exchange (verbal and written) and fostering an ongoing relationship between the potentially affected Aboriginal communities and RRR.

All Aboriginal engagement efforts are being coordinated and directed by the RRR Vice President of Environment and Sustainability based in Thunder Bay Ontario, supported by the First Nation Engagement Specialist and Community Coordinator based in Emo, Ontario. The First Nation Engagement Specialist was selected jointly with the FFCS. That position is funded by RRR but reports jointly to the local tribal council Executive Director (PDGZNYZ Advisory Services) and RRR Vice President of Environment and Sustainability. Consultation and engagement with all other First Nation and Métis groups is being led by the RRR Community Coordinator.

Through early discussions with Aboriginal groups, RRR has determined that each First Nation and Métis community prefers different means of involvement for their membership. The most effective methods to engaging community members were discussed with the leadership for each of the potentially affected Aboriginal communities. Their feedback guided the development

and subsequent implementation of a comprehensive Consultation Plan to support the EA processes.

Following advice provided by Aboriginal communities received to date, RRR has involved them in the RRGP through timely and ongoing updates in community newsletters, open houses, community and leadership meetings, site tours and digital communication. RRR actively involved Aboriginal Elders because of their influence as traditional authority in First Nation communities, but also so that RRR is able to gather any potential historical land use and/or cultural protocols related to the site and the surrounding area, recognizing that the area has been private residential lands for several generations.

The following activities and initiatives have been used to involve Aboriginal groups in the RRGP. Further details about these activities including names of Aboriginal groups, dates and means of engagement are provided Appendix I.

Aboriginal Community Leadership Meetings / Presentations

The purpose of these presentations was to provide RRGP status updates, gather comments on the Provincial and Federal EA processes, elicit verbal and written feedback on communication efforts with membership, and continue dialogue (see Appendix I for a comprehensive listing of meeting dates and participants).

Aboriginal Community Newsletter Inserts

Each of the seven FFCS First Nations has a newsletter that is distributed to the entire on reserve community (several distribute a digital version to off-reserve membership as well). This is a valuable communication tool, as the newsletters typically have a moderately-strong engagement and readership level in the communities. RRR periodically contributes articles on the RRGP to the First Nation newsletters and have notices of community meetings posted in the newsletters.

Aboriginal Community Presentations

RRR held thirteen community presentations within each of the nine First Nations initially identified for engagement, in the period prior to the issuance of the Draft ToR for the Provincial EA process. The presentations included RRGP status, project planning, environmental baseline studies, and expected RRGP permitting schedule. These presentations and associated question and answer sessions, provided opportunities for RRR to engage informally with the community in group and/or one-on-one settings and to gather verbal feedback.

Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Land Use Studies

RRR is actively engaging its partner First Nations in the collection and documentation of Traditional Knowledge / Traditional Land Use (TK / TLU) in the RRGP area. Discussions about TK / TLU started prior to the Notice of Commencement and issuance of the Draft ToR. Information gathered will assist in the assessment of the potential effects associated with the RRGP and provide input about how potential effects can be avoided, mitigated or managed. While RRR recognizes that the land on which the RRGP is being planned is heavily impacted by historic and ongoing agricultural as well as logging operations, RRR feels that it is important that any oral history be properly documented and respected. TK / TLU data sharing agreements have been signed with several FFCS member First Nations and are currently being considered by the other communities. Similar data sharing agreements are being discussed, with the Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) and Mishkosiminiziibiing (Big Grassy River) First Nations, as well as the additional First Nations identified by MNDM as needing to be consulted about the RRGP. Appropriate approaches for gathering TK / TLU related to the RRGP site are being discussed with First Nation or Métis groups as appropriate with the goal to involve, as much as possible, local Aboriginal community members in these studies.

Aboriginal Group Site Tours

RRR hosted site tours with members from Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Seine River First Nation and Big Grassy River First Nation (Table 2). The combined tours have included over 50 First Nation community members including Elders, thereby providing the membership with on the ground insight into the progression of the RRGP, including as part of the Mining Matters educational program in August of 2011.

Elders Protocol Gatherings and Ceremonies

RRR provided support for an Elders Traditional Protocol Gathering on March 12, 2012. The original purpose for the Elders gathering was to have discussions amongst Elders from the seven participating First Nations of the FFCS, regarding the development of a common ceremony protocol for mining and resource development projects in the First Nations' traditional territory. There was significant discussion about the importance of ceremony, and the role that it plays for the First Nations in their capacity as the keepers of the earth. It was reported by the facilitator, that there was a sense of agreement to put a protocol in place that is more structured, and an acknowledgement of how important it is to educate the companies, the different levels of government, and possibly as a result, some of their own people. There are plans for a follow-up meeting of the Elders during 2012, to evaluate a potential framework for that protocol. In the interim, questions around traditional practices are to be directed to the FFCS.

As a follow-up to these tours and discussions, a traditional ceremony was hosted by RRR on May 16, 2012 to undertake a Spring Ceremony and Feasting at the RRGP site.

Participation Agreements

RRR and the FFCS signed a MOU in May 2010 which commits RRR to informing the FFCS in advance about exploration proposals and schedules, and conducting exploration activities in an environmentally responsible manner. Employment and contracting opportunities were also part of the terms including the joint initiative to fund the First Nations Engagement Specialist position (for the FFCS). The MOU also committed RRR to developing and implementing a Participation Agreement (also known as an Impact and Benefits Agreement) that would include provisions for: mineral production support, consultation protocols, respect for Traditional Territories, training and employment, among other aspects. As a result of various community and leadership meetings conducted since the signing of the MOU, a Participation Agreement was successfully developed with the First Nations and subsequently signed in March of 2012. A Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) was formed comprising seven First Nations and two RRR representatives. The PAAC currently meets on a monthly basis to share information and ensure the successful implementation of the Agreement.

RRR signed a MOU on March 6, 2012 with the Big Grassy River First Nation. RRR is also meeting with Big Island First Nation, Onigaming First Nation and Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation. RRR has also committed to engaging the local Métis Consultation Committee in the RRGP.

Table 2: Summary of RRGP Site Tours (prior to Draft ToR issuance)

Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders
August 14, 2010	Site visit with MNDM, MOE and DFO.	Mike Grant (MNDM), Peter Hinz (MNDM), Lyndon Kivi (DFO), Drew Stajkowski (MOE)
August 5, 2011	RRR gave a site tour to Mining Matters participants.	42 participants
October 26, 2011	RRR gave a tour to Rainy River First Nation Elders.	Kiley Hanson (Rainy River First Nation), Dorothy Medicine (Rainy River First Nation), Geraldine Hoard (Rainy River First Nation), Jeff Brown (Rainy River First Nation), Annie McGinnis (Rainy River First Nation)
October 26, 2011	RRR gave two tours including various stakeholders.	Members of the Rainy River District Stewardship Council, the Natural Resources Advisory Committee, the Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce, the Rainy River Future Development Corporation
November 10, 2011	RRR gave a site tour to members of Big Grassy River First Nation.	16 people participated; open to general membership include adults, youth, elders.
November 21, 2011	RRR gave a site tour to PDGZNYZ employees.	Three people participated including Peter Moen (Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation), Barry Strachan (PDGZNYZ Advisory Services)
September 20, 2012	RRR gave a tour to members of Couchiching First Nation.	Alex Bruyere, Willie Yerxa
April 26, 2012	RRR gave a tour to representatives of the MNDM.	Ray Mantha (MNDM Assistant Deputy Minister), Mike Grant (MNDM District Manager), Cailey Anderson (MNDM Thunder Bay)
May 10, 2012	RRR gave a site tour to Couchiching and Seine River First Nations members.	8 people participated

4.0 SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES ON THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

4.1 Overview

The development and submission of the Draft ToR was a voluntary step which RRR opted to take to proactively seek feedback from all interested stakeholders and Aboriginal communities. In the Consultation Plan, RRR outlined the consultation and engagement objectives and activities for the Draft and Proposed ToR. Subsequent to the issuance of the Proposed ToR, RRR sought additional feedback from all interested stakeholders and Aboriginal communities on the RRGP. This included:

- Distributing the Notice of Commencement and Notice of Submission of the Proposed ToR in local newspapers;
- Distributing the Notice of a Public Open House to invite stakeholders and local citizens to learn more about the RRGP, the Proposed ToR / EA process and to gather their feedback about important environmental factors that should be considered in the EA;
- Distributing copies of the Proposed ToR (including the Notice of Commencement or Notice of Submission; listing of publication / posting locations) for 30-day reviews;
- Establishing public review locations for hard copies of the Proposed ToR;
- Posting the Draft and Proposed ToR on the RRR website;
- Distributing notices in Aboriginal communities;
- Distributing a RRR Community Newsletter (Spring 2012 and Fall 2012) to highlight information about the Proposed ToR / EA process and inform newsletter recipients about upcoming public open houses and encourage feedback through the RRR website or through direct contact with RRR staff at the Emo or Thunder Bay office;
- Updating the RRR website to include information about the Proposed ToR / EA process and provide a link for direct feedback;
- Initiating discussions with the public, Aboriginal, government and other stakeholder organizations (as requested) to discuss the Draft and Proposed ToR; and

- Hold public open houses to provide information about the Proposed ToR and gather broad community feedback on environmental factors that should be considered in the EA.

The following provides a report on these consultation and engagement activity commitments. These activities supplement RRR ongoing consultation and relationship-building activities but provide a more formal process to encourage feedback specific to the Draft and Proposed ToR.

4.2 Notifications

A Notice of Commencement, Notice of Submission, and Notice of Open Houses (the 'Notice') related to the Draft and Proposed ToR were provided in local newspapers, with the documents issued to stakeholders, with documents hosted for public review, and mailed to local landowners. The Notice was also posted on the RRR website (www.rainyriverresources.com). Table 4 presents a summary of the publication of the Notice in newspapers.

As a reminder, postcards identifying the May Open Houses were mailed to the RRGP mailing list as well as distributed through Canada Post Unaddressed Ad-mail to all residents in the Township of Chapple. The Notice of Open House was also placed in the May and June 2012 edition of the Chapple Municipal Newsletter. Similarly, copies of the November Open House Notice and Notice of Submission were also mailed to the RRGP mailing list as well as distributed through Canada Post Unaddressed Ad-mail to all residents / businesses in the Towns of Fort Frances and Rainy River as well as the Townships of Chapple, Dawson, Emo, La Vallee, and Morley.

Copies of the notices and post cards are presented in Appendix A.

Verbal notices were placed on the FM 93.1 (The Border) radio station. The notices for the May Open Houses were placed running 10 times per day starting Monday, May 28, 2012 through Wednesday, May 30, 2012 (6 a.m. until midnight), and airing 5 additional times during the morning of Thursday, May 31, 2012. The notices for the November Open Houses were placed running 10 times per day starting Monday, November 5, 2012 through Wednesday, November 7, 2012 and five more 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 8, 2012.

Notification by e-mail was provided to the First Nations leadership on March 30, 2012 and again on May 2, 2012, to inform them that the Draft ToR process would begin in mid-May 2012 and to encourage their participation. The identified Federal and Provincial government representatives were notified on April 26, 2012 of the forthcoming documentation related to the RRGP with a request for documentation preferences.

Notification by e-mail was provided to the First Nations leadership on October 25, 2012 to inform them that the Proposed ToR had been submitted to the Government of Ontario, provided

a link to the Proposed ToR, a copy of the Notice of Submission, and to encourage their participation at one of the November Open Houses.

In addition, e-mails and letters were sent to invite local municipal government representatives as well as the Member of Provincial Parliament and Member of Parliament for the region to the Open Houses.

4.3 Newsletters

RRR issued two Community newsletters during the preparation of the ToR (Spring 2012, Fall 2012) and distributed them to the RRGP mailing list. These newsletters provided an update on current activities at the RRGP site, contact information and educational facts about the mining industry.

4.4 Access to Terms of Reference Documents

The Draft and Proposed ToR were available for public review on or before the Notice of Commencement (for Draft ToR) and Notice of Submission (for Proposed ToR) was posted. The Draft and Proposed ToR were posted on the RRR website (www.rainyriverresources.com) prior to the consultation period start date (May 17, 2012 and October 26, 2012 respectively). Appendix B includes a list of the individuals who received copy(ies) of the Draft and Proposed ToR directly.

A hard copy of the Draft and Proposed ToR were also provided for public viewing / review at:

Emo
Rainy River Resources Ltd.
5967 Highway 11/71
Emo, ON P0W 1E0
T. 807-482-2501

Fort Frances
Fort Frances Public Library
601 Reid Avenue
Fort Frances, ON P9A 0A2
T. 807-274-9879

Rainy River
Rainy River Library
202 4th Street
Rainy River, ON P0W 1L0
T. 807-852-3375

Thunder Bay
Brodie Resource Library
216 South Brodie Street
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 1C2
T. 807-345-8275

Toronto
Rainy River Resources Ltd.
1 Richmond Street West
Suite 701
Toronto, ON M5H 3W4
T. 416-645-7280

Toronto
Ministry of the Environment
Environmental Approvals Branch
2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A
Toronto, ON M4V 1L5
T. 416-314-8001 / 1-800-461-6290

Hard copies of the Draft ToR were also provided to following Aboriginal communities and organizations.

- Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation;
- Couchiching First Nation;
- Lac La Croix First Nation;
- Mishkosiminiziibiing (Big Grassy River) First Nations;
- Mitaanijigamiing First Nation;
- Naicatchewenin First Nation;
- Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation;
- Rainy River First Nation;
- Seine River First Nations;
- Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat;
- Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services; and
- Métis Nation of Ontario.

Hard copies of the Proposed ToR were also provided to following Aboriginal communities and organizations.

- Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation;
- Buffalo Point First Nation[1];
- Couchiching First Nation;
- Lac La Croix First Nation;
- Mishkosiminiziibiing (Big Grassy River) First Nations;
- Mitaanijigamiing First Nation;
- Naicatchewenin First Nation;
- Naotkamegwanning First Nation[1];
- Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation[1];
- Rainy River First Nation;
- Seine River First Nations;
- Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat;

[1]Identified by the Crown after release of the Draft ToR, these communities received copies of the Proposed ToR.

- Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services;
- Sunset Country Métis; and
- Métis – Rainy River Lake of the Woods RRC Region #1.

The following communities were notified of the Proposed ToR:

- Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum;
- Northwest Angle #33 First Nation;
- Northwest Angle #37 First Nation; and
- Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation.

4.5 Site Tours

RRR continued to offer and host site tours for representatives of provincial and federal government agencies, Aboriginal groups and other interested stakeholders (Table 3). The tours provided an opportunity for on the ground insight into the progression of the RRGP, and for addressing comments about the RRGP. The MNO and their Rainy River Lake of the Woods Consultation Committee Region #1 (which includes the Sunset Country Métis Council) were invited to participate in a site tour. One of the tours was conducted as part of the Mining Matters educational program in August of 2012.

4.6 Public Open Houses - Draft and Proposed ToR

4.6.1 Public Open Houses - Draft ToR

Two public open houses were held in the Town of Rainy River and the Township of Chapple (Barwick) on May 30 and 31, 2012 to gather feedback from the general public and other stakeholders about the Draft ToR and the RRGP. The schedule of the Public Open Houses is presented in Table 5.

A sign-in sheet was provided at the entrance of the open house venue. Attendees were asked to provide their contact information if they wanted to be added to the RRGP mailing list. A summary of the attendance at each session is presented in Table 5.

The Open House session provided information through 21 poster boards covering various aspect of the RRGP including information about RRR, the RRGP (including location, projected workforce, schedule), and the Provincial and Federal EA process (with emphasis on the Draft ToR for the Provincial EA). Copies of the poster boards are presented in Appendix C.

Copies of the Draft ToR and Record of Consultation were made available for viewing, along with fact sheets on the RRGP, the EA Process and careers. Copies of the RRR Spring 2012 Newsletter were also made available. Copies of the fact sheets and newsletter are also presented in Appendix D.

Comment forms were made available for each attendee to gather written feedback on the EA process and the open houses. RRGP representatives encouraged attendees to fill out and return the comment forms following the session. A total of 28 comment forms were received from the open houses. RRGP representatives also recorded comments and questions from the public during the open houses. Completed comments forms are presented in Appendix E.

The comments / questions and responses are presented in Appendix J and summarized in Section 5.0.

4.6.2 Public Open Houses - Proposed ToR

Two public open houses were held in the Townships of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls and Emo on November 7 and 8, 2012 to gather feedback from the general public and other stakeholders about the RRGP and encourage feedback on the Proposed ToR (and Federal Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines). The schedule of the Public Open Houses is presented in Table 5.

A sign-in sheet was provided at the entrance of the open house venue. Attendees were asked to provide their contact information if they wanted to be added to the RRGP mailing list. A summary of the attendance at each session is presented in Table 6.

The Open House session provided information through poster boards covering various aspect of the RRGP including information about RRR, the RRGP (including location, projected workforce, schedule), and the Provincial and Federal EA process (with emphasis on the Draft ToR for the Provincial EA). Government contact information for both the Provincial ToR as well as the Federal EIS Guidelines was provided as part of the Open House materials. Copies of the poster boards are presented in Appendix F.

Copies of the Proposed ToR and Record of Consultations, Meetings and Discussions were made available for viewing, along with a fact sheet on the EA Process. Copies of the RRR Fall 2012 Newsletter were also made available. Copies of the fact sheet and newsletter are also presented in Appendix G.

Comment forms were made available for each attendee to gather written feedback on the EA process and the open houses. RRGP representatives encouraged attendees to fill out and return the comment forms following the session. A total of 23 comment forms were received

from open house participants (Appendix H). RRGP representatives also recorded comments and questions from the public during the open houses.

The comments / questions and responses are presented in Appendix J and summarized in Section 5.0.

4.7 Aboriginal Groups Review of the Terms of Reference

In addition to being invited to attend all public open houses described above, specific efforts to gather comments on the Draft and Proposed ToR for the Provincial EA that actively involved or informed First Nation and Métis groups included:

- Distributing the Notices of Commencement and Notice of Submission in local newspapers and to Aboriginal groups identified for consultation and notification (per Table 1);

- Distributing the Notice of a Public Open House to invite community members to learn more about the RRGP, the Provincial ToR / EA process and to gather their feedback about important environmental factors that should be considered in the EA;

- Distributing copies of the Draft and Proposed ToR to identified Aboriginal communities identified for consultation, tribal organizations and stakeholder groups (including the Notice of Commencement; listing of publication / posting locations) for a 30-day review;

- Establishing public review locations for hard copies of the ToR including at Band offices for Aboriginal groups identified for consultation;

- Posting the Draft and Proposed ToR on the RRR website;

- Distributing plain language notices in Aboriginal communities;

- Distributing a RRR Community Newsletter (Spring and Fall2012) to highlight information about the Provincial ToR / EA process and inform newsletter recipients about upcoming public open houses and encourage feedback through the RRR website or through direct contact with RRR staff at the Emo or Thunder Bay office;

- Updating the RRR website to include information about the ToR / EA process and provide a link for direct feedback;

- Communicating the ToR and EIS Guidelines process to through the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee meetings for the six Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat communities;

- Hosting community-specific open houses (as requested) to provide information about the ToR and gather broad community feedback on environmental factors that should be considered in the EA; and

- Initiating introductory meetings and discussions with newly added Aboriginal organizations and communities (as requested) to discuss the RRGP and ToR.

RRR conducted 34 meetings with Aboriginal communities and organizations to gather feedback on the Draft and Proposed ToR and provide information about the Federal EA process and RRGP (Table 7; see also Appendices I and J). Efforts to introduce the RRGP and involve First Nations and Métis organizations in the RRGP and associated EA processes are ongoing. RRR is also working with the Sunset Country Métis to advance a protocol-based working relationship that will enhance the groundwork that has been already established.

Appendices I and J provide the details of the consultations, meetings and discussions that occurred up to November 9, 2012 and reflect records primarily associated with gathering feedback on the Draft and Proposed ToR.

Table 3: Summary of RRGP Site Tours (after Draft ToR issuance)

July 24, 2012	RRR representatives provided a site tour for local MNDM representatives.	Jane Gillon (MNDM), Christine Hanson (MNDM)
August 10,2012	RRR gave a site tour to Mining Matters participants.	33 participants
August 29, 2012	RRR gave a site tour to Naicatchewenin and Rainy River First Nation Elders.	18 participants
September 6, 2012	RRR gave a site tour to the DFO and MNR.	Tom Kleinboeck, Neville Ward (DFO), Chris Martin (MNR)
September 20, 2012	RRR gave a tour to Couchiching First Nation.	2 people participated
October 2, 2012	RRR gave a site tour to Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC) including board members.	Annalise Armstrong (RRFDC), Mark Caron (RRFDC), Don Cumming (RRFDC), Jim Cumming (RRFDC), Geoff Gillon (RRFDC), Tannis Drysdale (Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce), Jane Gillon (MNDM), Sonny Ferris (Rainy River First Nations)
October 4, 2012	RRR gave a tour to the Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists (RRVFN).	Pat Basaraba (RRVFN), Mike Hammond (RRVFN), Alan Johansson (RRVFN), Henry Miller (Fort Frances Sportsmans Club)
October 10, 2012	RRR gave a site tour to MNDM representatives.	Jane Gillon, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines (MNDM) - Fort Frances Christine Hansen, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines (MNDM) - Fort Frances Helen Mulc, MNDM(Mineral Development and Lands Branch)

Table 4: Notice Advertisement Placement

Newspaper	Notice	Date of Issue
Fort Frances Times	Notice of Commencement Notice of Open House	May 16, 2012
West End Weekly	Notice of Commencement Notice of Open House	May 16, 2012
Thunder Bay Chronicle Journal	Notice of Commencement Notice of Open House	May 16, 2012
Fort Francis Daily Bulletin	Notice of Commencement Notice of Open House	May 17, 2012
Fort Frances Times	Notice of Open House	May 23, 2012
West End Weekly	Notice of Open House	May 23, 2012
Thunder Bay Chronicle Journal	Notice of Open House	May 23, 2012
Fort Francis Daily Bulletin	Notice of Open House	May 24, 2012
Rainy River Record	Notice of Submission	October 23, 2012
Fort Frances Times	Notice of Submission	October 24, 2012
West End Weekly	Notice of Submission	October 24, 2012
Thunder Bay Chronicle Journal	Notice of Submission	October 24, 2012
Fort Frances Daily Bulletin	Notice of Submission	October 25, 2012
Rainy River Record	Notice of Open House	October 30, 2012
Fort Frances Times	Notice of Open House	October 31, 2012
West End Weekly	Notice of Open House	October 31, 2012
Thunder Bay Chronicle Journal	Notice of Open House	October 31, 2012
Fort Frances Daily Bulletin	Notice of Open House	November 1, 2012

Table 5: Public Open House Schedule

Community	Location	Date / Time
Rainy River	Royal Canadian Legion - Rainy River Branch	Wednesday, May 30, 2012 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Township of Chapple (Barwick)	Barwick Recreation Centre, 140 Main Street	Thursday, May 31, 2012 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls	Nestor Falls Community Centre, 11 Mortimer Road	Wednesday, November 7, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Township of Emo	Emo Legion, 23 Jessie Street	Thursday, November 8, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Table 6: Public Open House Attendance

Open House Location	Number of Attendees
Rainy River	28
Township of Chapple (Barwick)	75
Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls	29
Township of Emo	115

Table 7: Summary of Aboriginal Meetings and Presentations*

ROC #	Event Type	Date	Event Summary
50	Presentation	05/22/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation about the RRGP, community involvement activities and the mine EA process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft ToR and invitation to public open houses.
79	Meeting	06/18/2012	Participation Agreement Advisory Committee monthly meeting held on 12-06-18 in Fort Frances. RRR provided the assembled Chiefs from Naicatchewenin, Mitaanjigamiing, Couchiching, Nigigoonsiminikaaning and Seine River First Nations with a RRGP update and overview of the Provincial ToR and associated EA process. Regrets from Rainy River First Nations and Lac La Croix First Nation.
80	Meeting	06/19/2012	Introduction meeting with Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation. RRR provided a RRGP update and overview of the Provincial ToR and Provincial and Federal EA process. Offered to hold a community open house to discuss the RRGP and the EA process with community members.
133	Meeting	06/19/2012	RRR met with Rainy River First Nations to discuss TEK and TLU approaches and review the socio-economic questions.
108	Meeting	06/20/2012	RRR gave an overview of the RRGP and the EA process. Questions about water quality, engagement of other First Nations groups and socio-economic and TEK and TLU studies were discussed.
107	Meeting	06/26/2012	RRR hosted an open house meeting with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders and community members. RRR gave an overview of the RRGP and the EA process. Posters were available for viewing. Notes were reviewed with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 12-07-10.
196	Meeting	06/30/2012	RRR met with Rainy River First Nations to request socio-economic baseline data.
105	Meeting	07/03/2012	RRR held a meeting with Rainy River First Nations to discuss TEK and TLU data collection. Questions ranged from cyanide to jobs to physical size of the RRGP area. Previous uses for the RRGP area were discussed, and the study questions were reviewed.
213	Meeting	07/03/2012	RRR contacted a Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation representative to arrange a meeting to discuss the socio-economic and TEK) studies for 12-07-09.
179	Meeting	07/05/2012	RRR held a meeting to discuss the RRGP with Naicatchewenin First Nation.
178	Meeting	07/06/2012	RRR met Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation to discuss next steps in the consultation process.
201	Meeting	07/06/2012	RRR interviewed Rainy River First Nations individuals to gather information for the TEK and TLU study.
135	Meeting	07/10/2012	Meeting with Couchiching First Nation to discuss the RRGP and mining process.

ROC #	Event Type	Date	Event Summary
180	Meeting	07/12/2012	RRR met with Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation representatives to provide information about a future RRR sponsored Mining Matters workshop, socio-economic data collection, traditional land use and knowledge studies.
259	Meeting	07/12/2012	RRR met with Naicatchewenin First Nation to discuss TEK and TLU. Discussions around conservation potential, and potential project effects.
156	Meeting	07/17/2012	Rainy River First Nations requested from RRR that a review of the RRGP area to identify medicinal plants be undertaken.
246	Meeting	07/17/2012	RRR met with Rainy River First Nation elders to discuss TEK and TLU.
170	Meeting	08/21/2012	RRR met with elders of Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation to discuss the TEK and TLU studies that will be undertaken.
258	Meeting	08/28/2012	RRR attended Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation council meeting to discuss a data sharing agreement.
252	Presentation	08/29/2012	RRR gave a presentation to the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC). The presentation was an update on engagement to date, social and environmental studies, and RRGP facility updates. A copy of the presentation was emailed to PAAC members on 12-08-31.
194	Meeting	08/31/2012	RRR met with Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation (RLTDC) to discuss revised project estimates contained in updated Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA).
200	Meeting	09/01/2012	RRR met with Naicatchewenin First Nation to discuss TEK and TLU studies.
147	Meeting	09/04/2012	RRR met with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders on 12-09-04 to discuss TEK and TLU in the RRGP area.
199	Meeting	09/04/2012	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation met with RRR to discuss the Project Description (PD).
197	Meeting	09/04/2012	RRR met with Couchiching First Nation representative to discuss the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee.
353	Meeting	09/06/2012	RRR met with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) to discuss fish habitat data requirements and compensation alternatives.
202	Meeting	09/18/2012	RRR attended a TEK and TLU session with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation.
293	Meeting	09/19/2012	RRR met with Seine River First Nation representative to discuss possible dates for a TEK and TLU meeting with the elders, presentation format, previous studies, wild rice harvesting, and land ownership.
304	Meeting	10/04/2012	RRR met with Seine River First Nation to discuss the RRGP. Questions regarding the EA process, TEK and TLU and wildlife were answered. RRR invited Seine River First Nation to the Fall Ceremony.
296	Meeting	10/10/2012	RRR met with Buffalo Point First Nation to introduce the RRGP and discuss their future involvement in the RRGP.

ROC #	Event Type	Date	Event Summary
404	Open House	10/17/2012	RRR hosted an open house for Couchiching First Nation. Questions focused primarily on job opportunities and potential for employment, as well as training paths for community members to consider when looking at the project potential in the future.
316	Community Event	10/17/2012	RRR held a Fall Ceremony on 2012-10-17 at Georgeson House property and was attended by various First Nations members. The Fall Ceremony addressed the importance of ceremony to RRR and of regular communication and interaction with the area communities.
325	Meeting	10/22/2012	RRR met with Mitaanjigamiing First Nation to discuss the TEK and TLU study, the Data Sharing Protocol, the interview process, band office security, amendments to the Participation Agreement, honoraria for elders and open houses. Mitaanjigamiing First Nation requested a copy of the Informed Consent form, as well as a map of the study area.

* By date from May 17, 2012 to November 9, 2012

5.0 SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

5.1 Summary of Comments – Public and Stakeholders

Key comments received by RRR have consistently been related to employment and training opportunities prior to the release of the Draft ToR. There were also comments about the need to manage the RRGP to avoid negative effects to surface and ground water resources, adjacent landowners and to keep the size of the RRGP site as compact as possible to avoid loss of land for other uses. The region has and continues to experience ongoing significant declines in both employment and population in large part related to the downturn in the forestry industry, and therefore the RRGP has received positive comments from many local citizens at open houses; stakeholders (e.g., Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Innovation) as well as Aboriginal Groups. The RRGP has become a significant economic driver for the Township of Emo, Township of Chapple, Rainy River First Nations and Naicatchewenin First Nation.

Subsequent to the release of the Draft ToR, key comments received by RRR have continued to include employment and training opportunities. Additional comments have however, been highlighted during consultation specifically related to the EA process. Comments regarding potential effects to water resources, on adjacent landowners and uses continued to be expressed in a constructive manner. Table 8 summarizes these comments from the public and stakeholder groups. Comments and responses to Aboriginal groups and government agencies are in Sections 5.2 and 5.3 (see also Appendices J and K).

Relevant comments shared either in writing or by other means will be addressed in the EA processes, and a summary response will be provided in the EA documentation. Further details regarding the comments shared by stakeholders to November 9, 2012 and the response from RRR are provided in Appendix J. Meeting notes are provided in Appendix K.

5.2 Summary of Consultation, Meetings and Discussions – Aboriginal Groups

Through early consultation and discussions and prior to the release of the Draft ToR for the Provincial EA process, key comments and discussions about the RRGP were related to employment and training opportunities, fish and wildlife effects, environmental management, water resources and traditional culture and land use. Table 9 provides an overview of comments and responses regarding Aboriginal groups.

RRR has provided or will be providing written responses to each of the stakeholders, Aboriginal communities and citizens who submit written comments as part of the EA processes where contact details are available. Outstanding issues include effects that may be experienced by adjacent landowners to the RRGP including noise, air effects and property values. RRR will continue ongoing discussions with adjacent landowners to discuss and work to resolve these

issues, otherwise, all comments received to date will be considered in the preparation of the EA Report including suggested mitigation and management measures.

RRR will be addressing these interests and issues expressed during the consultation and engagement processes in the combined Provincial and Federal EA processes. Appendix J presents the details of all comments noted during consultation events, meetings and discussions that have occurred with Aboriginal groups up to November 9, 2012. Meeting notes are provided in Appendix K.

5.3 Summary of Consultation, Meetings and Discussions – Government Agencies

Government agencies comments focused primarily on methodology and process and the natural environment. Baseline study adequacies, Proposed ToR and alternatives descriptions, aboriginal engagement and consultation, and environmental assessment methodologies were key topics of discussion provided in Table 10. Detailed comments and responses to Government agency (Federal, Provincial and Municipal) comments are provided in Appendix J. Meeting notes are provided in Appendix K.

Table 8: Public Comments and RRR Response

Topic	Public Comments	RRR Response	Outstanding Issues/Actions	ToR Reference
Air Quality and Noise / Adjacent Landowner Effects	• Consider the potential impact on local honey farm; • Consider working the east overburden area first to delay the disturbance to neighbours; • There is interest in selling land to the RRGP. Some indicated concern about property values and noise impacts of those living within close proximity of the RRGP. It was suggested that adjacent residents be treated separately in the EA from others living in the region; and • Consider looking at carbon discharge and sequestration protocols.	• EA process is designed to ensure that the mine operates in a manner that will ensure the long-term environmental viability of the surrounding landscape. RRR will consider construction and operations sequencing that will create the least amount of disturbance to their neighbours. RRR will continue to discuss project plans with its closest neighbours to ensure that concerns are addressed in a timely and effective manner. • RRR is not able to commit to any land purchases. RRR will assess and continue to discuss with residents the potential impacts of the mine on remaining residents living in proximity to the mine. • While the RRGP is not expected to be a significant producer of carbon emissions, climate change will be addressed in the EA report. These comments will be considered in the preparation of the EA.	Discussions with landowners adjacent to the RRGP are ongoing	Sections 5.2.2, 7.2.1, 7.3, 9, Table 14
Baseline Studies	• Conduct additional wildlife baselines to better understand the potential impacts; • Opportunity to review the baseline study reports; • There are SAR in the Project area of the Project not identified in the Draft ToR; • SAR in the area including the Whip-poor-will (a bird);	• RRR has invested heavily into baseline EA programs that have been expanded continuously over the past 3 years in anticipation of the need to initiate mine EA and permitting. The baseline programs include extensive waste rock and tailings geochemical assessments, surface and groundwater monitoring as well as assessment of existing aquatic and terrestrial resources. The baseline programs have	Baseline Reports will be included with EA Report	Section 6

Topic	Public Comments	RRR Response	Outstanding Issues/Actions	ToR Reference
	• Studies should address the small group of Elk that are west of the RRGP site; and • Snapping turtles observed in Pinewood River area.	been discussed with MNR, DFO and RRR has spent considerable time and effort funding studies of area birds including SAR as requested by MNR. RRR has specifically funded a 2-year study of Whip-poor-will located within the Project area. The baseline environmental program is currently feeding into the engineering work being completed in support of the Mine EA and will continue for the next 6 to 9 months to ensure that potential environmental effects are either eliminated or reduced to manageable levels. • RRR is aware of the Cameron Lake Reintroduction Elk Herd and our baseline program has not indicated that animals from the herd have frequented the project area. • Baseline EA reports will be made public as part of the Mine EA report in 2013. The EA report will detail where environmental impacts have been identified and mitigated.		
Ecological Integrity and Environmental Management	• Fencing could impact wildlife corridors / migration should be evaluated; • RRR should consider establishing a nature reserve near the property; • Preference for the Marr Connector Road location; • Richardson trail is well-used and should be preserved; • Potential impacts of extending the transmission line; • Access to timber harvesting via	• The suggested mitigation measures for wildlife effects will be addressed in the mine EA Report. • Alternatives for and effects of transportation and power line corridors will be addressed in the mine EA Report including effects on timber harvesting and long term environmental and landscape effects. • Waste and other environmental management and emergency preparedness plans will be prepared and submitted with the EA Report.	EA report will address the comments provided	Sections 5 (alternatives), 7 and Table 14 (impacts and mitigation) and 8 (commitments and monitoring) Section 5.3.12 and Appendix B

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	Highway 600 to be maintained; • Long term environmental and landscape effects; and • Waste management and emergency preparedness plans.			(transmission line alternatives)
Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	• Potential impacts on fish habitat; • Potential impacts because of the Pinewood River realignment; and • Potential downstream impacts to Rainy River.	• The EA Report will assess effects to fish and fish habitat in the established Regional Study Area (RSA).	Pinewood River re-alignment is no longer proposed	Sections 5 (alternatives), 7 and Table 14 (impacts)
Socio-economic Effects	• Housing for workers – specifically if a work camp would be built; • Retaining young people to work in the mine; • Generally open house (November 2012) attendees were very supportive of the RRGP and would very much like to realize the incomparable employment and business opportunities that the RRGP would bring to the region; • Would training would be offered to employees; and • Number of jobs and how many would be filled by people living in the local area.	• The EA Report will assess effects on local communities (including housing) and employment in the established RSA. • There will not likely be a work camp on site so that benefits would be dispersed to accommodation businesses in the region. • RRR will continue to work to optimize local employment and business opportunities within the region. Some specialized trades people would likely be brought in. • RRR recognizes the very important need to train employees. Training will be offered to meet local demands. During construction there could be 500 to 600 jobs; during operations approximately 500 jobs. RRR will optimize employment from the local area as much as possible.	Information regarding proposed housing arrangements will be provided in the EA Report	Section 4.1
Tourism and Recreation	• Visual impact on tourist and cottage areas in the Clearwater-Pipestone Lakes area;	• The EA Report will assess effects on recreation and tourism in the established RSA.	Effects on recreation and tourism in the RSA	Section 7 including 7.3, Table 14

Topic	Public Comments	RRR Response	Outstanding Issues/Actions	ToR Reference
	• Effects on hunters from road traffic and loss of access to hunting areas; • Realign gravel-surfaced Highway 600 for improved tourism at Lake of the Woods; • Loss of prime hunting areas for white tail deer and waterfowl; and • Maintaining fisheries at Lake of the Woods.		to be addressed in the EA Report	
Vegetation and Plant Communities	• Potential impact on plants.	• The EA Report will assess effects on plant communities in the established RSA.	Effects on vegetation and plan communities will be addressed in the EA Report	Section 7 including 7.3, Table 14
Water Resources and Water Management	• TMA appears too close to the Jones Creek watershed; • Potential impacts on groundwater and surface water; • Mine footprint seems too large, spanning three watersheds; • Potential impacts from the Pinewood River and other watercourse realignments; • Potential impacts on groundwater wells (residential); • Process for treating and testing the water before it is released to the environment; • Potential for impact on Jones Creek due to flat terrain near Loslo Creek;	• An extensive surface and groundwater monitoring program has been underway for several years and will continue to exist during construction and mine operations consistent with agency requirements. Effects to surface and groundwater resources have been (and will continue to be) studied and will be addressed in the EA. The Project will potentially divert the Pinewood and other creeks north of the TMA. RRR engineers are working on solutions so that the RRGP would avoid, if possible, any diversion of the Pinewood River. All such diversions require extensive discussions with both the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Ministry of Natural Resources. • The EA Report will assess effects on surface	The EA Report will assess effects on surface water and groundwater resources Note: Pinewood River re-alignment is no longer proposed	Section 7 including 7.3, Table 14

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	• Potential impact on the Clearwater-Pipestone chain of lakes (tourist / cottage area); • Potential overflow conditions that may affect Rainy Lake (upstream of site); • Cyanide-containing water / effluent and contamination; • Acid rock drainage from tailings storage during operation and on closure; • Tailings pond containment failure; • Management protection for tailings pond in the event of floods and heavy rainfall; and • Plant water is to be reused but there is no water take line from the pond back to the plant.	water and groundwater resources in the established RSA including effects associated with flooding events or heavy rainfall. RRR is working to ensure that the mine footprint is as compact as possible to operate the RRGP.		
Wildlife	• Potential impact on big game animals; • Impact on animal travel corridors; and • Effects to wildlife (deer, SAR species) including potential for fencing to trap wildlife near the TMA.	• The EA Report will assess effects on wildlife including their travel corridors in the established RSA. • Additional discussions related to this issue were held at the home of the subject landowner and included a field visit of his property. The alignment of the tailings management area fencing has subsequently been adjusted to account for his concerns and additional discussions are ongoing related to potential habitat enhancements. The overall effect of fencing on wildlife movements and on wildlife in the area generally will be assessed in the EA.	The EA Report will assess effects on large mammals / SAR	Section 7 including 7.3, Table 14

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Agricultural Land Use	• Interest in keeping the footprint of the RRGP to a minimum to avoid loss of farm land and other effects (air, water) that could affect agricultural operations.	• RRR is working to optimize the mine footprint to minimize the amount of land required. While active farmland was (the farmland has been purchased and owners have moved) a small percentage of the total mine footprint, the effects on agricultural production in the area will be assessed in the EA.	The EA Report will assess effects on local land use	Section 7 including 7.3, Table 14
Stakeholder and Aboriginal Engagement	• Interest in working in partnership with agricultural groups to address common interests (drainage, supporting use of local foods); • Interest in which First Nations are involved and a comment about the importance of conducting traditional ceremonies at the site; and • Suggestion that there be a repository of EA documents in Nestor Falls and in Chapple.	• Subsequent to the Open Houses, RRR met with the Soil and Crop Improvement Association to discuss issues of mutual concern and will be working to develop a means of continued dialogue and potential funding of soil enhancement programs as part of the Mine Closure plan development. RRR will continue to meet with local stakeholders including agricultural groups to identify ways that benefits in the region can be enhanced. • RRR has and will continue to engage 16 First Nations in the RRGP. Spring and Fall ceremonies were begun at the direction of the local First Nations in the Spring of 2012 and will continue to be held at the site and all the Aboriginal people in the region involved in the project are invited to attend. • Suggestion will be considered for future document repositories.	The EA Report will summarize stakeholder and aboriginal engagement associated with the preparation of the EA Report	Section 9, Revised RoCDM
Health and Safety	• An open house attendee asked if there would be employee drug testing.	• RRR also reserves the right to do so as part of current site operations. Operations-phase drug and alcohol testing will be considered in the site health and safety planning for the RRGP.	None	Not applicable

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Proposed ToR	• ToR is comprehensive and covers many issues; • Suggested looking at carbon discharge and sequestration protocols; and • The EA should be completed as soon as possible.	• While the RRGP is not expected to be a significant producer of carbon emissions, climate change will be addressed in the EA report. These comments will be considered in the preparation of the EA.	The EA Report will address climate change aspects	Sections 5.2.2, 7.3, Table 14
Closure	• Interest in seeing information on closure planning; and • Concerns related to the open pit and the potential effects of exposed acid generating rock, disposal of this rock, and closure of the TMA.	• The Mine Closure Plan is currently under development. Information about closure will be included in the EA document. • RRR has invested heavily into baseline environmental assessment programs that have been expanded continuously over the past 3 years in anticipation of the need to initiate mine environmental assessment and permitting. The baseline programs include extensive mine rock and tailings geochemical assessments. Baseline environmental assessment reports will be made public as part of the Mine EA report in 2013.	The EA Report will address closure aspects of the RRGP, including providing detail regarding the aspects identified. The geochemistry baseline will be appended to the EA Report	Sections 4.2.3, 5.3.14, 6.4.3
Cyanide	• Interest in more information about cyanide use; • Interest in how cyanide will affect birds, wildlife, and humans; and • Interest in how RRR will safeguard against cyanide.	• Cyanide is the standard process chemical used in gold extraction and is managed under stringent health and safety as well as environmental controls. Shipping to the site will be by certified truck haulage with containment at the processing plant. • All chemicals will be managed and permitted with new technologies. RRR proposed to use the air/$S0_2$ cyanide destruction process, which breaks apart cyanide mainly into nitrogen-based compounds.	Details regarding cyanide use and management will be presented in the EA Report, along with safety measures / contingencies	Section 4.1, 5.3.5

Table 9: Aboriginal Group Comments and RRR Response

Topic	Public Comments	RRR Response	Outstanding Issues/Actions	ToR Reference
Employment and business opportunities	• Interest in being shareholders; and • Interest in training and employment opportunities.	• RRR has been and will continue to discuss mutually beneficial partnerships with First Nations in the region. Training and employment opportunities have been and will continue to be provided by the RRGP. RRR has: o Supported a diamond drillers helpers program with Confederation College; o Facilitated a 40 hour geo-training program for six First Nations participants; o Hired Rainy Lake Tribal Contacting, a business owned by six FFCS First Nations to conduct diamond drilling at the RRGP; o Hired a drill rig operation owned by NDC, a Naicatchewenin First Nation business, to complete an eight week First Nations drillers training program at the RRGP for all nine First Nation Community members; o Hired community members at the project site; o Purchased core boxes from a majority First Nation owned business; and o Provided a security contract to a security company owned by NDC, a Naicatchewenin First Nation business • Job advertisements are posted in the Fort Frances Times, have been sent to Aboriginal communities for posting in the band office and highlighted in community newsletters to facilitate community access to employment opportunities. • Potential contracting opportunities for Aboriginal businesses has also been raised in community and leadership discussions. RRR has had discussion on potential business opportunities with PDGZNZ Advisory	Not applicable to EA Report	Revised RoCDM

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		Services and has provided lists of potential economic opportunities to individual First Nations. RRR has committed to an open bidding process for services and equipment that would allow Aboriginal contractors to equally participate in project development opportunities.		
Fisheries and Wildlife	• Effects of the RRGP on fish, ducks, and wildlife such as moose.	• The EA Report will assess effects on wildlife in the established RSA.	EA Report will assess effects on fish and wildlife including avifauna	Section 7 including 7.3, Table 14
Vegetation and Plant Communities	• Interest in plants and trees that grow in the area; • Discussion about past uses of plants in the area; and • Effects on country foods, including plants.	• The EA Report will assess effects on plant communities in the established RSA.	EA Report will assess effects on vegetation communities	Section 7 including 7.3, Table 14
Environmental Assessment Process and Management	• Length of time for permitting; • Interested to know what ministries would be involved; • Concern about community capacity to review scientific studies; • Working collaboratively with other First Nations in the Lake of Woods would be beneficial; and	• RRR provided responses to timelines for the EA and permitting as well as which Ministries were involved. RRR has provided support to the First Nation to review EA documents. • RRR has provided support to Aboriginal groups who have requested it to ensure capacity (technical assistance) to review the ToR and EA documents. • The EA report will provide details on environmental management including of contaminant spills.	EA Report will assess effects on vegetation communities and include environmental management aspects as requested	Section 7 including 7.3, Table 14

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	• How contaminants / spills would be managed.			
Project Components and Mining	• Location of gravel-surfaced Highway 600 re-alignment; • Management of tailings, waste rock; • Size of open pit; and • Life of mine, mining process generally.	• RRR provided responses to all of these general questions about the various project components as well as the mining process. RRR continues to proactively provide information to local and regional communities about mining through their regular newsletter and sponsoring the Mining Matters program.	EA Report will include an up to date project description	Section 4.1
Traditional Land Use and Culture	• Interest in retention of TK / TLU information; • Interest in language retention; and • Potential impact on berries and wild rice due to any changes in water levels.	• RRR is working diligently with the regional Aboriginal groups to document TK / TLU that would be related to the RRGP. Any effects to current TLU will be addressed in the EA.	EA Report will assess effects on TLU	Section 7 including 7.3, Table 14
Water Resources	• General concern about potential effects of RRGP on water quality and quantity.	• The EA Report will assess effects on surface and groundwater resources in the established RSA including effects.	EA Report will assess effects on surface water and groundwater resources	Section 7 including 7.3, Table 14
Human Health	• Concerns about the effects of the mine on drinking water and emissions and chemicals in the food chain.	• The EA Report will assess effects on water and chemicals on human health in the RSA.	EA Report will assess human health effects	Sections 5.2.2, 7, Table 14

Table 10: Government Agency Comments and RRR Response

Topic	Government Agency Comments	RRR Response	Outstanding Issues/Actions	ToR Reference
Baseline Studies	Comments about the adequacy of the baseline studies were raised with the Draft ToR. Comments focused on: • Conducting additional wildlife baselines to better understand the potential impacts; • SAR in the Project area and of those not identified in the Draft ToR; • Better tools to assess the adequacy of survey effort (e.g. species accumulation curves); • The need to include general wildlife mitigation measures; • Pinewood River flow, water levels, water quality, and fish habitat; • Groundwater levels and quality; • Inclusion of a closure plan in the ToR; • Studies on water levels affecting fish and fish habitat, benthic species and invertebrates; • Timing of fish and wildlife studies; • Addressing potential impacts from climate change; and • Detail on land tenure.	RRR addressed the deficiencies in the Draft ToR, prior to submission of the Proposed ToR. They sought guidance and worked in close consultation with regulatory agencies to ensure adequate information was provided. RRR has invested heavily into baseline EA programs that have been expanded continuously over the past 3 years in anticipation of the need to initiate mine EA and permitting. The baseline programs include extensive waste rock and tailings geochemical assessments, surface and groundwater monitoring as well as assessment of existing aquatic and terrestrial resources. The baseline programs have been discussed with MNR, DFO and RRR has spent considerable time and effort funding studies of area birds including SAR as requested by MNR. RRR with MNR has specifically funded a 2-year study of Whip-poor-will located within the Project area. The baseline environmental program is currently feeding into the engineering work being completed in support of the Mine EA and will continue for the next 6 to 9 months to ensure that potential environmental effects are either eliminated or reduced to manageable levels.	Baseline Reports will be included with EA Report; on-going meetings with regulatory agencies	Section 6
Proposed ToR and Alternatives	• The agencies requested additional information on alternatives for the	• The criteria and method of alternatives assessment defined in the Proposed ToR	Alternatives assessment	Section 5 (alternatives)

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Descriptions	RRGP. These included additional information and detail on specific elements. Elements included: • Inconsistency in mining alternatives as being either open pit mining; or underground mining. Revisions are recommended for clarity and a consistent description of the proposed Project; • Alternative methods, criteria, indicators and methods must be included to evaluate the alternatives to the Project; • Better description of mining alternatives that include re-routing Pinewood River, other TMA management options, Highway 600 realignment alternatives, power supply alternative, hazardous waste alternatives, aggregates alternatives, fresh water supply alternatives; • Transmission line alternative routings be presented on a map; • Closure plan alternatives should be presented in the Proposed ToR; • Consideration of alternative methods for decommissioning; • Consideration of alternatives should include consultation with the public and Aboriginal groups; • Explanations for the constraints on the placement of facilities;	was revised to be consistent with the MOE *Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario*. Further detail will be provided in the EA. • The alternative transmission line routings that have been considered thus far will be included in the Proposed ToR as suggested, and will also be included in the EA. The Proposed ToR will include a discussion of alternative means of mine closure. • Detailed desk-top studies (including habitat assessments and likely wildlife associations, as well as the potential presence of Species at Risk; SAR) and an aerial survey have been conducted on all alternatives and this will be presented in the EA. Due to the size of the project it was not economically or logistically feasible to conduct ground surveys on all alternatives (transmission line and other) so careful due diligence and screening were employed in order to select a preferred powerline route and then ground surveys were conducted along that route. AMEC's baseline surveys found no SAR or significant natural features along the preferred route and AMEC believes that this route will have little to no negative impact on local species populations. The local study area along the preferred route is 4 km wide (2 km to each	methodology has been modified to accommodate the comments received. EA Report will in include an alternatives assessment as suggested.	

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	• Provide information on off-site treatment of domestic sewage alternative methods and provide the major reasons for not including it as an alternative; and • The MNR strongly recommends that similar survey effort be applied across all areas impacted by each proposed project alternatives.	side) and allows for route adjustments within this area if necessary. Had there been any serious biological or other limitations to this routing that could not be accommodated within the 4 km wide corridor, AMEC would have conducted more detailed studies on one or more of the other routings.		
Aboriginal Engagement and Consultation	As the RRGP proceeded beyond the exploration phase, both the federal and provincial Crown agencies changed and expanded the list of Aboriginal groups that will need to be consulted or notified. Concerns about Aboriginal consultation and engagement were addressed by the reviewing agencies in the comments received in the draft TOR and through other communications. These suggestions included: • Addressing procedural aspects of consultation in the Aboriginal Consultation and Engagement Plan; • Holding regular multi-agency meetings for ongoing assessment of consultation processes; • Separating public and Aboriginal records of comments; • Comments and concerns from Aboriginal groups should be clearly documented; • Consultation rests with individual	RRR has adjusted its consultation plans to include the expanded list of Aboriginal groups and begun to engage those that were not originally considered. RRR has included information on the procedural aspects of consultation and the duty of the Crown to exercise its due diligence and ensure that consultation is adequate. Record keeping reflects separate Aboriginal consultation frameworks and, where specifically commented on by Aboriginal communities, Aboriginal and treaty rights are addressed. RRR accurately documents comments at meetings and through e-mails and other forms of communication and reviews transcripts and comments with the communities of origin. RRR is ensuring concordance between the EIS guidelines and commitments made in the ToR with regard to Aboriginal consultation. Translation will be provided if requested by communities. Ongoing sites tours and meetings with Aboriginal communities provide ample opportunities for verbal interactions and	Effects on TLU will be addressed in the EA Report RRR has requested to meet with the regulatory agencies on a regular basis EA report will include updated information regarding ongoing consultation, discussions and meetings with Aboriginal groups	Sections 7.2, 7.3 and 9, Table 14, Appendices D and E, RoCDM

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	Aboriginal communities, not just the Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat; • Impacts to rights must be documented; • Ensuring that Aboriginal communities have an opportunity to review records of meetings and comments for accuracy within a reasonable period before submission; • The consultation plan should document that Aboriginal communities have had an adequate opportunity to understand the Project and identify potential impacts; how the Project has been modified to reduce or avoid these impacts; an explanation of why the Project cannot be modified to reduce impacts; an explanation of how the communities have been either accommodated or compensated for remaining impacts that cannot be avoided; • Cross reference to the EIS guidelines and the Federal aboriginal consultation work plan and/or a confirmation that the commitments made in the ToR are in addition to any contained in those documents; • RRR should accommodate the needs of Aboriginal communities through such means as translation into native languages, and providing	comments on the Project and studies. RRR is working with communities to collect traditional land use information from affected communities to ensure that it is addressed in Project planning.		

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	opportunities for verbal as well as written input into the process; and • Potential traditional land uses and treaty rights that may be affected by the RRGP.			
Environmental Assessment and Methods	Agencies provided suggestions on ways to improve the environmental assessment methods. Suggestions included: • EA should assess alternative methods for the decommissioning and closure phase of the mine; • Hydrological stations should be established in both upstream and downstream locations in potentially impacted or altered water bodies within the project area and flow measurements should be collected at variable flow regimes; including low, medium, and high flows; • In addition to characterizing the background conditions of the receiving water body, consideration should be given to receiver assimilative capacity, mixing zone requirements, identification of contaminants of concern and other water uses; • Surface water, sediment, benthic and fish tissue samples should be collected from all locations within the predicted zone of influence of the	• Baseline studies completed to date consider all of these aspects. Regulatory agencies have been provided with copies of the baseline studies completed to date. • All water bodies within the potential zone of influence will be identified and characterized using scientifically defensible methods. • AMEC believes that sufficient data has been (is being) collected to characterize fish communities, habitats, hydrology and water quality of the area. It is acknowledged that Project development will result in the loss of fish habitat and productivity, and that the overprinting of tributary creeks by the tailings management area and mineral stockpiles will diminish flows in the Pinewood River. These effects are expected to be offset by fish habitat compensation measures defined through the EA process, and in greater detail through the approvals phase. Baseline sampling was conducted in a fashion that will allow for quantifying habitat types and extents along tributaries and the Pinewood River. Data was collected to ensure repeatability moving forward to future	Alternatives assessment methodology has been modified to accommodate the comments received EA Report will in include an alternatives assessment as suggested and copies of baseline studies	Sections 5 and 6

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	Project; • The following should be considered when selecting sampling locations to evaluate watersheds: o adequacy to produce high quality samples that can be replicated; o effectiveness of the location to define baseline conditions; o use of the location for long term evaluation of potential effects of the project; and o development of a reference condition for the watershed to facilitate comparisons with non-impacted watersheds • The nature and intensity of fish sampling in the Pinewood River and its tributaries needs to account for proposed levels of alteration, disruption or destruction of the fish habitat; • For tributaries or reaches of tributaries that are removed / destroyed, sampling must be sufficient to determine loss of productive capacity in order to support habitat compensation planning led by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. This will likely involve quantifying habitat types and extents along the entire length of such tributaries under various flow	monitoring as applicable. Changes in water quality monitoring will include the suggested sampling in accordance with guidelines. • Air quality studies will include other parameters as they are identified and these will be presented in the EA.		

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	conditions. It is not clear whether or not this information has been collected; • For aquatic features that are expected to be altered or disrupted, baseline information must be available to support future environmental effects monitoring. Abundance of each fish species present and condition of select fish species (preferably with error estimates) are examples of baseline conditions that may be compared to future data collected in a consistent manner. MNR's Ontario Stream Assessment Protocol provides an example of methods that may be used to estimate total abundance of fish in specific stretches of streams; • For water quality monitoring, radium-226 should be included in the list of parameters as it is a Metal Mining Effluent Regulations requirement. Radium-226 does not need to be sampled monthly for baseline; • For the analysis of the water quality monitoring results for chromium, a method detection limit of 0.005 mg/L was used, which is above the Provincial Water Quality Objective of 0.001 mg/L; • For the analysis of the water quality			

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	monitoring results for selenium the proponent used a method detection limit of 2 µg/L, which is above the CCME guideline of 1 µg/L; and • Air quality studies should indicate if there are any other parameters of concern beyond particulates, and whether they were measured during the preparation of the ToR, or will be measured during the EA.			

6.0 OVERVIEW OF ONGOING AND PROPOSED CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES

RRR will continue to inform and involve the public, stakeholders, government agencies and Aboriginal groups in a variety of ways. The focus of early consultation was to introduce RRR, to inform citizens of the status of the exploration and mining-related activities and to provide information regarding future consultation opportunities. Consultation activities are now focused on gathering input for the Provincial and Federal EA processes in support of RRGP design and development.

RRR and the Federal and Provincial government agencies recognize that there are opportunities to collaborate on planning and implementing stakeholder engagement and consultation for their respective EA processes, and will attempt to align consultation activities as possible.

The Draft ToR for the Provincial EA was distributed for a 30-day review period from May 17, 2012 to June 16, 2012. RRR has incorporated suggested changes and responses into the Proposed ToR for the Provincial EA. The Proposed ToR was distributed for a second 30-day review starting October 26, 2012. This timing was concurrent with the Federally-led consultation on the Federal EIS Guidelines and therefore presented opportunities for jointly-held stakeholder consultation activities.

Consultation on both the Provincial and Federal EAs are hoped to also be coordinated in terms of timing and jointly-held activities. The following activities are planned to start in 2013, associated with the Provincial EA:

- Post a Notice of Commencement of the EA in local newspapers, on the RRR website and distribute to the RRGP mailing list.

- Post Notice of a Public Information Event(s) in local newspapers, on the RRR website and distribute to the RRGP mailing list. The notice will invite stakeholders and local citizens to get an update on the RRGP, to become informed about EA findings and to provide feedback about environmental mitigation plans reducing environmental effects.

- Host Open Houses in local communities including Aboriginal communities as requested, to provide an update on the RRGP, become informed about EA findings and provide feedback about appropriate management of potential environmental effects.

- Update the RRR website to include information about the EA findings and provide a link for direct feedback.

- Hold ongoing discussions with stakeholder organizations (as requested) to assist in the preparation of the EA.

- Prepare and widely distribute a RRR Community Newsletter to highlight information about the EA findings and inform newsletter recipients about upcoming Open Houses and encourage feedback through the RRR website, dedicated e-mail address, or through direct contact with RRR staff at the RRR Emo or Thunder Bay offices.

- Widely distribute copies of the EA for a 30-day review through direct mail / e-mail and making hard copies available at convenient and strategic public locations such as public libraries in local communities, the RRR and government offices. The EA will also be available for downloading from the RRR website.

Additional details can be found in the Consultation and Engagement Plans that are included in the Amended Proposed ToR.

7.0 REFERENCES

Ministry of the Environment. 2009. Code of Practice: Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario.

APPENDIX A

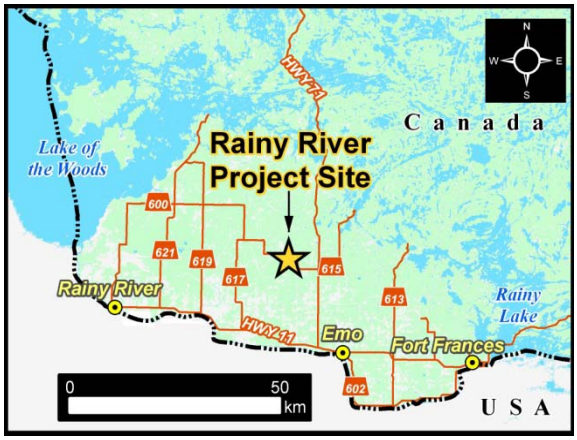
PUBLISHED NOTICES AND POSTCARDS

Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Notice of Public Open House

Rainy River Gold Project

Rainy River Resources Ltd. has initiated a study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the development and operation of the **Rainy River Gold Project**. The Rainy River Gold Project is a proposed open pit and underground gold mine with related processing facilities and infrastructure, to be developed within the Township of Chapple, approximately 65 kilometres northwest of Fort Frances, Ontario. It requires the re-routing of a section of Highway 600 and connection to the provincial electrical grid.

The Project is anticipated to be a significant contributor to the local as well as regional economies and provide additional employment opportunities. Consultation on the Rainy River Gold Project was initiated by Rainy River Resources Ltd. in 2010.



The Process:
Rainy River Resources Ltd. has entered into a Voluntary Agreement with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to subject the Rainy River Gold Project to the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step in the process is the preparation of a Terms of Reference that will guide the environmental assessment process. A draft Terms of Reference has been prepared and is being issued by Rainy River Resources for public comment. It sets out the framework and work plan for addressing the *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements when preparing the environmental assessment, including such things as the alternatives that will be considered and the proposed public consultation activities.

A final proposed Terms of Reference will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment and will be issued for a formal comment period coordinated by the Ministry. This document will consider comments received on the draft Terms of Reference. If approved by the Minister, the proposed Terms of Reference will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the environmental assessment.

This Provincial Environmental Assessment process is one of two environmental assessment processes anticipated to be required for approval of the Rainy River Gold Project. A Federal environmental assessment is also expected to be needed pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. Rainy River Resources Ltd. is working with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency to develop a coordinated environmental process, including coordinated public consultation opportunities wherever possible in order to reduce duplication of effort.

Consultation:
Members of the public, agencies and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process by attending consultation opportunities or contacting Rainy River Resources Ltd. directly with comments or questions. Consultation opportunities will occur throughout the planning process, including this opportunity to provide comments on the draft Terms of Reference. All consultation events will be advertised in local newspapers, posted within local aboriginal community offices and published on Rainy River's website: www.rainyriverresources.com.

Beginning May 17, 2012, the draft Terms of Reference will be available for download at: www.rainyriverresources.com. You may inspect the draft Terms of Reference and Record of Consultation during normal business hours at the following locations:

Emo
Rainy River Resources Ltd.
5967 Highway 11/71
Emo, ON P0W 1E0
T. 807-482-2501

Fort Frances
Fort Frances Public Library
601 Reid Avenue
Fort Frances, ON P9A 0A2
T. 807-274-9879

Rainy River
Rainy River Library
202 4th Street
Rainy River, ON P0W 1L0
T. 807-852-3375

Thunder Bay
Brodie Resource Library
216 South Brodie Street
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 1C2
T: 807-345-8275

Toronto
Rainy River Resources Ltd.
1 Richmond Street West
Suite 701
Toronto, ON M5H 3W4
T. 416-645-7280

Toronto
Ministry of the Environment
Environmental Approvals Branch
2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A
Toronto, ON M4V 1L5
T. 416-314-8001/1-800-461-6290

Additionally, the draft Terms of Reference will also be available at local aboriginal community offices.

Public Open Houses:
Members of the public, agencies and other interested persons are encouraged to attend one of the two currently scheduled open houses to learn more about the project, process and discuss the Terms of Reference. Rainy River Resources will be conducting open houses on:

Wednesday, May 30, 2012
3 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Legion Hall
319 Fourth Street
Town of Rainy River

Thursday, May 31, 2012
3 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Barwick Recreation Centre
140 Main Street
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Fraud case going to the jury

THE CHRONICLE-JOURNAL

A jury is expected to begin deliberating today the fate of Krystyna Iwona Dolasinski of Thunder Bay.

Closing arguments were made in the case on Monday, and Superior Court Justice Doug Shaw is to address the jury this morning, clearing the way for the panel to start deliberating.

Dolasinski is charged with theft and fraud over $5,000, accused of defrauding the Polish Alliance of Canada Branch 19 and its sister company Thunder Bay Polish Hall Ltd. of nearly $100,000 between 2004 and 2006.

She was let go later in 2006 over concerns about the Court Street hall's finances.

She was charged in 2010 after a police investigation, launched after other hall members examined the books and reported discrepancies.

Dolasinski handled the money for the two organizations during the period in question, and the Crown has told court she manipulated accounts for her own benefit, putting the hall in financial trouble in the process.

Her lawyer, Chris Watkins, meanwhile, has told court his client was a "patsy," saying the problem originated with members of one of the executive committees that oversaw Dolasinski.

She had worked under several executive committees, and only had problems with one, Watkins said, characterizing his client as a "fall guy."

Let's flip a switch, says Horwath

BY CARL CLUTCHEY
NORTH SHORE BUREAU

Ontario needs to switch to a more "public" electricity system that discourages cost agreements negotiated behind closed doors between companies and provincial bureaucrats, NDP Leader Andrea Horwath has told the legislature.

"Ontario's private power deals are making it harder and harder for businesses to stay and grow in Ontario," Horwath said later in a news release.

"The government is pushing ahead with plans that actually limit public oversight and accountability."

Horwath was referring to talks about electricity costs that have been taking place between the province and Cliffs Natural Resources regarding the company's future chromite smelter in Sudbury.

A Northern Development and Mines spokesman said last week that the province is "currently in discussions with Cliffs on a number of areas, including electricity costs. We cannot speculate on details until an agreement is finalized. When we are in a position to do so, we will make further aspects of a final agreement public."

Cliffs confirmed last week that a Sudbury brownfield would be its location for a smelter. Before that, many feared the company would opt to process chromite mined at the Ring of Fire belt north of Thunder Bay out of Ontario because of high electricity rates in the province.

"According to statistics compiled by Manitoba Hydro, an industrial operation in Ontario would pay $3 million more (per month) than a comparable operation in Manitoba and Quebec," Horwath said.

LOTTERIES

Here are the winning numbers from the Ontario Lottery Corporation for Tuesday's draws:

Encore: 2210461.
Ontario Pick 3: 4 7 7.
Ontario Pick 4: 1 2 8 7.
Keno: 1, 5, 8, 9, 10, 15, 18, 22, 25, 27, 34, 35, 37, 44, 45, 46, 49, 57, 58, 66,.
Poker Lotto: 3-D, 5-D, 9-H, A-S, 7-C.

In the event of any discrepancy between this list and the official winning numbers, the latter shall prevail. — olg.ca

ROAD CLOSURE

Chapples Lane between Brodie St. & Archibald St. will be closed to all vehicle traffic including parking from May 19-21. Pedestrians will be accommodated.

THUNDER BAY HYDRO



THE CHRONICLE-JOURNAL/BRENT LINTON

Blaze battled

A Ministry of Natural Resources helicopter flies near a bush fire on the side of Mt. McKay on Tuesday. Thunder Bay firefighters, MNR firefighters and a waterbomber were called to the scene to battle the afternoon blaze, which did not threaten any structures.

New leader in place

Research institute fills CEO vacancy

BY KRIS KETONEN
THE CHRONICLE-JOURNAL

The Thunder Bay Regional Research Institute (TBRRI) has a new CEO.

Dr. Michael Wood officially takes on his new duties today, replacing Michael Power.

Wood will keep his position as vice-president of research for Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) and TBRRI, a post he's held for the past two years.

"This is a continuation of what we started a couple of years ago," Wood said Tuesday. "It begins by recruiting really talented scientists and research staff, and breaking down some of the barriers that impede their progress, and forging relationships with the many partners we have here.

"It's all been part of a natural progression," he said.

Keith Jobbitt, chairman of the TBRRI board of directors, said the board had its eye on Wood as a possible CEO candidate when he was first hired.

"We analyzed everything, and we felt under the circumstances, Michael Wood has established a good reputation in the hospital, heading up the research both for the hospital and the institute," said Jobbitt.



Dr. Michael Wood

Wood also has a "great relationship with our scientists, the doctors, the university, the medical school," Jobbitt said. "He's developed all those relationships, which are key for us to be successful; we can't stand alone.

"Knowing all that, and with Michael's background, we felt that he was the best person."

Prior to joining TBRRI and TBRHSC two years ago, Wood was manager of research collaboration for GE Healthcare's global MR business, during which time he developed a strategy for academic research collaborations, the hospital said.

Wood holds a PhD in medical biophysics from the University of Toronto, where he was a processor and director of research in the department of medical imaging before joining GE.

"I actually spent 10 years at (GE), and that experience in the private sector helped me understand life outside of academia," he said. "I learned a lot about leadership at GE, and when I give examples of leadership experiences, more often than not it's something I learned at GE.

"Probably what I bring to this position is . . . having learned about leadership from some amazing leaders over the last 10 years."

Wood said the TBRRI and TBRHSC are going to continue to hire "the best people we can get," and concentrate on medical imaging.

"We're going to become deeper and deeper in medical imaging, and contribute to knowledge in that field," he said. "Then translate it to clinical trials and solutions that can be disseminated across the world.

"At the same time, now that (TBRRI is) acknowledged as the research arm of the hospital, we want to enable a culture of research in the hospital,l so that the hospital grows into a stronger and stronger academic health sciences centre over the years.

"So we have a dual mandate to become extremely world-class and narrow in particular fields of expertise, all the while creating a nurturing environment for research that's just getting off the ground."

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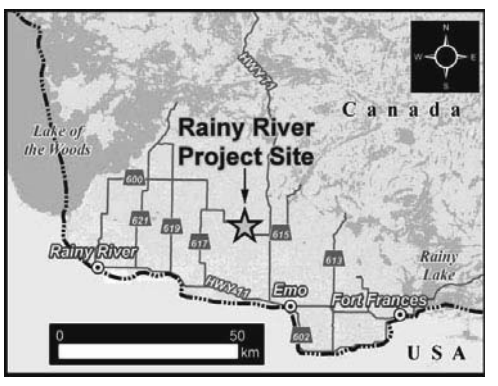
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THE REGION

Body found near rail crossing

Kenora provincial police are investigating the sudden death Monday of a 22-year-old man.

Police said Tuesday that the body of Justen Kroeker of Kenora was located near the CP Rail crossing at Government Road at about 5:30 a.m.

Results of a post-mortem examination conducted at Lake of the Woods District Hospital were not available Tuesday. — *Northwest Bureau*

Caribou festival set for Saturday

One of the most elusive four-legged creatures in Pukaskwa National Park is to be celebrated Saturday during the park's annual caribou festival.

Activities for the kids include guided hikes into caribou territory and picture-taking with an infra-red camera.

A concert featuring local musicians is to take place at the visitor's centre, 7-9 p.m.

More information is available online at parkscanada.gc.ca/pukaskwa or by calling the park at 807-229-0801. — *North Shore Bureau*

Police seek public support

Rainy River District residents can play a role in making area communities safer, says local provincial police detachment commander Steve Shouldice.

"The police can't do it alone. We need the support of every resident," Shouldice said said Tuesday.

The theme of Police Week in Ontario, which runs until Saturday, is Leading the Way to a Safer Tomorrow.

Activities in the district include bike rodeos in Atikokan today and Thursday; the Lock It or Lose It campaign; and the Seniors and Law Enforcement Together website launch at www.ffsalt.com. — *Northwest Bureau*

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Finish to Premier League season defies description



The view from the nosebleeds

Lucas Punkari

Screw the Super Bowl, and never mind the playoffs currently in progress in both the NHL and NBA.

The most dramatic finish you'll see in sports this year happened Sunday in England as the 2011/12 English Premier League soccer season came to an incredible conclusion that would be rejected by every Hollywood studio if you wrote a script for it.

Heading into the final day of the season, arch-rivals Manchester City and Manchester United were tied for the lead in points. But with City holding the advantage on goal differential, all they needed to do to win their first top-flight title in 44 years was to defeat the lowly Queen's Park Rangers at home.

At half-time, it looked as if Manchester City was in control of their own destiny as they held a 1-0 lead. But the Rangers netted a pair of goals early in the second half to move in front 2-1—putting the title back into Manchester United's grasp.

Despite a goal from Edin Dzeko in the 91st minute that tied the game up at 2-2, City still needed one more goal as time expired, especially since their cross-town rivals had blanked Sunderland 1-0 and already had one hand on their 20th league trophy.

Nearly seconds after that game had ended, though, Sergio Aguero barrelled his way into the 18-yard box and blasted a shot into the back of the net, giving City a 3-2 win and capturing the title in the most dramatic manner possible.

Legendary soccer play-by-play man Martin Tyler enthused, "I swear you'll never see anything like this ever again," as Etihad Stadium went absolutely mental over what had transpired, which is a feeling that Winnipeg Free Press soccer columnist Jerrad Peters agrees with.

"You have a nine-month season that came down to not only the final Sunday of the year, and not only the second half, but it came down to two goals in injury time that immediately turned the fate of one club winning the title to another," Peters explained.

"In that respect, it's not only the most exciting finish to a season since the Premier League began 20 years ago, but also in the history of top-flight football in England," he added.

Although the finish itself certainly was one that will never be forgotten, the season-long title chase between the two squads had more twists and turns than an episode of "Coronation Street."

Having led the 20-team league for most of the way, and becoming the title favourites after a 6-1 win over Manchester United at Old Trafford back on Oct. 23, Manchester City had a terrible spell in March and early April which saw them fall from first place and trail their cross-town rivals by eight points on Easter weekend.

But United soon suffered their own drop in form over the next couple of weeks, falling 1-0 to Wigan Athletic and then yielding two late goals to draw Everton 4-4, to put Manchester City right back into the mix.

"When you look at Manchester United, who are the Goliath of the Premier League, and all that they have accomplished over the years, and to think that they conceded an eight-point lead late in the season is pretty staggering," said Kristian Jack, an analyst for "The Footy Show" on The Score.

"And to make things worse for their fans, the team that caught them and regained the momentum was their arch-rivals in City, who they had been beating up on for years and years," he added.

Prior to Sunday's historic finish, the biggest turning point in the EPL season came at Etihad Stadium on April 30, when Manchester City defeated Manchester United 1-0 to move back into a tie for the league lead.

"That was the game that finally proved to us that Manchester City can show up for the big game," said "Footy Show" host James Sharman.

"The 6-1 win they had over United earlier in the year was more of a novelty win with the high score, but this game was a real football win as they got the big goal when it counted.

"In the past, they were the type of team that couldn't handle the pressure," noted Sharman. "But they finally did and it proved to be an important result for City in their recent history."

Looking towards next season, both Manchester clubs are expected to make moves during the off-season to strength their clubs further, with both squads said to be targeting 21-year-old Belgian mid-field sensation Eden Hazard during the upcoming summer transfer window.

With both sides finishing well ahead of their nearest rivals in the standings (third-place Arsenal was 22 points back in the final league table), there's a fear that City and United could end up being untouchable for years to come in England.

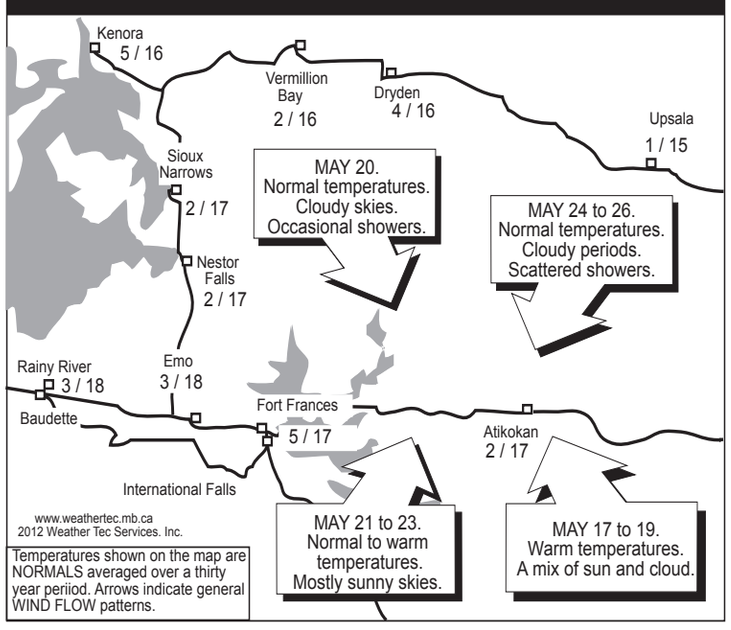
But Brendan Dunlop, a host for the Live @ The Score, feels those worries won't be realized.

"You're not going to see something right away like you see in Spain at the moment, where Barcelona and Real Madrid are so far ahead of everyone," he reasoned.

"While I do think that United and City are going to be the teams that will be considered the favourites, I think that teams like Arsenal, Chelsea, and Liverpool will still be in the mix," Dunlop noted.

"And I think in a few years' time we will see a four-team battle once again."

Fort Frances Area Forecast



FORECAST FOR THIS WEEK

Thursday, May 17th ... A mix of sun and cloud. Warm termperatures.
Low near 9°C. High near 23°C.

Friday, May 18th ... A mix of sun and cloud. Warm temperatures.
Low near 11°C. High near 28°C.

Saturday, May 19th ... A mix of sun and cloud. Warm temperatures.
Low near 18°C. High near 28°C

Outlook for Sunday, May 20th to Saturday, May 26th, 2012 ... Cloudy skies with occasional showers on Sunday. Mostly sunny skies expected on Monday to Wednesday. Cloudy periods with scattered showers on Thursday to Saturday. Temperatures will be normal to warm.
Lows will be 5 to 13°C. Highs will be 20 to 24°C.

Daylight on May 17th lasts for 15 Hours and 21 Minutes.
Sunrise: 5:30 AM. and Sunset: 8:51 PM.

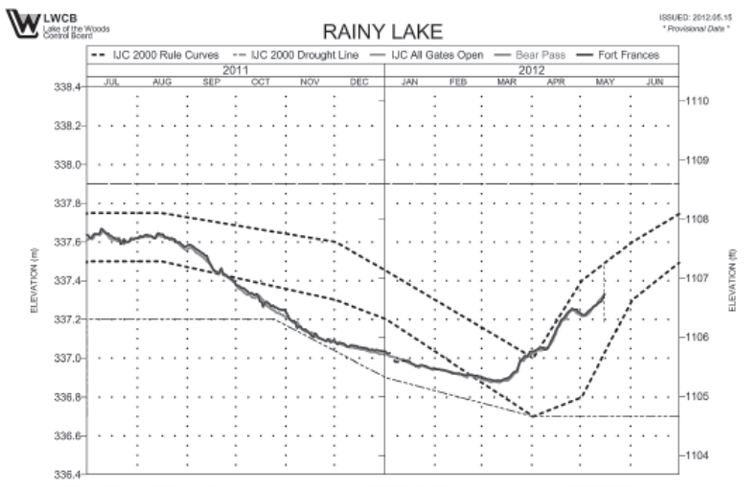
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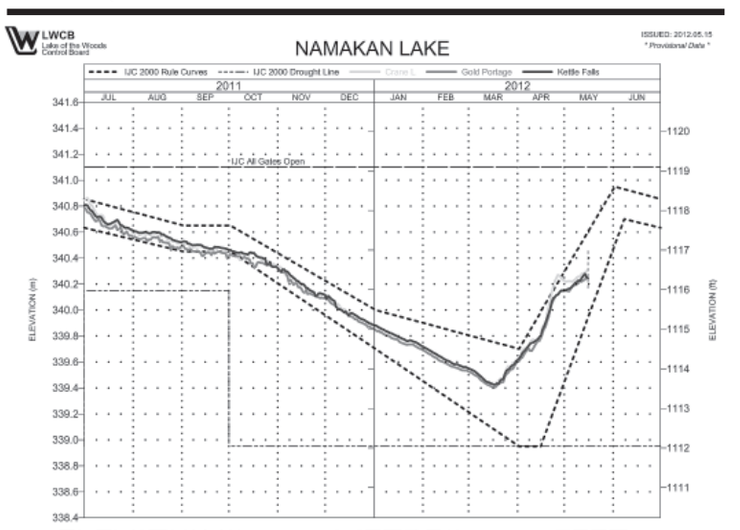
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Lake of the Woods Control Board Lake Elevation Graphs May 15, 2012
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ELEVATIONS:	METRES:	FEET:
IJC Max:	337.497	1107.27
IJC Min:	337.042	1105.78
May 15/12	337.333	1106.74



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IJC Max:	340.622	1117.53
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Coaches

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Please submit your coaching qualifications, experience and philosophies in writing by the deadline of Friday, May 25th, 2012. Keep in mind that all coaches within the Fort Frances Minor Hockey system must have completed both the Coach Stream level of certification and the Speak Out Clinic.

Again next season we hope to conduct special pre-season coaches development and mentoring sessions. Speak out sessions for coaches and parents will also be offered. As we move forward, it is our goal to provide the education and Board support necessary to make your coaching experience an enjoyable one.

Convenors and Referee-in-Chiefs

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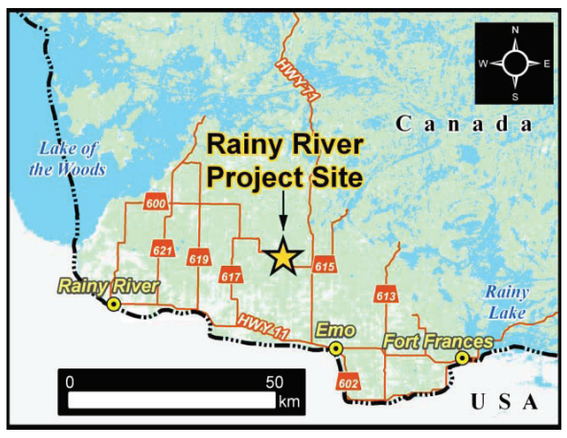
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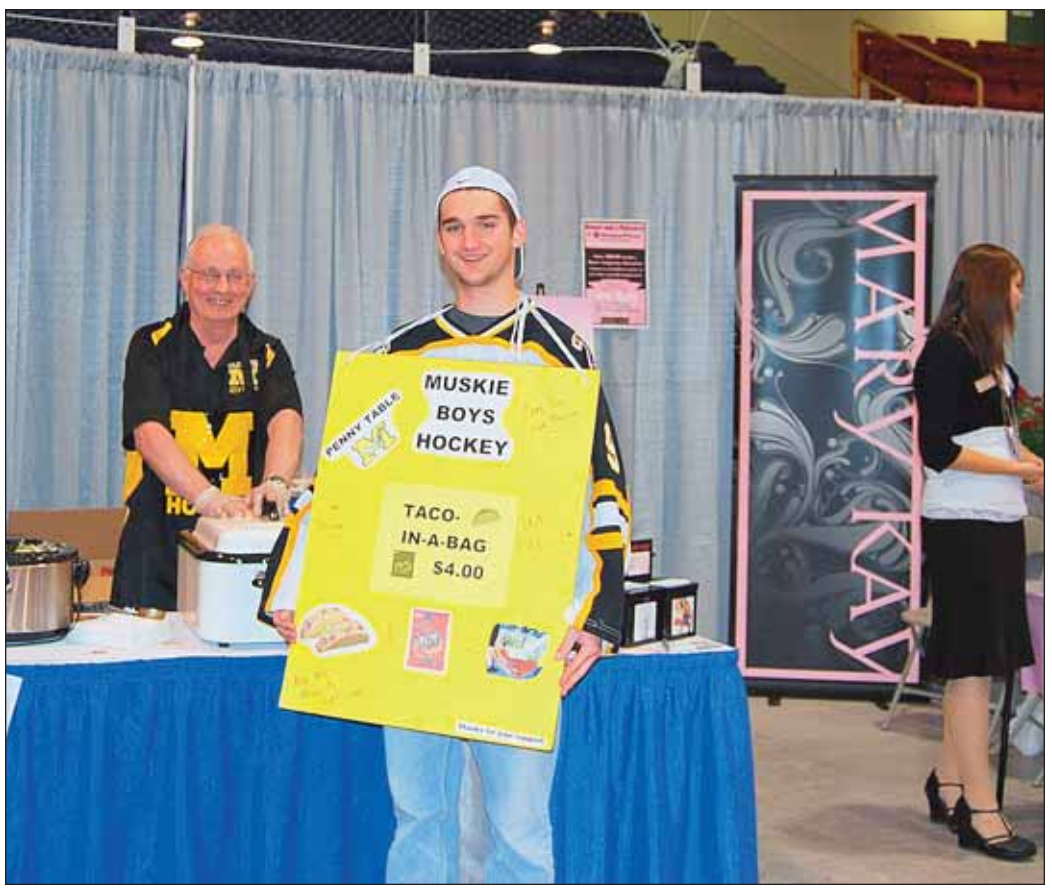
New exhibitors add excitement to the Home & Leisure Show



Ryan Parisien, Food Service Director for Naicatchewenin Development Corportation and the new meal provider at the Farmer's Market delighted everyone with his strawberry flambe. After preparing the caramel and adding strawberries, he poured in some brandy and set the offering ablaze to the delight of the onlookers. He then bought out small ice cream cups and poured the tantilizing treat over it. He didn't have to ask twice when offering it to his audience and it was gone in short order.



The LaVerendrye Hospital Auxiliary held their annual fund raiser, Rockin for a Reason at the Home Trade Show held May 11th & 12th at the Arena. The Auxiliary is also celebrating their 60th Anniversary. Different local celebrities took a turn in the rocking chairs to raise funds. Pictured above from left, Dean Cunningham, Larry Cousineau and Dixie Baduik behind.



Muskie Hockey Players were busy walking around the arena floor with signs inviting people to come and purchase tickets for the penny table and to purchase delicious tacos they were selling to raise funds for the team.

By Marlene Deschamps.

The 24th Annual Home & Leisure Show held on May 11th and 12th saw attendance down, but also saw quite a few new exhibitors. Anthony Mason from the Chamber said the show was held a week later than usual because many of these new exhibitors were also appearing in Kenora for their home show and they wouldn't change their date forcing the local Chamber to hold the show a week later than originally planned. Anthony said the nice weather also saw a number of people heading up the lakes or out into their yards and gardens and he really didn't blame them. It was just to nice weather to resist. He added that they will be looking at doing something new next year including having the Home and Leisure Show in the fall instead of the spring.

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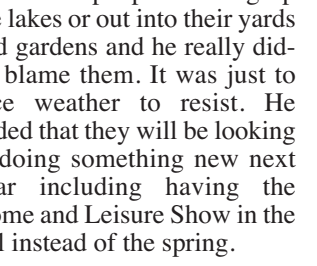
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Mets' bullpen falters again

By Rick Freeman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK—Todd Frazier had a big audience—and a big night in front of it.

The former Rutgers player homered twice in front of about three dozen friends and family members, and Brandon Phillips hit a tying single off Jon Rauch in the eighth inning, as the Cincinnati Reds doubled the N.Y. Mets 6-3 last night.

"I gave him the lineup card," Reds' manager Dusty Baker said. "You always want to do well in front of your parents, his fiancee, and the homies, and everybody.

"I try to play guys, you know, in front of their home people because they tend to play better and concentrate better."

Frazier had another reason.

"It's New York. It's the best city in the world," he remarked. "Yeah, it's totally different with the family there and it's New York City, so it's just a great atmosphere always.

"It's just a good place to play."

Pinch-hitter Jay Bruce drove in the go-ahead run on a sacrifice fly one out after the Reds put together three-straight hits off Rauch (3-2), ending with Phillips' single.

Rauch retired Chris Heisey on a pop-up before left-hander Tim Byrdak came on to face the lefty-hitting Bruce.

After that, D.J. Carrasco entered and gave up Frazier's second homer on his first pitch.

Carrasco was designated for assignment after the game.

The night before, Carrasco hit Milwaukee's Ryan Braun with a pitch, prompting manager Terry Collins to take David Wright out of a game in which the Mets trailed 8-0, to avoid retaliation.

Wright and his manager had an animated discussion in the dugout about it, but said everything was fine yesterday.

Jose Arredondo (3-1) pitched a perfect inning of relief for the Reds.

Sean Marshall gave up a hit in the ninth, but finished for his seventh save.

"We're in New York and Yogi Berra said if you ain't got a bullpen, you ain't got nothing," Baker recalled.

"Yogi was right, big time. You've got to have a bullpen."

Mike Leake struck out a season-high five in six innings for the Reds.

He also singled with two outs in the third and motored home on Zack Cozart's double into the left-field corner.

Elsewhere in the NL, San Diego beat 4-2, Washington downed Pittsburgh 7-4, Miami doubled Atlanta 8-4, Houston bounced Milwaukee 8-3, Philadelphia dumped Chicago 9-2, Colorado upended Arizona 6-1, and St. Louis trimmed San Francisco 4-1.

Another quarter-final exit for Canada

By Chris Johnston
THE CANADIAN PRESS

HELSINKI, Finland—The IIHF World Hockey Championship ended in agony once again for Canada.

"It's déja vu," general manager Kevin Lowe said after a 4-3 quarter-final loss to Slovakia this morning.

It's the first time in history Canada has made an early exit from the tournament on three-straight occasions.

The country also suffered quarter-final losses in 2010 and 2011.

This one was especially difficult to stomach since Canada was ahead of an over-matched Slovak team 3-2 with seven minutes to play. Then everything came unravelled.

First, captain Ryan Getzlaf's line got caught up ice when Milan Bartovic raced in and tied the game with a rebound off the rush at 13:25.

Then, Ryan Nugent-Hopkins was assessed a boarding penalty. Just as Canada killed that one off, Getzlaf was given a kneeing major for an open-ice hit on Juraj Mikus at 17:28.

Four seconds later, Michal Handzus tipped home the winning goal.

The Slovaks celebrated the victory like they'd won the Stanley Cup while the stunned Canadian players hung their heads.

"It hurts like hell right now," admitted Getzlaf. "I feel like I let the guys down.

"To be in a hard-fought game like that, and play the tournament we did and lose in that fashion, it's not easy to swallow as a group.

"The guys worked way too hard to be delivered something like that," he added.

Jan Laco made 33 saves while Tomas Kopecky and Miroslav Satan also scored for Slovakia (6-2-0).

Evander Kane, Jeff Skinner, and Alex Burrows replied for Canada (6-1-1).

Even though Getzlaf thought his hit on Mikus was a clean check—"I got a piece of him with my shoulder like I wanted to," he said—coach Brent Sutter bemoaned the lack of discipline at a crucial point in the game.

"We let it get away on us," he lamented.

The Slovaks, who lost 3-2 to Canada in the opening game of the round-robin, will face the winner of the Sweden-Czech Republic quarter-final, which will be played later today.

The Canadian players had come to this event determined to win gold—not just for themselves, but also to improve the country's world ranking from fifth to secure a better ride at the 2014 Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

It was not to be.

International hockey hasn't been kind to the senior men's team since Sidney Crosby's golden goal in Vancouver, which was followed by three-straight disappointments at the world championship.

"It's a tough feeling," said forward John Tavares. "It's still just starting to sink in really."

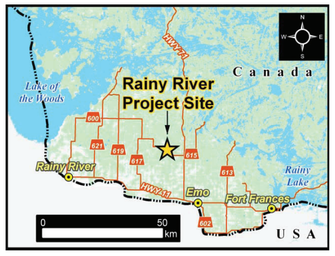
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Local fundraiser in the works for Manitoba family

By Heather Latter
Staff writer

A local woman is planning a fundraising bake sale and garage sale here this Saturday for a Manitoba family that's currently going through some tough times.

"I just thought that there must be something I can do," reasoned Lisa Lee of Fort Frances, who grew up with Erin Brunel in Swan River, Man.

The Brunel family—Erin, her husband, Rob, and children, Myley (four) and Larsen (two)—now live in Ste. Rose, Man. but have been spending a lot of time in Winnipeg, where young Larsen has been battling leukemia.

While Rob, Erin, and Larsen were headed back to Winnipeg earlier this month to start a new round of chemotherapy, their Ste. Rose home burned to the ground.

Thankfully, nobody was hurt in the blaze as Myley, who was there with her grandparents, alerted them when she saw the smoke.

They were able to make it out safely but 20 minutes later, the Brunels' home and everything in it was gone.

Lee said the family is staying strong amid the tragedy.

"Immediately after the fire, [Erin] said we might be houseless but we are far from homeless," Lee recalled.

Please see "Fundraiser," P3



Back in action

Montana Plasky of the Piranhas took control of the ball while her teammate, Ashton Barnes, gave chase close behind as they took on the Eels in Division II (under age nine) action in the Fort Frances Youth Soccer league yesterday evening at St. Francis Field. League play will resume today at 5:30 p.m. with Squirts (under six), Division III (under 11), and Division IV (under 13) teams all taking to the pitch.

—Lucas Punkari photo

Mixed results for Muskies in Dryden

Staff

The performances by the Muskie boys' and girls' soccer teams could not have been more different yesterday in Dryden as both resumed NorWOSSA play.

The boys' squad, the defending league champs, improved to 3-0-1 with a convincing 4-0 victory over the Kenora Broncos before battling the host Eagles to a 1-1 draw.

Colton Spicer scored a pair of goals in the win over the Broncos, with Colton Craig and Brandon McGinnis adding singles.

McGinnis, who netted three goals on Sunday during a tournament in Kenora, had the lone marker in yesterday's draw with the Eagles.

With 10 points from four games, the Muskies can assure themselves of a berth in the NorWOSSA final here on May 30 if they can collect a single point on the final day of the regular season next Wednesday (May 23) in Kenora.

Dryden trails Fort High with a 1-0-2 record while Kenora sits in the basement with a 0-3-1 mark.

Meanwhile, the Muskie girls had a day they'd much rather forget yesterday in Dryden, falling 1-0 to the Broncos and then getting blanked 3-0 by the Eagles.

With the losses, the black-and-gold saw their record fall to 0-3-1, which puts them at the bottom of the three-team loop.

The Broncos currently lead the way with a 3-0-1 record while the Eagles are in second at 1-1-2.

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Fire burning north of Barwick

Staff

Northwestern Ontario continues to see new fires occurring daily, with six new blazes confirmed, including one about 15 km north of Barwick.

Fort Frances District Fire #9 is a 2.0-hectare blaze burning in a mixture of bush and grasses.

It currently is classified as "not under control."

Meanwhile, three fires were reported in Kenora District, along with one in Red Lake District and one in Dryden District.

There is a total of 12 active fires in the region.

The forest fire hazard remains "high to extreme" for the entire area of Northwestern Ontario.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is asking people to exercise caution when dealing with fires or outdoors activities that may cause fires.

The public is reminded that burning brush or grass for clean up around your homes, can be dangerous.

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Please see "Fire," P3

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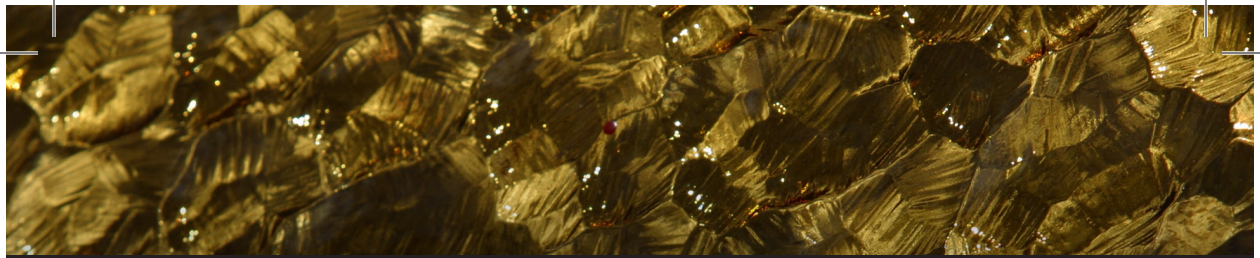
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Three-day Forecast for Thunder Bay



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Almanac

Thunder Bay through 5 p.m. yesterday

Temperature

High/low	16.1°/7.8°
Normal high/low	15.0°/1.7°
Record high	31.9° (1991)
Record low	-6.7° (1957)

Precipitation

Precip. through 5 p.m. yest.	Trace
Month to date (normal)	17.5 mm (35.5)
Year to date (normal)	117.1 mm (201.4)

Solunar Tables

According to the Solunar Tables calculated for the area, the best times for hunting and fishing will be in the coming days.

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Thu.	9:06a	2:55a	9:27p	3:16p
Fri.	9:45a	3:33a	10:07p	3:56p
Sat.	10:26a	4:15a	10:50p	4:38p

Sun and Moon

The Sun	Rise	Set
Today	6:15 a.m.	9:32 p.m.
Thursday	6:14 a.m.	9:34 p.m.
Friday	6:13 a.m.	9:35 p.m.

The Moon	Rise	Set
Today	4:03 a.m.	5:34 p.m.
Thursday	4:26 a.m.	6:37 p.m.
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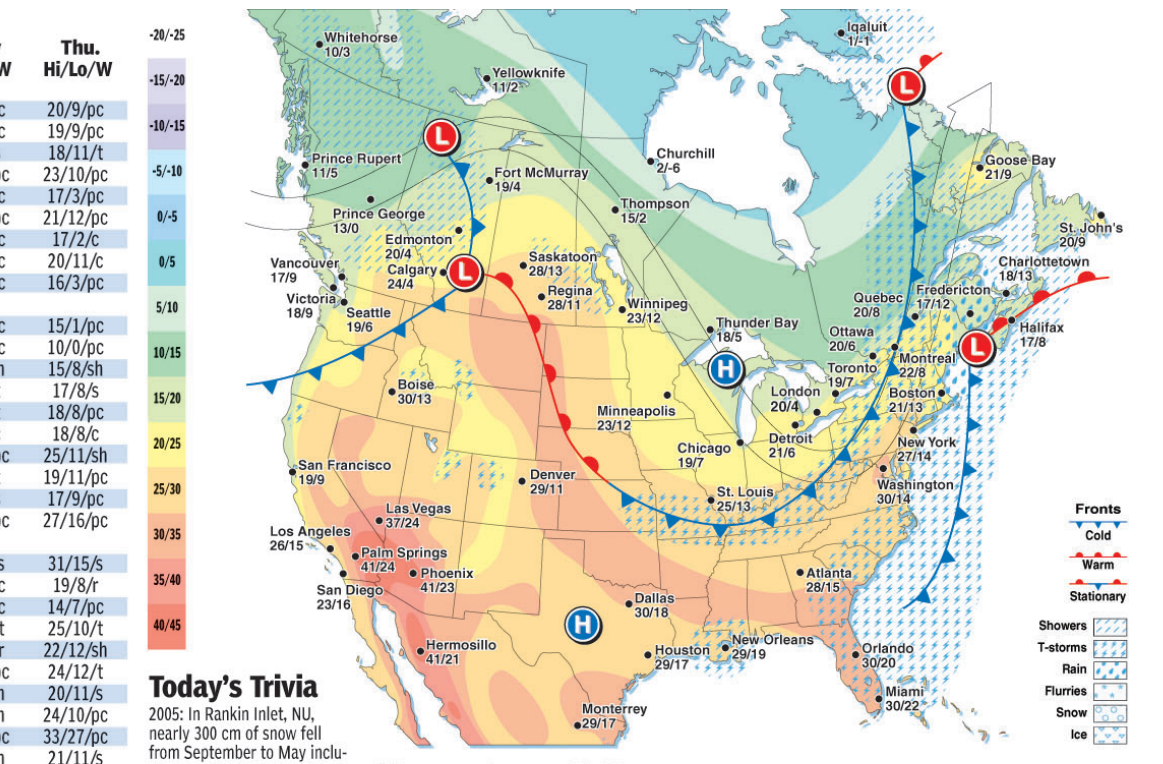
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Duluth	19/7/s	18/11/t
Ft. Frances	21/10/pc	23/10/pc
Geraldton	15/0/pc	17/3/pc
Kenora	19/11/pc	21/12/pc
Nipigon	17/1/pc	17/2/c
Red Lake	19/7/pc	20/11/c
Sault Ste. Marie	16/0/pc	16/3/pc
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Calgary	24/4/pc	15/1/pc
Edmonton	20/4/pc	10/0/pc
Halifax	17/8/sh	15/8/sh
Montreal	22/8/t	17/8/s
Ottawa	20/6/t	18/8/pc
St. John's	20/9/c	18/8/c
Saskatoon	28/13/pc	25/11/sh
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Helsinki	14/8/pc	19/8/r
London	14/5/pc	14/7/pc
Kabul	26/12/t	25/10/t
Kiev	23/14/r	22/12/sh
Mexico City	26/13/pc	24/12/t
Milan	18/7/sh	20/11/s
Moscow	24/9/sh	24/10/pc
Mumbai	32/27/pc	33/27/pc
Rome	18/8/sh	21/11/s
Santiago	20/8/pc	16/6/c
Tokyo	25/17/pc	25/16/pc

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.



Today's Trivia

2005: In Rankin Inlet, NU, nearly 300 cm of snow fell from September to May inclusive, about 250% more than normal. On average, only one snowfall of 12 cm or more occurs each year at Rankin Inlet. This winter, it happened 10 times. High-snowfall records were set for April and October. The 26.4 cm of snow on April 28 was the heaviest one-day snowfall ever. New Moon

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NORTHWEST CALENDAR

TODAY

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POLICE WEEK — Police Week is being celebrated May 13-19 and officers will be out in the public at a variety of functions to speak to citizens in various neighbourhoods. The schedule is as follows: today, 5:30-8 p.m. at Minnesota Park; Thursday, 4:30-7 p.m. at River Terrace Park; Thursday, 7-9 p.m. at Superior Collegiate & Vocational Institute Cafetorium, 33 N. High St. For more information, call 684-1248.

GREEN DRINKS — Green Drinks Thunder Bay meets to share ideas and opportunities. Join in at the Sovereign Room on Red River Road, 5-7 p.m.

TOMORROW

THURSDAY, MAY 17

* Beginning with Books, Waverley Library, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in story-time for children & caregiver. Info: 684-6816.
* Perogies, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at St. Volodymyr's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 1502 Mountdale Ave. Orders: 577-7174.
* Perogies, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at UCWLC Church of Transfiguration J.C., 629 McIntosh St. Orders: 623-6808.
* Cabbage rolls, perogies & more today & Friday, Royal Canadian Legion Polish Br. 149, 730 Simpson St., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Orders: 623-0543 or 623-1775.
* Luncheon buffet, P.A. Prosvita, 540 S. High St., noon-2 p.m. and perogies for sale every Friday. Orders: 344-7490.
* Herb Carroll 55 Plus Centre, 1100 Lincoln St., 625-3135:
— Victorian Tea, 1-2:30 p.m. $3. Everyone welcome.
* Thunder Bay 55 Plus Centre, 700 River St., 684-3066:
— drop in visual arts, 9 a.m.
— crochet & knitting, 9:30 a.m.
— hot lunch, 11:30 a.m.
— Scrabble, 1 p.m.
— euchre, 1:15 p.m.
— badminton, 2:15 p.m.
— cribbage, dance, 7 p.m.
* Lake Superior Coin Club, Confederation College, Room C231, 7:30 p.m. Info: 577-7475.
* Thunder Bay Horticultural Society, Oliver Road Community Centre, 7:30 p.m. Presentation by Anne Newbold: Container Pond Gardens you can make. Everyone welcome.
* Nipigon TOPS, George O'Neill Public School, 5:30 p.m. Men & women welcome. Info: Glena, 887-3434; Janet, 887-3438; glenaa@shaw.ca.
* TOPS, 6 p.m., New Hope Church, 589 Beresford St. Info: 344-4497.
* TOPS, West Arthur Community Centre, 1914 W. Arthur St. Weigh in, 6:30 p.m.; meeting, 7 p.m. Info: Mary, 473-4863 or Rose Marie, 577-5924.
* Overeaters Anonymous, Margaret Smith Centre, 7 p.m. Info: 622-5962.
* Women for Sobriety (WFS), a self-help group for women recovering from drug & alcohol addictions, The Balmoral Centre, 667 Sibley Dr., 7 p.m. Info: Mary, 344-1253.
* Ray of Light Al-Anon Family Group meeting, St. Paul's United Church, 239 Waverley St., 8 p.m. Visit www.alanonthunderbay.org.

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Arpin meets with fans

More from C1

goes, Iowa's a fun fast little race track that has the speed of a intermediate [1.5-mile] track," he added. "But at the same time, it also races like a short track.

"You can beat and bang around there, and there is also so much you can do as a driver to compensate for a car that's not working exactly right."

Heading into this weekend's race, Arpin has been honing his skills on pit road as he's been driving the car the Hendrick Motorsports team uses to work on its pit crew training sessions during the middle of the week.

"The biggest thing for me is just getting those chances to work on my pit road entry and exit over and over again," said Arpin, who felt that was an issue in his 10th-place finish at the Texas Motor Speedway last month.

"A 10th of a second gained here or there can help you gain a spot in the pits on every pit stop, and I've already got myself now to a point where I am consistently six- or seven-10ths of a second better from where I was before," he noted.

"That kind of thing will gain you at least two or three spots on pit road every time."

After finishing 10th in his lone start of the season thus far at Texas, Arpin is looking to improve on that this weekend in the 250-lap affair at Iowa, which will air live on ABC at 1 p.m.

"That's what we have our sights set on," he stressed.

"Short-track racing is always tough, as the tracks themselves aren't very forgiving if you make any little mistake out there," he admitted.

"But if everything goes right for us, and the work that the team has done since last year in Iowa translates over to this year, I think we can come out of there with a top five.

"And that would be huge for me."

With Sunday's start marking the last of a two-race stint for Turner Motorsports, Arpin already has been hard at work on getting in more races this season.

"We've been working hard every day, all day long, in regards to that, especially with getting some more sponsors on board with us," he noted.

"We really impressed a lot of people and turned a lot of heads in Texas with a top-10 finish, especially since that was my first time back in a car since I ran in the Truck Series last September," Arpin added.

"Right now, we have a lot of irons in the fire and there are some things that are coming up, for sure."

While deals for possible rides in one of the three NASCAR national touring series still are being worked out, Arpin will get a chance to return to the ARCA Series for a three-race stint starting at the Elko Speedway, just outside of Minneapolis, next month, when he will get back behind the wheel for Venturini Motorsports.

"That deal actually came together just in the past week," noted Arpin, who will be sponsored by Loenbro Comprehensive Pipeline Solutions out of Montana.

"We have had a great relationship with the Venturinis when I ran full-time in ARCA a couple of years ago, and business is going really well for them right now as they are running five cars in the series.

"So they used this as an opportunity to try and give back for us helping them," he explained.

Arpin's two other starts will be during ARCA's two dirt-track events on Sunday, Aug. 19 in Springfield, Ill. and on Monday, Sept. 3 in DuQuoin, Ill.

Drivers preparing for season-opener

More from C1

Ossachuk, who won his first career feature last season.

"He was bugging me after that he couldn't believe that I drove that car, and that it was the worst car he's ever driven," he laughed.

For the most part, though, the biggest changes noticeable around the track were the new paint schemes on some of the cars, such as defending WISSOTA Modified champ Gavin Paull, whose #16 has switched from black as its dominant colour to a sharp white paint job.

"We decided to switch things up a bit and come out with a new look," smiled Paull, who won eight-straight feature races last season.

"Another thing that we did this off-season was put a new motor in under the hood, which has a little higher RPM and a little more horsepower.

"Tonight was the first time out with it, and after we made a few changes to the back of the car, it's been running strong," he added.

Saturday's season-opener will get underway with hot laps at 7 p.m., followed by the first heat at 7:30 p.m. (weather permitting).

In other news, the Emo Speedway will be welcoming back the WISSOTA Super Stock class for a mid-season special on July 14, which will feature drivers from Manitoba, Ontario, and Minnesota.

"They would be classified as a class that would be in between both our Modified divisions, with the major difference being that they are full-bodied cars," Leek noted.



WISSOTA Midwest Modified rookie Jake Rea pushed his #38 machine a little too hard in Turns 3 and 4 at the Emo Speedway on Saturday as he gained valuable seat time during a "test-and-tune" session on the 3/8th-mile oval ahead of this weekend's season-opener (weather permitting). —Lucas Punkari photo

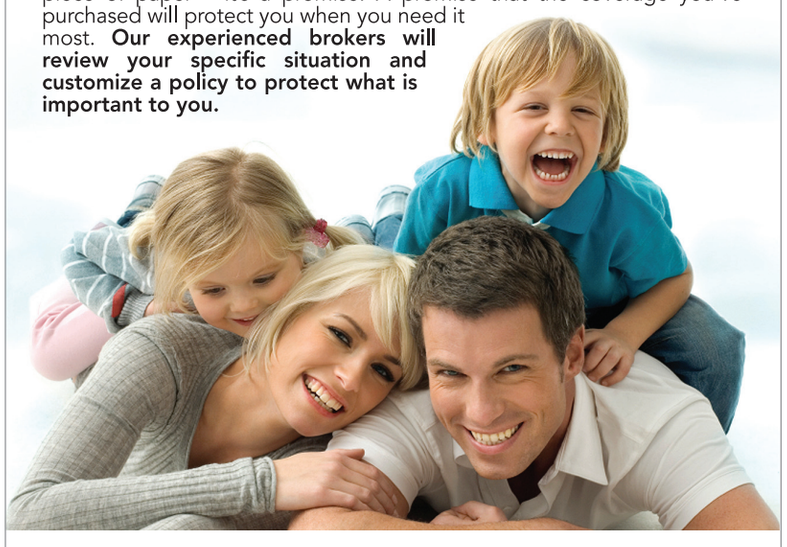
"When we had them last run here from 2006-08, we had as many as 16 cars take part in those shows, and we're expecting something close to that here once again," he added.

Leek also stressed the track still is in need of volunteers to help out with a variety of tasks each race night.

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CHAPPLE MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

May & June 2012

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Reeve: Peter VanHeyst, Councillor Ward 1: Ken Wilson, Councillor Ward 2: Rilla Race, Councillor Ward 3: James Gibson, Councillor Ward 4: Rick Neilson

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE

Beginning May 17, 2012, the **DRAFT** Terms of Reference will be available for download @ www.rainyriverresources.com.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE:

Members of the public, agencies and other interested persons are encouraged to attend the scheduled open house to learn more about the project, process and discuss the Terms of Reference. Rainy River Resources will be conducting an open house on:

Thursday May 31, 2012
3 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Barwick Recreation Centre
140 Main Street
Barwick, ON P0W 1A0

Your written comments about the draft Terms of Reference are requested by June 16, 2012. All comments and questions about the Project and draft Terms of Reference should be directed to:
Kyle L. Stanfield, P. Eng.
Vice President, Environment & Sustainability
Rainy River Resources Ltd.
1111 Victoria Avenue East
Thunder Bay, ON P7C 1B7
T. 807-622-8111
E-mail: comments@rainyriverresources.com

Chapple is seeking interested students to fill the following positions:
Museum (1 student) – 7 week period
General Labourer (2 students) – 8 week period.
Criteria: Any student between the ages of 15-24, and up to 29 (with a disability) currently attending or planning to return to Secondary and/or Post-Secondary School in 2012. Forward a letter of application and resume to the address below on or before 4:30 p.m., Friday June 8, 2012.

"Summer Student Employment Position"
Township of Chapple
Box 4
Barwick, ON P0W 1A0
Phone: 487-2354
Fax: 487-2406

* Please note, only students chosen to be interviewed will be contacted.

Canada Day 2012

The Municipality is asking for volunteers to organize the July 1st parade and childrens' games. Please contact the office @ 487-2354 if you are willing to help.

Without your help we will not be able to continue the tradition!

Thank you to the Sturgeon Creek School Grade 7& 8 Classes for their hard work at helping clean up our Municipality during their Spring Clean Up day!

2012 BUDGET Public Meeting will be taking place Tuesday, June 12, 2012 @ 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers

Important Dates:

June 12, 2012 - Council Meeting - 9:00 a.m.
June 12, 2012 - Budget Meeting - 1:30 p.m.

HERITAGE NEWS

QUEEN'S JUBILEE DINNER

Chapple Heritage Committee would like to thank all those who worked at or attended the recent Queen's Jubilee Dinner.

Special thanks to those who baked, helped set up, donated to silent auction or penny table, donated food or artifacts for display.

One hundred and thirty four people attended this event and we raised about $1,200 for each of the Chapple and W. I Museums.

Congratulations to Cecil Wilson for being first district recipient of the Queen's Jubilee Medal which was presented at the hall following the dinner, by Margaret Rea, assistant to M. P. John Rafferty.

MUSEUM TEA

Everyone is invited to the annual tea at the Chapple Museum on Saturday June 2rd from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Stop by and check out new displays and details about the photo contest to be held over the summer of 2012.

There are still Chapple History Books available for sale – Cost $35.

Chapple Heritage is looking for new members for their committee. If you are interested, contact Rilla at 487-2655.

Museum Hours

May and June
Friday and Saturday only, 10:00 am - 4:00 p.m.

July and August
Tuesday to Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

We are looking for a new member to volunteer for the *Planning Advisory Committee*. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Municipal Office at 487-2354

Fitness Centre Committee: A meeting will be held Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the upper hall of the Recreation Centre. The purpose of the meeting is to gather ideas and suggestions for future improvements to the gym. Once this is determined a work bee will be planned. A Committee will be established to work with Chapple Council - please come out and support our Fitness Centre.

Bear Wise Program

- Operating the toll-free Bear reporting Line (1-888-514-2327) 24 hrs. a day, 7 days a week from April to November, with trained staff handling calls and determining the appropriate response.
- The Bear Wise Program will no longer provide individual site visits to help landowners who are having site-specific conflicts with bears, and the ministry will no longer trap and relocate problem bears.

The Community Garden Needs Your Help!

The Emo-La Vallee-Chapple Healthy Communities Coalition is looking for volunteers to help weed, water and till the Community Garden beginning in mid-June. When the vegetables are ready, the garden will be available for everyone to access! The Community Garden is located at 6287 Highway 11 (beside Tompkins Road). If you would like to volunteer to help care for the garden, please call Siobhan Booth at 482-2211 ext. 222.

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Assisted Living Action Group (ALAG)

Assisted Living: What's it all about?

It is the aging at home option that combines housing, support services, and health care, as needed. Seniors who choose assisted living enjoy an independent lifestyle with assistance customized to meet their needs, and benefits that enrich their lives, and promote well-being and family connectedness.

The opportunity to give your input will be announced soon!

For more information contact:

Krista Nielson, Health Promoter of the Northwestern Health Unit at 274-9827 ext. 239 www.nwhu.on.ca

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Due to increasing costs, the Emo Public Library has had to cancel a few magazine subscriptions. They are hoping that residents would be willing to donate their copies of magazines such as McLeans; Time; People; etc.

Barwick Blue Knights Game Schedule

May 29	Big Island @ Barwick
May 31	Barwick @ Sight and Sound
June 5	Sabaskong Cubs @ Barwick
June 7	Barwick @ Beef's Warriors
June 12	Barwick @ Northwest Bay
June 14	Big Grassy Braves @ Barwick
June 19	Sabaskong Lakers @ Barwick
June 21	Make Up Date

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Chapple Fire Department is looking for Volunteer Fire Fighters. For those that are interested, please feel free to call the municipal office at 487-2354 for more information.

Smoke detectors are available for sale at the Municipal Office for $10 each.
Have You Tested Your Smoke Detectors This Month?

FOREST FIRES

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https://beprepared.emergencymangementontario.ca/myplan/

General Tips

If you are indoors:

* If you are trapped inside your home by a wildfire, stay inside (unless advised by officials to evacuate) and move away from outside walls. Close doors, but leave them unlocked.
* Close windows, vents, and blinds. Remove lightweight curtains.
* Open the fireplace damper. Close fireplace screens.
* Turn a light on in each room to increase the visibility of your home in heavy smoke.

If you are advised to evacuate:

* Wear protective clothing and footwear to protect against flying sparks and ashes.
* Tell someone when you leave and where you are going.
* Choose a route away from fire hazards (listen to the radio or television for information)
* Watch for changes in the speed and direction of fire and smoke

If you are outdoors

* Do not try to outrun the blaze. Instead, look for a body of water such as a pond or river to crouch in.
* If there is no water nearby, find a depressed, cleared area with little vegetation.
* If a road is nearby, lie face down along the road cut or in the ditch on the uphill side. Cover yourself with anything that will shield you from the fire's heat (e.g. loose earth).
* Protect your lungs by breathing air closest to the ground, through a moist cloth, if possible, to avoid inhaling smoke.

Prepare Now

* Review and discuss safety tips with your entire household to make sure everyone understands what to do in a forest/wild land fire.
* Clearly mark all driveway entrances and display your address so that fire vehicles can easily find your home.
* Practice evacuating your home. Teach all household members the technique of ***"stop, drop and roll"*** in case clothes catch on fire.
* Install smoke detectors and sprinklers on every floor and by all sleeping areas.
* Plan several escape routes away from your home by car and by foot.
* Create a safety zone around your home. Modify or eliminate brush, trees and other vegetation near your home.
* Consult with your local fire department about making your home fire-resistant.

RR Gold needs Federal Environmental Assessment

News Release

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency has determined that a federal environmental assessment is required pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 for the proposed Rainy River Gold Project located near Fort Frances in Ontario. The Agency invites the public to comment on which aspects of the environment may be affected by this project and what should be examined during the environmental assessment.

The public can review and comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines, a document that identifies the potential environmental effects to be taken into consideration and the information and analysis that needs to be included in the proponent's EIS.

Rainy River Resources Limited is proposing the construction, operation and decommissioning of an open-pit and underground gold mine. The proposed mine site is in the Township of Chapple, Ontario, approximately 65 kilometres northwest of Fort Frances.

Written comments must be submitted by November 19, 2012 to:

Rainy River Gold Project
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
55 St. Clair Avenue East, Suite 907
Toronto ON M4T 1M2
Telephone: 416-952-1576
Fax: 416-952-1573
RainyRiver@ceaa-acee.gc.ca

To view the draft EIS Guidelines or for more information, visit the Agency's website at www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca (registry reference number 80007). All comments received will be considered public.

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During the above noted time periods, water users may notice periods of water discolouration. If discolouration should occur please run cold water taps until the water runs clear.

We apologies for any inconveniences this may cause. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Municipal Office at 807-852-3244.

Veldron Vogan, AMCT
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Rainy River

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Rainy River Gold Project

As part of the planning process for the **Rainy River Gold Project**, a Terms of Reference was submitted to the Ministry of the Environment for review as required under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. If approved, the Terms of Reference will serve as a framework for the preparation and review of the Environmental Assessment for the proposed undertaking.

The **Rainy River Gold Project** is a proposed open pit and underground gold mine with related processing facilities and infrastructure, to be developed by **Rainy River Resources Ltd.** approximately 65 kilometres (by road) northwest of Fort Frances, Ontario. It requires the re-routing of a section of the gravel-surfaced Highway 600 and a new transmission line connection.

The Project is anticipated to be a significant contributor to the local economy and provide exceptional employment opportunities.



The Process:
Rainy River Resources Ltd. has entered into a Voluntary Agreement with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to subject the Rainy River Gold Project to the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step in the process is the preparation and approval of a Terms of Reference. The proposed Terms of Reference sets out the framework and work plan for addressing the *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements when preparing the environmental assessment, including such things as the alternatives that will be considered and the proposed public consultation activities. The submitted proposed Terms of Reference considered comments received by the proponent on the draft Terms of Reference. If approved by the Minister, the proposed Terms of Reference will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the environmental assessment.

This Provincial Environmental Assessment process is one of two environmental assessment processes required for approval of the Rainy River Gold Project. A Federal environmental assessment is required pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*. Rainy River Resources Ltd. is working with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency to develop a coordinated environmental assessment process, including coordinated public consultation opportunities wherever possible in order to reduce duplication of effort.

Consultation:
Members of the public, agencies, Aboriginal communities and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process by attending consultation opportunities or contacting **Rainy River Resources Ltd.** directly with comments or questions. Consultation opportunities will occur throughout the planning process, including this opportunity to provide comments on the proposed Terms of Reference. All consultation events will be published on www.rainyriverresources.com.

Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference

Beginning October 26, 2012, the proposed Terms of Reference will be available for review and comment at: www.rainyriverresources.com.

You may also inspect the proposed Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

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Emo, ON P0W 1E0
T. 807-482-2501

Fort Frances
Fort Frances Public Library
601 Reid Avenue
Fort Frances, ON P9A 0A2
T. 807-274-9879

Rainy River
Rainy River Public Library
202 4th Street
Rainy River, ON P0W 1L0
T. 807-852-3375

Kenora
Ministry of the Environment
808 Robertson Street
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T. 807-468-2718

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216 South Brodie Street
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 1C2
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October sunny days a delicious surprise



Wendi with an 'eye'

Wendi Stewart

I love the warm, sunny days of October. These kind of days feel like a delicious surprise; an oh, I forgot how lovely fall can be sort of day.

October can come with a lot of rain and dark skies, so I can't help but feel blessed when I hear and feel the warm wind; a wind that is fairly insistent on moving things such as leaves of every colour, and laundry off the line, and anything I had meant to put away but didn't—and now wish I had.

I want to be out in this wonderful October wind and without a second thought, I abandon bill-paying and bed-making and laundry-washing and grab my camera to try to capture the most fabulous images my eyes can even imagine.

Such gorgeous October weather peels away the years and I am left with the urge to skip and swing and hunt for mushrooms and imagine all kinds of adventures.

October weather does this like no other weather can. But (and I must preface this with an apology) despite my tremendous adoration of warm October days, I hate the flies.

When the October sun heats up the windows and cracks and crevices, in which flies like to hide, these same flies come to life; are given that second chance to turn into kamikaze daredevils.

They seem the size of helicopters and make about the same amount of racket. They collide with everything in their paths and it seems like deliberate collisions—a last effort to literally leave their mark on the world (or at the very least, leave their mark on my windows).

They bounce off lamp shades and inside glasses, and dive-bomb my hair. Even Gracie the wonder dog is put off by them. She does her part to reduce their numbers, but as fast as I dispose of them, there seems to be another wakened from sleep.

I'm not sure why fall flies are more annoying than summer flies, and maybe they're not. Maybe my memory is so vague that I only can bear witness to this current frustrating pest as though it was the worst ever.

Summer flies seem smaller and swifter. They don't practice the same air manoeuvres. And even as I am writing this, a fly the size of my thumb (it seems) is bumping into my head and all the waving of my arms makes it very hard to type.

I came close to taking out my own eye with a ballpoint pen and not intentionally, either. Where's the Raid?

I've become a kinder person in my reaction to what I used to call pests. If I find a spider, rather than squashing him, I urge him to live outdoors where he can build webs to his heart's content.

I certainly let the bees do their thing, and I practice all manner of constraint when I feel threatened by bees and their stingers. I must admit, I still squash ants and that's probably not an admirable thing to be boasting about, but there you have it. None of us are perfect.

Fruit flies, though I suppose they have a purpose, are so irksome that I build traps to capture them because, quite simply, there's just no squishing those little brutes. They seem more like a squadron than a single entity, flying in formation over the bananas and ripening pears.

They're like an insect fog that no amount of waving can get rid of.

But as annoying as ants and fruit flies are, they don't come close to the level of disdain I feel toward the October fly.

Maybe, just maybe, the October fly serves a greater service: it encourages me to welcome the cold weather because when I waken and see the grass all white with frost, I shout right out loud, "Hah! Take that you annoying October fly and so much for your last kick at the can!"

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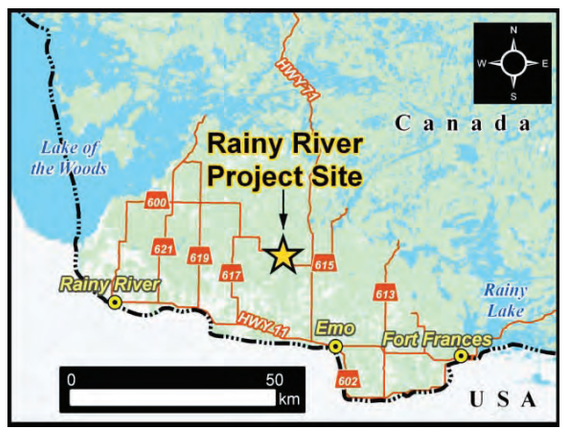
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THE REGION

More charges laid against youth

An 18-year-old Michipicoten First Nation youth who was arrested last week following a disturbance at a Wawa restaurant has been charged with more offences, provincial police said Wednesday.

Investigators said the man was taken into custody a second time Tuesday following a report that a person was walking down the middle of Highway 17 just north of Wawa.

After he was located by police off Tremblay Flats Road, the accused was arrested and charged with breach of probation and failing to comply with an undertaking.

Shortly afterward, police said, he was further charged with assault with intent to resist arrest, uttering a death threat and assaulting a peace officer.

He is to appear today in Sault Ste. Marie court for a bail hearing. — *North Shore Bureau*

Arm broken in domestic dispute

A 40-year-old man Wawa man was charged with assault Friday following a domestic dispute that resulted in one person suffering a broken arm.

Provincial police said Monday the victim, who was not identified, required surgery as a result of an assault at a Second Avenue home.

The accused was to appear in Sault Ste. Marie court. — *North Shore Bureau*

Weaving car attracts attention

A 50-year-old Michipicoten First Nation man is to appear in court on Dec. 19 on a charge of impaired driving.

Provincial police laid the charge Friday night after a Mazda sedan was "observed weaving within its lane" on Highway 17 just north of Wawa.

Police said the accused "stumbled" and emitted an odour of alcohol when the car was stopped on Wawa's Tamarack Avenue.

The man was charged with having a blood-alcohol level of more than 80 milligrams, police said Monday. — *North Shore Bureau*

Camp break-ins under investigation

Kenora provincial police are investigating a rash of break-ins in the Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls area.

Police said Tuesday that several camps in the Lobstick Bay area were entered over the past week and property was taken.

Anyone with information about the break-ins is asked to contact OPP or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. — *Northwest Bureau*

Chase called off, but police find suspect

A Lac La Croix First Nation resident has been charged after a woman tried to evade provincial police in Fort Frances.

Police said officers, who responded to a 2:41 a.m. tip about a possible impaired driver at a local restaurant drive-thru, attempted to stop a blue Pontiac Grand Prix, but the driver sped up and fled.

OPP and Treaty Three Police officers pursued the vehicle and made three attempts to stop it in a safe manner but were unsuccessful.

Officers discontinued the chase in the interest of public and police safety as it headed east through Couchiching First Nation.

A Treaty Three Police officer not involved in the initial pursuit later observed the vehicle travelling east on Highway 11 near Highway 502. The officer followed the vehicle from a safe distance until the driver pulled over on her own, police said.

A 29-year-old woman has been charged with impaired driving, driving with a blood-alcohol level of over 80 milligrams, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, flight from police and driving while under suspension.

The woman is to appear in Fort Frances court on Nov. 19. — *Northwest Bureau*

More gold, silver found near Emo

Rainy River Resources Ltd. has found more gold and silver on its Rainy River gold project near Emo.

The company said Tuesday that exploration drilling in the area has found a significant new gold and silver discovery about a kilometre east of the company's proposed open-pit mine in Richardson Township.

This new zone, named the Intrepid Zone, demonstrates the potential for new discoveries, the company says.

"This exciting, new Intrepid Zone discovery is yet another chapter in the district potential story of the Rainy River gold project," said company president Raymond Threlkeld.

"With our exploration program demonstrating continued success, Rainy River plans to focus exploration efforts over the remainder of the year on the Intrepid Zone as well as other key areas . . . hosting the Rainy River deposits," he said. — *Northwest Bureau*

Premier prepares for further exploration

A $64-million public offering of Premier Gold Mines shares has been completed and will be used, in part, to further the Thunder Bay-based company's ongoing exploration projects in Northwestern Ontario and the U.S., the company announced Tuesday.

The offering's net proceeds of $60.8 million are to be used to fund exploration, pay down debt and "for general corporate purposes," said a Premier news release.

Premier is actively exploring gold properties around Red Lake, Musselwhite and Geraldton, as well as in Nevada. — *North Shore Bureau*

LOTTERIES

Here are the winning numbers from the Ontario Lottery Corporation for Tuesday evening's draws:

The winning **Encore** number was 5727704.

The winning **Ontario Pick 2** number was 3 2.

The winning **Ontario Pick 3** number was 0 8 3.

The winning **Ontario Pick 4** number was 7 6 3 8.

The winning **Keno** numbers were 1, 4, 9, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 26, 28, 38, 41, 42, 45, 49, 61, 62, 66, 68, 69.

The winning **Poker Lotto** hand is: J-H, 4-D, 2-H, 7-H, 8-C.

In the event of any discrepancy between this list and the official winning numbers, the latter shall prevail. — olg.ca



THE CHRONICLE-JOURNAL/SANDI KRASOWSKI

A shot in the arm

Lauren Meadows, a registered practical nurse with the Thunder Bay And District Health Unit, left gives a flu shot to Mara Izzo during a flu clinic Tuesday at the Italian Cultural Centre. Flu clinics are scheduled at various locations in the city until Nov. 20. Vaccinations are available for free, for anyone aged over six months. Children 16 and under must have parental consent. For times and locations of clinics, visit www.tbdhu.com or call 624-9082.

Trustee suspended

Nipigon rep says community, students come first

BY CARL CLUTCHEY
NORTH SHORE BUREAU

A former long-time chairwoman of Superior-Greenstone District School Board says her current four-month suspension as a trustee was done for "trivial reasons" in an atmosphere of "bullying and censorship."

Bette Bartlett, a Nipigon trustee, was suspended Aug. 20, accused of breaching the board's code of conduct on three occasions, according to the board's officials minutes.

In an unusual move, trustees voted 5-2 to sanction Bartlett until mid-January and ordered her to apologize to the board's senior administration.

On Tuesday, current Superior-Greenstone chairwoman Pinky McRae, who voted in favour of the suspension, said in an email that Bartlett's appeal of the decision was denied on Sept. 17.

Bartlett, a 20-year veteran of the board, said she hadn't been notified of the decision.

McRae did not respond Tuesday when asked to provide details as to why Bartlett had been suspended.

According to Bartlett, "the trivial, unwarranted reasons behind this suspension are a result of three events."

Bartlett said she provoked the ire of the board by asking why documents she requested in advance of a board meeting did not materialize by a five-day deadline, and she spoke in support of special education programs.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Bette Bartlett says her school board suspension is for trivial reasons.

She said she also spoke publicly against a board proposal to put grades 7 and 8 students under the same roof as high school students, which, she added, wasn't going down well in Nipigon.

"I will not be a saleswoman for the board when decisions have a negative impact on the community and students I serve," Bartlett said in a statement.

Nipigon Mayor Richard Harvey, who supports Bartlett, said the latter issue is a key point in his view.

"I think the issue here is that she was representing us, rather than representing (the position of) the board to us," said Harvey.

He said his town has been frustrated by what he called a lack of communication between his municipality and Superior-Greenstone.

"As municipal officials, we need to know what's going," Harvey said.

Though Bartlett said she's "disturbed that a group of five people can have the power" to suspend an elected official, the province said the board has acted within new rules that can punish trustees if they don't toe the line.

In 2010 the province passed Bill 177, which empowers school boards to enforce their codes of conduct through censure or by suspending trustees from regular and committee meetings.

It's not known how often boards have used the measures since they became an option.

"Situations involving issues between individual trustees and their boards do occur from time to time," said Education Ministry spokesman Andrew Morrison.

"The ministry doesn't track these issues so we're not able to comment from an informed position on their frequency."

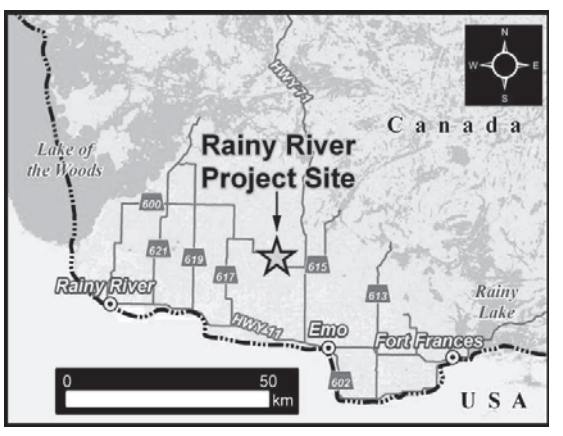
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Fort Frances Legion Ladies celebration cont. from pg. 1



Cigarette smoking hippie Heather Wensley pitched her bra as she left the runway to honour the bra burning era.

lighted by a model wearing an everyday house dress from the period and by two Auxiliary members dressed as Rosie the Riveter. These were the ladies who went to work in the factories since the men were away fighting the war.

The 50's brought in many changes in fashion and for the first time in fashion history, companies targeted teenagers who had become wage earners. Prior to the war there were few teens who worked outside of school and helping at home. The fashions were varied and just two of the models showed the influence of the poodle skirt, sweaters and high school jackets. They of course both had their hair done in the style of the day which was the pony-tail.

The 60's brought the culottes, go-go boots and although there was no model brave enough, it was the birth of the bikini. Most women wanted a pillbox hat and all the younger generation were very happy with the mini-skirt. There were psychedelic prints, bell bottom jeans and on the more elegant side there were formal brocade gowns which was also shown off on the runway.

The 70's fashions were highlighted by the ladies from the Credit Union. They showed off the fashions of the day including Wrangler jeans, long shifts, hippie bell bottoms and the prevailing hair style-the Afro. The ladies delighted the crowd with their trip down the runway.

The 80's brought the rebirth of the shoulder pad. The wider the shoulders the better. It also brought the pointed toes and spike heels and brand names became very important. Some of these fashions were worn by the Legion ladies.



Harper Gunderson dressed as Shirley Temple complete with the trademark ringlets.

The 80's were chosen by Energy Fitness and the ladies were up to the challenge with their big hair, black and pink neon colours, leather jackets, mesh gloves along with the v-neck sweaters, big hoop earrings and bobby socks. One of their models even did a moon walk on the run way.

The 90's brought confusion to fashion since it went from business suits for the new executive to the material girl look brought on by Madonna.

The 2000-2010 era was highlighted by RBC as the ladies were dressed in black with bright pink boas indicating they represented women from all ages in the fight against breast cancer. Being October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, they rounded out the decades of fashion on a high note. Their table was decorated with pumpkins but also with the ribbons with words "fight like a girl" printed on them.

So there you have it folks. An Anniversary party that was fun and a fashion history lesson (that Irene gave us) that everyone enjoyed. After the show there was refreshments and desserts that were as fabulous as the fashions.

The winners at the end, other than the Together We Can Campaign were: Best decorated table—Energy Fitness, Most original—Legion Ladies; Most Spirited—Credit Union. Most original dress was the poodle dress worn by Randi Roth; most creative –Rosie the Riveters; most humorous—the smoking hippie and most authentic—Harper Gunderson as Shirley Temple. Harper also won the People's Choice Award.

The start of a new legacy!

On Sunday October 28th the Emo/Devlin/Barwick Minor Hockey Association will be holding the official unveiling of the new name and logo. For over a year the jersey committee have been busy in developing this exciting new look for hockey in Emo. Join us as we unveil the new jerseys of our hockey association. The unveiling will take place at 2:00 followed by the official puck drop of the 2012/2013 hockey season and a hockey game between the atom division players. Following the game families are invited to join us for a family skate until 4:00. There are lots of prizes to be given away and a chance to win an i-pod shuffle.

The Arena Board will also be showing off the new zamboni they have purchases for the arena as well as the remodeled auditorium and bathrooms. This promises to be a great community event and all past, present and future hockey players are invited to attend. We will also be creating a time lined of events that happened throughout the Emo Minor hockey years. We invite you to share a story or add a picture of your hockey experience in Emo.

We will also be introducing a new line of apparel and accessories that will be available to order. These items will make a great Christmas gift for your hockey player.

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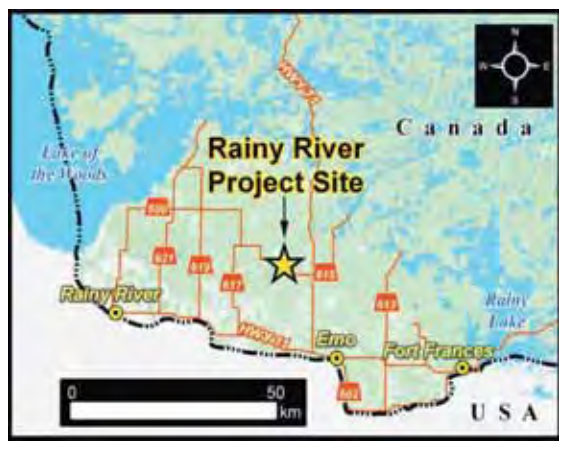
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Duncan not in running

THE CANADIAN PRESS

TORONTO—Finance minister Dwight Duncan has decided against running for the leadership of the Ontario Liberal party.

Duncan said he won't make a bid to succeed Premier Dalton McGuinty and won't run for re-election.

But he said he will support his friend, former cabinet minister Sandra Pupatello, if she decides to throw her hat in the ring.

Duncan said most of the legwork on the next budget will be done by Jan. 27, then he'll hand off the more contentious decisions to the next finance minister, who could deliver a budget at the end of March.

McGuinty made a surprise announcement last week that he was stepping down after 16 years as Liberal leader and nine as premier.

Several other potential leadership candidates are said to be considering a bid, such as Municipal Affairs minister Kathleen Wynne and former MP Gerrard Kennedy, who lost to McGuinty in 1996 by just 140 votes.

Slight risk of snowshowers

There's a slight chance of rain and snowshowers tonight, with an overnight low of minus-three C (27 F) and west winds at 15 m.p.h., gusting up to 25 m.p.h.

Tomorrow will see a 20 percent chance of snowshowers, along with a high of two (35) and low around minus-seven (19).

Look for west winds at 15 m.p.h., with gusts again up to 25 m.p.h.

Expect scattered flurries for Saturday, with a high of just minus-one (31) and low dropping to minus-six (22).

The extended outlook calls for partly sunny skies Sunday, with a high of two (35) and low near minus-six (22). Then Monday will be mostly sunny, along with a high of three (38) and low around minus-four (25).

The record high for today is 24 (75) set in 1989 while the record low is minus-13 (nine) set in 1981. Normals are eight (46) and minus-two (28).

Sunset today is at 6:04 p.m., with sunrise tomorrow at 7:51 a.m.

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Area deer population in need of help

The Live Well
By Jeff Gustafson

Over the past week, I've gone from one extreme to the other seasonally.

Last week, for instance, I was fishing in Texas in shorts and sandals. This past week, I've been dressed in long underwear and boots, tromping around in the woods looking for whitetail deer.

Each fall I run a little deer guiding camp that keeps me busy for about a month. I guide American hunters until their season ends on Nov. 15.

Usually I have the entire fall season to prepare for these hunters to arrive. This year, however, with the opportunity I had to fish down in the U.S., I was a little bit rushed when I returned home to get things scouted and set up for my hunters.

There is no rest around here! I'm not complaining, though, as busy beats the alternative.

My feeling is that our deer population outside of the towns, where they are protected, is getting better, but there still is a big hole in the population compared to where it was five or six years ago.

There are still large areas that had healthy populations of deer that are missing the numbers, but hopefully we'll get another good winter with nice temperatures and an average amount of snow.

One thing I've noticed is that there are a lot more fawns out there than there have been for a few years, so hopefully they'll get a chance to grow up.

I understand many of the folks in Kenora and Fort Frances are annoyed by the large deer populations that live in our communities because it's tough to grow flowers or a garden, and they are a safety hazard on our roads.

But I can tell you that outside of these towns, the deer population does need a little bit of help.

As far as the deer season and where it's at right now, I've noticed quite a bit of rut sign starting to show up over the past few days. There are plenty of trees that are rubbed up and some ground scrapes are popping up.

One thing I've learned over the past seven or eight years, when I've spent nearly every day during late October and early November in the woods, is that during the pre-rut period, which is where we're at right now, ground scrapes are the best thing you can find in the woods if you want to find a big buck.

Both sexes of deer use these scrapes to leave scent and mark their territory, and bucks will check them regularly for the next couple of weeks.

So if you're looking for a good place to put up a trail camera, find the biggest scrape you can and you're sure to get plenty of photos of deer.

Many of the new trail cameras actually have a video function on them. If you set your camera to shoot video clips around these scrapes, you'll be amazed at all things you'll see these deer do in their natural environment.

What I've been finding in my scouting is that there are little pockets of deer out there and if you can find some of these areas, you'll see a lot of animal sign.

These are the areas you want to consider putting up trail cameras, as well as setting up a ground blind or tree stand.

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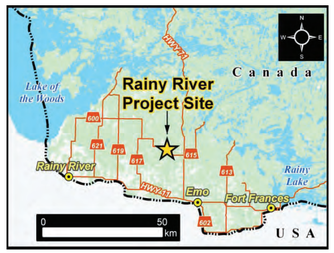
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Scavenger hunt

Hayden Allam dressed up as a ladybug as she participated in Walmart's eighth-annual "Hallowe'en Scavenger Hunt" yesterday evening. Some 240 costume-clad youngsters ventured around the store collecting treats and safety tips in each department. —Heather Latter photo

Unsinkable mayor may be torpedoed

THE CANADIAN PRESS

LAVAL, Que.—Quebec's corruption scandals may have torpedoed the career of a politician who, over a reign of more than two decades, appeared unsinkable.

If so, the province now may have its highest-profile political casualty from all its ongoing scandals.

Gilles Vaillancourt, the mayor of Laval, Que., said he's temporarily stepping aside and will consider what to do next.

The sudden announcement at 6:30 p.m. yesterday came just hours after the latest raids by the province's anti-corruption squad.

Vaillancourt said the move is prompted by doctor's advice—not by search warrants.

"You will understand that in recent weeks, a number of events have created a very painful situation that has affected the mayor's life," said a statement from the municipality, the third-largest in Quebec.

"As a result of this and on the advice of his doctor, the mayor has decided to take a break to rediscover the peace of mind necessary to enter a period of reflection," it noted.

"He will soon be able to share with you the fruits of that reflection."

The 71-year-old mayor has had an iron grip on the city administration since 1989; he faced almost no opposition in an era where the once-sleepy Montreal suburb transformed into one of the fastest-growing communities in the province.

He has a year left in his latest mandate.

The announcement came after yet more police raids.

A spokeswoman for the provincial police anti-corruption unit said the raids had been carried out at different financial institutions.

But she wouldn't confirm reports that the targets were safety-deposit boxes linked to Vaillancourt.

One report by Radio-Canada linked the police raids to enormous amounts of cash—"tens of millions of dollars"—held in overseas accounts.

Police already have raided two of Vaillancourt's residences and his offices at city hall.

Vaillancourt has been hit with allegations of bribery in recent years, but has angrily denied them.

A witness at the current Quebec corruption inquiry has accused him of taking kick-backs in exchange for construction contracts, and different political players have come forward over the years to accuse Vaillancourt of offering them illegal cash payments.

None of those claims have been proven in court, and Vaillancourt has challenged them.

School board reviewing HPV stance

THE CANADIAN PRESS

CALGARY—Calgary's Catholic school district is going to review its policy against allowing students to be vaccinated against the virus that causes cervical and other types of cancers.

Four years ago, the district said "No" to the HPV vaccine—a position that was strongly supported by Calgary Bishop Fred Henry, who opposed the vaccine on moral and religious grounds.

The district's board of trustees now said because of recent medical studies, it will consult with parents about offering the vaccine to Grade 5 girls.

The Calgary Catholic district is the only school board in a major Canadian city that doesn't allow students to receive the HPV vaccination at school.

Earlier this month, researchers published a study in the journal Pediatrics that said the HPV vaccine has not been linked to increased sexual activity in girls.

A group called HPV Calgary said last month it may launch a legal challenge against the school district over its anti-vaccine policy.

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Mulcair labelled as anti-trade extremist

By Joan Bryden
THE CANADIAN PRESS

OTTAWA—Tom Mulcair was labelled an anti-trade, anti-business extremist yesterday for threatening to rip up a controversial investment treaty with China.

But the NDP leader did not back down. Indeed, he ratcheted up the rhetoric against the Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Act, vowing that an NDP government would not be bound to honour a treaty ratified by the Harper government.

"Let me be very clear," Mulcair told the House of Commons. "The Conservatives will not tie the hands of the NDP.

"We will revoke this agreement if it is not in the best interests of Canadians," he pledged.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper said the treaty is the product of almost 20 years of negotiations, designed to give Canadian investors in China the same protection that Chinese investors have in Canada.

He ridiculed Mulcair's threat to abrogate the deal.

"The leader of the NDP is saying he would revoke the hard-earned right of Canadian investors to be protected in a marketplace like China," Harper said.

"That is precisely why Canadian investors, the Canadian business community, and the Canadian public at large does not trust the NDP with economic policy," he added.

"New Democrats support trade," retorted Mulcair. "We just do not support selling out Canada."

Harper countered that the NDP has opposed almost every trade deal Canada has ever struck with any country, including calling the free trade agreement with the United States a "sell-out."

"That kind of extremism on trade is why Canadians will never entrust economic policy to the NDP," he declared.

The sparks have been flying over the investment agreement for several days as opposition parties, bolstered by a grassroots letter-writing and petition campaign by activists, push for fuller debate on the deal, which is to be ratified within days.

Interim Liberal leader Bob Rae joined Mulcair yesterday in demanding more details about the treaty and more time for Parliament to examine it.

Rae maintained the agreement does not guarantee Canadian investors greater access to the Chinese market.

He questioned the secrecy surrounding the deal and why it includes a provision that he said required 15 years' notice for either country to withdraw from it, when most other trade and investment deals contain notice periods of a year or less.

The government's lack of transparency "creates suspicion in the public that there's something to hide," he added.

A spokesman from International Trade minister Ed Fast's office said Rae's comments about a 15-year notice period to end the agreement with China were wrong.

"The agreement is a 15-year agreement, after which one year's notice is required to pull out of the agreement," Adam Taylor said in a statement last night.

"This notice period is standard with Canada's other Investment Promotion and Protection Agreements," he noted.

Meanwhile, despite his questioning of the China investment agreement, Rae also piled on Mulcair for threatening to abrogate the treaty, noting the NDP has opposed every investment and trade treaty "that's ever been signed by Canada."

By contrast, he said Liberals favour more open trade—provided it is reciprocal and fair.

Mulcair said the NDP "has tried every technique" at its disposal to get more transparency and more debate on the treaty, without success.

While the Harper government has every right to ratify the deal, he said an NDP government would be equally entitled to review it and, if necessary, withdraw from it.



Sneak peek

Judy Kielczewski offered a sneak peak at the "What Hooks You Here?" rug-hooking project which will be unveiled this evening at the "Friends of the Museum" fall soirée and fundraiser gala. Tickets for the event—running from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the museum and featuring wine, cheese, hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction—will be available at the door. They cost $35 each.
—Duane Hicks photo





Canadians planning to spend more this holiday season: poll

By LuAnn LaSalle
THE CANADIAN PRESS

MONTREAL—Canadians will spend one to two percent more this holiday season, but an increasing number will check for the best prices online before they head to the mall, a new study suggests.

"We think it's a highly price-competitive Christmas," said Brent Houlden, Canadian retail practice leader at Deloitte, which released its 2012 holiday outlook survey today.

Due to online price checking before going to the mall, shoppers are that much more demanding that "we get the real value up front," Houlden said from Toronto.

The study said 60 percent of those surveyed will use the Internet during their holiday shopping for prices and research, up from 49 percent in 2011.

Pricing loomed large in the holiday trends survey, with 64 percent of participants saying they will choose where they shop based on a store's low prices.

The survey didn't ask participants how much they would spend. Instead, it asked how many gifts they planned to buy.

Those surveyed said they would buy between one and 10 gifts, with the top choices being gift cards, followed by clothing and toys.

Tech gifts ranked sixth on this year's wish list after having been at the top of the list in previous years.

Houlden said gift-buying will be spread among online offers, U.S. retailers operating in Canada, and cross-border shopping, helping keep prices competitive.

"Canadians are always trying to find the best price in Canada and then they go, 'Oh, what would it be in the States?'" he noted.

"So we're doing a double price check all of the time."

But the Deloitte poll found that 67 percent of those surveyed said they didn't plan to do cross-border shopping in the United States this holiday season.

Another 42 percent responded that they would decrease the level of cross-border shopping over time as U.S. retailers open up in Canada. Discount retailer Target will open in Canada in 2013.

"So we hope cross-border shopping is at a peak," Houlden said.

As for buying gifts online, about 55 percent of Canadians surveyed plan to complete some of their shopping online.

The survey found that just 40 percent planned to use their smartphone or tablet to buy online, but 70 percent would use these devices for product research.

Houlden said shoppers now are checking prices in stores with their smartphones making it "tough on the sales associate" to stay current.

Boy hailed as hero

THE CANADIAN PRESS

CHILLIWACK, B.C.—A seven-year-old boy is being hailed as a hero for saving his grandfather with a 9-1-1 call after the man keeled over in a minivan at the side of the road in Chilliwack, B.C.

Evan Raap's voice cracked with emotion as he told the 9-1-1 operator his grandpa was unresponsive in the front seat.

"I'm worried," he said after grabbing his grandfather's cellphone to call for help.

"He's not talking and he's really sweating," Raap said, telling the operator his grandfather was slumped over in the front seat after saying he had to "pull over for one second."

"He just lay down," Raap told the operator.

"I thought he was joking and then I saw something fall out of his mouth," he said, referring to his grandfather's dentures.

During the 13-minute 9-1-1 call released by the RCMP, Raap provided details about a store and train tracks they'd passed before stopping on a gravel road.

The information helped guide a police officer to the scene before an ambulance arrived in the Fraser Valley community east of Vancouver.

Raap told the operator that he and his grandfather, George Epp, 67, were going to the bank and that his grandpa was taking care of him while his dad was at work.

The little boy also became emotional as he said he had to get to a soccer game because he was the goalie.

Brian Raap said yesterday that he was blown away when he listened to his son on the 9-1-1 call.

He said his father-in-law blacked out in severe pain because of a broken back, which is somewhat of a mystery for the whole family because the man has been in good health and recently passed a physical exam.

"It's almost like an osteoporosis kind of thing, which he doesn't have," the elder Raap said.

"Part of his vertebrae just disintegrated.

"The doctors told us that in order for someone to possibly get that, you'd have to jump off a three-storey roof and land on your tail bone," he noted.

Raap said his wife, Melissa, had instructed their son to call 9-1-1 for emergencies.

"They need to know how to use current technology on cellphones," he stressed.

"I've always said get the cellphones away from them, they don't need to use cellphones, but this has proven my thought process wrong."



Skating devil

Marissa Kenny was all smiles in her devil costume Tuesday evening at the Ice For Kids Arena as she and her fellow CanSkaters took part in the Border Skating Club's annual Hallowe'en party.
—Lucas Punkari photo

Silver Cross mom named

THE CANADIAN PRESS

VANCOUVER—A mom from British Columbia will be in Ottawa on Remembrance Day to lay a wreath on behalf every Canadian mother whose child has died while serving in the military.

The Royal Canadian Legion has named Roxanne Marie Priede, of Grand Forks, B.C., as this year's Silver Cross Mother.

Priede will lay the wreath during ceremonies at the National War Memorial on Nov. 11.

She lost her son, Master Cpl. Darrell Jason Priede, in May, 2007 when the Chinook helicopter carrying the 30-year-old crashed in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

He had been in that country for just over one month, serving as a photographer for the Air Force, and was the 56th Canadian soldier to die in the Afghan conflict.

Priede, who will be joined by her husband, John, on the trip to Ottawa, remembers her eldest child as modest, soft-spoken, and kind-hearted.

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Great Canadian Chili Cook-off a celebration of local foods



First Place Winners-Kiwanis Club of Fort Frances, from left, Angie Korzinski, Carla Basaraba, June Caul, Karla Marie Rogozinski and Annelyn Armstrong.

By Marlene Deschamps

One hundred and fifty people headed down to the Royal Canadian Legion on Wednesday, October 24th to sample some of the best chili in the district as it was the date of the annual Great Canadian Chili Cook-off. There were 11 teams who vied for the prize from the judges and the people for their choice. It was a close call for both these awards and only 11 votes stood between numbers one and two.

Along with the chance to sample the eleven different chilis offered, there was the ever popular Cake Roulette Wheel. The tasty treats were provided by all the supporters of the Breakfast Program offered at Robert Moore School. By the time the cakes, pies, cupcakes, brownies and candies were all gone, they raised $394 to help out this very worthwhile program.

Preregistration for Polar Plunge held at Farmer's Market



The Mascot helps out Don (Hoot) Huitikka fill out pledge form.

By Marlene Deschamps

The Fort Frances Voyageur Lion's were out at Farmer's Market on Saturday, October 27th to hold preregistration for their New Year's Day very popular Polar Plunge. For some, like Hoot Huitikka, who will not be in town at the time, but would still like to make a pledge, it was an opportunity to do so. It was also a chance to pick up an information package regarding the plunge.

This year there will be more prizes for individuals who raise over $300, either as a part of a group or alone. Prizes include an I-pod and an I-pod shuffle. Top groups also receive bonus prizes. Every jumper gets a t-shirt. Find out what you can win, either for yourself or your team.

If you didn't make it to the market, you can call Lion Bill Michl at 274-1329 or Lion Larisa Curr at 274-6917.

Mayor Avis helps kick off Poppy Week



Pictured above, the youngest WW11 vet, Roy LeGarrie, Mayor Roy Avis and Legion President Norris Piccinato. In background is picture quilt done by students and donated to Legion.

By Marlene Deschamps

On Friday October 26th, Mayor Avis joined Legion President Norris Piccinato and Roy LeGarrie the youngest WW11 veteran who joined at 18 years of age to kick off Poppy Week in Fort Frances. Roy pinned the symbol of sacrifice on Mayor Avis's jacket and he was the first to give a donation. It was a very generous donation and hopefully will give an incentive to others to be generous to the Poppy Fund. These funds go to help our veterans who both need and deserve everyone's support. There will be volunteers across the district who will be selling poppies, along with the many businesses who will have them available. Wear them proudly.

Hope to see a big crowd at the various cenotaph's throughout our district for their hour of solemn honour to those who were lost and support for those that returned.

Our Lady of Lourdes holds Fall Tea and Bazaar



CWL member, Rose Bird at bake table.

By Marlene Deschamps

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Woman's League held their annual Fall Tea and Bazaar on Sunday, October 28th. The whole church basement was decorated in fall colours and besides having refreshments, sandwiches and dainties, there was a bake table that saw items being bought as soon as they were put out. There were penny table draws, sale items and a 50/50 draw. All proceeds from the event will go to support the many worthwhile programs sponsored by the CWL of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Call to Action Conference weekend approaching

Local members of Call to Action, a Catholic organization seeking justice in church and society, will gather at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, International Falls on the weekend of November 9-11 to participate (via internet/livestream) in the annual conference being held in Louisville, KY this year. Members have travelled to Milwaukee for the past several years, but this year the venue was changed to hopefully allow for more people from the southern states to attend.

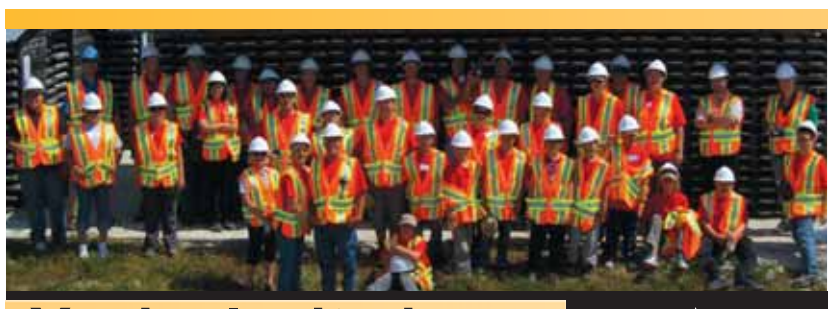
In October 1976 USA Bishops held the first conference in Detroit, Michigan.

1351 lay, religious and clergy, supported by their bishops, voted for an inclusive church open to women and married priests with shared decision-making and greater social justice. Today Call to Action has 25000 national members and 53 local chapters making for many additional members who believe that the Spirit of God is at work in the whole church, not just in its appointed leaders.

Because CTA is a catholic organization, it is open to all who are interested in promoting peace, justice, equality and inclusivity. It is NOT affiliated with any political party.

Further information can be found at www.cta-usa.org.

Anyone interested in participating in the upcoming weekend is welcome to call Gerry and Jackie Guimond at 807-274-5255.



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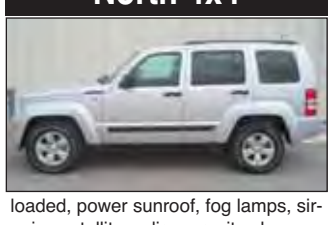
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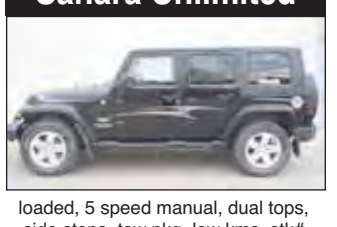
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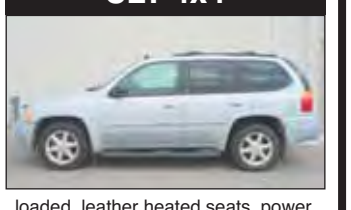
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Three-day Forecast for Thunder Bay



	Today	Thursday	Friday
	Mostly cloudy and breezy	Partly sunny and breezy	Partly sunny
	4°/-4°	4°/-5°	4°/-8°
RealFeel	-2°/-10°	-3°/-11°	1°/-14°

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Almanac

Thunder Bay through 5 p.m. yesterday

Temperature

High/low	5.0°/-2.2°
Normal high/low	6.7°/-3.3°
Record high	22.8° (2008)
Record low	-13.3° (1984)

Precipitation

Precip. through 5 p.m. yest.	0.0 mm
Month to date (normal)	62.0 mm (53.1)
Year to date (normal)	605.0 mm (616.7)

Solunar Tables

According to the Solunar Tables calculated for the area, the best times for hunting and fishing will be in the coming days.

	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Wed.	12:15a	6:27a	12:39p	6:51p
Thu.	1:07a	7:19a	1:31p	7:43p
Fri.	2:00a	8:12a	2:24p	8:36p
Sat.	2:53a	9:05a	3:17p	9:29p

Sun and Moon

The Sun	Rise	Set
Today	8:42 a.m.	6:39 p.m.
Thursday	8:43 a.m.	6:37 p.m.
Friday	8:45 a.m.	6:36 p.m.

The Moon	Rise	Set
Today	7:40 p.m.	10:32 a.m.
Thursday	8:23 p.m.	11:27 a.m.
Friday	9:12 p.m.	12:16 p.m.

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 20	Nov 28

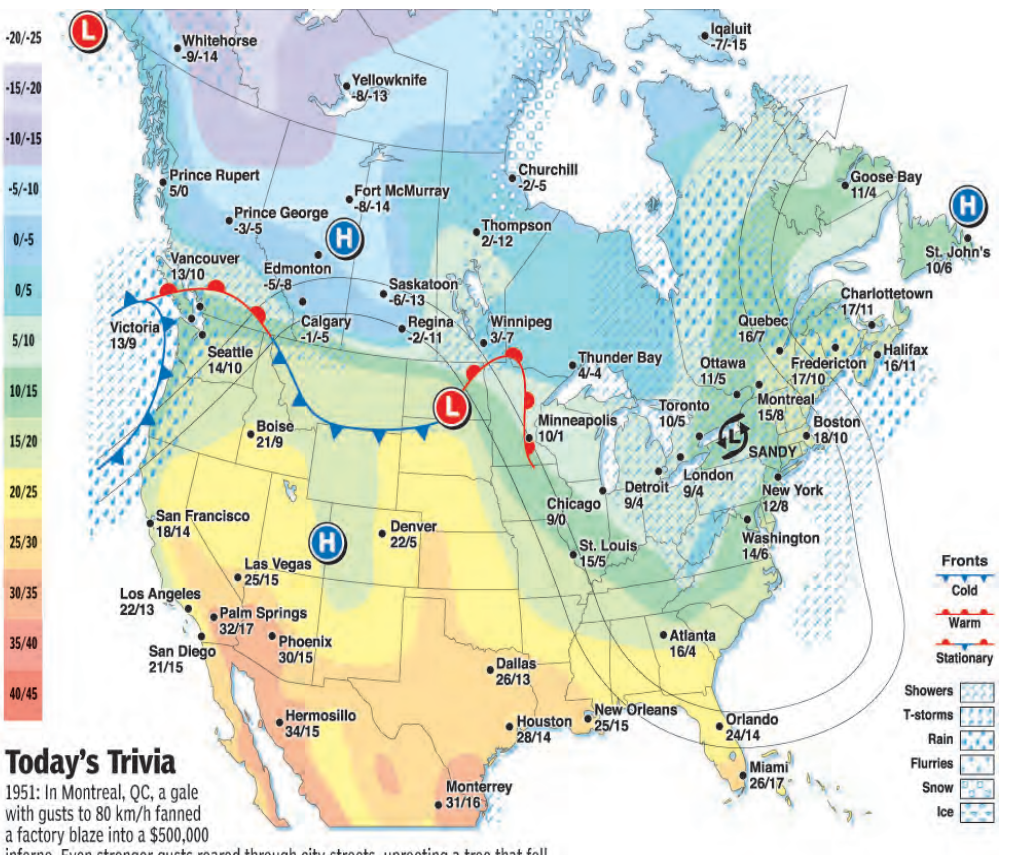
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City Outlook

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Regional		
Atikokan	1/-6/c	4/-9/pc
Dryden	0/-5/c	1/-7/pc
Duluth	7/-2/c	3/-5/pc
Ft. Frances	2/-5/c	4/-8/pc
Geraldton	0/-4/sh	0/-4/sf
Kenora	2/-4/c	1/-7/pc
Nipigon	1/-5/c	1/-6/pc
Red Lake	1/-6/c	0/-8/pc
Sault Ste. Marie	4/3/sh	4/1/c
National		
Calgary	-1/-5/sf	9/-2/sf
Edmonton	-5/-8/s	-1/-12/pc
Halifax	16/11/r	14/9/pc
Montreal	15/8/r	10/4/sh
Ottawa	11/5/r	8/2/sh
St. John's	10/6/c	10/7/c
Saskatoon	-6/-13/c	1/-6/sf
Toronto	10/5/r	8/2/sh
Vancouver	13/10/r	13/9/r
Winnipeg	3/-7/c	4/-6/pc
World		
Beijing	14/1/s	13/3/s
Helsinki	4/0/pc	6/1/pc
London	12/8/r	10/3/pc
Kabul	20/6/s	19/5/sh
Kiev	5/0/pc	9/5/s
Mexico City	24/8/pc	22/8/t
Milan	11/7/r	14/7/pc
Moscow	4/-3/sn	3/-2/c
Mumbai	35/23/pc	34/25/pc
Rome	18/13/r	21/12/sh
Santiago	24/9/s	25/10/s
Tokyo	19/12/pc	20/11/s

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.



Today's Trivia

1951: In Montreal, QC, a gale with gusts to 80 km/h fanned a factory blaze into a $500,000 inferno. Even stronger gusts roared through city streets, uprooting a tree that fell on a small truck, killing the driver. At Queen Mary's Veterans Hospital, a 50-kg concrete block over the main entrance was dislodged by the wind and fell where, seconds before, Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip had stood. Halloween

Courtesy David Phillips, 2012 Canadian Weather Trivia Calendar

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NORTHWEST CALENDAR

TODAY

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31

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THURSDAY, NOV. 1

* Perogies, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at St. Volodymyr's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 1502 Mountdale Ave. (at Frederica). Orders: 577-7174.
* Cabbage rolls, perogies & more today & Friday, Royal Canadian Legion Polish Br. 149, 730 Simpson St., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Orders: 623-0543 or 623-1775.
* Thunder Bay 55 Plus Centre, 700 River St., 684-3066:
— drop in visual arts, 9 a.m.
— crochet & knitting group, 9:30 a.m.
— Silver Sound Choir, 10:45 a.m.
— hot lunch, 11:30 a.m.
— Scrabble, 1 p.m.
— euchre, 1:15 p.m.
— badminton, 2:15 p.m.
— cribbage, 7 p.m.
— dance, 7 p.m.
* Souvlaki takeout dinner, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 651 Beverly St., 4-6:30 p.m. Includes marinated skewer of pork souvlaki on a bed of Mediterranean rice, Greek salad, pita wedges & tzatziki sauce. Also other Mediterranean food items and specials available for sale.
* Nipigon TOPS Club, George O'Neill Public School (front door), every Thursday, 5:30 p.m. for support for weight loss; men & women welcome. Info: Glena, 887-3434; Janet, 887-3438; or glenaa@shaw.ca.
* TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting, 6 p.m., New Hope Church, 589 Beresford St. Info: 344-4497.
* TOPS, West Arthur Community Centre, 1914 W. Arthur St. Weigh in, 6:30 p.m.; meeting, 7 p.m. Info: Mary, 473-4863, or Rose Marie, 577-5924.
* Overeaters Anonymous meeting, Margaret Smith Centre, 7 p.m. Info: 622-5962.
* Women for Sobriety (WFS), a self-help group for women recovering from drug & alcohol addictions, The Balmoral Centre, 667 Sibley Dr., 7 p.m. Info: Mary, 344-1253.
* Ray of Light Al-Anon Family Group meeting, St. Paul's United Church, 239 Waverley St.. Youth Centre entrance (Ladies Parlor door), 8 p.m. Visit www.alanonthunderbay.org.

AHEAD

KITTY KARE — Kitty Kare, a local feline rescue in Thunder Bay, needs your votes in order to build their greatly needed Cat Sanctuary. To vote for Kitty Kare, go to the Aviva Community Fund website at www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas with Kitty Kare's idea number ACF13537 and vote once a day. Just a click of your mouse and you can help build a sanctuary. Info: 623-6487.



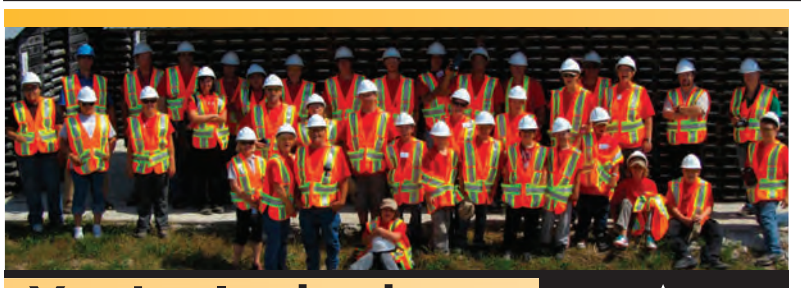
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We will remember

George Kearney, president of Royal Canadian Legion Fort William Branch No. 6, is seated with poppies and a wreath at the branch's May Street S. office. Poppy sales have officially started and Poppy Day is planned for Saturday. Army, Navy and Air cadets will be selling poppies at grocery and liquor stores. Branch 6 has an estimated 40,000 poppies for sale, sales of which will raise $20,000 to $25,000 to assist veterans, poster and literacy contests, the military family resource centre, hospitals and bursaries. Wreaths are sold to be placed at cenotaphs during Remembrance Day ceremonies on Nov. 11. Since 1920, the poppy has been used to commemorate soldiers who have died in war. It was inspired by the First World War poem, In Flanders Fields.

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Tips to manage poor-quality feed

By Gary Sliworsky
Ag rep, Emo

Can cattle survive on poor-quality forage? How bad is too bad?

What problems does feeding low-quality forage present?

When feed is in short supply and that old field of mature grass is baled up, sometimes these questions arise. Here are some considerations from Barry Potter of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs:

Poor-quality forages do not digest very quickly. They take longer to go through the digestive system.

So the first problem posed is that intake is lower than normal when cattle are eating very low-quality forage.

For example, a 600-pound feeder should consume two percent of its body weight, on a dry matter basis. This works out to about 14 pounds of hay, on an as fed basis.

But using percentage of body weight as an indicator does not account for the quality of the forage.

A better thumb rule is that cattle can eat about 0.9 percent of their body weight in Neutral Detergent Fibre. Therefore, a 600-pound stocker actually could eat 5.4 pounds of NDF fibre.

NDF indicates the amount of digestible fibre in the ration. The more fibre, the less intake of feed by an animal.

Looking at two different types of forage will show why this rule works better. If we have an average quality hay with 42 percent NDF, the stocker will consume about 15 pounds of hay (5.4/0.42/0.85 {hay being 15 percent moisture}).

However, if we feed a poor-quality hay of 62 percent NDF, then that same stocker only can eat 10 pounds of hay (5.4/0.62/0.85).

Not knowing the difference in quality of feed, and the intake of the animal, could mean that the stocker starves to death or does very poorly—even though full of feed.

Step one for a farmer should be to test his forages for protein, total digestible nutrients (TDN), acid detergent fibre (ADF), and neutral detergent fibre (NDF), as well as major minerals.

NDF will give an indication of digestible fibre while ADF provides an indication of the energy in the feed. The higher the ADF, the lower the energy.

When you have high-fibre, low-energy feeds, the intake and energy consumption problem is compounded.

Feeding poorer-quality feed will decrease an animal's performance as the animal cannot maintain itself or grow.

Other symptoms may manifest themselves with breeding females (especially heifers) through reduced growth, weak calves born, lower quality colostrum, and a tendency to slow re-breeding.

Since poor feed also tends to have more dust or molds, more of it usually is wasted. Chopping the hay can reduce sorting, reduce feed refusal, and increase digestion of the feed.

Sometimes we are forced to feed very low-quality feed. Make sure you know how much the livestock are eating, and then combine this information with feed analysis to ensure they are meeting nutrient and performance requirements.

Dates to remember

•Nov. 2–Rainy River Federation of Agriculture annual fall dinner meeting, Emo Legion.

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Owls set for NorWOSSA playoffs/ *from page one*

Ignace 49-11, Sioux Lookout 48-10, Red Lake 32-14, Kenora again 58-29, Atikokan 58-29, SL again 64-29, RL again 60-24, Atikokan again 53-19 and Ignace again last Wednesday 45-12.

The next stop for the Srs. is NorWossa Playoffs next Tuesday and Wednesday. If they win there NWOSSAAs are on Nov. 15 and 16. The team is optimistic of their prospects. So much so, that they are holding a fundraiser Saturday in Stratton to raise monies to help offset costs to go to the All Ontarios if they win NWOSSAAs.

"If we do not win, the money will go into our (RRHS) OFSAA account for future teams that make it," said Tolen.

Juniors on fire too!

The Jr. Girls Owls basketball have been slam-dunking their season as well! Other than a little hiccup early in the season when they barely lost to Kenora 27-30, they too have been undefeated. They beat SL 29-9, RL 23-15, Kenora 36-17, Atik. 28-11, SL again 49-20, RL again 38-6 and Atik. 26-7. They are leading the league and have one more game tomorrow (Oct. 31) at home against Pelican Falls. They too will be travelling to NorWOSSAs next week in search of gold medals.

Jr. Coach Rebecca Himanen said she had three returning grade 10 students and three returning grade 9 students as they played for RRHS even though they were still in grade 8. "All players have made strong defensive contributions, keeping a few of the most recent opponents under 10 pts. Offensively, returning players Kendra Moen and Haylee Arpin have led the way with their ball skills, drive and excellent shooting," said Himanen.

Both teams have also another feather in their cap. The Srs. defeated the Fort Frances Muskies team in an exhibition game and the Jrs. won a FF invitational tournament recently. FFHS is a much larger school than RRHS with many more students to draw from than RRHS for sports.

The boys volleyball teams have not had as much success over the season, but their coaches have felt they have done well.

Senior Boys Owls coach Carling Nordin said, "The senior boys have a record of 3-9. Four of the losses were tough, coming down to the final 2 pt. cap in the fifth set against skilled teams." Nordin feels the boys have come a long way from the beginning of the season improving both their communication and focus.

Jr. Coach Jim Chorney said this about his team, "This year has been a very competitive season for the Junior Boys Team having just recently being eliminated from playoff contention. The team has provided onlookers with a nice balance of finesse and power, demonstrating skilled setting, aggressive attack hits and some impressive verticals.

The players have not disappointed in their competitiveness on the court. All of their wins have come in the form of 3-0 victories and their losses have been extremely tight matches, taking both the first place team (Kenora) and the second place team (Sioux Lookout) to the maximum 5 set games.

"All in all, it has been a successful season for the Junior Boys Volleyball team and with a few more fortuitist bounces the team could have easily ended up in the upper echelon of the league," concluded Chorney.

Both boys teams play their last games of the season tomorrow against Pelican Falls. The public is invited to come out and cheer on all the Owls as they try for one more victory on the season.

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Flu/ *from page one*

region. The health unit is no longer distributing or administering the two vaccines, but is confident to go ahead with flu clinics as planned throughout the region.

Donna Stanley, Manager of Infectious Diseases states "we have enough other flu vaccine (Vaxigrip and Fluviral) so that everyone who wants a flu vaccine can get one". She goes on to say "a flu shot is still the best way to protect yourself, your loved ones and your community from influenza - a serious and sometimes fatal disease".

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WEATHER

Three-day Forecast for Thunder Bay



	Today	Thursday	Friday
	Cloudy, rain	Cooler with rain	Clouds and breaks of sun
	14°/8°	9°/-3°	6°/-2°
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Almanac

Thunder Bay through 5 p.m. yesterday

Temperature

High/low	8.9°/7.2°
Normal high/low	8.9°/-1.7°
Record high	24.4° (1963)
Record low	-10.0° (1972)

Precipitation

Precip. through 5 p.m. yest.	Trace
Month to date (normal)	27.7 mm (40.7)
Year to date (normal)	570.7 mm (604.3)

Solunar Tables

According to the Solunar Tables calculated for the area, the best times for hunting and fishing will be in the coming days.

	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Wed.	7:41a	1:29a	8:04p	1:52p
Thu.	8:21a	2:10a	8:43p	2:32p
Fri.	9:00a	2:49a	9:22p	3:11p
Sat.	9:39a	3:28a	10:01p	3:50p

Sun and Moon

The Sun	Rise	Set
Today	8:31 a.m.	6:51 p.m.
Thursday	8:33 a.m.	6:49 p.m.
Friday	8:34 a.m.	6:47 p.m.

The Moon	Rise	Set
Today	4:25 p.m.	3:03 a.m.
Thursday	4:49 p.m.	4:12 a.m.
Friday	5:12 p.m.	5:18 a.m.

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Oct 29	Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 20

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City Outlook

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Regional		
Atikokan	11/1/r	3/-3/r
Dryden	9/-1/r	3/-1/c
Duluth	14/5/r	5/-3/r
Ft. Frances	8/-2/r	2/-4/c
Geraldton	14/5/r	6/-3/r
Kenora	7/-2/c	2/-2/c
Nipigon	13/4/r	5/-2/r
Red Lake	6/-2/c	3/-1/c
Sault Ste. Marie	18/12/r	15/4/r
National		
Calgary	-2/-10/sf	-3/-10/pc
Edmonton	-1/-6/pc	-1/-11/pc
Halifax	10/1/s	10/2/s
Montreal	11/5/pc	14/11/pc
Ottawa	11/6/c	19/12/pc
St. John's	9/4/c	7/6/r
Saskatoon	1/-5/sf	-2/-10/sf
Toronto	17/13/sh	22/14/pc
Vancouver	9/5/sh	9/7/pc
Winnipeg	5/-3/c	2/-4/c
World		
Beijing	22/9/s	21/7/s
Helsinki	7/-2/sh	3/-3/pc
London	16/12/sh	14/6/r
Kabul	22/5/s	22/5/s
Kiev	9/4/sh	10/8/c
Mexico City	26/8/pc	26/8/pc
Milan	20/10/s	20/10/s
Moscow	1/-3/c	4/0/c
Mumbai	34/25/pc	34/25/s
Rome	24/12/s	23/12/s
Santiago	22/9/s	25/10/s
Tokyo	20/14/c	19/14/c

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.



Today's Trivia

1933: Quebec and the Maritimes slowly returned to normal after 48 hours of record snowfall and rain caused several deaths, massive damage, and traffic disruptions. In New Brunswick, the Big Salmon River rose 2 m in 90 minutes, leaving seven loggers dead. Within 15 minutes of wading out to a sandbar in midstream, they were claimed by the swirling water. Tragically, those on shore could not help them.

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NORTHWEST CALENDAR

TODAY

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24

WOMEN WALKERS WALKING CLUB — Recreation 55 invites women to join the Wednesday Women Walkers, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Sports Dome, 141 Northern Ave. Information: 684-2403 or nangus@thunderbay.ca.

SAFE DRIVING FOR SENIORS — The Caregiver Support Committee will present Promoting Safe Driving for Seniors, today, 1-4 p.m., at Thunder Bay 55 Plus Centre, 700 River St. Registration required. Call Kathy at 684-3471.

ENTERTAINMENT & TECHNOLOGY — Jason of Shaw Cable will host a free presentation today on entertainment and technology, 1:30 p.m., at the Herb Carroll 55 Plus Centre, 1100 Lincoln St. All welcome. Information: 625-2316.

BUSINESS AWARDS — Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund will host the 22nd annual NADF business awards today at the Valhalla Inn. Call 623-5397, ext. 41 to reserve your seat or to become a sponsor.

WARD MEETING — A McKellar ward meeting with Coun. Paul Pugh will be held today, 7 p.m., at the Lakehead Labour Centre, 929 Fort William Rd. Everyone is welcome. Information: 625-2412.

ENCOUNTERS IN BIOETHICS — Encounters in Bioethics Centre for Health Care Ethics today, 7:30-9:30 p.m., at St. Joseph's Hospital, Conference Room 3 (basement), 35 N. Algoma St. Topic: Being a good person or following rules — what counts more in health professions? Everyone welcome. Free admission and parking behind 68 N. Algoma St.

TOMORROW

THURSDAY, OCT. 25

* Beginning with Books, Waverley Library, 10:30 a.m., for children & caregiver. Info: 684-6816.
* Wit Knits, Mary J.L. Black Library, 1:30 p.m. A group that gets together to knit (or crochet).
* Ancestry LE, Brodie Library, 7 p.m. You must know how to use a computer & Internet browser. Info: 684-6815.
* Rewire, Don't Retire, Mary J.L. Black Library, 7 p.m. Info: 684-2403/624-4206 or www.tbpl.ca.
* Perogies, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at St. Volodymyr's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 1502 Mountdale Ave. (at Frederica). Orders: 577-7174.
* Cabbage rolls, perogies & more today & Friday, Royal Canadian Legion Polish Br. 149, 730 Simpson St., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Orders: 623-0543 or 623-1775.
* Thunder Bay 55 Plus Centre, 700 River St., 684-3066:
— drop-in visual arts, 9 a.m.
— crochet & knitting, 9:30 a.m.
— Silver Sound Choir, 10:45 a.m.
— hot lunch, 11:30 a.m.
— Scrabble, 1 p.m.
— euchre, 1:15 p.m.
— badminton, 2:15 p.m.
— cribbage, dance, 7 p.m.
* Lake Superior Coin Club, Kinsman Club Building, 609 N. James St., 7:30 p.m. Info: 577-5416.
* Women for Sobriety (WFS), The Balmoral Centre, 667 Sibley Dr., 7 p.m. Info: Mary, 344-1253.
* Ray of Light Al-Anon Family Group, St. Paul's United Church, 239 Waverley St., 8 p.m. Visit www.alanon-thunderbay.org.

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Fantasy sports is serious business



The view from the nosebleeds

Lucas Punkari

As someone who self-admittedly is obsessed with sports, there's one thing I haven't been able to get into despite numerous attempts.

And that is the world of fantasy sports.

Every year, whether it be hockey, baseball, or even soccer, I get invited to a league and draft my team like everyone else. But I tend to forget about it soon afterwards.

In fact, I was in a fantasy baseball league this year that I completely forgot about after the second week of the season—only to find out from my younger brother two weeks ago that I actually won the entire thing.

At that point, I elected to pull a John Elway and promptly announced my retirement from fantasy sports.

Although my interest isn't that great, it's hard not to see the amount of attention that is given to fantasy sports, especially when it comes to pro football.

The NFL already is the 900-pound gorilla when it comes to fans in North America, and fantasy football easily has become the biggest way fans can match wits against one another on a regular basis.

"I think it's because there is so few games in a season," explained Bryce Coyle, who teaches at Fort High and runs a 12-team league here. "When it comes to baseball and hockey, it's such a long season that it's hard to follow sometimes.

"But with the NFL, it's more or less just one day a week, so you look forward to it all week long and you have a chance to fix your roster and trash talk your buddies," he added.

While Coyle has been playing fantasy football since he attended Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, fellow co-workers Shane Beckett and Shane Bliss only got into the fray a few years ago—and got hooked immediately.

"Bryce's league has the same number of guys every year, so I was able to get a slot five years ago, and then I grabbed Bliss and brought him along," Beckett recalled.

"And from that point on, we were pretty much hooked into it," Bliss noted.

At first, the local league was your standard one where players were drafted. But it has since become an auction league, where players are bid on during the course of draft day for a 17-player team, without going over a "salary cap" of $200.

"I had heard about the format while reading online, and there are actually leagues in Las Vegas where people put in $10,000 just to participate," Coyle said.

"Obviously, we don't do anything like that here, but I thought that the idea was interesting and it would be kind of cool to try out," he added.

"We were all nervous heading in when we first looked at and we wondered why we were doing it this way," Beckett admitted.

"But the more that I read on it, I discovered a lot of people were saying that once you do an auction league that you never go back to a regular draft league, and that's what happened."

While the usual suspects, such as Arian Foster or Aaron Rodgers, tend to go for about $55-$60 on draft day, there have been a few occasions during the drafts that someone makes a pick that leaves everyone shaking their heads.

"I remember that in our very first auction draft, the first name that someone suggested was [then Buffalo Bills' quarterback] Trent Edwards," Coyle recalled.

"Everyone was expecting a big name to be the first person suggested, so we are all going 'What?' when Edwards' name up right away.

"And then the person who suggested him bid $14 to have him on their team, which was pretty crazy when you think about it now," he added.

Although the auction format might seem a bit out there, it's being used by a number of different leagues, with cash or bragging rights up for grabs at season's end.

However, the majority of information online is for regular fantasy football leagues, which led Beckett to come up with a Fantasy Football Auctioneer podcast during the summer.

"I actually told the guys jokingly last year that we should do something like this, but I had actually been listening to other podcasts to get a few tips for my own team," he explained.

"I had noticed, though, that those podcasts were just mentioning the auction leagues in passing, so I felt that we could just do it for fun and maybe grow into that niche," Beckett added.

While Coyle, Beckett, and Bliss originally intended the podcast to be a fun activity, the feedback they've received so far has been quite surprising.

"I think at one point we had one of the top-five amateur podcasts in the sports and recreation category on iTunes," Coyle noted.

"Around the draft weekend for most leagues, we were getting anywhere from 200-450 downloads a day, and we couldn't believe it as it's just three guys messing around," Beckett added.

"But the moment it became real for me was when I started getting questions from guys I haven't met before on Twitter, and they were asking me questions about who they should draft while they were doing their drafts," he stressed.

While to the outside observer, the concept of fantasy sports may seem a bit crazy, the amount of fun it brings is the main thing that keeps everyone coming back for more.

"You don't have to spend every waking hour researching it, but I think that this takes your enjoyment of the game to a whole other level," Bliss reasoned.



Boxers visit

Canadian boxers Kent Brown, left, and Mary Spencer, who competed in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, posed with Darcy Whitecrow on Saturday as the pair stopped by Seine River First Nation as part of the Aboriginal Role Model Program, sponsored by the band and Motivate Canada, an organization that specializes in improving the lives of young people. Whitecrow helped initiate the event, which saw both boxers organize games with the youths there to promote positive lifestyles and setting goals.

—Heather Latter photo

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APPENDIX C

POSTER BOARDS – MAY 30 AND 31, 2012 OPEN HOUSES

Open House

- **May 30, 2012** from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
  Legion Hall, 319 Fourth Street
  Rainy River, Ontario

- **May 31, 2012** from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
  Barwick Recreation Centre, 140 Main Street
  Township of Chapple, Ontario

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Welcome!

Thank-you for attending our Open House

We are here to share new information about:
the Rainy River Gold Project and
the mine environmental assessments

Your feedback is important to the success of this Project

Please ask any members of our team questions and
complete one of our comment forms

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About Rainy River Resources

- Rainy River Resources Ltd. is advancing its flagship asset, the Rainy River Gold Project (RRGP) toward development
- Offices in Toronto, Thunder Bay and Emo, Ontario
- Publically traded company on the Toronto Stock Exchange
- Exploration began in the area in 1967 by previous owners
- In June 2005, Rainy River Resources Ltd. acquired a 100% interest in the project
- Rainy River Resources is committed to sustainable development of the Rainy River region
- Visit us at www.rainyriverresources.com

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Rainy River Gold Project

- Proposed open pit and underground gold mine
- Produce 329,000 oz of gold and 497,000 oz of silver per year starting in 2016
- Approximately 15 year mine life; 20 months of construction
- Located in theTownship of Chapple, 65 km northwest of Fort Frances, Ontario
- Processing facilities and infrastructure to be located at the mine site





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Rainy River Gold Project

- Requires re-routing a section of Highway 600
- Requires connection to the provincial electrical grid (a 230 kV transmission line)
- Will contribute significantly to the local and regional economies
- Will provide 600 job opportunities (construction and peak production)
- Requires environmental approvals from the province and federal government
- Consultation initiated by Rainy River Resources Ltd. in 2010





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Mining Matters Youth Camp



MOU Signing with First Nations



Mining Matters Youth Camp



Elder Tour



Ray Threlkeld, President and CEO, at Community Meeting



Elder Tour



Vegetation Sampling



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Bird Monitoring





Community Meeting - Emo



Fish Assessment

WE PLAN TO MINE GOLD

LOTS OF IT!

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Check out the RAINY RIVER GOLD PROJECT highlights below:

329,000 oz/yr gold	**497,000** oz/yr silver	**13+** year mine life	**$417** US/oz average cash cost first 4	**$553** US/oz average annual cash cost

Reference: Nov 2011 Preliminary Economic Assessment

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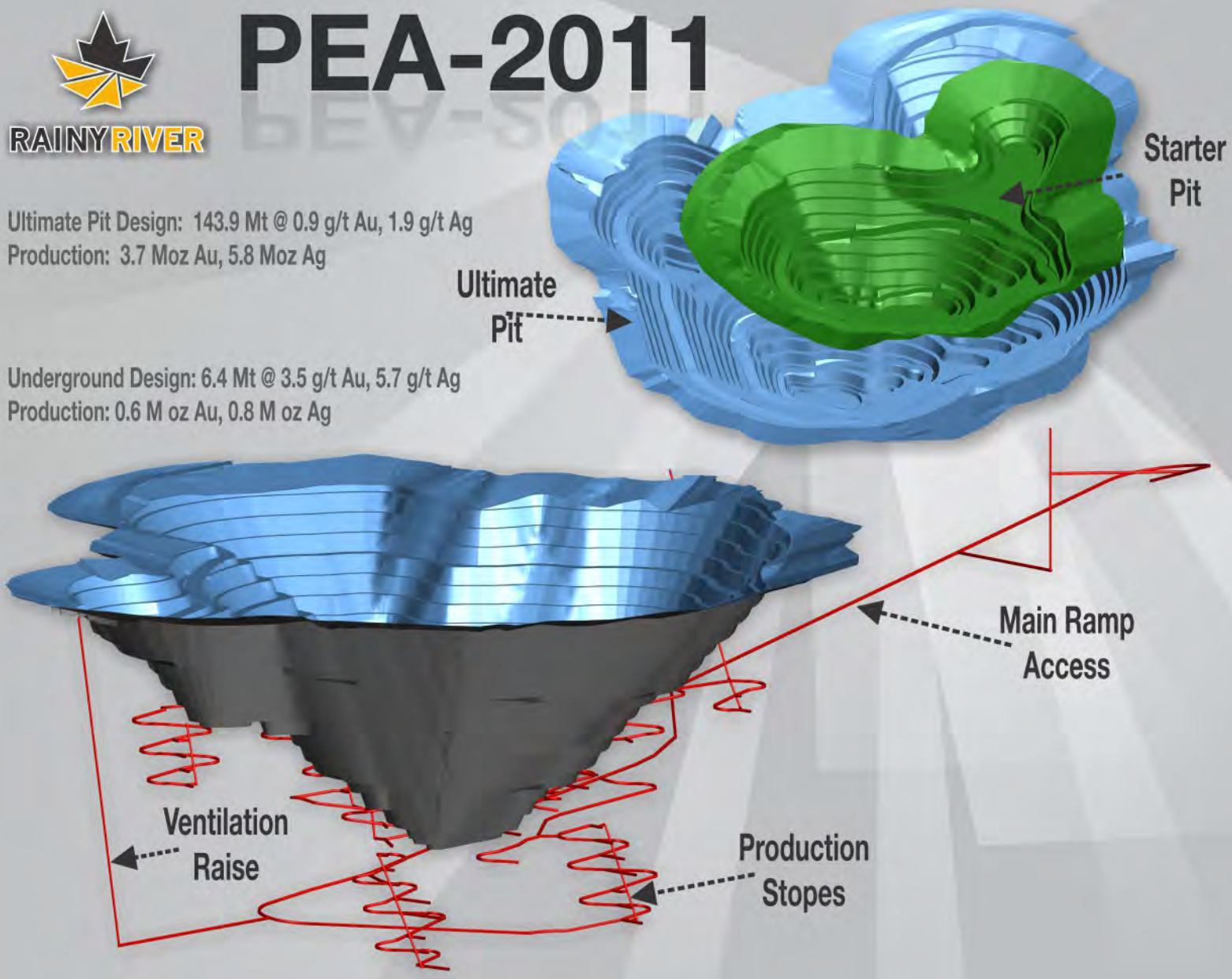


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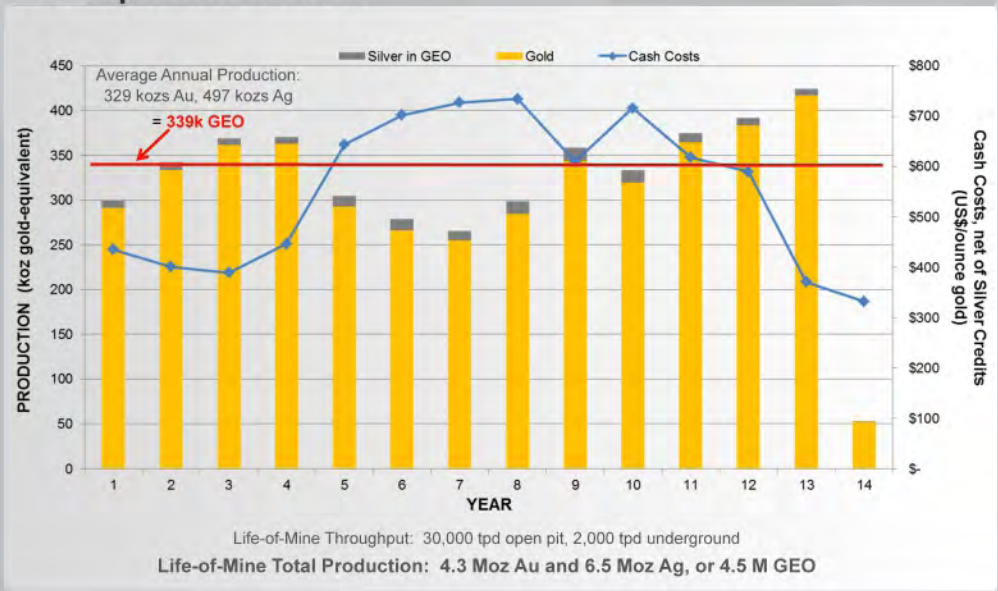
Ultimate Pit Design: 143.9 Mt @ 0.9 g/t Au, 1.9 g/t Ag
Production: 3.7 Moz Au, 5.8 Moz Ag

Underground Design: 6.4 Mt @ 3.5 g/t Au, 5.7 g/t Ag
Production: 0.6 M oz Au, 0.8 M oz Ag



Combined Open Pit & Underground Production

Gold-Equivalent Ounces

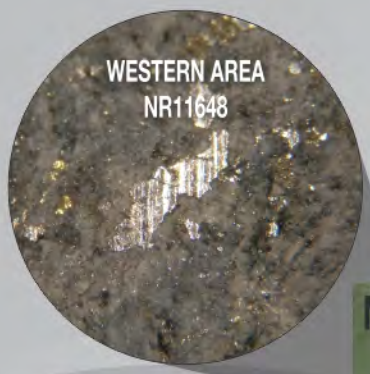


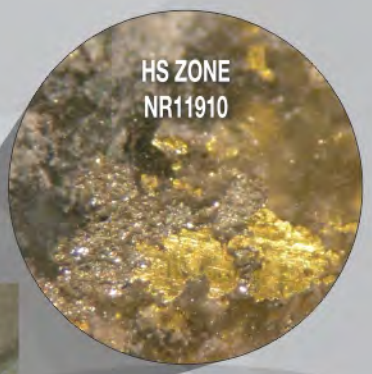
Life-of-Mine Throughput: 30,000 tpd open pit, 2,000 tpd underground

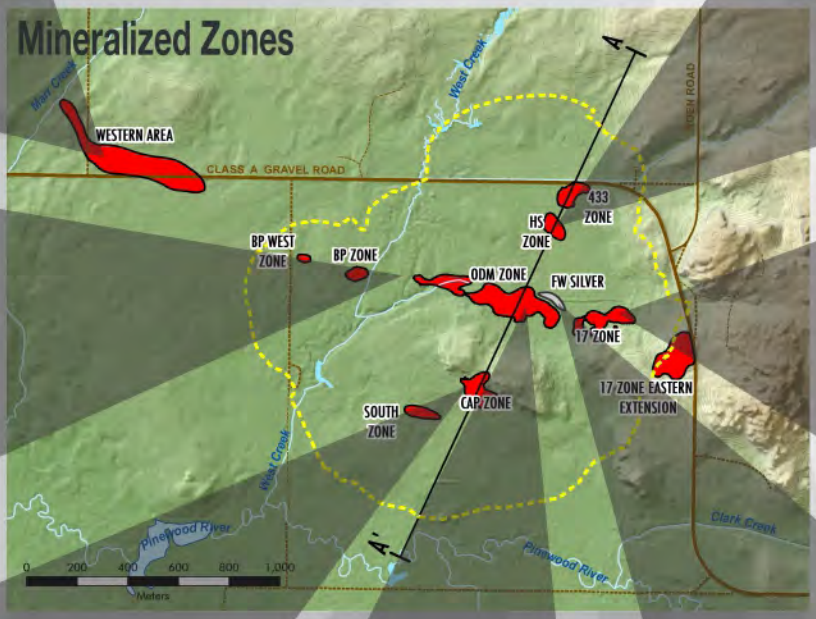
Life-of-Mine Total Production: 4.3 Moz Au and 6.5 Moz Ag, or 4.5 M GEO

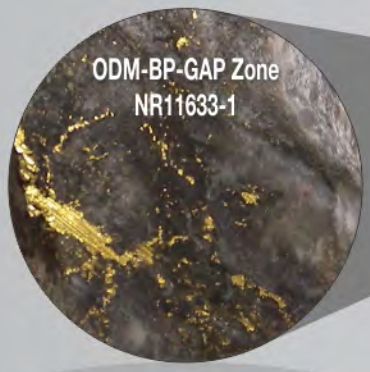
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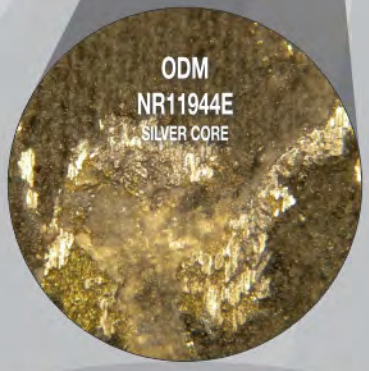






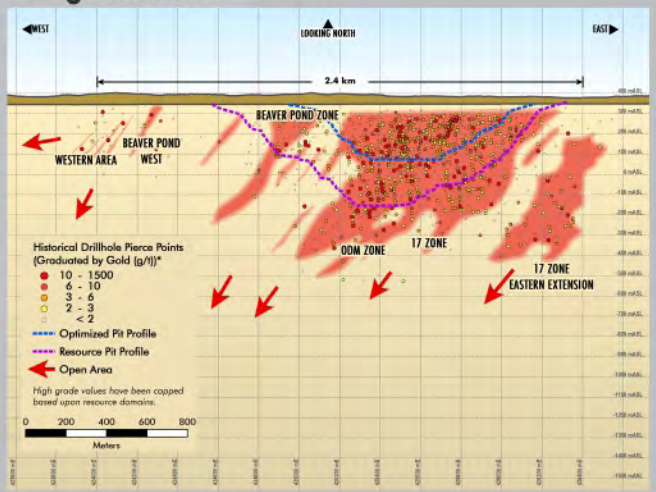




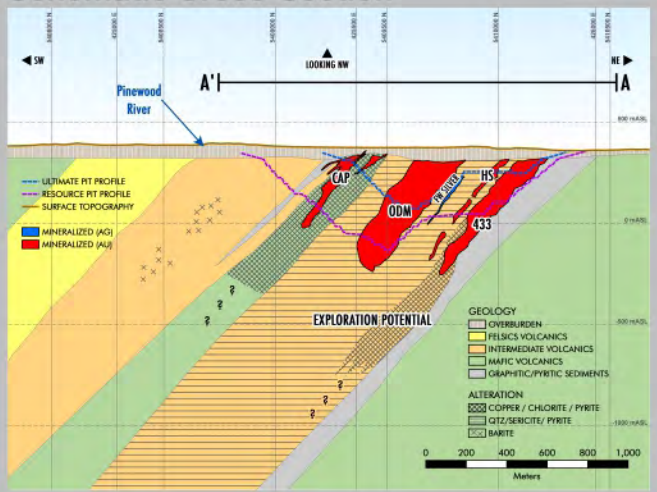




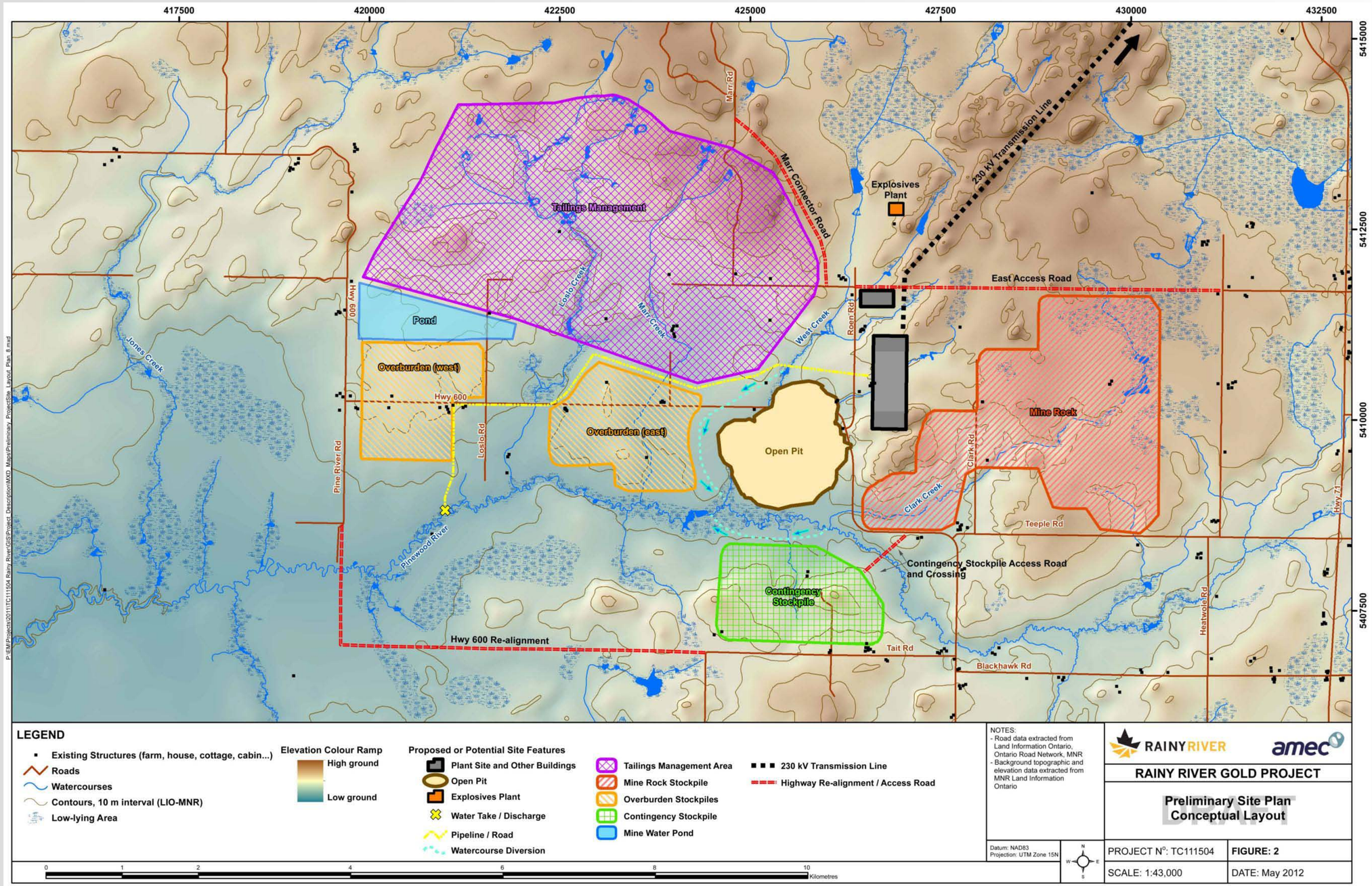
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Schematic Cross-Section

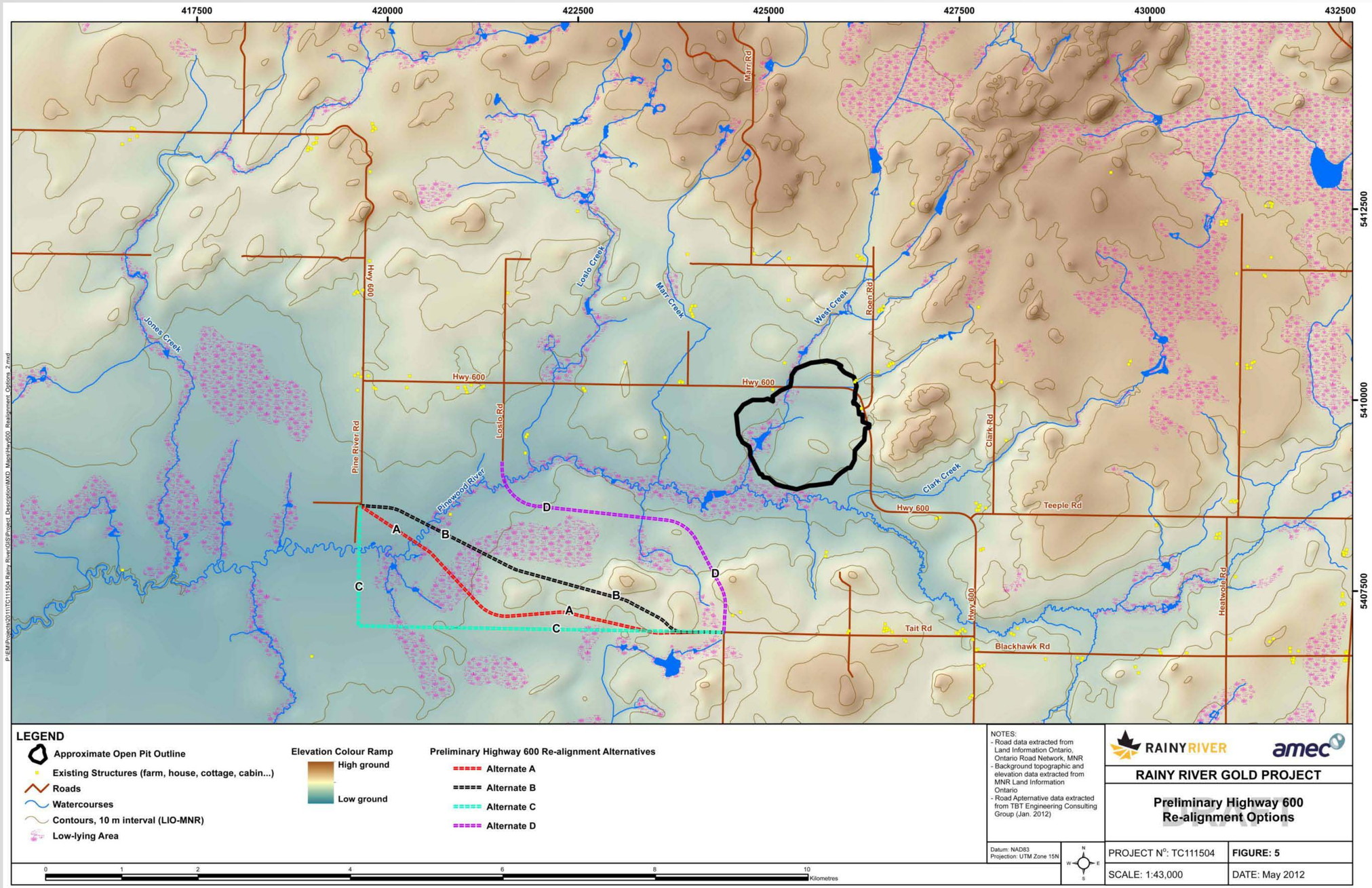


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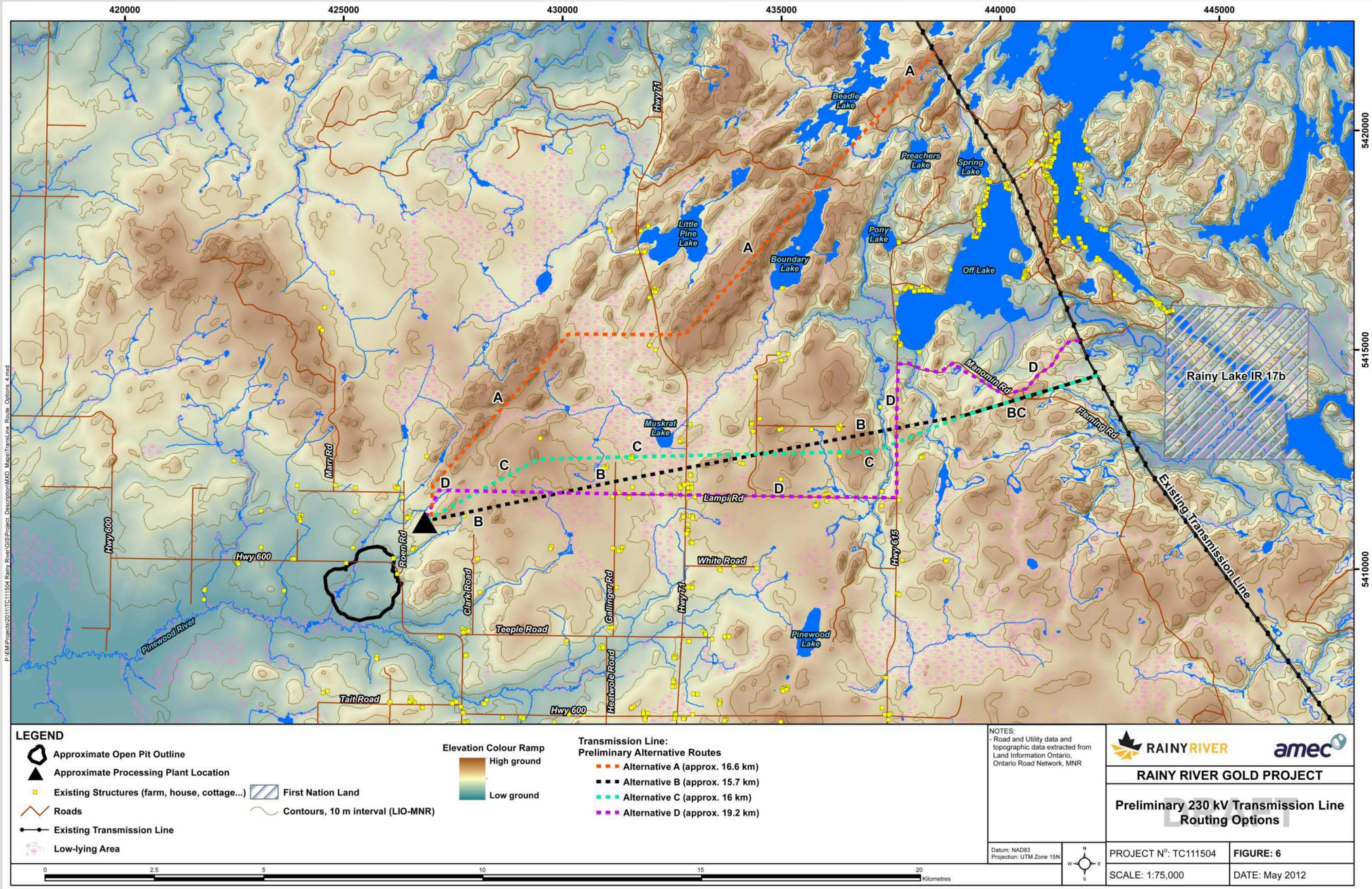
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Highway 600 Re-routing Alternatives



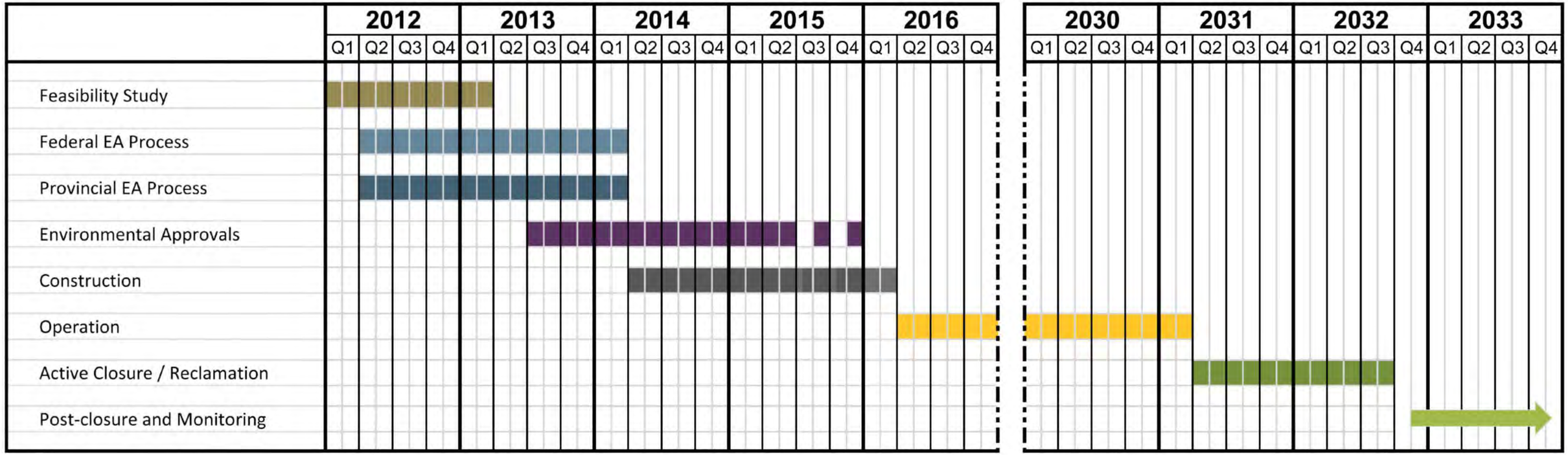
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Potential Transmission Line Route Alternatives



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Preliminary Project Schedule



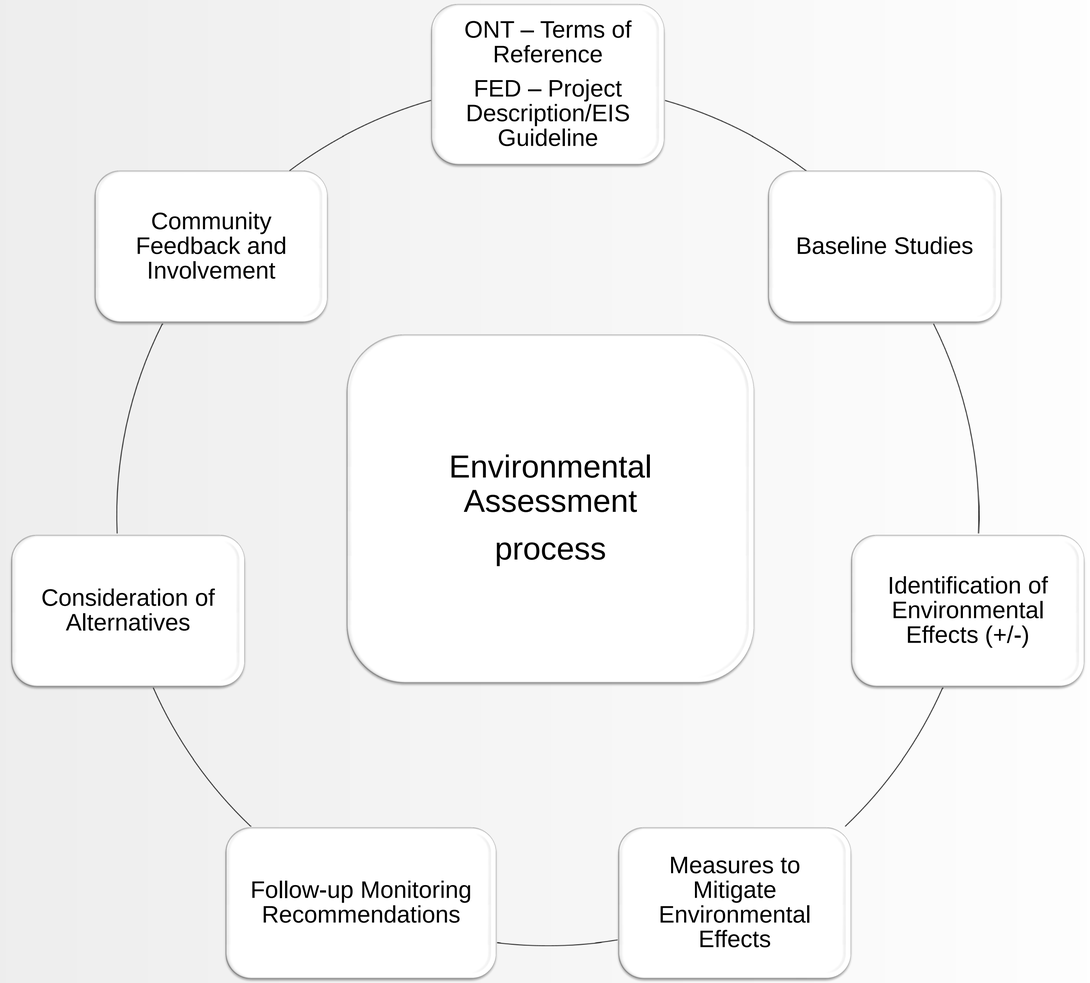
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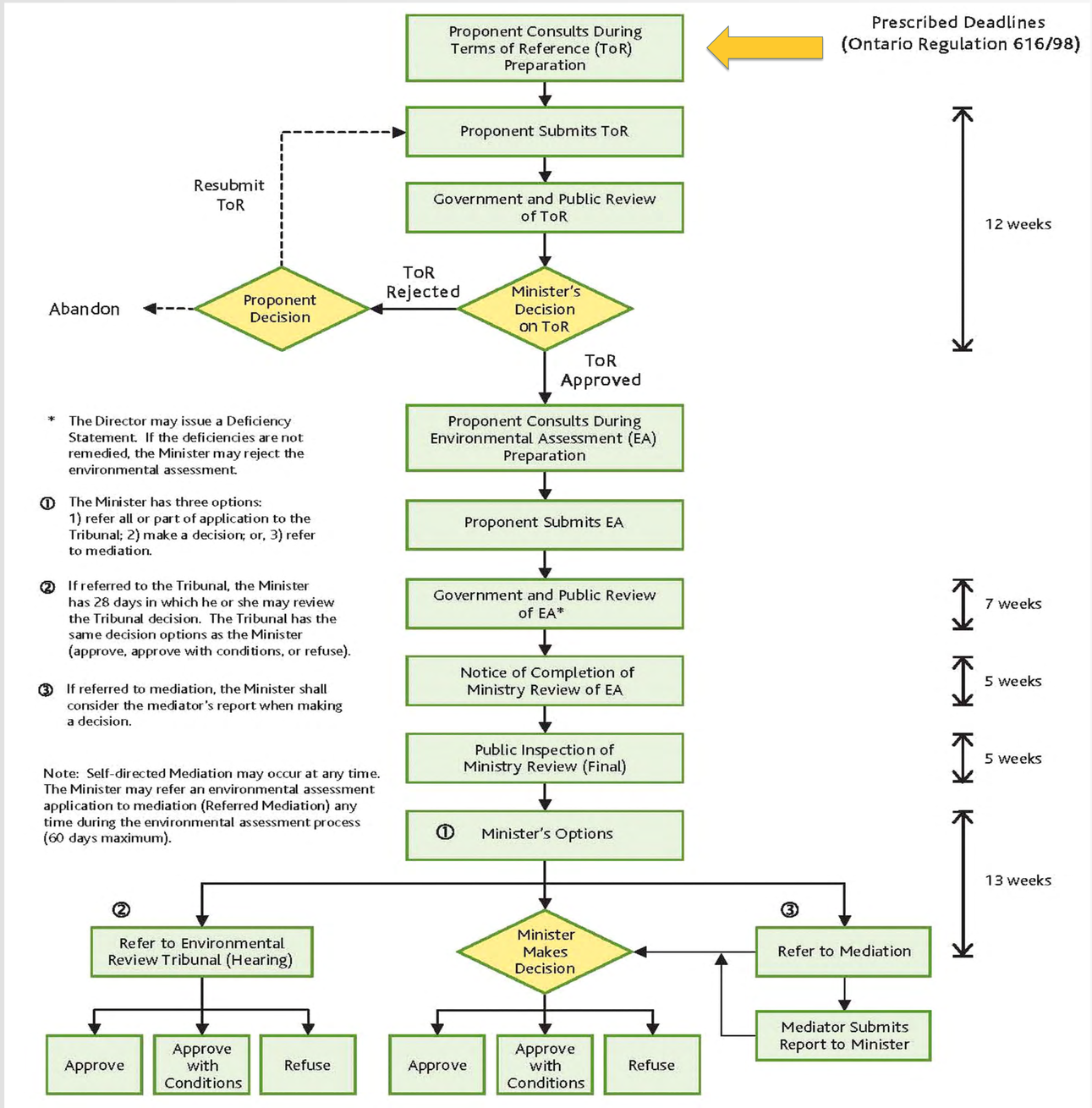
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    [This may change with the impending new legislation]



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Provincial EA Process



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Draft ToR Available for Review

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Terms of Reference

- A Terms of Reference (ToR) guides what is addressed in the Provincial EA

- The ToR includes:
  - What type of environmental assessments are required
  - A description and rationale for the Project
  - A description of the current environmental conditions
  - A description of potential Project effects
  - Commitments and monitoring
  - A consultation plan and description of consultation completed to date
  - Other approvals needed for the project

- Consultation on the ToR:
  - The draft ToR is provided to a wide range of stakeholders and local Aboriginal people for review
  - Review comments are used to prepare a proposed ToR submitted to the Ministry of the Environment and the public (a second time) for review (in July 2012)
  - There will be an opportunity for public input on the proposed ToR
  - Based on these comments, the Ministry makes a decision regarding approval of the ToR
  - If the ToR is approved, it is used to guide the preparation of the EA

Rainy River Resources seeks your input on the draft ToR by June 16, 2012

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Baseline Studies

- Baseline studies are completed prior to the beginning of a project to understand the current conditions of the surrounding environment

- The proposed Project activities are compared to the baseline conditions to determine the changes or effects that may occur from the Project

- Baseline studies completed or underway include:
  - Plants, animals and birds, including species at risk
  - Noise
  - Water and Aquatic resources
  - Aboriginal traditional land uses
  - Social and economic
  - Archaeology







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Have Your Say!

- Comments, questions, concerns…if you have them, we want to hear them
- Fill out one of our comment forms and provide it to one of our team members
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APPENDIX D

HANDOUTS – MAY 30 AND 31, 2012 OPEN HOUSES

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Defining Canada's Newest Gold District

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Rainy River Resources Ltd. is advancing its flagship asset, the Rainy River Gold Project (RRGP) toward development. The project is located near Fort Frances in north-west Ontario, with accessible power, rail and roads. In June 2005, Rainy River Resources Ltd. acquired a 100% interest in the project from Nuinsco Resources Limited. Today, the Rainy River Gold Project is defining an emerging Canadian Gold District.



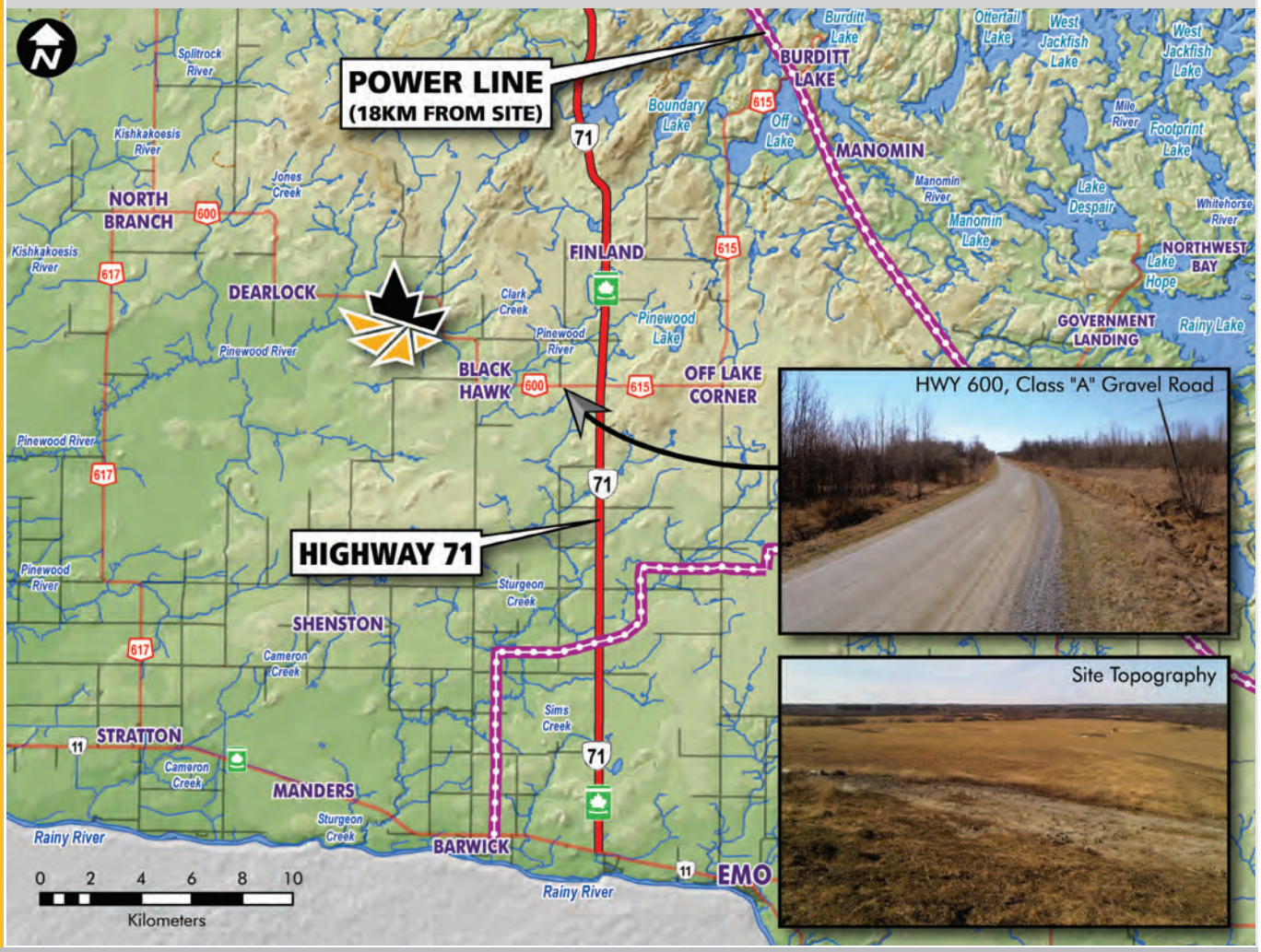
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Environmental Assessment Process

What is an Environmental Assessment (EA)?

The Rainy River Gold Project (RRGP or "the Project") must meet stringent federal and provincial environmental assessment (EA) requirements before it can be constructed and operated.

The EA is a government-driven planning and decision-making process to evaluate a project by first predicting and followed by reducing or eliminating potential negative environmental effects before the project proceeds. An EA includes:

- A description of the proposed project,
- A description of the existing environmental conditions (baseline studies),
- Plans to involve and seek feedback from Aboriginal, community, neighbor, and other interested stakeholders,
- Consideration of project alternatives, including an evaluation of their advantages and disadvantages,
- Identification of possible environmental effects (positive or negative),
- Proposed measures to mitigate and manage identified environmental effects, and
- Recommendations for follow-up monitoring.

The EA process ensures that:

- Opportunities are provided for municipalities, neighbors, Aboriginal communities, and other interested partners and stakeholders to participate in the environmental assessment,
- Environmental factors are included in project planning and decision-making,
- Potential effects of the project are identified early, and
- Measures are identified to avoid, manage, or mitigate effects on the environment.



Fish assessment
Biologist conducting fish assessment as part of 2011 baseline study work.

DID YOU *Know?*

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At its peak last year, there were 13 drills operating at the site, making it one of the most active gold exploration projects in Canada.

Requirements to complete the EA include:

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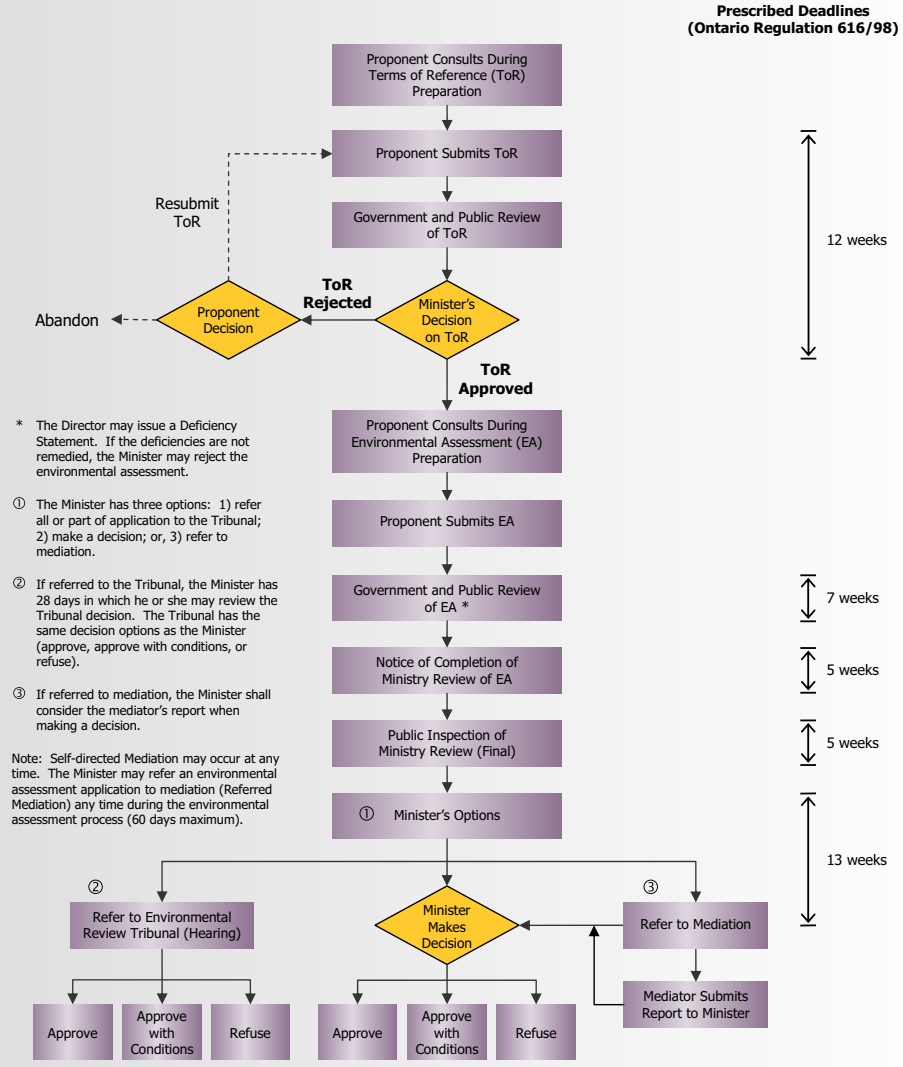
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Steps in the Environmental Assessment Process



Adapted from: Ontario Ministry of Environment "Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario"

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RAINY RIVER GOLD PROJECT

The Rainy River Gold Project is an advanced stage gold exploration project situated near Blackhawk in Chapple Township, approximately sixty-five kilometres northwest of Fort Frances in northwestern Ontario (see below). In June 2005, Rainy River Resources Ltd. (Rainy River Resources) acquired a 100% interest in the project from Nuinsco Resources Limited. Rainy River Resources is pursuing environmental approvals for the development of an open pit and underground gold mine on the property.

The Rainy River Gold Project is located in Chapple Township, 65 km northeast of Fort Frances in northwestern Ontario.





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Preliminary Project Outline:

Rainy River Resources proposes to construct, operate and eventually close a new open pit and underground gold mine on the property. The preliminary site layout proposes to place the required mine related facilities in close proximity to the open pit, to the extent practicable, on privately held lands to which Rainy River Resources has access, or expects to have access. The major proposed Project components are expected to include:

- Open pit and underground mine;
- Ore processing plant;
- Overburden and rock stockpiles;
- Tailings management area;
- Support buildings (garage, warehouse, administration building and potentially accommodations complex);
- Infrastructure (including: access roads, pipelines, power infrastructure and transmission lines, fuel storage, explosives manufacturing and explosives storage); and
- Water and waste management facilities (water management facilities and drainage works; domestic and industrial waste handling facilities).

The terrain in the general vicinity of the Project site area transitions from upland, bedrock controlled lake areas to the northeast, to lower-lying, gently undulating terrain to the southwest. The area occurs within the western portion of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Forest Region, but is near to the Boreal Forest and Prairie Regions, and therefore exhibits some transitional characteristics. Land uses in the area mainly reflect local agricultural and forestry practices; and recreation uses further to the northeast.





Proponent: **Rainy River Resources Ltd.**

Rainy River is a Canadian precious metals exploration company whose key asset is the Rainy River Gold Project. Rainy River Resources is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange main board under the symbol "RR". The company graduated to the main board on September 28, 2011 from the TSX Venture Exchange, where it had been listed since June 15, 2005.

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Positive drilling results for 2012

Rainy River Resources issued a resource update in February which saw a significant increase in gold and silver resources. The update increased the measured, indicated and inferred mineral resources to 0.9, 4.7 and 2.2 million ounces of gold, respectively, as well as 1.5, 10.4 and 6.7 million ounces of silver, respectively. The update also identified a new silver zone, which hosts an additional 650 thousand ounces of silver in the indicated category.

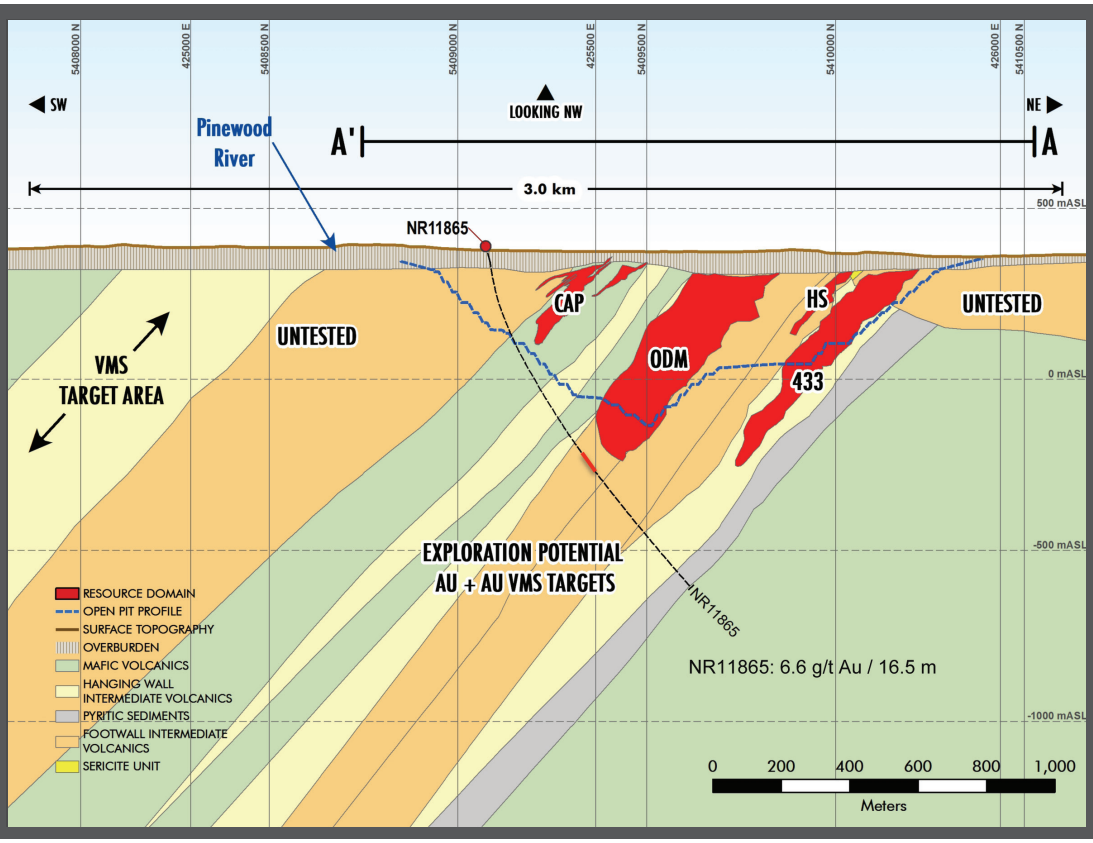
With such positive results, the Rainy River Gold Project is preparing to enter the feasibility study phase, where the business case for the project is designed in more detail. Rainy River has engaged many of the country's leading engineering firms to complete the study in the first half of 2013.

Rainy River is continuing an aggressive exploration program at the Blackhawk site, with 12 drills currently turning. The primary focus of the drill campaign is to test the depth potential of the deposit, as well as complete infill drilling within the deposit. As the project progresses, condemnation drilling in areas where mine facilities are contemplated continues as well, to make sure that planned locations for buildings and mine facilities do not include potential ore deposits. Project engineering is also ongoing at this stage, with studies underway to determine optimal designs for mineral processing, mining, equipment selection, geotechnical parameters and infrastructure.

With our strong cash balance and continued excellent drill results, Rainy River is well-positioned to advance the Rainy River Gold Project, initiating the Mine Environmental Assessment, and subsequent approvals process later this year.

DEPOSIT CROSS-SECTION

The Schematic cross-section of the deposit highlights how the zones are individual lenses, with each open at depth. Untested areas lie to the NE and SW, while the Volcanogenic Massive Sulphide target area lies still further to the SW.



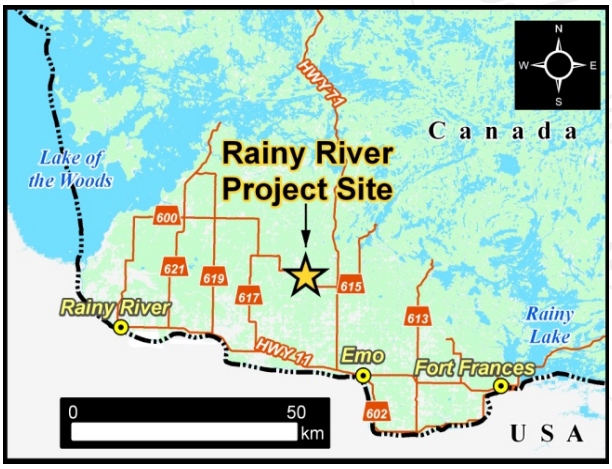
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Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Notice of Public Open House

Rainy River Gold Project

Rainy River Resources Ltd. has initiated a study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the development and operation of the **Rainy River Gold Project**. The Rainy River Gold Project is a proposed open pit and underground gold mine with related processing facilities and infrastructure, to be developed within the Township of Chapple, approximately 65 kilometres northwest of Fort Frances, Ontario. It requires the re-routing of a section of Highway 600 and connection to the provincial electrical grid.

The Project is anticipated to be a significant contributor to the local as well as regional economies and provide additional employment opportunities. Consultation on the Rainy River Gold Project was initiated by Rainy River Resources Ltd. in 2010.



The Process:

Rainy River Resources Ltd. has entered into a Voluntary Agreement with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to subject the Rainy River Gold Project to the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step in the process is the preparation of a Terms of Reference that will guide the environmental assessment process. A draft Terms of Reference has been prepared and is being issued by Rainy River Resources for public comment. It sets out the framework and work plan for addressing the *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements when preparing the environmental assessment, including such things as the alternatives that will be considered and the proposed public consultation activities.

A final proposed Terms of Reference will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment and will be issued for a formal comment period coordinated by the Ministry. This document will consider comments received on the draft Terms of Reference. If approved by the Minister, the proposed Terms of Reference will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the environmental assessment.

This Provincial Environmental Assessment process is one of two environmental assessment processes anticipated to be required for approval of the Rainy River Gold Project. A Federal environmental assessment is also expected to be needed pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. Rainy River Resources Ltd. is working with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency to develop a coordinated environmental process, including coordinated public consultation opportunities wherever possible in order to reduce duplication of effort.

Consultation:

Members of the public, agencies and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process by attending consultation opportunities or contacting Rainy River Resources Ltd. directly with comments or questions. Consultation opportunities will occur throughout the planning process, including this opportunity to provide comments on the draft Terms of Reference. All consultation events will be advertised in local newspapers, posted within local aboriginal community offices and published on Rainy River's website: www.rainyriverresources.com.

Beginning May 17, 2012, the draft Terms of Reference will be available for download at: www.rainyriverresources.com. You may inspect the draft Terms of Reference and Record of Consultation during normal business hours at the following locations:

Emo
Rainy River Resources Ltd.
5967 Highway 11/71
Emo, ON P0W 1E0
T. 807-482-2501

Fort Frances
Fort Frances Public Library
601 Reid Avenue
Fort Frances, ON P9A 0A2
T. 807-274-9879

Rainy River
Rainy River Library
202 4th Street
Rainy River, ON P0W 1L0
T. 807-852-3375

Thunder Bay
Brodie Resource Library
216 South Brodie Street
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 1C2
T: 807-345-8275

Toronto
Rainy River Resources Ltd.
1 Richmond Street West
Suite 701
Toronto, ON M5H 3W4
T. 416-645-7280

Toronto
Ministry of the Environment
Environmental Approvals Branch
2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A
Toronto, ON M4V 1L5
T. 416-314-8001/1-800-461-6290

Additionally, the draft Terms of Reference will also be available at local aboriginal community offices.

Public Open Houses:

Members of the public, agencies and other interested persons are encouraged to attend one of the two currently scheduled open houses to learn more about the project, process and discuss the Terms of Reference. Rainy River Resources will be conducting open houses on:

Wednesday, May 30, 2012
3 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Legion Hall
319 Fourth Street
Town of Rainy River

Thursday, May 31, 2012
3 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Barwick Recreation Centre
140 Main Street
Township of Chapple

Your written comments about the draft Terms of Reference are requested by June 16, 2012. All comments and questions about the Project and draft Terms of Reference should be directed to:

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Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.

Rainy River sponsors OPP camp

Rainy River Resources is pleased to be a sponsor of the 2012 Ontario Provincial Police North West Region Summer Camp is held annually here in the region. Entering its sixth year, the camp has grown to include forty youth, chosen based on their life experience, at-risk issues, developmental issues and mentoring opportunities.

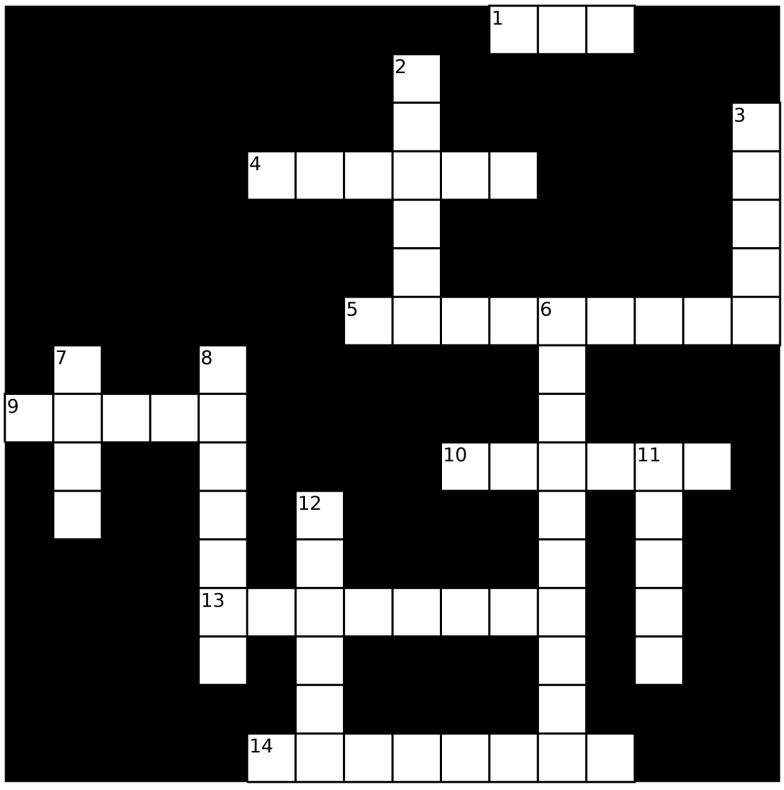
Those that have attended the camp have experienced a variety of situations in their lives that most adults have not faced, whether it be the loss of a loved one or another experience that has negatively impacted their lives, including families suffering from substance abuse. These youth have had mostly negative experiences with police, and have limited role models within their family/ community, and have responded well to a positive police experience.

During their time at camp these youth engage in many organized activities: swimming, sporting activities and camp fires to name a few. OPP specialty units have attended to entertain and educate the youth about the role of a police officer. The mentoring opportunity is important, as it gives youth a positive experience with police. The itineraries are always full and every day offers a special event directed at youth. In the past, this has included making masks, a concept taken from the Walking the Path Educational Curriculum, focusing on First Nation cultural awareness, pride and celebration, as well as attending artistic events such as a live theatre group performance. One of the most talked about events last year was a day where officers took the children on three large house boats on Rainy Lake, where the OPP partnered with American police officers to teach the kids about water safety and marine charting, an opportunity that many of the youth would not normally be able to experience.

Rainy River Resources is committed to the continued building of positive community relationships and projects, and welcomes the opportunity to support this OPP initiative in 2012.

Activity Corner

MINING CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 Rock that contains minerals, including metals
4 Common rock-forming mineral
5 Earth scientist
9 1,000 kilograms
10 Surface entry into a mine
13 Rock sample shape
14 Exploration activity

Down

2 Hard, shiny, yellow mineral
3 Measurement of gold purity
6 Material on top of an ore body
7 Valuable metal
8 Solid rock forming the Earth's crust
11 Compound of two or more metals
12 Driller's assistant

DID YOU *Know?*

In 2011, Rainy River Resources completed over 187,000 metres of exploration drilling at the site near Blackhawk, and has completed over 578 km of drilling since 2004.

At its peak last year, there were 13 drills operating at the site, making it one of the most active gold exploration projects in Canada.



Photo by Mark Bray

Mining and the Canadian economy

The Canadian mining industy is an economic backbone of Canada's regional and rural economies. Here are just a few ways that mining contributes so significantly to the Canadian economy:

- The mining industry contributed $32 billion to Canada's gross domestic product in 2009.
- Canada ranks among the top five countries in the production of 12 minerals and metals.
- The mining industry paid an estimated $5.5 billion in taxes and royalties to federal and provincial/territorial governments in 2009.
- Toronto is generally viewed as the mining finance capital of the world, home to more than 400 mining and exploration company offices, over 30 mining company head offices and several hundred mining suppliers, consulting firms and service providers.
- The mining industry contributes over half of Canada's rail-freight revenues and Canadian port tonnage; ports like Port of Vancouver and Port of Montreal depend on a vibrant mining industry. An estimated 70% of Canadian port volumes and 55% of rail freight revenues are generated by the mining industry.
- The mining industry accounts for approximately 1 of every 50 Canadian jobs. As defined by Statistics Canada and Natural Resources Canada, the mining and mineral processing industry directly employed 306,000 in 2009.
- Canada ranks first globally in the production of potash and uranium, third in titanium, aluminium, and platinum group metals; and fifth in diamonds, zinc, molybdenum and salt.
- Vancouver is the world's mining exploration centre; there are some 1200 exploration companies in BC mostly located in greater Vancouver.
- Canada was the leading destination for global exploration spending in 2009, attracting 16% of world spending.
- Average weekly earnings for a mining industry worker were $1,350 a figure that is 58% higher than that of forestry, 47% higher than manufacturing, 30% higher than finance and 29% higher than construction sectors.

For more information, please contact us:

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APPENDIX E

COMMENT FORMS – MAY 30 AND 31, 2012 OPEN HOUSES

COMMENT FORM

RAINY

Rainy River Gold Project - Community Open House
Environmental Assessment, Draft Terms of Reference

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1. Which Community Open House did you attend? Rainy River

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2. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the Rainy River Gold Project in general?

   he want the Rainy River Resources project - to consider the Hwy 600 extension North of the mine to Stand Rd.

3. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the draft Terms of Reference for the environmental assessment of the Rainy River Gold Project?

4. How did you hear about the Community Meeting?

   ☑ Newspaper advertisement ☐ Postcard ☑ Mail Notice
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   ☐ From a neighbour / friend ☐ Other: Town information.

5. How would you rate the following about this Open House (circle number)?

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Suggestions for improvement:

- None

6. Do you have any additional questions or comments?

None

7. Do you want to be added to our mailing list for future information about the Rainy River Gold Project?

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Organization or Affiliation (if applicable): [redacted]
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   I hope news releases might be helpful. Computer releases are too technical. JB

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Information provided	1	2	3	4	(5)	
Your opportunity to comment/be heard	1	2	3	4	(5)	very good
Your opportunity to have your questions answered	1	2	3	4	(5)	" "

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   JUST CHECKING. RAINY RIVER RESOURCES COULD HAVE BEEN TO YOUR EMO OFFICE A FEW TIMES

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   NO COMMENTS AT THIS TIME

   MY INTEREST IS PRIMARILY TO DO WITH EFFECT OF OPERATIONS ON GROUND WATER

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   I WOULD LIKE A COPY OF THE DRAFT TOR TO GO THROUGH IT

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   The government should work co-operatively with Rainy River Resources to help develop a project in good building to facilitate the development of the potential mine

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   Since the mine would create a lot of jobs and related businesses in the area, all people should co-operate and understand it is in everybodies interest to move the project forward. We should all pull together

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   - Concern on impact of project to "big game", prior to, during and after.

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LOOKING FORWARD TO RECEIVING IN THE MAIL.

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Location of the Open House	1	2	3	4	(5)	it is very nice to have an opportunity to follow the progress of this development and to stay informed.
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Suggestions for improvement:
NONE

6. Do you have any additional questions or comments?

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   Really good for the area - get on with it!

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   - ☐ Other: _____
   - ☐ Mail Notice
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Suggestions for improvement:

I spent special minutes talking to Michael Mutchler - very informative and good overall discussion

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   - looking forward to RRR. continued contribution to RR district
   - I support your venture with First Nations, this is first time
   - I hear that drilling, mining & processing uses considerable water. Can you share how much is actually used per ton of gold, silver, etc & is recycled.

3. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the draft Terms of Reference for the environmental assessment of the Rainy River Gold Project?
   - I would have thought there may be an opportunity for power connection from the Line to the Barwick mill.

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I would like to learn about business opportunities to support Eabt. with their forward development.

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   I would like to see more interaction with the Township of Chapple

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   - mainly concerned about the environmental impact on the surrounding area, esp Rainy River and the Rainy River

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   - continue to have information sessions such as these

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I WOULD CERTAINLY LIKE TO SEE A MINE IN THIS AREA. IT WOULD BE BENIFICIAL TO THE DISTRICT TO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL (NON-WOOD) PRODUCT EMPLOYER.

3. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the draft Terms of Reference for the environmental assessment of the Rainy River Gold Project?

MY COMPANY'S INTEREST LIES IN BECOMING A PARTNER WITH RRR AS WE ARE AN ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTOR.

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   We're glad you're here. The benefit to the local economy will be tremendous

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   - ☐ Website
   - ☐ Other: we were invited (John Rafferty, MP's office)
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   - ☐ Email

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   - ☒ Barwick Recreation Centre on Thursday, May 31st

2. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the Rainy River Gold Project in general?

   We are glad to see more jobs coming to the Rainy River District

3. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the draft Terms of Reference for the environmental assessment of the Rainy River Gold Project?

4. How did you hear about the Community Meeting?

   - ☒ Newspaper advertisement
   - ☐ Postcard
   - ☐ Mail Notice
   - ☐ Newsletter
   - ☐ Website
   - ☐ Email
   - ☐ From a neighbour / friend
   - ☐ Other: _____

5. How would you rate the following about this Open House (circle number)?

	Poor ← → Excellent					Comments
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Your opportunity to have your questions answered	1	2	3	4	(5)	

Suggestions for improvement:

6. Do you have any additional questions or comments?

I hope to be able to participate in the mining industry, either at Eagle's Nest. P.S. Canada needs a map time. Y.E.

7. Do you want to be added to our mailing list for future information about the Rainy River Gold Project?

Name: [redacted]
Organization or Affiliation (if applicable):
Street Address: [redacted]
Municipality:
Postal Code:
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Thank you for your input!

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COMMENT FORM

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Rainy River Gold Project - Community Open House
Environmental Assessment, Draft Terms of Reference

Your comments on the proposed Rainy River Gold Project and environmental assessment are important to us and will be used in the planning and development of this Project. Please use the back of this page if more space is needed.

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   Yes - Whippoorwill birds nesting in surrounding area

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   I would like to receive a copy of MNR's EA report when finished proving that this mine would have no negative effect for the nesting of the whippoorwill's in the area

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Suggestions for improvement:

Too many people asking questions holding up the people available to answer questions.

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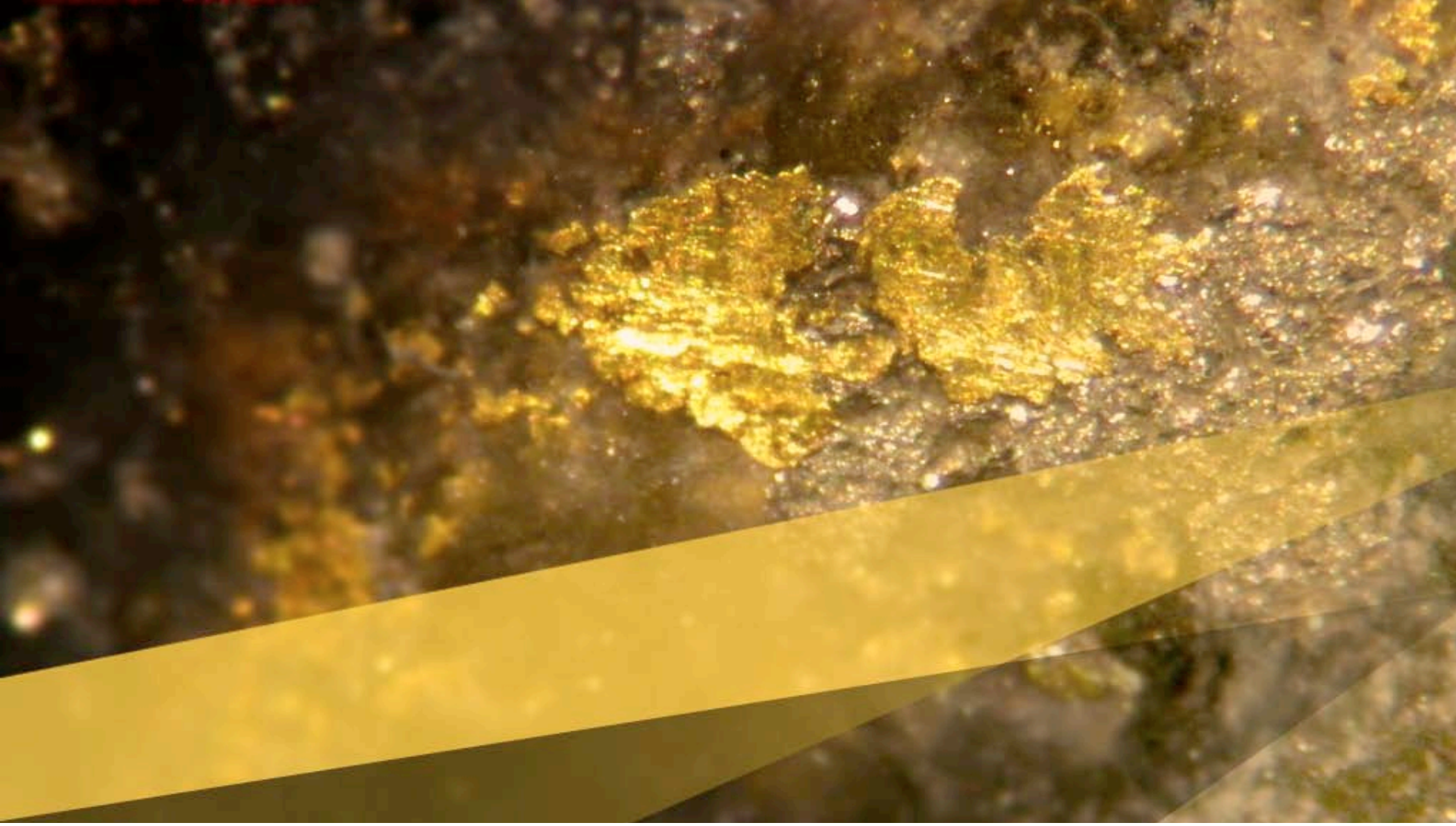
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APPENDIX F

POSTER BOARDS – NOVEMBER 7 AND 8, 2012 OPEN HOUSES



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RAINY RIVER GOLD PROJECT

OPEN HOUSES

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For additional information with respect to the key assumptions, parameters, risks and other technical information underlying to the mineral resource estimates and the preliminary economic assessment discussed in this presentation, refer to: (i) the press release dated October 10, 2012 with respect to the mineral resource estimates, available at www.sedar.com; (ii) the press release dated August 29, 2012 ”, with respect to the preliminary economic assessment,, available at www.sedar.com; and (iii) the technical report entitled “Preliminary Economic Assessment Update of the Rainy River Gold Property, Ontario, Canada”, with respect to the preliminary economic assessment, available at www.sedar.com.

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Welcome!

Thank-you for attending our Open House

We are here to share new information about:

- the Rainy River Gold Project, and
- the mine Environmental Assessment (EA)

Your feedback is important to the success of this Project

Please ask any members of our team questions and complete one of our comment forms





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About Rainy River Resources

- Rainy River Resources Ltd. is advancing its flagship asset, the Rainy River Gold Project toward development
- Offices in Toronto, Thunder Bay and Emo, Ontario
- Publicly traded company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange
- Rainy River Resources is committed to sustainable development of the Rainy River region
- Consultation initiated by Rainy River Resources Ltd. in 2010
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Rainy River Gold Project

- Proposed open pit and underground gold mine
- Processing facilities and infrastructure to be located at the mine site
- Will contribute significantly to the local and regional economies
- Will provide approximately 600 job opportunities (construction and peak production)
- Requires EA and environmental approvals from the Provincial and Federal governments







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Rainy River Gold Project

- Project will be designed to modern environmental management standards, including water management, fuel storage, chemical handling and storage etc.
- Requires re-routing a section of the gravel-surfaced Highway 600
- Access will be maintained for all residents, at all times
- Requires a connection (a 230 kV transmission line) to the existing Provincial electrical grid
- Preferred transmission line route is longer but avoids residences
- Requires environmental approvals from the Provincial and Federal government prior to construction (after EA process is complete)

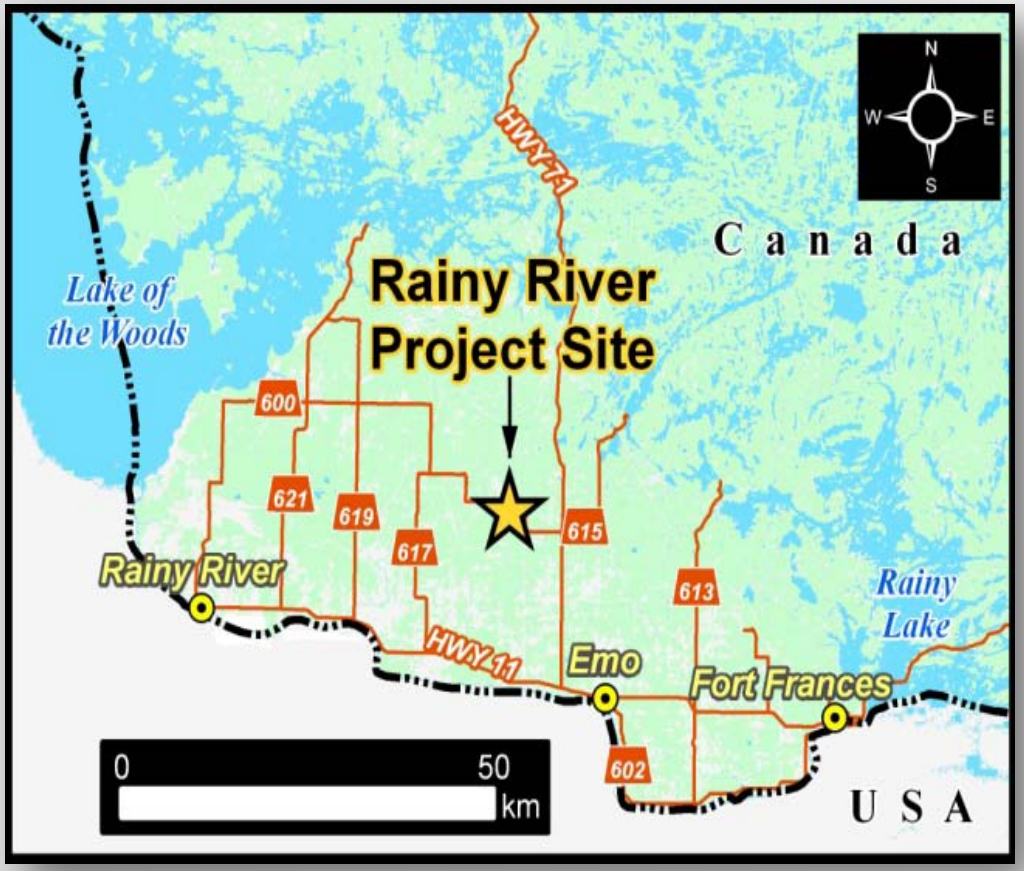




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Location

- Located in theTownship of Chapple, 65 km (by road) northwest of Fort Frances, Ontario





Proposed Open Pit Location



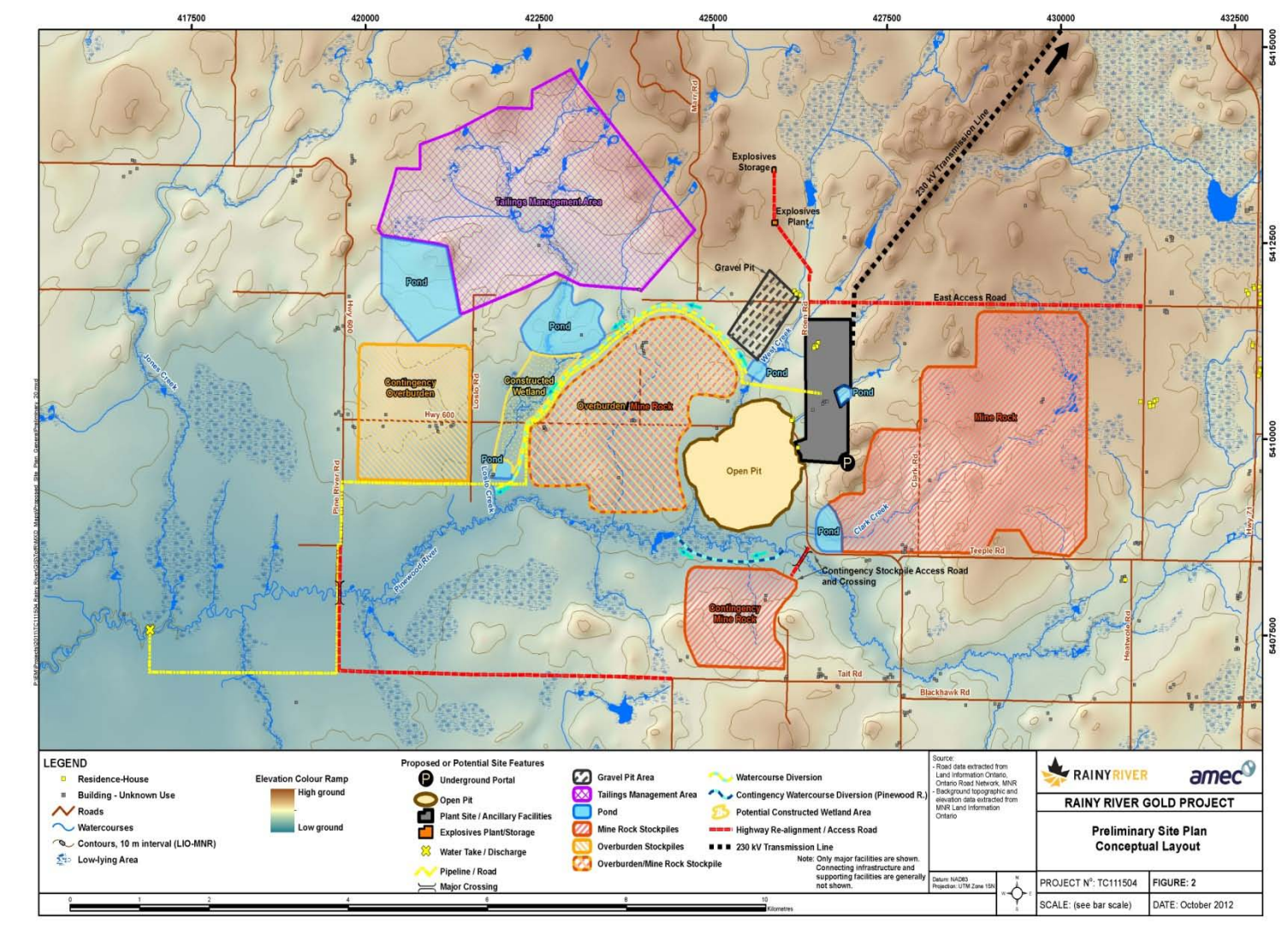
Pinewood River (upstream)



Clark Creek

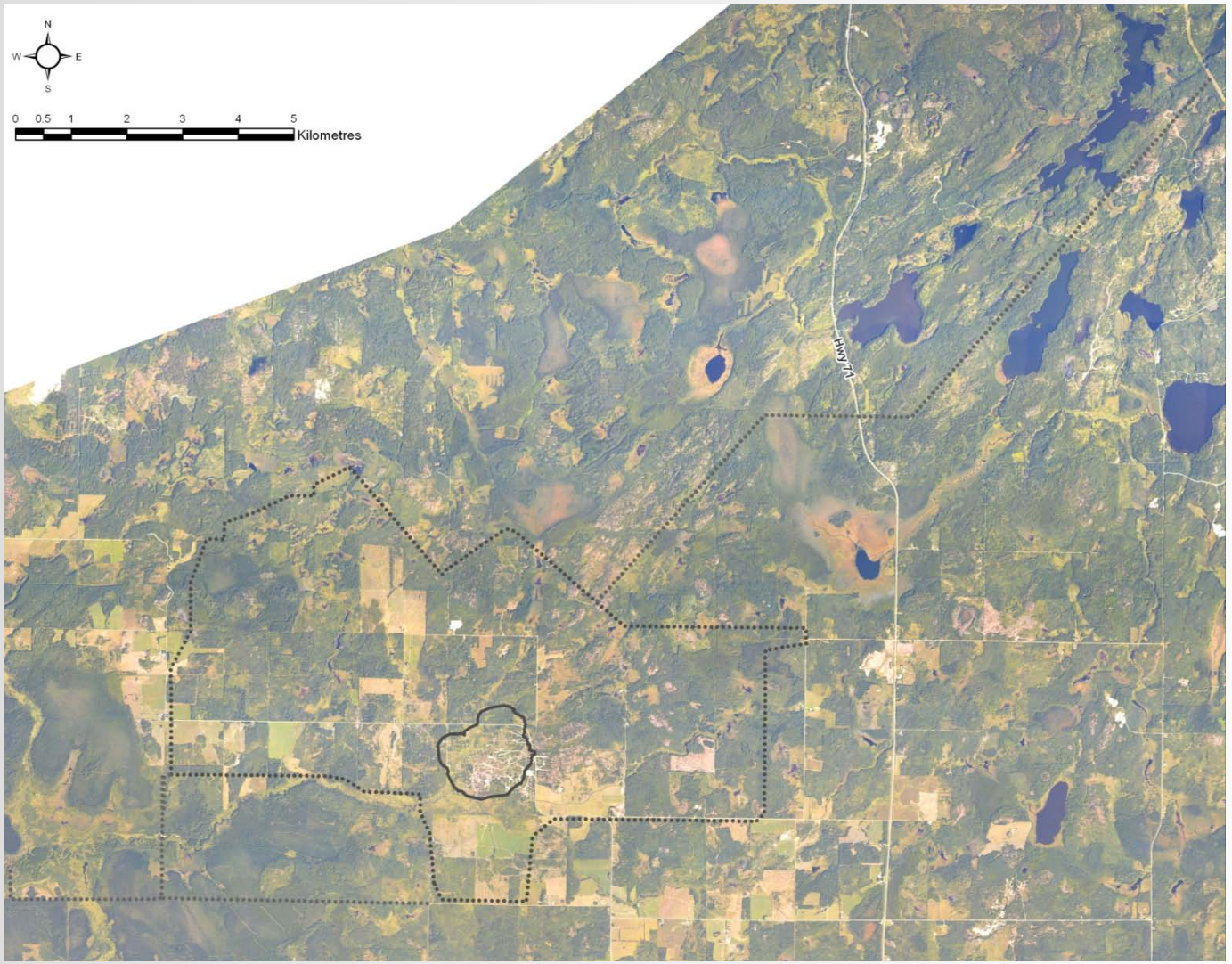
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Updated Site Plan



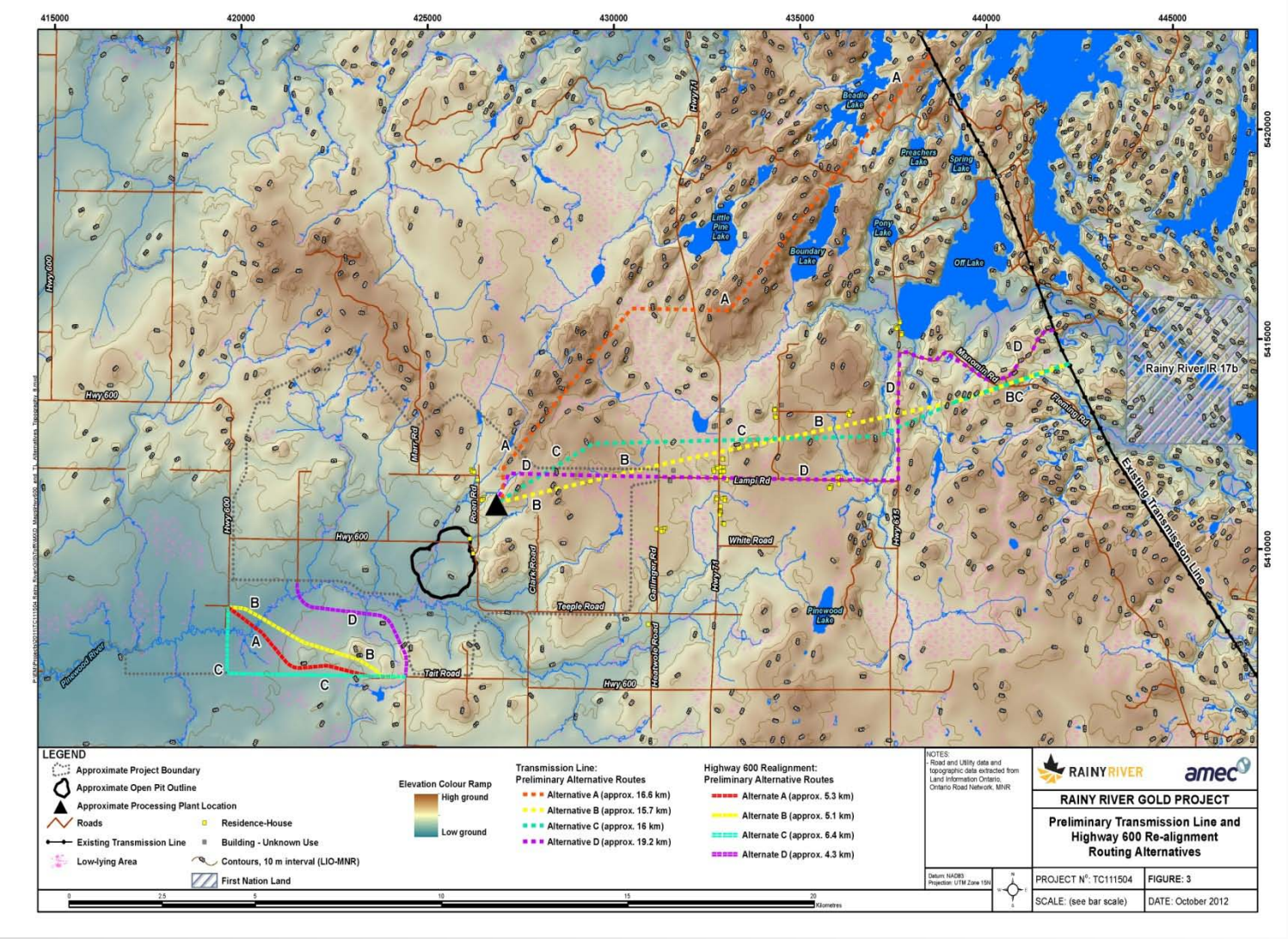
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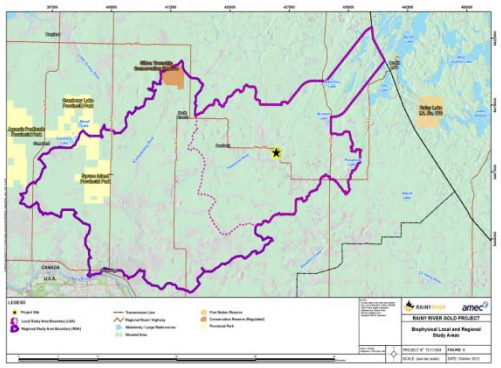
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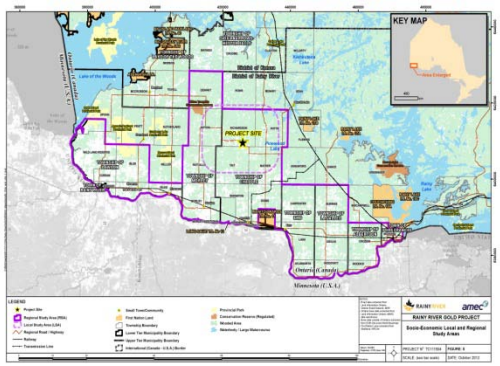


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Environmental Baseline Studies

- Baseline studies are completed prior to development to understand the current conditions of the surrounding environment. The proposed Project activities after mitigation will be compared to the baseline conditions to determine the changes that may occur from the Project
- Five years of studies (for certain aspects over several years) are available to assist with Project design
- Field investigations laboratory studies have completed for:
  - Aquatic resources including fish and fish habitat, benthos (water bugs), and sediment and water quality
  - Terrestrial resources including plants, animals and birds, and Species at Risk (SAR)
  - Surface waterbodies and groundwater
  - Overburden and rock geochemistry
  - Climate and sound
  - Aboriginal traditional knowledge / traditional land uses
  - Socio-economic
  - Archaeology



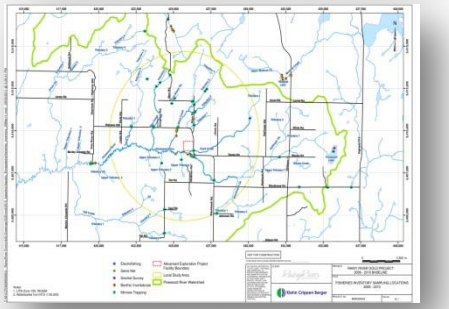


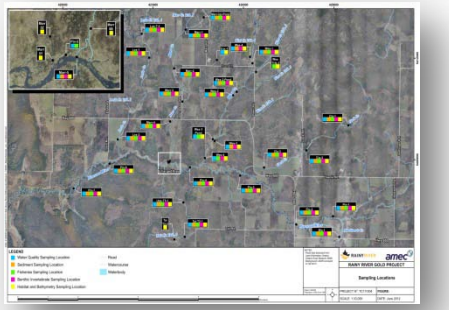
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Aquatic Resources – Key Findings

- Pinewood River has a coolwater / warmwater fish community habitat
  - The only sport fish species captured is Northern Pike
  - Non-sport Fish Species captured included Brown Bullhead, Mimic Shiner, Common Shiner and Brook Stickleback (minnows)
- Local creeks represent warmwater fish community habitat (no sport fish captured)
  - non-sport fish species captured included Shiners, Darter, Dace and Minnows
- There is localized ponding from beaver activity
- No aquatic Species at Risk are present locally







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Terrestrial Resources – Key Findings

- Wildlife (mammals, amphibian, reptiles, invertebrates, birds), plants and Species at Risk surveys conducted
- 22 mammal species have been identified (with other small mammals likely to be present)
- Relatively high bird species diversity present, including, forest birds, breeding birds, owls, marsh birds and waterfowl, and nocturnal avian species
- 8 frog and 3 reptile species identified
- RRR is currently funding a 2-year study coordinated with the MNR and Trent University to study Whip-poor-will in the RRGP area in support of both species conservation and mine approval requirements. Aerial surveys conducted by AMEC have determined that Whip-poor-will habitat is prevalent and expansive immediately adjacent to the mine footprint (to the north and northeast) and elsewhere in the region.





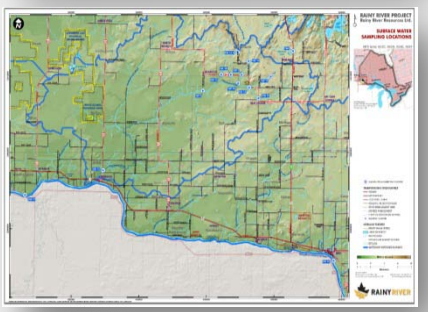


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Surface and Groundwater – Key Findings

- Flows in the Pinewood River and local creeks can be quite low at some times of the year, generally late / summer early fall or late winter
- Water quality generally meets Provincial and Federal criteria for protection of aquatic life (excluding aluminum, iron and phosphorus)
- Groundwater model being prepared based on extensive field data (geology, local water well levels, specific site investigations) to be able to asses potential environmental impacts
- Groundwater quality is generally good, although a few metals were found elevated (consistent with a mineralized area)







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Climate, Air Quality and Noise – Key Findings

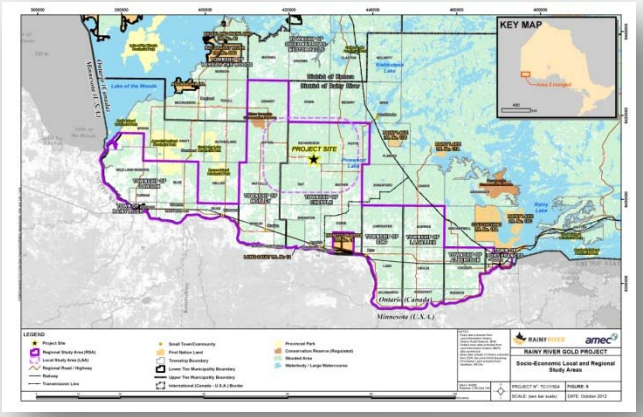
- Climate station at site has operated since 2010
- Air quality is influenced primarily by natural sources, rather than urban / industrial
- Site meets ambient particulate matter requirements
- Sound baseline studies from 2009 to 2012 (partially with Trent University)
- Most sound stations influenced by traffic or the natural environment (RRGP station influenced by exploration drilling)



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Socio-economic Baseline – Key Findings

- Region has higher unemployment rate than the Province; forestry jobs have decreased by almost 30% outside Thunder Bay
- Regional economy is supported primarily by forestry, agriculture and tourism; recreation and tourism is mainly related to outdoor pursuits including hunting and fishing
- The total population of Northwest Ontario fell by 4.7% (2001 to 2006), while Ontario grew by 5.7%
- Working age population is leaving the region (median working age is higher)
- Mining is increasingly important to the regional economy; 215 mining, and oil and gas jobs were added in the Rainy River District between 2001 and 2006





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Traditional Land Use / Traditional Knowledge

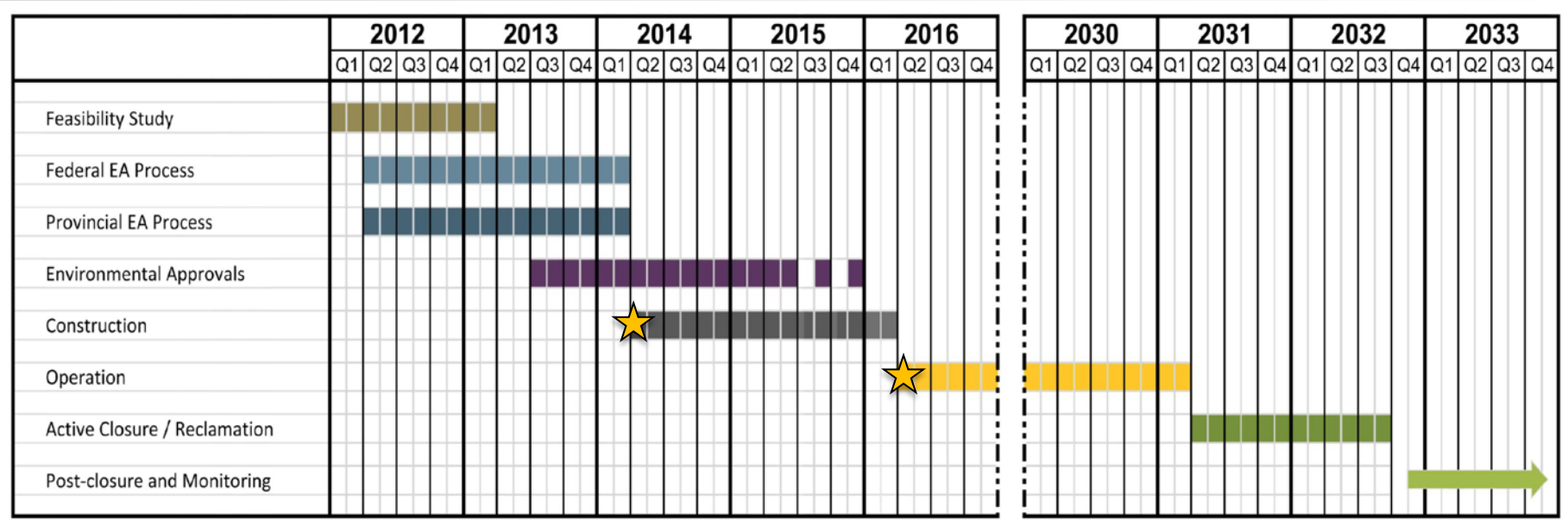
- RRR are in the process of collecting information on traditional knowledge and traditional activities that may be affected by the project.
- The information collected will be used to inform the EA and to help determine mitigation measures needed, but will remain confidential
- Rainy River Resources welcomes your input - for example are plants or animals harvested from the project area? or, was the area used for other activities?

- Please contact: **Lincoln Dunn** (First Nation Engagement Specialist) or **Stacey Jack** (Community Coordinator) at 807-482-2501



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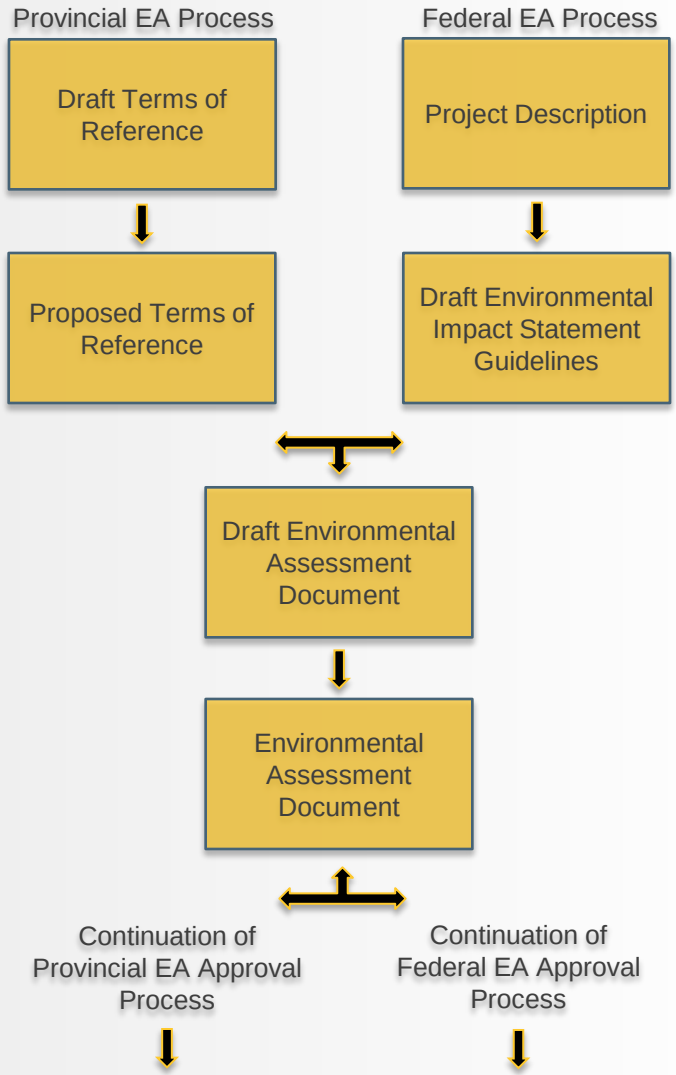
Project Schedule



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Environmental Assessment (EA)

- The EA is required so that environmental approvals can be issued:
  - **Individual Environmental Assessment:** Rainy River Resources has entered into a Voluntary Agreement with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to conduct an EA for the Project in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*
  - **Federal Environmental Assessment:** Under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*, a Standard Level EA is expected to be required
- The EA will be coordinated, so that only one EA document will be prepared to meet the requirements

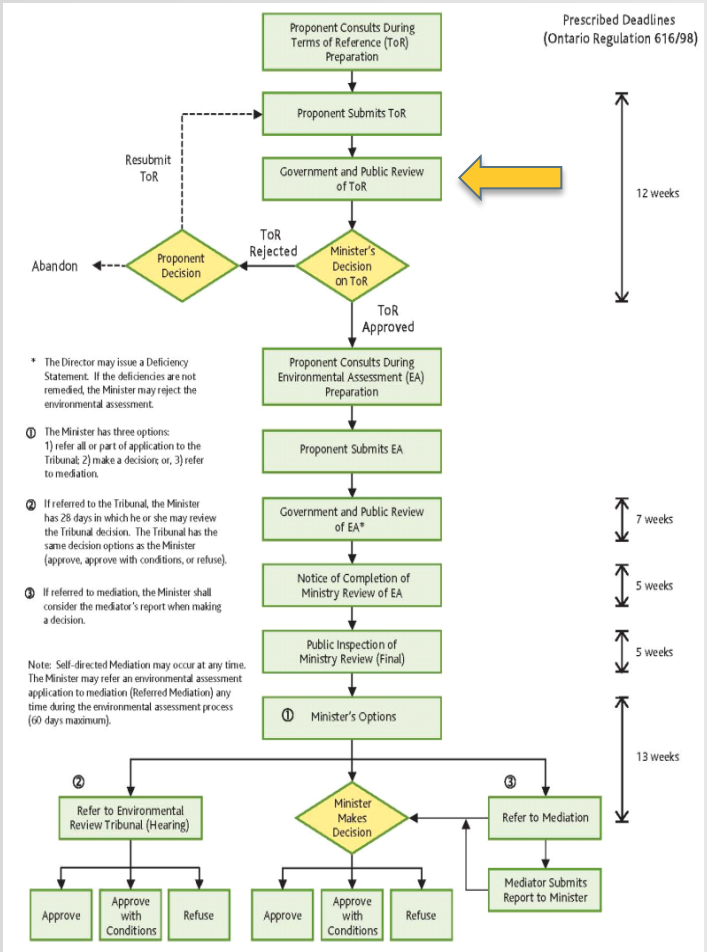


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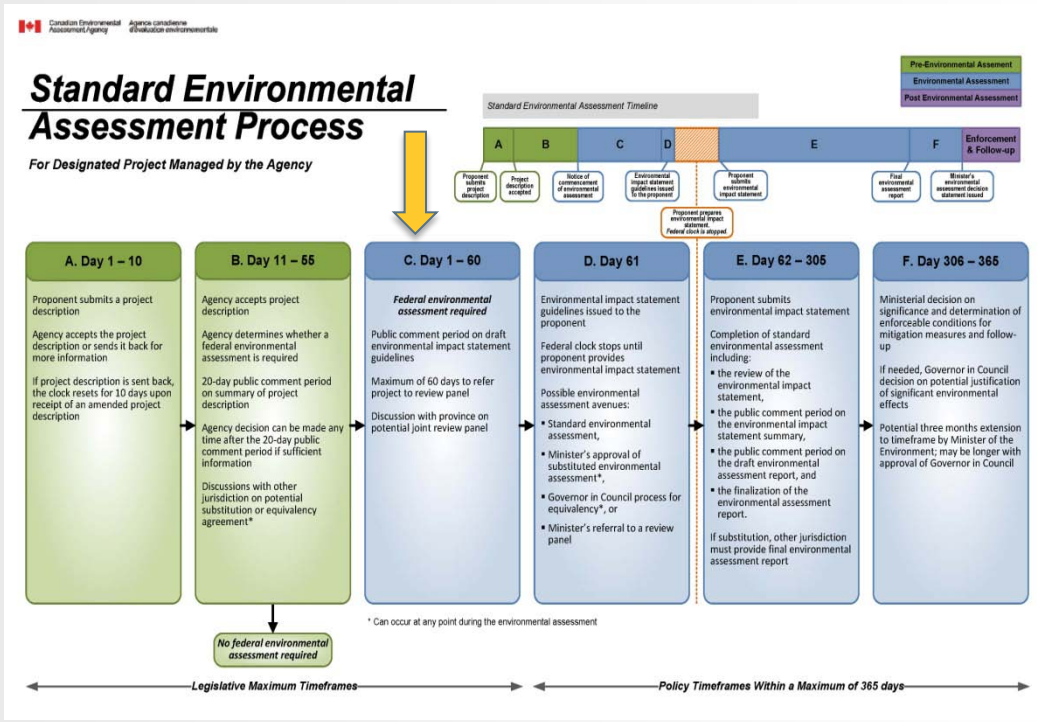
EA Processes

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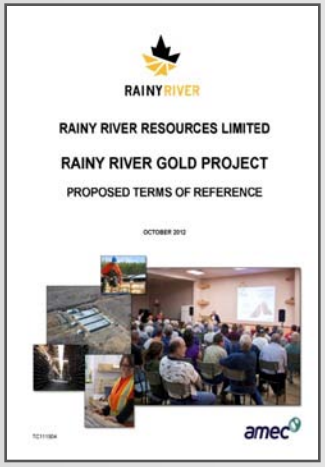
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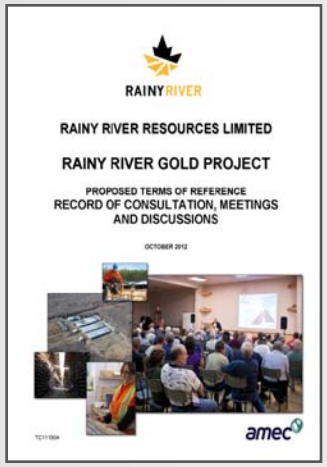


Where we are in the process

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Proposed ToR Available for Review





The Ministry of the Environment seeks your comments on the proposed ToR by November 26, 2012

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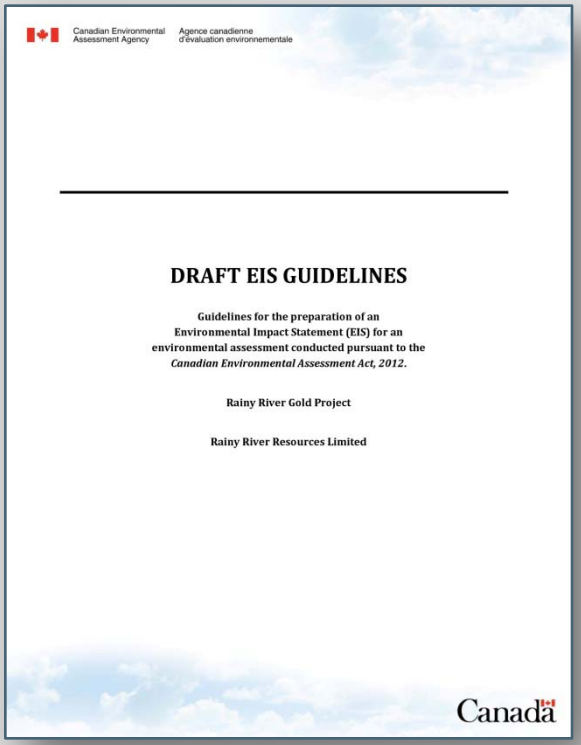
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Federal:
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Town of Fort Frances –Town Office
320 Portage Avenue, Fort Frances

Atikokan
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Civic Centre, Atikokan

Town of Atikokan - Town Office
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Additional Permits and Approvals

- Once the EA is approved, Rainy River Resources will be required to obtain a number of environmental approvals to allow the mine development to move forward, such as:
  - Air emissions: welding shop, large diesel equipment
  - Water: required for water discharge and water taking
  - Fish: required if any impacts on fish habitat are expected
  - Wildlife: required for potential effects related to Species at Risk
  - Closure Plan: required for reclamation of the property progressively during operations or at closure

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Have Your Say!

- Comments, questions, concerns regarding the Rainy River Gold Project … if you have them, we want to hear them
- Fill out one of our comment forms and provide it to one of our team members

- Or, contact us:

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LOCATION









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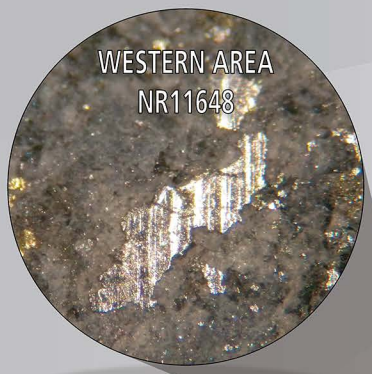


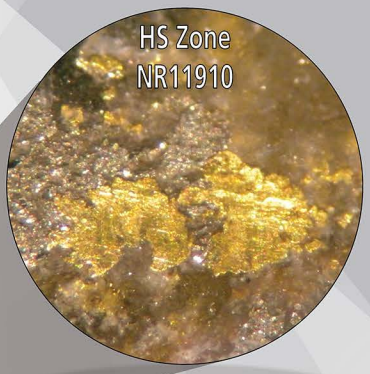
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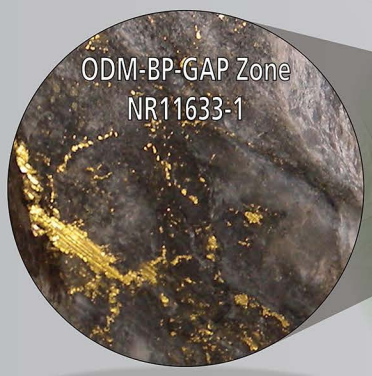
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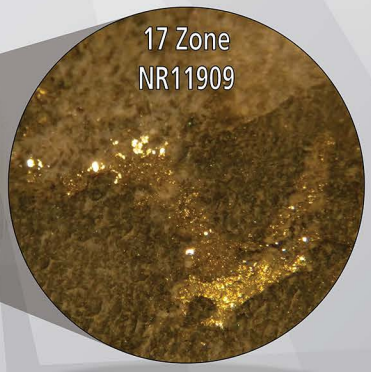
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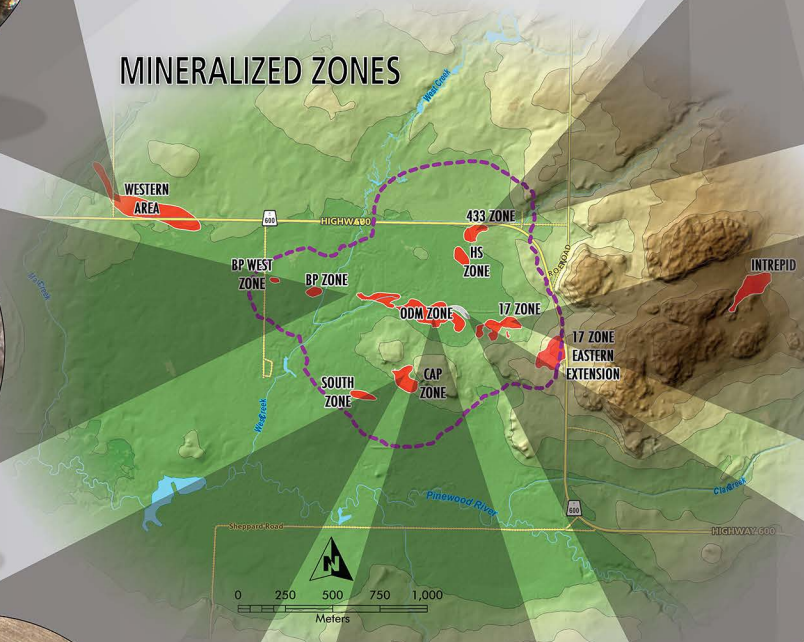




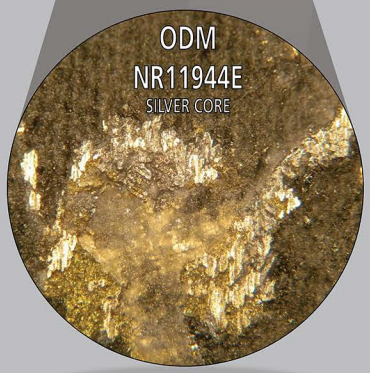




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WE PLAN TO MINE GOLD

LOTS OF IT!

RAINY RIVER

Check out the RAINY RIVER GOLD PROJECT highlights below:

308,000 oz/yr gold	**478,000** oz/yr silver	**16+** year mine life	**$450** US/oz average cash cost, first 5 yrs	**$486** US/oz average cash cost, first 10 yrs

Reference: August 2012 Preliminary Economic Assessment Update

We look forward to bringing the Rainy River Gold Project into operation in the next few years. Our focus will be to source our employees and suppliers from local communities.

A mining project requires a diverse workforce. Over the next few years, the Company will look to hire people from various disciplines, with distinct skills and backgrounds. Perhaps you might want to consider a career in mining!

IF YOU LIKE, AND ARE GOOD AT:	YOU MIGHT WANT TO BE A(n)…	TO REVIEW EDUCATION, SKILLS & JOB DUTIES*
Working with equipment Working outdoors	Heavy Equipment Operator	See National Occupational Classification (NOC) code 7421
Working with equipment Working outdoors	Diesel Mechanic	See NOC 7312
Working with equipment Attention to safety, details	Welder	See NOC 7265
Working with equipment Attention to safety, details	Electrician	See NOC 7242
Working with equipment Working outdoors	Surveyor	See NOC 2154
Analytical work, science Math and Problem Solving	Engineer – mining, process, environmental Technologist – mining, process, environment	See NOC 2131. 2143 See NOC 2212
Analytical work, problem-solving, staying calm under pressure	Control Room Operator	See NOC 7352
Attention to detail / Analysis	Assay Lab Technician	See NOC 2211
Communicating / Training / Organizing	Health & Safety First Aid	See NOC 2263 See NOC 3234
Leading people Organizing, Planning	Supervisor / Trainer	See NOC 4131
Planning, Testing	Maintenance Planner/Technician	See NOC 2241
Organizing, Budgeting	Purchasing Officer	See NOC 0113

We plan to start our gold production in 2016 and our 20-month construction period is scheduled to begin by mid-2014. During the construction phase, we expect to hire 500 employees and to employ approximately 600 during peak operations.

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COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

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Mining Matters Youth Camp



Signing Ceremony with First Nations



Mining Matters Youth Camp



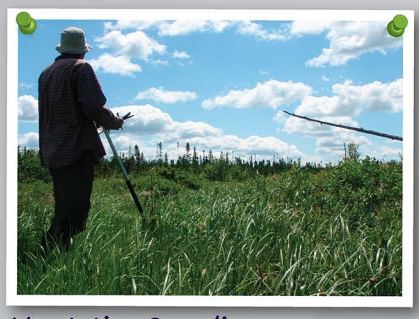
Elder Tour



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Ray Threlkeld, President and CEO, at Community Meeting



Vegetation Sampling



Mining Matters 2012 site tour



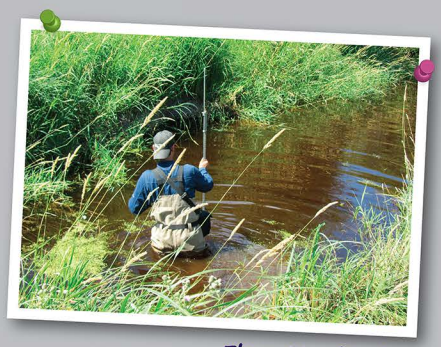
BGFN Signing Ceremony



Community Meeting - Emo



Bird Monitoring



Flow Monitoring

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APPENDIX G

HANDOUTS – NOVEMBER 7 AND 8, 2012 OPEN HOUSES

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Defining Canada's Newest Gold District
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FALL 2012

Rainy River Gold Project Environmental Assessment moves forward

Rainy River Resources began planning for the Rainy River Gold Project (RRGP) Environmental Assessment (EA) and associated permitting in 2010 with plenary meetings held together with Provincial and Federal regulatory agencies. After the completion of various project resource updates over the ensuing 12 months, detailed scheduling of the RRGP Environmental Assessment began in early 2012 with both the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (Federal) as well as the Ministry of Environment (Provincial).



Rainy River Resources subsequently signed a voluntary agreement with the Ontario Ministry of Environment in April of 2012 to undertake a Provincial Individual Environmental Assessment of the RRGP as this process also provides for best harmonization with an anticipated parallel Federal process. In May of 2012, we held Project Open Houses in both Rainy River and Barwick to discuss the proposed mine development and our draft Provincial EA Terms of Reference document. Since that time, we have held additional site tours and also continued consultations with various regulatory agencies to ensure our EA timeline is consistent between Federal and Provincial governments. The project timeline will see the RRGP Environmental Assessment Report made public in the spring of 2013 with mine construction expected to begin in the spring of 2014.

The Provincial Proposed Terms of Reference and Federal Guidelines, now out for public comment, will form the basis for how the RRGP EA will be completed. You are invited to let both the Company and the government know your thoughts about the process and the project itself. We will be holding a second round of Open Houses on November 7th (4-7pm at the community hall in Nestor Falls) and on the 8th (4-7pm at the Legion in Emo). Please come and learn more about this exciting project and how you can be a part of what is becoming Canada's Newest Gold District.

RRR donates $15,000 to digital mammography campaign

When Riverside Health Care Facilities started its final push this fall in its campaign to fund a new Digital Mammography unit, Rainy River Resources stepped up to help – with a commitment to donate $15,000 over the next three years.

Digital mammography is an x-ray of the breast that is done digitally rather than with film that needs to be developed. The x-ray is important for early detection and prevention of breast cancer.

together we can DIGITAL MAMMOGRAPHY

Riverside's current equipment was purchased in 2000; the life expectancy of medical equipment is typically 7-10 years, so replacement is overdue. As well, technology has advanced since then to be able to read the results digitally. The new unit will allow scans to be captured digitally directly on to a computer screen to offer state of the art technology. It will also improve viewing of dense breast tissue giving a more accurate detection of breast cancer, as well as lessen the exposure to radiation as the image is taken quicker.

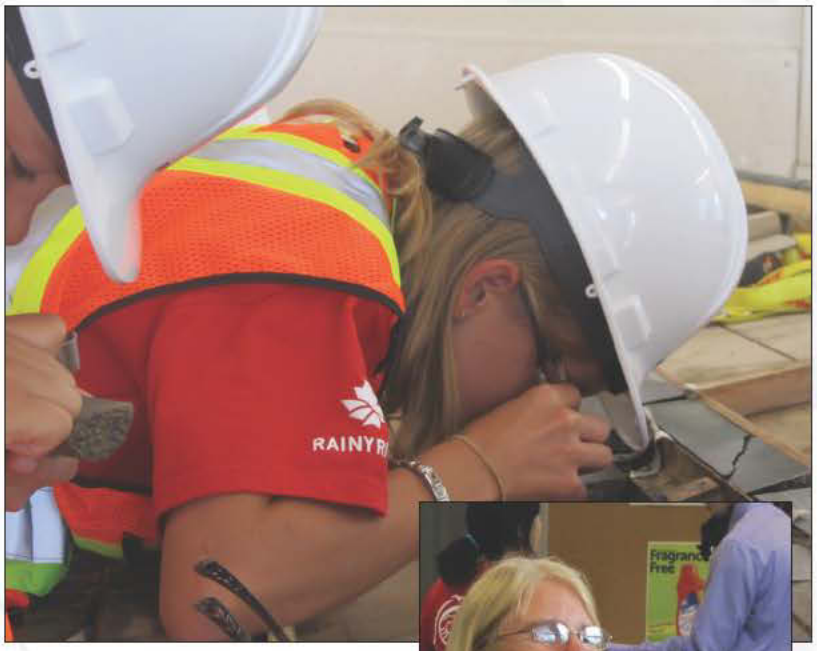
Rainy River Resources is proud to assist in funding this important diagnostic equipment that will make a difference in the lives of women and their families throughout our communities.

Mining Matters 2012 summer program

Rainy River Resources, in association with the Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada, once again offered the Mining Matters education program to area residents in the summer of 2012.

The Mining Matters program featured three days of hands-on learning and activities for both children and adults. Through fascinating activities and classroom lessons, participants learned about topics ranging from Earth process and structure, mineral types and classifications, to different possible careers in the mining and minerals industries. Participants had a chance to talk to mining industry professionals, learn some basic geology, and see exploration technologies at the Rainy River Gold Project site.

As an emerging Canadian gold region, it's important that Rainy River District residents have an opportunity to be exposed to the education and employment potential that mineral exploration, mining, and the environment can create. The content, so relevant to the mineral exploration activity sites close to our communities, inspires and challenges youth and adults alike. Mining Matters is a program that has a lasting impact on our youth, opening their eyes to their own potential as well as the job possibilities awaiting them.





Mining Matters is an excellent way for members of our local communities to see what activity is happening at the Rainy River Gold Project, and what potential there is as the project moves toward permitting.

GOLD Nuggets

Gold is called a "noble" metal (an alchemistic term), because it does not oxidize under ordinary conditions.

Its chemical symbol Au is derived from the Latin word aurum, which means "glowing dawn." It is often suggested that the word aurum has a connection with the Roman goddess of the dawn, Aurora.

Environmental baseline studies continue

The 2012 field season marked the fourth consecutive year of environmental baseline studies at the Rainy River Gold Project. Studies continued on many important environmental features including fish, hydrology, surface and ground water quality, as well as archaeological assessment. This year saw the addition of an Environmental Assistant summer student, who assisted in completing the study work for the summer months.

This was also the second year of a two-year study on Whip-poor-will in the area, a collaborative study partly funded by Rainy River, together with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Trent University.



Rainy River & archaeological team working in the field near the Rainy River Gold Project



You're Invited...

To get involved in our environmental assessment

RAINYRIVER

Rainy River Resources has started the co-ordinated environmental assessment process under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* for the development and operation of the Rainy River Gold Project. This Project is a proposed open pit and underground gold mine with related processing facilities and infrastructure, to be developed in the Township of Chapple (approximately 65 kilometres (by road) northwest of Fort Frances). We'd like to hear what is important to you about the proposed project and the related environmental assessment.

For comments and any questions about the Project contact us at:

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Please drop by one of our Public Open Houses

Wednesday, November 7, 2012
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Nestor Falls Community Centre
11 Mortimer Road
Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls

Thursday, November 8, 2012
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Emo Legion
23 Jessie Street
Township of Emo

For more information please visit our website at
www.rainyriverresources.com

Rainy River Resources releases positive updated assessment

Rainy River Resources is pleased to update Rainy River District and surrounding community residents on the status of the Rainy River Gold Project (RRGP).

In the updated Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) release in August of 2012, there were several notable updates in the project's estimated development. In the first ten years of production:

- Average annual production will be 308,000 gold ounces and 478,000 silver ounces
- Average mill head grade of 1.45 g/t of gold, an increase of 50% over the first PEA.
- Average open pit grade improves to 1.25 g/t of gold, compared to the November 2011 PEA open pit grade of 0.90 g/t of gold.
- Average underground grade improves to 4.20 g/t of gold compared to the November 2011 PEA underground grade of 3.52 g/t of gold.
- Average cash costs of US$486 per ounce gold (including royalties & net of silver credits).
- Operating strip ratio of 2.5:1 (excluding overburden and capitalized waste) compared to the November 2011 PEA operating strip ratio of 3.3:1.
- Processing throughput averaging 20,000 tonnes per day (tpd).
- Production anticipated for early 2016 for the open pit and late 2018 for the underground.
- Continued exploration of other potential district targets.





CEO Ray Threlkeld commented on the updated PEA, saying, "We have chosen the option that represents the lowest risk to our shareholders and the strongest internal rate of return in a $1,250 per ounce gold environment. The resulting project plan represents one of the highest grade open pits, and highest grade mill throughput of any current Canadian open pit mine development story at 1.26 g/t and 1.45 g/t, respectively."

For more information, or to see the released PEA, please go to www.rainyriverresources.com, or contact our Emo office at 482-2501.

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Environmental Assessment Process

What is an Environmental Assessment (EA)?

The Rainy River Gold Project (RRGP or "the Project") must meet stringent federal and provincial environmental assessment (EA) requirements before it can be constructed and operated.

The EA is a government-driven planning and decision-making process to evaluate a project by first predicting and followed by reducing or eliminating potential negative environmental effects before the project proceeds. An EA includes:

- A description of the proposed project,
- A description of the existing environmental conditions (baseline studies),
- Plans to involve and seek feedback from Aboriginal, community, neighbor, and other interested stakeholders,
- Consideration of project alternatives, including an evaluation of their advantages and disadvantages,
- Identification of possible environmental effects (positive or negative),
- Proposed measures to mitigate and manage identified environmental effects, and
- Recommendations for follow-up monitoring.

The EA process ensures that:

- Opportunities are provided for municipalities, neighbors, Aboriginal communities, and other interested partners and stakeholders to participate in the environmental assessment,
- Environmental factors are included in project planning and decision-making,
- Potential effects of the project are identified early, and
- Measures are identified to avoid, manage, or mitigate effects on the environment.



Fish assessment
Biologist conducting fish assessment as part of 2011 baseline study work.

DID YOU *Know?*

In 2011, Rainy River Resources completed over 187,000 metres of exploration drilling at the site near Blackhawk, and has completed over 578 km of drilling since 2004.

At its peak last year, there were 13 drills operating at the site, making it one of the most active gold exploration projects in Canada.

Requirements to complete the EA include:

- **Individual Environmental Assessment**. In consultation with the regulatory agencies, Rainy River Resources has entered into a Voluntary Agreement with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to conduct an EA for the RRGP in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. Under this Act, an Individual EA will be completed to assess the effects of all Project components on the environment. The EA will consider effects from all Project components such as: mining, processing, effluent and waste management, Highway 600 re-alignment, and a 230 kV transmission line.
- **Federal Environmental Assessment**. Under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, a comprehensive level study assessment is expected to be required to be completed to examine the detail of the physical, biological and social effects of the components of the Project.

The Provincially-regulated Individual EA and the Federal EA will be coordinated so that if possible, only one EA document is prepared to meet both the federal and provincial requirements.

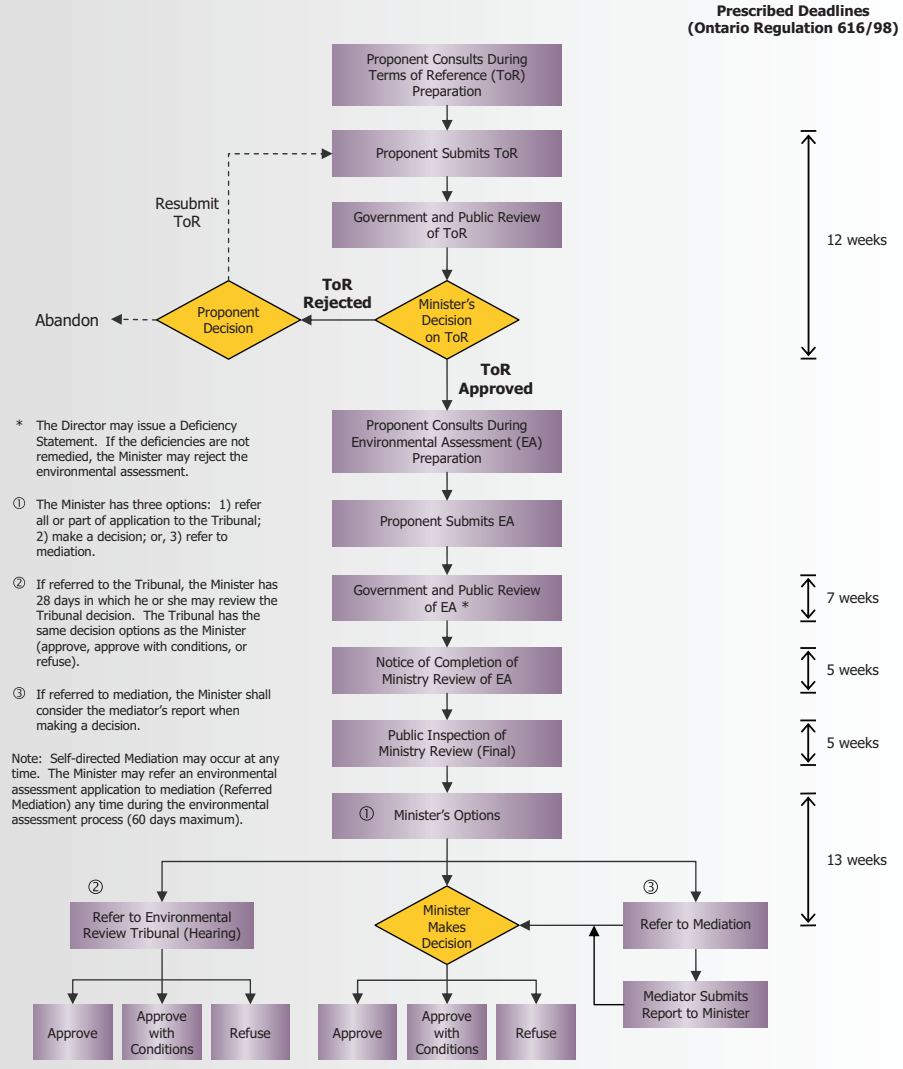
Additional Permits and Approvals

Once the EA is approved, Rainy River Resources will be required to obtain a number of environmental approvals/permits to allow the mine development project to move forward, such as:

- Air emissions (required for any stationary equipment or process that may emit air contaminants),
- Water (required for water discharge and water taking),
- Fish (required if impacts on fish habitat are expected),
- Wildlife (required for potential effects related to species at risk), and
- Closure Plan (required for reclamation of the property progressively during operations or at closure).



Steps in the Environmental Assessment Process



Adapted from: Ontario Ministry of Environment "Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario"

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APPENDIX H

COMMENT FORMS – NOVEMBER 7 AND 8, 2012 OPEN HOUSES

RAINY RIVER

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Rainy River Gold Project - Community Open House
Environmental Assessment

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1. Which Community Open House did you attend?

   - [x] Nestor Falls Community Centre on Wednesday, November 7, 2012
   - [ ] Emo Legion on Thursday, November 8, 2012

2. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the Rainy River Gold Project in general?

3. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the proposed Terms of Reference for the Provincial Environmental Assessment for the Rainy River Gold Project?

   Project in good hands

4. How did you hear about the Community Meeting?

   - [ ] Newspaper advertisement
   - [ ] Website
   - [ ] From a neighbour / friend
   - [ ] Mail Notice
   - [ ] E-mail
   - [ ] Other: RR's office

5. How would you rate the following about this Open House (circle number)?

	Poor ← → Excellent					Comments
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Information provided	1	2	3	4	(5)	
Your opportunity to comment/be heard	1	2	3	4	(5)	
Your opportunity to have your questions answered	1	2	3	4	(5)	

Suggestions for improvement:

6. Do you have any additional questions or comments?

Very Good open house -

7. Do you want to be added to our mailing list for future information about the Rainy River Gold Project?

Name: [redacted]
Organiz
Street A
Municip
Postal C
Phone:
Email:

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Thank you for your input!

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   IDEAL FOR THE AREA- ECONOMIC LIFT
   IDEAL SITE FOR A MINE

3. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the proposed Terms of Reference for the Provincial Environmental Assessment for the Rainy River Gold Project?

   IMPRESSIVE

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Suggestions for improvement:

6. Do you have any additional questions or comments?

N/A

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   Very informative presentation, representatives from the project were very helpful. Would appreciate future information about the project

3. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the proposed Terms of Reference for the Provincial Environmental Assessment for the Rainy River Gold Project?

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   - retain as much forest as possible
   - look at joint venturing with groups on decisions, something local folks, environmental concerns, watershed, pollution, and air pollution

   (4 of 5 comments)

3. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the proposed Terms of Reference for the Provincial Environmental Assessment for the Rainy River Gold Project?

   - look at carbon discharges and potential for carbon sequestration pastures

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uture information about the Rainy River Gold Project?

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   I would like to join the Mining Matters Program. I hope I hear about it if it happens next year.

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   Looks pretty thorough.

4. How did you hear about the Community Meeting?

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   - ☐ Website
   - ☐ From a neighbour / friend
   - ☐ Mail Notice
   - ☐ E-mail
   - ☐ Other: Pamphlet

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	Poor ← → Excellent					Comments
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Time of day it was held	1	2	3	(4)	5	
Length of the session	1	2	3	(4)	5	
Information provided	1	2	(3)	(4)	5	
Your opportunity to comment/be heard	1	2	3	4	5	N/a
Your opportunity to have your questions answered	1	2	3	(4)	5	

Suggestions for improvement: add fruit tray & veggies
handouts of aerial photos ()

6. Do you have any additional questions or comments?

7. Do you want to be added to our mailing list for future information about the Rainy River Gold Project?

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   No

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Suggestions for improvement:

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   I WAS IMPRESSED WITH HOW THOROUGH IT IS.

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   IT'S NICE TO SEE ALL THE EFFORT THAT YOU ARE PUTTING FORTH TO KEEP the PUBLIC INFORMED and INVOLVED

3. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the proposed Terms of Reference for the Provincial Environmental Assessment for the Rainy River Gold Project?

   NO

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Suggestions for improvement:
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6. Do you have any additional questions or comments?

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

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   DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB.

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   IT APPEARS ALL BASES AND CONCERNS ARE BEING ADDRESSED

4. How did you hear about the Community Meeting?

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   ☐ E-mail
   ☐ Other: RADIO

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Suggestions for improvement:

6. Do you have any additional questions or comments?

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. IT IS A TREMENDOUS BOOST ECONOMICALLY FOR THE DISTRICT. IF FOUR FRANCES CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE WE ARE AVAILABLE

7. Do you want to be added to our mailing list for future information about the Rainy River Gold Project?

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   For those of us no longer in the workforce the need for information to be at least a little accessible is reason enough for us to come to see the proposals for the districts economic growth.

3. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the proposed Terms of Reference for the Provincial Environmental Assessment for the Rainy River Gold Project?

4. How did you hear about the Community Meeting?

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5. How would you rate the following about this Open House (circle number)?

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Location of the Open House	1	2	3	(4)	5	easily accessible
Time of day it was held	1	2	(3)	4	5	
Length of the session	1	2	3	4	5	
Information provided	1	2	3	4	5	
Your opportunity to comment/be heard	1	2	3	4	5	
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Suggestions for improvement:

6. Do you have any additional questions or comments?

7. Do you want to be added to our mailing list for future information about the Rainy River Gold Project?

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   Very interesting, well informed presenters, friendly.

3. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the proposed Terms of Reference for the Provincial Environmental Assessment for the Rainy River Gold Project?

   Great to see the professionalism that the project is being handled with.

4. How did you hear about the Community Meeting?

   - ☑ Newspaper advertisement
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   - ☐ From a neighbour / friend
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   - ☐ E-mail
   - ☐ Other: Radio

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Suggestions for improvement:

6. Do you have any additional questions or comments?

Will there be any training for future jobs like equipment operator, drilling etc.

7. Do you want to be added to our mailing list for future information about the Rainy River Gold Project?

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   It will be a great opportunity to bring jobs into our local area

   A few of the maps/pictures were a little difficult to understand

3. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the proposed Terms of Reference for the Provincial Environmental Assessment for the Rainy River Gold Project?

4. How did you hear about the Community Meeting?

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   - ☒ Mail Notice
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Suggestions for improvement:

6. Do you have any additional questions or comments?

Will you be exploring any other areas such as Potts Township?

7. Do you want to be added to our mailing list for future information about the Rainy River Gold Project?

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   I'm hoping that you get your
   Assessment Soon & Start the Production
   If I can be of any help towards
   the Provincial or Federal

3. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the proposed Terms of Reference for the Provincial Environmental Assessment for the Rainy River Gold Project?

   Environmental Assessments if you are
   feel to use my name.
   Sincerely Robert Wepruk.

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Suggestions for improvement:

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I have Property in Tait Township
Are your Intentions in Mon Property

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   We were very interested in the EA process, and look forward to the continuation of the project.

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   Not at this time

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   - The working relationship of RRR and the township of Chapple – short and long term.

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   Very Interested in seeing the project proceed

3. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the proposed Terms of Reference for the Provincial Environmental Assessment for the Rainy River Gold Project?

   Believe the Federal Assessment should be posted for completion

4. How did you hear about the Community Meeting?

   - ☐ Newspaper advertisement
   - ☐ Website
   - ☐ From a neighbour / friend
   - ☐ Mail Notice
   - ☑ E-mail
   - ☐ Other: _____

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Suggestions for improvement:

6. Do you have any additional questions or comments?

7. Do you want to be added to our mailing list for future information about the Rainy River Gold Project?

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Environmental Assessment

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2. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the Rainy River Gold Project in general?

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2. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the Rainy River Gold Project in general?

   In general, well laided out with good public presentation

3. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the proposed Terms of Reference for the Provincial Environmental Assessment for the Rainy River Gold Project?

   Have yet to review but will as part of my own research.

4. How did you hear about the Community Meeting?

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Suggestions for improvement:

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2. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the Rainy River Gold Project in general?

   I believe the project is crucial to the community and will improve the economy for Northwestern Ontario. I am guessing the project will reverse the negative population growth in the district and provide much needed jobs and also go a long way in building infrastructure in the district.

3. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the proposed Terms of Reference for the Provincial Environmental Assessment for the Rainy River Gold Project?

   It would be in everyone's best interest to get this project going as quickly as possible.

4. How did you hear about the Community Meeting?

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Suggestions for improvement:
RAY should be present at these events!

6. Do you have any additional questions or comments?
This project will benefit the district in many ways. I cannot see any reasons to disallow the project from moving forward.

7. Do you want to be added to our mailing list for future information about the Rainy River Gold Project?

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   FULL SPEED AHEAD

3. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the proposed Terms of Reference for the Provincial Environmental Assessment for the Rainy River Gold Project?

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Suggestions for improvement:
~~Also~~ You should have more project experts on hand to answer questions.

6. Do you have any additional questions or comments?
Are you going to be able to hire experts/consultants to design and guarantee through put on the mill.

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   It's wonderful to have a new industry coming to the District providing employment; but, will the loss of the farmland involved have a negative impact on the remaining farming community.

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   - ☐ Other: RADIO

FROM :WILLOW-MOR FARMS FAX NO. :8074863622 Nov. 09 2012 03:31PM P1

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Suggestions for improvement:

6. Do you have any additional questions or comments?

Excellent Display at EMO LEGION. Coffee was appreciated as well

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   The Rainy River District Needs Development this Project would a great Boost for the Districts Economy

3. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the proposed Terms of Reference for the Provincial Environmental Assessment for the Rainy River Gold Project?

   The Province should make this a fast track Project and help find employment for 30% Forestery workers that lost their jobs

4. How did you hear about the Community Meeting?

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Suggestions for improvement: very pleased!

6. Do you have any additional questions or comments?

get it DONE

7. Do you want to be added to our mailing list for future information about the Rainy River Gold Project?

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APPENDIX I

STAKEHOLDER AND ABORIGINAL RECORDS TO NOVEMBER 9, 2012

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20	E-mail	05/14/2012	RRR sent an invitation to the public open houses to be held on May 30 and May 31, 2012. Attachments: RRGP Notice of Commencement May 14, 2012; Rainy River Gold Project Summary.	Deborah Ewald (Town of Rainy River)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
21	E-mail	05/14/2012	RRR informed and invited representatives from the Town of Emo of the open houses planned for May 30 and 31, 2012 to discuss the RRGP and Draft ToR. Attachements: Rainy River Gold Project Summary; RRGP Notice of Commencement May 14, 2012.	Vincent Sheppard (Town of Emo)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
22	E-mail	05/14/2012	RRR informed and invited the representatives of the Township of Morley to the open houses on May 30 and 31, 2012 to discuss the RRGP and Draft ToR.Attachments: Rainy River Gold Project Summary; RRGP Notice of Commencement May 14, 2012.	Moe Henry (Township of Morley)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
24	E-mail	05/14/2012	RRR invited representatives of the Town of Fort Frances to the open houses to be held on May 30 and 31 2012 to discuss the RRGP and Draft ToR. Attachments: Rainy River Gold Project Summary; RRGP Notice of Commencement May 14, 2012.	Roy Avis (Town of Fort Frances), Glenn Treftin (Town of Fort Frances)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
30	E-mail	05/14/2012	RRR informed and invited representatives from the Township of Chapple to the open houses on May 30 and 31, 2012 to discuss the RRGP and Draft ToR.Attachments: Rainy River Gold Project Summary; RRGP Notice of Commencement May 14, 2012.	Peter Van Heyst (Township of Chapple)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
43	Letter	05/14/2012	Notice of commencement of ToR and newsletter were dropped of at the Town of Chapple.	Peggy Johnson (Township of Chapple), Peter Van Heyst (Township of Chapple)	Mary Kelly (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
52	E-mail	05/17/2012	Town of Chapple confirmed the booking of the Town Hall for the open house. Also invited RRR to put a notice in the newsletter regarding the open house.	Crystal Gray (Township of Chapple)	Mary Kelly (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
57	Open House	05/30/2012	RRR hosted an open house in Rainy River to discuss the RRGP, Draft ToR and Provincial and Federal EA processes.	Deborah Ewald (Town of Rainy River), Moe Henry (Township of Morley), R Morrison (Individual - GP), Corrie Wiersema (Individual - GP), Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP), Walter Wagner (Individual - GP), Hugh Clifford (Individual - GP), Gord Armstrong (Town of Rainy River), John Pirk (Individual - GP), Ken Kish (Individual - GP), Claude Seguin (Individual - GP), Ken Johnston (Rainy River Record), Ed Synak (Individual - GP), Peter Moen (Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation), Unknown Tovel (Individual - GP), Larry Stamler (Individual - GP), Archie Wiersema (Township of Dawson), Geraldine Blight (Individual - GP)	

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58	Open House	05/31/2012	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to give an update on the Project and discuss the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Bruce Hamilton (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters), Emery Ruff (Individual - GP), Geoff Pearce (Individual - GP), Trish & Colin Neilson (Individual - GP), Greg Spicer (Individual - GP), Charles Unknown (Individual - GP), Rilla Race (Individual - GP), Dail Kaeminck (Individual - GP), Donal Huitikka (Individual - GP), Robert + Loretta Leblanc (Individual - GP), Donald J. MacEachern (Individual - GP), Rob Armstrong (Individual - GP), Gary Gamsby (Township of Morley), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), Robert Gibson (Individual - GP), Bobbi Wyder (Individual - GP), Percy Champagne (Individual - GP), Penny + Fred Paesel (Individual - GP), Frank Curtis (Individual - GP), Jane Gillon (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), Ken Angus (Individual - GP), Morris Halverson (Individual - GP), Mike Armstrong (Island Gold), Christine Hanseon (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), Roy DeCorte (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters), Rob Dokuchie (Fort Frances Sportsmans Club), Colleen MacEachern (Individual - GP), Rick and Linda Neilson (Individual - GP), Marilyn Faragher (Individual - GP), Kelly Teeple (Individual - GP), Daniel Young (Individual - GP), Patrick LeMaistre (Individual - GP), Allen Raoul (Bending Lake Iron), Patrick LeMaistre (2) (Individual - GP), Bill Bone (Individual - GP), Richard McKinnon (Thunder Bay - Rainy River), Steve Both (Crozier Warehouse), Carol Burnell (Individual - GP), George Siemens (Individual - GP), Kevin Schram (Individual - GP), Paul Stromness (Individual - GP), Larry Stahn (Individual - GP), Alvin McClain (Individual - GP), Brad and Betty Shoemaker (Individual - GP), Ted Kaemingh (Individual - GP), Charlie and Marie Morken (Individual - GP), Ross Donaldson (Township of La Vallee), A. Teeple (Individual - GP), Bud McQuaker (Ainsworth Lumber), Chris Bonner-Vickers (Fort Frances Sportsmans Club), Dorothy and Terry Sharp (The Sharp Group), John Eberly (Eberly Trucking), Harrold Bovon (Individual - GP), R. Both (Individual - GP), Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP)	Caroline Burgess (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Mary Kelly (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Mike Mutchler (Rainy River Resources), Doug Brown (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources)
92	Letter	06/14/2012	Township of Chapple provided written comments on the Draft ToR indicating concern over the size of the mine footprint and the potential for environmental effects in Loslo and Jones Creeks and the Pinewood River. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Peggy Johnson (Township of Chapple)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
144	Meeting	07/05/2012	RRR representatives met with Emo representatives regarding support for the expansion of their water and sewer systems. RRR provided Emo with letter of support dated July 10, 2012.	Brenda Cooke (Town of Emo), Anthony Leek (Town of Emo), Vern Thompson (Town of Emo)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

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125	E-mail	07/06/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, information about the Project and maps were sent to the Township of Chapple. The completed questionnaire was returned on 12-07-23. The Township also sent a discussion piece about impacts and benefits of the proposed Project. Economic impacts: decreased tax revenue; increased administrative costsPlanning impacts: changes required to bylaws and official plansSocial impacts: increase demands and requirements for social services, emergency response (fire, police, medical), waste managementTransportation impacts: ongoing road maintenance (Hwy 600 old and new, etc) and road allowance/ROW (to be purchased by RRR from municipality), gravel pit availabilityLand use impacts: decrease in the availability of agricultural landsEnvironmental impacts: surface water drainageClosure impacts: rehabilitation.	Peggy Johnson (Township of Chapple)	Sarah Burger (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
120	E-mail	07/09/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, information about the Project and maps were sent to the Township of Morely. The completed survey was returned on 12-07-19.	Patricia Brown (Township of Morley), Anna H.M. Boily (Township of Morley), Moe Henry (Township of Morley)	Sarah Burger (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
121	E-mail	07/09/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, information about the Project and maps were sent to the Township of Alberton. The completed questionnaire was returned 12-07-31.	Dawn Unknown (Township of Alberton)	Sarah Burger (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
122	E-mail	07/09/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, information about the Project and maps were sent to the Township of Emo. A completed questionnaire was returned on 12-07-24.	Brenda Cooke (Town of Emo)	Sarah Burger (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
123	E-mail	07/09/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, Project information and maps were sent to the Town of Fort Frances. A completed questionnaire was returned on 12-07-09.	Faye Flatt (Town of Fort Frances)	Sarah Burger (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
124	E-mail	07/09/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, information about the Project, and maps were sent to the Town of Rainy River. The completed questionnaire was returned 12-07-25.	Veldron Vogan (Town of Rainy River)	Sarah Burger (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
126	E-mail	07/09/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, Project information and maps were sent to the Township of Dawson. The completed questionnaire was returned on 12-07-19.	Patrick Giles (Township of Dawson)	Sarah Burger (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
354	Meeting	07/11/2012	RRR met with the Township of Chapple to discuss the proposed alignment of water intake line and the realignment of highway 600.	Peter Van Heyst (Township of Chapple), Geoff Gillon (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Gord Armstrong (Town of Rainy River), Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP), Ken Wilson (Township of Chapple)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
355	Meeting	07/20/2012	RRR met with the Township of Chapple and the Township of Morley to discuss the proposed alignment of the water intake line.	Peggy Johnson (Township of Chapple), Peter Van Heyst (Township of Chapple), Rilla Race (Individual - GP), Gary Gamsby (Township of Morley), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP), Rick Neilson (Township of Chapple), Maury Neilson (Township of Morley)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

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163	Letter	07/20/2012	In response to the proposed water pipeline easement, the Township of Chapple indicated that they prefer the route south of the Pinewood River.	Peggy Johnson (Township of Chapple)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
162	Letter	07/26/2012	The Township of Morley indicated that council has no objection to the proposed water pipeline easement.	Teresa Desserre (Township of Morley)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
170	Meeting	08/21/2012	RRR met with Elders of Big Grassy to discuss the TEK/TLU studies that will be undertaken.	Brenda Cooke (Town of Emo), Melvina Copenace (Big Grassy First Nation), Bessie Tom (Big Grassy First Nation), Marlene Indian (Big Grassy First Nation), Leonard Morrison (Big Grassy First Nation), Patsy Tuesday (Big Grassy First Nation), Geraldine Archie (Big Grassy First Nation), Virginia Archie (Big Grassy First Nation), Daryl Archie (Big Grassy First Nation), Mylen Major-Oshee (Big Grassy First Nation), Susan Archie (Big Grassy First Nation), Bill Morrison (Big Grassy First Nation), Joseph Duguay (Big Grassy First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
262	E-mail	08/27/2012	Town of Fort Francis official requested a presentation of the RRGP delivered by a RRR representative at an upcoming Rainy River District Municipal Association general meeting. RRR indicated that they would send a senior representative to deliver a presentation.	Glenn Treftin (Town of Fort Frances)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
274	Meeting	09/12/2012	RRR representatives met with Township of Emo to discuss the status of upgrades of Emo's municipal water and sewer system.	Brenda Cooke (Town of Emo), Anthony Leek (Town of Emo), Vern Thompson (Town of Emo)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Mitchell Stice (Rainy River Resources)
323	Meeting	09/19/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.	Glenn Treftlin (Town of Fort Frances), Deborah Ewald (Town of Rainy River), Peggy Johnson (Township of Chapple), Brenda Cooke (Town of Emo), Vincent Sheppard (Town of Emo), Archie Wiersema (Township of Dawson), Rilla Race (Individual - GP), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), Ross Donaldson (Township of La Vallee), Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP), Sylvia Smeeth (Township of La Vallee), Eltjo Wiersema (Township of Dawson), Ken Wilson (Township of Chapple), Vernon Thompson (Town of Emo), Jen & Gary Judson (Individual - GP), Mike Hammond (Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists), Peter Spuzak (Township of Alberton), Doug Mitchell (Township of Alberton), Jennifer Johnson (Township of Alberton), John Albanese (Town of Fort Frances), Rick Wiedenhoeft (Town of Fort Frances), Sharon Tibbs (Town of Fort Frances), Ken Perry (Town of Fort Frances), Andrew Hallikas (Town of Fort Frances), Mark McCaig (Town of Fort Frances), Colleen Fadden (Township Lake of the Woods), Dennis Allen (Township of La Vallee), Freeda Carmody (Township of La Vallee), Jim Belluz (Township of La Vallee), George Heyns (Township of Morley), Susan Carpenter (Town of Rainy River), Nicke Baird (Riverside Foundation for Health Care), Gerd O'Sullivan (Riverside Foundation for Health Care), Rick Neilson (Township of Chapple)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

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261	E-mail	09/28/2012	An individual submitted comments to RRR regarding the positive benefits to the local economy, need for a Federal Environmental Assessment (EA), disagreement with the assertion of low density of species at risk, purchase of conservation easements, diversion of the Pinewood River, water withdrawal and other assertions contained in the Project Description (PD).	Deborah Ewald (Town of Rainy River), Peggy Johnson (Township of Chapple), Peter Van Heyst (Township of Chapple), Rilla Race (Individual - GP), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), Rick and Linda Neilson (Individual - GP)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
314	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Receipts for 11 First Nations were received for the delivery of the ToR.	To Project mailing list which includes government agencies, Aboriginal groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties.	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
333	E-mail	10/29/2012	RRR emailed various municipal and provincial elected officials to advise them that RRR has started the co-ordinated Environmental Assessment (EA) process under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (OEAA) and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 (CEAA, 2012) for the development and operation of the RRGP. RRR also provided an overview of the Project and invited the municipalities to the upcoming public open houses.	Michael Gravelle (Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), Sarah Campbell (Rainy River District), Roy Avis (Town of Fort Frances), Deborah Ewald (Town of Rainy River), Peter Van Heyst (Township of Chapple), Vincent Sheppard (Town of Emo), Bill Mauro (Government of Ontario), Archie Wiersema (Township of Dawson), Gary Gamsby (Township of Morley), Ross Donaldson (Township of La Vallee), Michael Hammond (Township of Alberton), Bill Thompson (Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
136	Meeting	07/13/2010	Delivered presentation including an overview of the project and an environmental baseline overview to an inter-agency government team.	Rachel Hill (Ministry of Natural Resources), Mike Grant (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Jim McKever (Ontario Ministry of Transportation), Peter Hinz (Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), David Laverdiere (Environment Canada), Lyndon Kivi (Fisheries and Oceans Canada), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment), Matt Myers (Ministry of Natural Resources), Tony Elders (Ministry of Natural Resources), John Vandenbroeck (Ministry of Natural Resources), Jeff Wiume (Ministry of Natural Resources), Debra Lamash (Klohn Crippen Berger), John Jemmett (Klohn Crippen Berger), Stacey Jack (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services), Melissa Mosley (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Garett MacDonald (Rainy River Resources)
138	Site Visit	08/14/2010	Site visit with Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM), Ministry of Environment (MOE), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and Klohn Crippen Berger (KCB).	Mike Grant (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Peter Hinz (Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), Lyndon Kivi (Fisheries and Oceans Canada), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment), Debra Lamash (Klohn Crippen Berger), Leanne Holligsworth (Klohn Crippen Berger), John Jemmett (Klohn Crippen Berger)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Garett MacDonald (Rainy River Resources)
140	Meeting	04/07/2011	RRR met with the Ministry Natural Resources to discuss the RRGP. Discussions included the up-coming AMEC baseline studies and the possibility of setting up the Collaborative Research Agreement and getting a university student to conduct the Whip-poor-will – Noise study. Also discussed a research plan for this study and who (RRR or MNR or the chosen university, which ended up being Trent) would fund specific portions of the study.	Rachel Hill (Ministry of Natural Resources), Matt Myers (Ministry of Natural Resources), John Vandenbroeck (Ministry of Natural Resources)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Matt Evans (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
134	Presentation	12/08/2011	Presentation to Ministry of Natural Resources about Whip-poor-will surveys.	Rachel Hill (Ministry of Natural Resources), Matt Myers (Ministry of Natural Resources), John Vandenbroeck (Ministry of Natural Resources), Greg Rand (Trent University), Gary Burness (Trent University)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Matt Evans (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
102	E-mail	01/17/2012	RRR sent a one page overview of the RRGP to Ministry of Environment (MOE) to initiate discussion for the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.	Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment), Ross Lashbrook (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
86	Meeting	02/10/2012	RRR presented a Project update to Ministry of Environment (MOE) and Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency). Action items recorded include providing additional information updates on consultation and project schedules. Provided CEA Agency (and MOE) FTP link on 12-02-21 with baseline environmental reports.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment), Ross Lashbrook (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
95	E-mail	02/10/2012	RRR sent a preliminary Project Environmental Assessment (EA) schedule for discussion.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment), Ross Lashbrook (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Darla Cameron (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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97	E-mail	03/23/2012	RRR requested and received a list of the government review team for discussion.	Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment), Ross Lashbrook (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
94	E-mail	03/29/2012	RRR indicated that the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and Draft Project Description (PD) were available for review and comment.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
93	E-mail	04/12/2012	Ministry of Environment (MOE) gave comments on the general information requirements for the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
64	E-mail	04/25/2012	RRR emailed Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) and provided some background information on the participation agreement signed with six Rainy River area First Nations.	Mike Grant (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
256	Site Visit	04/26/2012	RRR gave a site tour to MNDM staff.	Mike Grant (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Ray Mantha (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Cailey Anderson (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
65	E-mail	05/10/2012	Ministry of Environment commented on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) regarding climate change, contingency plans, assessing alternative methods for closure phase and consultation records.	Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
25	E-mail	05/14/2012	RRR invited the Member of Provincial Parliament or designate to attend one of the open houses to be held on 12-05-30 and 12-05-31 to discuss the RRGP and Draft Terms of Reference (ToR). Attachments: RRGP Notice of Commencement May 14, 2012; Rainy River Gold Project Summary	Sarah Campbell (Rainy River District)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
96	E-mail	05/14/2012	RRR requested a meetiing with Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) to clarify the additional First Nation groups added for consultation.	Neal Bennett (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Mark Smyk (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
10	E-mail	05/16/2012	RRR issued a Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for public comment.	Allan Jenkins (Ministry of Energy)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
15	E-mail	05/16/2012	RRR sent Ministry of Environment (MOE) a copy of the email that select individuals on the distribution list received regarding the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
17	E-mail	05/16/2012	RRR issued a Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for public comment.	Greg Chapman (Ministry of Natural Resources)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
99	E-mail	05/17/2012	RRR requested comments from the Ministry of Environment (MOE) on a proposed Notice of Commencement of the Terms of Reference (ToR).	Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
45	E-mail	05/22/2012	As requested, RRR sent Ministry of Environment (MOE) a working version of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) stakeholder distribution list.	Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
98	E-mail	05/28/2012	MNR requested a copy of proposed power transmission line routing map.	Rachel Hill (Ministry of Natural Resources)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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89	E-mail	05/30/2012	Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) confirmed the meeting for 12-05-31. RRR sent a memo with information on Aboriginal groups located downstream of the RRGP site.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment), Neal Bennett (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Mike Grant (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
270	E-mail	05/30/2012	RRR requested a discussion with Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) to obtain clarification on what the Crown is expecting with respect to consultation with Aboriginal groups.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment), Neal Bennett (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Mike Grant (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Melanie Mathieson (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Joseph Tyance (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Patrick Barnes (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Robert Brent (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Raymond Threlkeld (Rainy River Resources), Gerry Shields (Rainy River Resources)
46	Phone Call	05/31/2012	RRR discussed Aboriginal consultation requirements with Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM), Ministry of Environment (MOE), and Canadian Environmnetal Assessment Agency.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment), Neal Bennett (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Mike Grant (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Bob Brent (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Melanie Mathieson (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Shamini Selva (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Joe Tyence (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Corey Dekker (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Mike Mutchler (Rainy River Resources), Gerry Shields (Rainy River Resources)

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58	Open House	05/31/2012	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to give an update on the Project and discuss the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Bruce Hamilton (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters), Emery Ruff (Individual - GP), Geoff Pearce (Individual - GP), Trish & Colin Neilson (Individual - GP), Greg Spicer (Individual - GP), Charles Unknown (Individual - GP), Rilla Race (Individual - GP), Dail Kaeminck (Individual - GP), Donal Huitikka (Individual - GP), Robert + Loretta Leblanc (Individual - GP), Donald J. MacEachern (Individual - GP), Rob Armstrong (Individual - GP), Gary Gamsby (Township of Morley), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), Robert Gibson (Individual - GP), Bobbi Wyder (Individual - GP), Percy Champagne (Individual - GP), Penny + Fred Paesel (Individual - GP), Frank Curtis (Individual - GP), Jane Gillon (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), Ken Angus (Individual - GP), Morris Halverson (Individual - GP), Mike Armstrong (Island Gold), Christine Hanseon (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), Roy DeCorte (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters), Rob Dokuchie (Fort Frances Sportsmans Club), Colleen MacEachern (Individual - GP), Rick and Linda Neilson (Individual - GP), Marilyn Faragher (Individual - GP), Kelly Teeple (Individual - GP), Daniel Young (Individual - GP), Patrick LeMaistre (Individual - GP), Allen Raoul (Bending Lake Iron), Patrick LeMaistre (2) (Individual - GP), Bill Bone (Individual - GP), Richard McKinnon (Thunder Bay - Rainy River), Steve Both (Crozier Warehouse), Carol Burnell (Individual - GP), George Siemens (Individual - GP), Kevin Schram (Individual - GP), Paul Stromness (Individual - GP), Larry Stahn (Individual - GP), Alvin McClain (Individual - GP), Brad and Betty Shoemaker (Individual - GP), Ted Kaemingh (Individual - GP), Charlie and Marie Morken (Individual - GP), Ross Donaldson (Township of La Vallee), A. Teeple (Individual - GP), Bud McQuaker (Ainsworth Lumber), Chris Bonner-Vickers (Fort Frances Sportsmans Club), Dorothy and Terry Sharp (The Sharp Group), John Eberly (Eberly Trucking), Harrold Bovon (Individual - GP), R. Both (Individual - GP), Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP)	Caroline Burgess (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Mary Kelly (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Mike Mutchler (Rainy River Resources), Doug Brown (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources)
68	Letter	06/05/2012	Ministry of Environment gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) related to surface water monitoring, baseline data collecation and hydrological station locations.	Paula Spencer (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
19	E-mail	06/07/2012	RRR informed and invited the Member of Provincial Parliament of the Open Houses to be held on 12-05-30 and 12-05-31 to discuss the RRGP and Draft Terms of Reference (ToR). Attachments: Rainy River Gold Project; RRGP Notice of Commencement May 14, 2012	Bill Mauro (Government of Ontario)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
53	E-mail	06/12/2012	New contact person for Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) interested in being involved in the review of the RRGP.	Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment), Gary Sliworsky (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)

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63	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Transportation (MTO) reviewed the Project Description (PD) and provided comments.	Jim McKever (Ontario Ministry of Transportation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Greg Chapman (Ministry of Natural Resources)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
69	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) commented on the Draft ToR regarding the contents of the Aboriginal Consultation and Engagement Plan (ACEP), and Closure Plan.	Neal Bennett (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
66	Letter	06/19/2012	Ministry of Environment sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) concerning requirements for additional information about Aboriginal consultation, assessment of alternatives, and other general information requirements for the ToR.	Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
168	E-mail	06/21/2012	RRR gave an update on First Nation discussions to government agencies.	James Wagar (Métis Nation of Ontario2), Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment), Trina Rawn (Ministry of Environment), Rachel Hill (Ministry of Natural Resources), Neal Bennett (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Mike Grant (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Melanie Mathieson (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Amy Liu (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
82	E-mail	06/22/2012	Ministry of Environment (MOE) asked to include an additional MOE staff person on discussion about Aboriginal consultation.	Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment), Shamini Selva (Ontario Ministry of the Environment)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
129	Letter	06/29/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) sent a letter updating Species at Risk surveys completed in the Project area.	Greg Chapman (Ministry of Natural Resources)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
110	E-mail	07/06/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, information about the Project and Project maps were sent to Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). The completed questionnaire was returned 12-07-31.	Greg Chapman (Ministry of Natural Resources)	Sarah Burger (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
112	E-mail	07/06/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, maps and Project information were sent to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA). The completed survey was sent 12-07-31.	Gary Sliworsky (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs), Mary Ellen Norry Car (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs)	Sarah Burger (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
356	E-mail	07/11/2012	RRR and Metis Nation of Ontario discussed meeting logistics.	James Wagar (Métis Nation of Ontario), Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Neal Bennett (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
195	E-mail	07/13/2012	Ministry of Environment (MOE) indicated that they were unsuccessful in contacting the Buffalo Point Chief.	Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)



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141	Meeting	07/18/2012	RRR held an interagency meeting and gave updates on baseline studies. Agencies individually responded to the baseline study with comments and questions after the meeting (12-08-17).	Charles Gauthier (Environment Canada), Todd Kondrat (Ministry of Environment), Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Tom Kleinboeck (Fisheries and Oceans Canada), Rachel Hill (Ministry of Natural Resources), Neal Bennett (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Gary Sliworsky (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs), John Vandenbroeck (Ministry of Natural Resources), Amie Baker (Natural Resources Canada), Wesley Plant (Environment Canada), Anita Li (Environment Canada), Kelly-Anne Fagan (Environment Canada), Alisdair Brown (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Jim Sutton (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Chris Martin (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources)	David Simms (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Matt Evans (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Jason Dietrich (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
157	Site Visit	07/24/2012	RRR representatives provided a site tour for local Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) representatives.	Jane Gillon (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), Christine Hanseon (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Doug Brown (Rainy River Resources)
241	Letter	08/14/2012	MNR gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, terrestrial surveys, bird surveys and water. Comments were received 12-08-14. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment), Unknown Unknown (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
244	Letter	08/14/2012	MOE gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about wells and groundwater and were received 12-08-14. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
151	Presentation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP), Matt Myers (Ministry of Natural Resources), John Vandenbroeck (Ministry of Natural Resources), Jeff Wiume (Ministry of Natural Resources), Gail Faveri (Environment Canada), Tana McDaniel (International Joint Commission), Michael Price (International Joint Commission), Leland Grim (International Joint Commission), Edward Eaton (International Joint Commission)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
284	E-mail	09/07/2012	AMEC correspondence with Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency), Ministry of Enviroment (MOE) and Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) regarding adequacy of environmental baseline work at the RRGP.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment), Neal Bennett (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
260	E-mail	09/25/2012	RRR representatives emailed Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) to express their concern regarding the lack of progress toward Species at Risk permitting for the RRGP.	Allan Willcocks (Ministry of Natural Resources)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
388	Letter	09/30/2012	Environment Canada gave technical comments regarding baseline low flow hydrology reports issued in March and September 2012.	Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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308	Site Visit	10/02/2012	RRR gave a site tour to Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC), including board members. General questions were asked and answered about pit size, number of employees, economic development opportunities, impacts on environment, and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Participants were all positive and supportive of the Project.	Tannis Drysdale (Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce), Geoff Gillon (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Jane Gillon (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), Sonny McGinnis (Rainy River First Nations), Jim Cumming (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Don Cumming (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Annalise Armstrong (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Mark Caron (Rainy River Future Development Corp)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Andrew Tims (Rainy River Resources)
309	Site Visit	10/10/2012	RRR gave the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) a site tour.	Jane Gillon (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), Christine Hanseon (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), Helen Mulc (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines)	Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Kyle Pedersen (Rainy River Resources), Jason Pattison (Rainy River Resources), Alan Philippe (Rainy River Resources)
314	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Receipts for 11 First Nations were received for the delivery of the ToR.	To Project mailing list which includes government agencies, Aboriginal groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties.	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
333	E-mail	10/29/2012	RRR emailed various municipal and provincial elected officials to advise them that RRR has started the co-ordinated Environmental Assessment (EA) process under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (OEAA) and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 (CEAA, 2012) for the development and operation of the RRGP. RRR also provided an overview of the Project and invited the municipalities to the upcoming public open houses.	Michael Gravelle (Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), Sarah Campbell (Rainy River District), Roy Avis (Town of Fort Frances), Deborah Ewald (Town of Rainy River), Peter Van Heyst (Township of Chapple), Vincent Sheppard (Town of Emo), Bill Mauro (Government of Ontario), Archie Wiersema (Township of Dawson), Gary Gamsby (Township of Morley), Ross Donaldson (Township of La Vallee), Michael Hammond (Township of Alberton), Bill Thompson (Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
334	E-mail	11/06/2012	On behalf of RRR, AMEC emailed Project information to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) which included the proposed Terms of Reference (ToR); a Record of Consultation, Discussions and Meetings; copies of Notice of Submission advertisements; and a summary of the document issuance to Aboriginal communities.	Charlene Cressman (Ontario Ministry of the Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)



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361	E-mail	11/06/2012	RRR gave an update on consultation efforts with First Nations and Métis Nation of Ontario.	Bernie Hughes (Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment), Trina Rawn (Ministry of Environment), Greg Chapman (Ministry of Natural Resources), Rachel Hill (Ministry of Natural Resources), Neal Bennett (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Mike Grant (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Melanie Mathieson (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Shamini Selva (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment), Joseph Tyance (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Charlene Cressman (Ontario Ministry of the Environment), James Schweyer (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
387	Letter	11/08/2012	Ministry of the Environment (MOE) commented on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Alisdair Brown (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
136	Meeting	07/13/2010	Delivered presentation including an overview of the project and an environmental baseline overview to an inter-agency government team.	Rachel Hill (Ministry of Natural Resources), Mike Grant (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Jim McKever (Ontario Ministry of Transportation), Peter Hinz (Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), David Laverdiere (Environment Canada), Lyndon Kivi (Fisheries and Oceans Canada), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment), Matt Myers (Ministry of Natural Resources), Tony Elders (Ministry of Natural Resources), John Vandenbroeck (Ministry of Natural Resources), Jeff Wiume (Ministry of Natural Resources), Debra Lamash (Klohn Crippen Berger), John Jemmett (Klohn Crippen Berger), Stacey Jack (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services), Melissa Mosley (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Garett MacDonald (Rainy River Resources)
138	Site Visit	08/14/2010	Site visit with Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM), Ministry of Environment (MOE), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and Klohn Crippen Berger (KCB).	Mike Grant (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Peter Hinz (Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), Lyndon Kivi (Fisheries and Oceans Canada), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment), Debra Lamash (Klohn Crippen Berger), Leanne Holligsworth (Klohn Crippen Berger), John Jemmett (Klohn Crippen Berger)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Garett MacDonald (Rainy River Resources)
86	Meeting	02/10/2012	RRR presented a Project update to Ministry of Environment (MOE) and Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency). Action items recorded include providing additional information updates on consultation and project schedules. Provided CEA Agency (and MOE) FTP link on 12-02-21 with baseline environmental reports.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment), Ross Lashbrook (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
95	E-mail	02/10/2012	RRR sent a preliminary Project Environmental Assessment (EA) schedule for discussion.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment), Ross Lashbrook (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Darla Cameron (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
94	E-mail	03/29/2012	RRR indicated that the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and Draft Project Description (PD) were available for review and comment.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
93	E-mail	04/12/2012	Ministry of Environment (MOE) gave comments on the general information requirements for the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
61	Letter	04/19/2012	Canadian Enivronmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) provided comments on the Draft Project Description (PD) and requested additional information.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
62	Letter	04/19/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) provided comments on the Draft Project Description (PD).	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
70	Letter	04/19/2012	Transportation Canada provided comments on the Project Description.	David Zeit (Transport Canada - Ontario Region)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
8	E-mail	05/17/2012	RRR invited the Rainy River Member of Parliament (MP) to the open houses. MP indicated they would try and send a staff person to be present.	John Rafferty (Thunder Bay - Rainy River)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
51	E-mail	05/23/2012	Aboriginal ANDC indicated they have a new contact person for this Project.	Travis Jones (Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
89	E-mail	05/30/2012	Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) confirmed the meeting for 12-05-31. RRR sent a memo with information on Aboriginal groups located downstream of the RRGP site.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment), Neal Bennett (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Mike Grant (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
270	E-mail	05/30/2012	RRR requested a discussion with Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) to obtain clarification on what the Crown is expecting with respect to consultation with Aboriginal groups.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment), Neal Bennett (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Mike Grant (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Melanie Mathieson (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Joseph Tyance (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Patrick Barnes (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Robert Brent (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Raymond Threlkeld (Rainy River Resources), Gerry Shields (Rainy River Resources)
46	Phone Call	05/31/2012	RRR discussed Aboriginal consultation requirements with Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM), Ministry of Environment (MOE), and Canadian Environmnetal Assessment Agency.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment), Neal Bennett (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Mike Grant (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Bob Brent (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Melanie Mathieson (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Shamini Selva (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Joe Tyence (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Corey Dekker (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Mike Mutchler (Rainy River Resources), Gerry Shields (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
58	Open House	05/31/2012	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to give an update on the Project and discuss the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Bruce Hamilton (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters), Emery Ruff (Individual - GP), Geoff Pearce (Individual - GP), Trish & Colin Neilson (Individual - GP), Greg Spicer (Individual - GP), Charles Unknown (Individual - GP), Rilla Race (Individual - GP), Dail Kaeminck (Individual - GP), Donal Huitikka (Individual - GP), Robert + Loretta Leblanc (Individual - GP), Donald J. MacEachern (Individual - GP), Rob Armstrong (Individual - GP), Gary Gamsby (Township of Morley), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), Robert Gibson (Individual - GP), Bobbi Wyder (Individual - GP), Percy Champagne (Individual - GP), Penny + Fred Paesel (Individual - GP), Frank Curtis (Individual - GP), Jane Gillon (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), Ken Angus (Individual - GP), Morris Halverson (Individual - GP), Mike Armstrong (Island Gold), Christine Hanseon (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), Roy DeCorte (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters), Rob Dokuchie (Fort Frances Sportsmans Club), Colleen MacEachern (Individual - GP), Rick and Linda Neilson (Individual - GP), Marilyn Faragher (Individual - GP), Kelly Teeple (Individual - GP), Daniel Young (Individual - GP), Patrick LeMaistre (Individual - GP), Allen Raoul (Bending Lake Iron), Patrick LeMaistre (2) (Individual - GP), Bill Bone (Individual - GP), Richard McKinnon (Thunder Bay - Rainy River), Steve Both (Crozier Warehouse), Carol Burnell (Individual - GP), George Siemens (Individual - GP), Kevin Schram (Individual - GP), Paul Stromness (Individual - GP), Larry Stahn (Individual - GP), Alvin McClain (Individual - GP), Brad and Betty Shoemaker (Individual - GP), Ted Kaemingh (Individual - GP), Charlie and Marie Morken (Individual - GP), Ross Donaldson (Township of La Vallee), A. Teeple (Individual - GP), Bud McQuaker (Ainsworth Lumber), Chris Bonner-Vickers (Fort Frances Sportsmans Club), Dorothy and Terry Sharp (The Sharp Group), John Eberly (Eberly Trucking), Harrold Bovon (Individual - GP), R. Both (Individual - GP), Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP)	Caroline Burgess (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Mary Kelly (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Mike Mutchler (Rainy River Resources), Doug Brown (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources)
100	E-mail	05/31/2012	RRR sent an addendum to the Draft Project Description (PD) for review including potential environmental effects of the Project, locations for habitat assessment, and fish sampling locations.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
23	E-mail	06/08/2012	RRR formally invited the Member of Parliament or a representative to the open houses held on 12-05-30 and 12-05-31.Attachments: RRGP Notice of Commencent May 14, 2012Rainy River Gold Project Summary	John Rafferty (Thunder Bay - Rainy River)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
104	Letter	06/15/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Amy Liu (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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72	E-mail	06/21/2012	RRR asked if they were still on target for 12-07-01 revision of the Project Description. Also indicated all comments were in from Provincial agencies for the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
168	E-mail	06/21/2012	RRR gave an update on First Nation discussions to government agencies.	James Wagar (Métis Nation of Ontario2), Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment), Trina Rawn (Ministry of Environment), Rachel Hill (Ministry of Natural Resources), Neal Bennett (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Mike Grant (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Melanie Mathieson (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Amy Liu (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
101	E-mail	06/26/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent some proposed text for the Terms of Reference (ToR) on the potential changes to CEA Agency and coordination.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
356	E-mail	07/11/2012	RRR and Metis Nation of Ontario discussed meeting logistics.	James Wagar (Métis Nation of Ontario2), Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Neal Bennett (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
141	Meeting	07/18/2012	RRR held an interagency meeting and gave updates on baseline studies. Agencies individually responded to the baseline study with comments and questions after the meeting (12-08-17).	Charles Gauthier (Environment Canada), Todd Kondrat (Ministry of Environment), Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Tom Kleinboeck (Fisheries and Oceans Canada), Rachel Hill (Ministry of Natural Resources), Neal Bennett (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Gary Sliworsky (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs), John Vandenbroeck (Ministry of Natural Resources), Amie Baker (Natural Resources Canada), Wesley Plant (Environment Canada), Anita Li (Environment Canada), Kelly-Anne Fagan (Environment Canada), Alisdair Brown (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Jim Sutton (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Chris Martin (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources)	David Simms (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Matt Evans (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Jason Dietrich (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
164	E-mail	07/26/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) asked to include a new stakeholder to the distribution list.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Gail Faveri (Environment Canada)	David Simms (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
243	Letter	08/08/2012	NRCan gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about wells and groundwater and were received 12-08-08.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
167	E-mail	08/09/2012	RRR sent a final version of the Project Description (PD) to Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) for review. The version was formatted to the new Guide to Preparing a Description of a Designated Project under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA), 2012. CEA Agency acknowledged receipt of the PD and indicated a response would be sent on or before 12-08-17.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
152	E-mail	08/12/2012	RRR submited a revised final Project Description (PD) for the RRGP to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) via email and ftp site.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Jean Philippe Croteau (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
151	Presentation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP), Matt Myers (Ministry of Natural Resources), John Vandenbroeck (Ministry of Natural Resources), Jeff Wiume (Ministry of Natural Resources), Gail Faveri (Environment Canada), Tana McDaniel (International Joint Commission), Michael Price (International Joint Commission), Leland Grim (International Joint Commission), Edward Eaton (International Joint Commission)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
155	E-mail	08/17/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter via email to RRR to advise them that the executive summary of their Project Description (PD) did not include a sufficient level of detail.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
225	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Buffalo Point First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a project description and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	
226	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Couchiching First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a project description and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	
227	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Lac La Croix First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invited them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	

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228	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Metis Nation of Ontario to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Theresa Stenlund (Metis Nation of Ontario)	
229	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Mitaanjigamiing First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	
230	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Naicatchewenin First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	
231	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	
232	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Naotkamegwanning First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Joyce White (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation)	
233	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Garry Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	
234	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Northwest Angle No.33 First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Dave Hall (Northwest Angle No.33 First Nation)	
235	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Northwest Angle No.37 First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Loraine Major (Northwest Angle No.37 First Nation)	
236	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invited them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Norman Copenance (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	



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237	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Rainy River First Nations to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	
238	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum (Rat Portage) First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Ken Skead (Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum (Rat Portage) First Nation)	
239	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Seine River First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	
175	E-mail	09/04/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) informed RRR that the first comment period for the Project Description (PD) opened and concludes 12-09-21.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
284	E-mail	09/07/2012	AMEC correspondence with Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency), Ministry of Enviroment (MOE) and Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) regarding adequacy of environmental baseline work at the RRGP.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment), Neal Bennett (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
222	Letter	09/24/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	
306	E-mail	10/15/2012	RRR requested information about the Government Agencies' preferred format for receiving future documentation. Also indicated that the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) would be distributed shortly.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Rob Dobos (Environment Canada), Dan McDonell (Environment Canada), Bernard Beckhoff (International Joint Commission), Kathleen Cavallaro (Environmental Assessment), Tom Kleinboeck (Fisheries and Oceans Canada), Rich Rudolph (Fisheries and Oceans Canada), Kitty Ma (Health Canada), Regent Dickey (Major Projects Management Office), David Zeit (Transport Canada - Ontario Region), Gail Faveri (Environment Canada)	Mary Kelly (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
314	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Receipts for 11 First Nations were received for the delivery of the ToR.	To Project mailing list which includes government agencies, Aboriginal groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties.	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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338	E-mail	10/25/2012	The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent RRR comments they received regarding the Project Description stating that they do not have any environmental objectives to the RRGP and that RRGP would add jobs to the local areas. Questions were posed regarding post closure possibilites for the mine area, water quality and flow impacts, ecological integity, and wildlife impacts.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
321	E-mail	10/26/2012	RRR sent the memorandum from the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) regarding the review of the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP to the Government Review Team (GRT).	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Regent Dickey (Major Projects Management Office), Travis Jones (Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada), Gail Faveri (Environment Canada)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
361	E-mail	11/06/2012	RRR gave an update on consultation efforts with First Nations and Métis Nation of Ontario.	Bernie Hughes (Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment), Trina Rawn (Ministry of Environment), Greg Chapman (Ministry of Natural Resources), Rachel Hill (Ministry of Natural Resources), Neal Bennett (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Mike Grant (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Melanie Mathieson (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Shamini Selva (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment), Joseph Tyance (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Charlene Cressman (Ontario Ministry of the Environment), James Schweyer (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
136	Meeting	07/13/2010	Delivered presentation including an overview of the project and an environmental baseline overview to an inter-agency government team.	Rachel Hill (Ministry of Natural Resources), Mike Grant (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Jim McKever (Ontario Ministry of Transportation), Peter Hinz (Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), David Laverdiere (Environment Canada), Lyndon Kivi (Fisheries and Oceans Canada), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment), Matt Myers (Ministry of Natural Resources), Tony Elders (Ministry of Natural Resources), John Vandenbroeck (Ministry of Natural Resources), Jeff Wiume (Ministry of Natural Resources), Debra Lamash (Klohn Crippen Berger), John Jemmett (Klohn Crippen Berger), Stacey Jack (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services), Melissa Mosley (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Garett MacDonald (Rainy River Resources)
138	Site Visit	08/14/2010	Site visit with Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM), Ministry of Environment (MOE), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and Klohn Crippen Berger (KCB).	Mike Grant (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Peter Hinz (Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), Lyndon Kivi (Fisheries and Oceans Canada), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment), Debra Lamash (Klohn Crippen Berger), Leanne Holligsworth (Klohn Crippen Berger), John Jemmett (Klohn Crippen Berger)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Garett MacDonald (Rainy River Resources)
134	Presentation	12/08/2011	Presentation to Ministry of Natural Resources about Whip-poor-will surveys.	Rachel Hill (Ministry of Natural Resources), Matt Myers (Ministry of Natural Resources), John Vandenbroeck (Ministry of Natural Resources), Greg Rand (Trent University), Gary Burness (Trent University)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Matt Evans (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
269	E-mail	05/06/2012	AMEC sent a local resident a copy of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR). AMEC outlined the process to submit comments regarding the ToR.	Heather Campbell (Rainy River School District)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
44	Letter	05/14/2012	Landowners were delivered a copy of the newsletter and Notice of Commencement of the Terms of Reference (ToR).	Flyod Georgeson (Individual - GP), Donal Huitikka (Individual - GP), Brian Gerula (Individual - GP), Murray Gerula (Individual - GP), JSD Logging (Individual - GP), Robert + Loretta Leblanc (Individual - GP), Donald J. MacEachern (Individual - GP), Alvin + Carol McLain (Individual - GP), Colin + Dorothy Neilson (Individual - GP), Henry + Elizabeth Petkau (Individual - GP), Howard Roen (Individual - GP), Florence Shwedack (Individual - GP), Douglas + Vesta Teeple (Individual - GP), Daniel + Julia Teeple (Individual - GP), Paul Wepruk (Individual - GP)	Mary Kelly (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
11	E-mail	05/16/2012	RRR issued a Draft ToR for public comment.	Ramsey Hart (Mining Watch Canada)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
12	E-mail	05/16/2012	RRR issued a Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for public comment.	Geoff Gillon (Rainy River Future Development Corp)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
14	E-mail	05/16/2012	RRR issued a Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for public comment.	Colin Hewitt (Resolute Forest Products)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
16	E-mail	05/16/2012	RRR issued a Draft Trems of Reference (ToR) for public comment.	Patti Collett (Natural Resources Advisory Committee), David May (Rainy River District Stewardship)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
18	E-mail	05/16/2012	RRR issued a Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for public comment.	Brennain Lloyd (Northwatch)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)

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33	E-mail	05/16/2012	RRR indicated the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) was available for review.	Tannis Drysdale (Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
9	E-mail	05/17/2012	RRR issued a Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for public comment.	Heather Campbell (Rainy River School District)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
41	E-mail	05/28/2012	Individual inquired about RRR environmental practices, wildlife displacement, mitigation of the loss of wildlife habitat. Requested review of environmental baseline studies.	Trish & Colin Neilson (Individual - GP)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
57	Open House	05/30/2012	RRR hosted an open house in Rainy River to discuss the RRGP, Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment processes.	Deborah Ewald (Town of Rainy River), Moe Henry (Township of Morley), R Morrison (Individual - GP), Corrie Wiersema (Individual - GP), Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP), Walter Wagner (Individual - GP), Hugh Clifford (Individual - GP), Gord Armstrong (Town of Rainy River), John Pirk (Individual - GP), Ken Kish (Individual - GP), Claude Seguin (Individual - GP), Ken Johnston (Rainy River Record), Ed Synak (Individual - GP), Peter Moen (Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation), Unknown Tovel (Individual - GP), Larry Stamler (Individual - GP), Archie Wiersema (Township of Dawson), Geraldine Blight (Individual - GP)	Caroline Burgess (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Mary Kelly (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Mike Mutchler (Rainy River Resources), Doug Brown (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
58	Open House	05/31/2012	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to give an update on the Project and discuss the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Bruce Hamilton (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters), Emery Ruff (Individual - GP), Geoff Pearce (Individual - GP), Trish & Colin Neilson (Individual - GP), Greg Spicer (Individual - GP), Charles Unknown (Individual - GP), Rilla Race (Individual - GP), Dail Kaeminck (Individual - GP), Donal Huitikka (Individual - GP), Robert + Loretta Leblanc (Individual - GP), Donald J. MacEachern (Individual - GP), Rob Armstrong (Individual - GP), Gary Gamsby (Township of Morley), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), Robert Gibson (Individual - GP), Bobbi Wyder (Individual - GP), Percy Champagne (Individual - GP), Penny + Fred Paesel (Individual - GP), Frank Curtis (Individual - GP), Jane Gillon (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), Ken Angus (Individual - GP), Morris Halverson (Individual - GP), Mike Armstrong (Island Gold), Christine Hanseon (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), Roy DeCorte (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters), Rob Dokuchie (Fort Frances Sportsmans Club), Colleen MacEachern (Individual - GP), Rick and Linda Neilson (Individual - GP), Marilyn Faragher (Individual - GP), Kelly Teeple (Individual - GP), Daniel Young (Individual - GP), Patrick LeMaistre (Individual - GP), Allen Raoul (Bending Lake Iron), Patrick LeMaistre (2) (Individual - GP), Bill Bone (Individual - GP), Richard McKinnon (Thunder Bay - Rainy River), Steve Both (Crozier Warehouse), Carol Burnell (Individual - GP), George Siemens (Individual - GP), Kevin Schram (Individual - GP), Paul Stromness (Individual - GP), Larry Stahn (Individual - GP), Alvin McClain (Individual - GP), Brad and Betty Shoemaker (Individual - GP), Ted Kaemingh (Individual - GP), Charlie and Marie Morken (Individual - GP), Ross Donaldson (Township of La Vallee), A. Teeple (Individual - GP), Bud McQuaker (Ainsworth Lumber), Chris Bonner-Vickers (Fort Frances Sportsmans Club), Dorothy and Terry Sharp (The Sharp Group), John Eberly (Eberly Trucking), Harrold Bovon (Individual - GP), R. Both (Individual - GP), Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP)	Caroline Burgess (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Mary Kelly (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Mike Mutchler (Rainy River Resources), Doug Brown (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources)
13	E-mail	06/07/2012	RRR issued a Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for public comment.	Dan McCormick (Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
28	Letter	06/08/2012	As requested, the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) was sent by mail.	Bruce Hamilton (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters), Emery Ruff (Individual - GP), Geoff Pearce (Individual - GP), Trish & Colin Neilson (Individual - GP)	Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources)
71	Letter	06/08/2012	Rainy Lake Concervancy (RLC) provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) regarding related to mine rock and tailings management, open pit geochemistry, water quality and monitoring, design alternatives/risk analysis, power supply, best practices as well as potential impacts to the Clearwater-Pipestone and Rainy Lake systems. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Paul Anderson (Rainy Lake Conservancy)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
90	E-mail	06/11/2012	Business inquired about contracting opportunities.	Doug Fraser (Sysco)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
59	Letter	06/14/2012	The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) gave a written response to the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR). OFAH has not had a meeting since the release of the Draft ToR, so the comments are those of the individual member, not necessarily the group. Response from RRR was sent 12-07-05.	Bruce Hamilton (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
60	E-mail	06/16/2012	Individual provided written comments to the Draft Terms of Reference. RRR responded on 12-08-08.	Trish & Colin Neilson (Individual - GP)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
88	E-mail	06/16/2012	Individual gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) including concerns about vegetation, effects to their honey farm, the tailings management area, and size of the mine footprint. Indicated that project would provide economic benefits and leave a positive legacy if post closure landscaping is done well. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Rick and Linda Neilson (Individual - GP)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
75	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	06/21/2012	Rainy River Futures Development Corporation (RRFDC) representative dropped in the the RRR Emo Office to arrange a meeting.	Geoff Gillon (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Russ Fortier (Rainy River Future Development Corp)	Doug Brown (Rainy River Resources)
76	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	06/21/2012	Casual drop-in by Rainy River Futures Development Corporation (RRFDC) representative to discuss the Project and how local businesses can best prepare for the mine.	George Emes (IPC Financial Securities)	Doug Brown (Rainy River Resources)
77	Phone Call	06/21/2012	Concerned that RRR was shutting down.	Chris Pollard (Stratton Equipment)	Doug Brown (Rainy River Resources)
78	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	06/21/2012	Individual expressed concern about cyanide contamination.	Ingrid Carlson (Individual - GP)	Doug Brown (Rainy River Resources)
240	Meeting	06/25/2012	RRR and Berg Building Design met to discuss proposed new geo core shack construction plans. RRR provided Berg Building Design Regional Exploration Headquarters Construction Plans and Hwy 600 proposed routing & site access road proposed routing.	Frank Berg (Berg Building Design)	Doug Brown (Rainy River Resources)
91	Letter	06/26/2012	Resolute Forest Products sent written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) regarding overlap of the project with the Crossroute Forest, the need to provide access to resource harvesting areas and rehabilitation expectations upon closure. RRR sent a response on 12-07-05.	Colin Hewitt (Resolute Forest Products)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
103	Phone Call	06/26/2012	RRR agreed to give a presentation on the Project in the Fall of 2012 for the Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists (RRVFN) group.	Alan Johnson (Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
107	Meeting	06/26/2012	RRR hosted an open house meeting with elders and community members. RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Posters were available for viewing. Notes were reviewed with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 12-07-10.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP), Albert Comegan (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Melvina Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Bessie Tom (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Marlene Indian (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Glen Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Robert Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Leonard Morrison (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Patsy Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Stanley Jack (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Geraldine Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Virginia Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Daryl Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), David Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	Sandra Witt (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Doug Brown (Rainy River Resources)
263	E-mail	07/03/2012	RRR provided a reponse to Rainy Lake Concervancy (RLC) comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) regarding related to mine rock and tailings management, open pit geochemistry, water quality and monitoring, design alternatives/risk analysis, power supply, best practices as well as potential impacts to the Clearwater-Pipestone and Rainy Lake systems. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Paul Anderson (Rainy Lake Conservancy)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
109	E-mail	07/06/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire with maps and information about the Project were sent to Confederation College. The questionnaire was completed and returned.	Anne Renaud (Confederation College)	Sarah Burger (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
111	E-mail	07/06/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, maps and information about the Project was sent to Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH). OFAH returned the completed survey on 12-07-19.	Roy DeCorte (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters)	Sarah Burger (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
113	E-mail	07/06/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, Project information sheets and maps showing the local and regional study areas were sent to Clearwater Lodge.	Unknown Unknown (Clearwater Lodge)	Sarah Burger (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
114	E-mail	07/06/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, Project information sheets and maps showing the local and regional study areas were sent to Gateway North Outfitters.	Lucas & Nicole Adams (Gateway Outfitters)	Sarah Burger (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
115	E-mail	07/06/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, information about the Project and maps were sent to the Riverside Health Care Facilities (RHC). The completed questionnaire was sent 12-07-17.	Allan Katz (Riverside Health Care Facilities)	Sarah Burger (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
116	E-mail	07/06/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, Project fact sheets and maps showing the local and regional study areas were sent to the Rainy River Cattlemen's Association.	Murray McDonald (Rainy River Cattlemans Association), Steve Loshaw (Rainy River Cattlemans Association)	Sarah Burger (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
118	E-mail	07/06/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, information about the Project and maps were sent to the Rainy River Federation of Agriculture (RRFA). RRFA returned the completed survey on August 8, 2012.	Linda Armstrong (Rainy River Federation of Agriculture)	Sarah Burger (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
119	E-mail	07/06/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, information about the Project and maps were sent to the Snowmobile Club. The questionnaire was completed and returned 12-07-26.	Christina Goodman (Borderland Snowmobile Club)	Sarah Burger (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
127	E-mail	07/06/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, Project fact sheets and maps showing the local and regional study area were sent to the Rainy River Social Services Board (RRSSB).	Dan McCormick (Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board)	Sarah Burger (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
128	E-mail	07/06/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, Project fact sheets, and maps showing the local and regional study areas were sent to the Rainy River Stewardship Council (RRSC).	Angela Petsnick (Rainy River District Stewardship)	Sarah Burger (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
354	Meeting	07/11/2012	RRR met with the Township of Chapple to discuss the proposed alignment of water intake line and the realignment of highway 600.	Peter Van Heyst (Township of Chapple), Geoff Gillon (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Gord Armstrong (Town of Rainy River), Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP), Ken Wilson (Township of Chapple)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
177	E-mail	07/12/2012	AMEC contacted an RRR hired trapper to obtain Socio-Economic information.	Ken Angus (Individual - GP)	Caroline Burgess (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
117	E-mail	07/16/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, information about the Project and maps were sent to the Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC). A completed questionnaire was sent back 12-07-24.	Geoff Gillon (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Sandra Whalen (Rainy River Future Development Corp)	Sarah Burger (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
355	Meeting	07/20/2012	RRR met with the Township of Chapple and the Township of Morley to discuss the proposed alignment of the water intake line.	Peggy Johnson (Township of Chapple), Peter Van Heyst (Township of Chapple), Rilla Race (Individual - GP), Gary Gamsby (Township of Morley), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP), Rick Neilson (Township of Chapple), Maury Neilson (Township of Morley)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
159	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	07/26/2012	Local businessman dropped by RRR to discuss possible contract and service opportunities.	Conrad Tom (Wincrief Construction)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
161	Other	08/01/2012	RRR discussed the Mining Matters program with Northern Ontario Business News.	Ian Ross (Northern Ontario Business)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
151	Presentation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP), Matt Myers (Ministry of Natural Resources), John Vandenbroeck (Ministry of Natural Resources), Jeff Wiume (Ministry of Natural Resources), Gail Faveri (Environment Canada), Tana McDaniel (International Joint Commission), Michael Price (International Joint Commission), Leland Grim (International Joint Commission), Edward Eaton (International Joint Commission)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)



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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
257	Meeting	08/23/2012	RRR met with landowner to discuss archaeology of the area and other local knowledge. The property has been used as fields, and no pre-contact artifacts have been discovered on any of the properties.	Brian Burkeland (Individual - GP)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
264	Meeting	08/27/2012	RRR and AMEC met with individuals living in the vicinity of Emo and the RRGP to establish current and prior use of the land and Pinewood River in addition to if there are any archaeological features of interest.	Brian Gerula (Individual - GP), Murray Gerula (Individual - GP)	Sandra Witt (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
266	Meeting	08/28/2012	RRR and AMEC representatives interviewed local residents whom own several parcels on land near the RRGP site to discuss land use and archaeological issues.	Robert + Loretta Leblanc (Individual - GP)	Sandra Witt (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
158	Letter	08/30/2012	RRR sent a letter to individuals thanking them for their contributions to the history and land use of the project area.	Robert + Loretta Leblanc (Individual - GP)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
198	Meeting	09/05/2012	Individual about the RRGP proximity to Burditt/Clearwater Lake and the project schedule.	Drew Brecki (Individual - GP)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
352	Meeting	09/05/2012	RRR met with the Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists to discuss the Project.	Alan Johnson (Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists), Kurt Lysne (Individual - GP), Henry Miller (Fort Frances Sportsmans Club), Mike Hammond (Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists), Terry Kawulia (Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists), John Honanka (Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists), Mary Lynse (Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
154	Meeting	09/06/2012	RRR representatives discussed acoustical data collection and public open houses with a local individual.	Colin + Dorothy Neilson (Individual - GP)	Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources)
171	Phone Call	09/07/2012	Individual contacted RRR to express his agreement with the Project.	Morris Halverson (Individual - GP)	Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources)
208	Phone Call	09/14/2012	Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) asked for a copy of the Project Description (PD) to be sent by mail. RRR sent a copy by mail.	Bruce Hamilton (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters)	Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
323	Meeting	09/19/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.	Glenn Treftlin (Town of Fort Frances), Deborah Ewald (Town of Rainy River), Peggy Johnson (Township of Chapple), Brenda Cooke (Town of Emo), Vincent Sheppard (Town of Emo), Archie Wiersema (Township of Dawson), Rilla Race (Individual - GP), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), Ross Donaldson (Township of La Vallee), Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP), Sylvia Smeeth (Township of La Vallee), Eltjo Wiersema (Township of Dawson), Ken Wilson (Township of Chapple), Vernon Thompson (Town of Emo), Jen & Gary Judson (Individual - GP), Mike Hammond (Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists), Peter Spuzak (Township of Alberton), Doug Mitchell (Township of Alberton), Jennifer Johnson (Township of Alberton), John Albanese (Town of Fort Frances), Rick Wiedenhoeft (Town of Fort Frances), Sharon Tibbs (Town of Fort Frances), Ken Perry (Town of Fort Frances), Andrew Hallikas (Town of Fort Frances), Mark McCaig (Town of Fort Frances), Colleen Fadden (Township Lake of the Woods), Dennis Allen (Township of La Vallee), Freeda Carmody (Township of La Vallee), Jim Belluz (Township of La Vallee), George Heyns (Township of Morley), Susan Carpenter (Town of Rainy River), Nicke Baird (Riverside Foundation for Health Care), Gerd O'Sullivan (Riverside Foundation for Health Care), Rick Neilson (Township of Chapple)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
282	E-mail	09/21/2012	Individual thanked RRR for the presention delivered to Rainy River Field Naturalists and requested being placed on the information distribution list. Individual particpating in upcoming mine tour on 12-10-05.	Kurt Lysne (Voyageurs National Park Association)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
261	E-mail	09/28/2012	An individual submitted comments to RRR regarding the positive benefits to the local economy, need for a Federal Environmental Assessment (EA), disagreement with the assertion of low density of species at risk, purchase of conservation easements, diversion of the Pinewood River, water withdrawal and other assertions contained in the Project Description (PD).	Deborah Ewald (Town of Rainy River), Peggy Johnson (Township of Chapple), Peter Van Heyst (Township of Chapple), Rilla Race (Individual - GP), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), Rick and Linda Neilson (Individual - GP)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
308	Site Visit	10/02/2012	RRR gave a site tour to Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC), including board members. General questions were asked and answered about pit size, number of employees, economic development opportunities, impacts on environment, and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Participants were all positive and supportive of the Project.	Tannis Drysdale (Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce), Geoff Gillon (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Jane Gillon (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), Sonny McGinnis (Rainy River First Nations), Jim Cumming (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Don Cumming (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Annalise Armstrong (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Mark Caron (Rainy River Future Development Corp)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Andrew Tims (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
351	Site Visit	10/04/2012	RRR gave the Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists (RRVFN) a tour of the site which included included a visit to the core processing facility and a driving tour of the proposed open pit, mill, waste rock area and tailings pond. Questions were raised regarding the core processing area and geology.	Alan Johnson (Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists), Henry Miller (Fort Frances Sportsmans Club), Mike Hammond (Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists), Pat Basaraba (Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Kyle Pedersen (Rainy River Resources), Jason Pattison (Rainy River Resources), Alan Philippe (Rainy River Resources), Sarah Miller (Rainy River Resources)
316	Community Event	10/17/2012	RRR held a Fall Ceremony on 2012-10-17 at Georgeson House property and was attended by various First Nations members. The Fall Ceremony addressed the importance of ceremony to RRR and of regular communication and interaction with the area communities.	Bessie Tom (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Robert Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Geraldine Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Virginia Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Alex Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation), Susan Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset County Metis), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Willie Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Annie Wayash (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tim Medicine (Seine River First Nation), Rita Potson (Seine River First Nation), George Boshkaykin (Seine River First Nation), Peter Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Garett Jim (Seine River First Nation), Bob Armit (Sunset County Metis), Todd Moxham (Unknown Individual), Dorothy Huittika (Sunset County Metis), Cecilia Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), John George (Sunset County Metis), Val Pelepetz (Sunset County Metis), Randy Carmody (Sunset County Metis), Bill Wayash (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Hilda Boy (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wanda Botsford (Sunset County Metis), Dylinda George (Sunset County Metis), Andrew Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Bill Wayash Jr (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Al Henderson Jr (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Deborah Hutchens (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Raymond Threlkeld (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Amy Shute (Rainy River Resources), Andrew Tims (Rainy River Resources), Jessica Franklin (Rainy River Resources), Cameron Shaw (Rainy River Resources)
314	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Receipts for 11 First Nations were received for the delivery of the ToR.	To Project mailing list which includes government agencies, Aboriginal groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties.	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
377	Mass Mailout	10/25/2012	RRR mailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Signed confirmation of delivered documents were received.	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tannis Drysdale (Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset County Metis), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation), Michelle Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Connie Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Ravenn Kasper (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Roberta Kabatay (Seine River First Nation), Isaac Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Jennilee Major (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Patrick Morriseau (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
330	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	10/26/2012	Individuals stopped by the RRR office in Emo and requested access to RRGP site maps and highway 600 re-alignment maps, which RRR provided.	Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP), Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP)	Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources)
383	Letter	11/02/2012	Individual gave supportive comments on theRRGP.	George Emes (IPC Financial Securities)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
335	E-mail	11/06/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the Terms of Reference. The email was returned undelivered.	Dail Kaeminck (Individual - GP), Russ Fortier (Rainy River Future Development Corp), John Eberly (Eberly Trucking), Harrold Bovon (Individual - GP), Murray McDonald (Rainy River Cattlemans Association)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
350	Phone Call	11/06/2012	The Dougall Media Sales Department left a message on the RRR Comments Line requesting a call back.	Jennifer Unknown (Dougall Media)	
342	Phone Call	11/08/2012	Individual requested information about the potential rerouting of Highway 600, and the potential impact on land in the area.	Louise Neilson (Individual - GP)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
348	Open House	11/08/2012	RRR hosted an open house in Nestor Falls on 12-11-07 and in Emo on 12-11-08. Information about the RRGP and the Environmental Assessment (EA) was presented to those that attended. RRR collected comments about the open house and the RRGP from participants.	Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources)

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Table I-5: Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation Contact Records to November 9, 2012

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
238	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum (Rat Portage) First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Ken Skead (Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum (Rat Portage) First Nation)	
314	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Receipts for 11 First Nations were received for the delivery of the ToR.	To Project mailing list which includes government agencies, Aboriginal groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties.	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

Table I-6: Mishkosiimiiniiziibing First Nation Contact Records to November 9, 2012

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
2	E-mail	03/30/2012	RRR gave an update on the Environmental Assessment process.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
31	E-mail	05/12/2012	RRR invited Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation to a spring ceremony and feasting of the land hosted by Rainy River area First Nations.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
47	Letter	05/14/2012	RRR delivered Draft Terms of Reference to Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
7	Mass Mailout	05/16/2012	A copy of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) was sent by courier as well as a copy for hosting in Aboriginal communities for public review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Kevin Muloin (Metis Nation of Ontario), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Richard Bruyere (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
132	Community E	05/16/2012	RRR held a spring ceremony with First Nations. Attendees were given a description of why the ceremony was taking place, and expressed gratitude for being brought tobacco, and to be able to ask forgiveness of the earth for the damage done by the project at site. Expressed encouragement about the project, and hope that it will be a benefit for everyone in the area, including the First Nations membership and communities.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Melvina Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Marlene Indian (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Geraldine Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Susan Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gilbert Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Marshall Jourdain (Couchiching First Nation), James G. Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Lois Morrisseau (Couchiching First Nation), Irene Jourdain (Couchiching First Nation), Willie Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Florence Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), James Comegan (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Annie Wayash (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Doug Brown (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Amy Shute (Rainy River Resources), Andrew Tims (Rainy River Resources), Garnet Cornell (Rainy River Resources), Cory Hercun (Rainy River Resources)
50	Presentation	05/22/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine Environmental Assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Deb Whetzel (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Lynn Indian (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Martin Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Tim Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
56	E-mail	05/22/2012	RRR followed up after a meeting to set up a date for an open house for the Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation community.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
26	E-mail	05/23/2012	RRR indicated that a second copy of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) was available for pick up or delivery from the RRR Emo office, and that this copy should be made available for Mishkisiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation to review.	Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
74	E-mail	06/18/2012	RRR corresponded with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nationto set up a meeting for 12-06-26.	Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
107	Meeting	06/26/2012	RRR hosted an open house meeting with elders and community members. RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Posters were available for viewing. Notes were reviewed with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 12-07-10.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP), Albert Comegan (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Melvina Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Bessie Tom (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Marlene Indian (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Glen Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Robert Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Leonard Morrison (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Patsy Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Stanley Jack (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Geraldine Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Virginia Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Daryl Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), David Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	Sandra Witt (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Doug Brown (Rainy River Resources)
213	Meeting	07/03/2012	RRR contacted a Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation representative to arrange a meeting to discuss the socio-economic and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) studies for 12-07-09.	Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Joseph Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
219	E-mail	07/13/2012	RRR representative indicated that the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) questionnaires were available toMishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation at the RRR office. Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation representative indicated that they would pick them up.	Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
142	E-mail	08/10/2012	RRR would like to complete a Participation Agreement in the coming months, as well as a data sharing agreement for Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) studies. RRR also gave an update on the Environmental Assessment process.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
148	Mass Mailout	08/13/2012	RRR provided the federal Project Description (PD) document to various First Nation groups prior to CEA Agency led public review to allow suitable time for review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Norman Copenance (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Brian Tucker (Sunset Country Metis), James Leonard III (Rainy River First Nations), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
170	Meeting	08/21/2012	RRR met with elders of Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation to discuss the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) studies that will be undertaken.	Brenda Cooke (Town of Emo), Melvina Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Bessie Tom (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Marlene Indian (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Leonard Morrison (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Patsy Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Geraldine Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Virginia Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Daryl Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Mylen Major-Oshee (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Susan Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Bill Morrison (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Joseph Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
258	Meeting	08/28/2012	RRR attended Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation council meeting to discuss a data sharing agreement.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Deb Whetzel (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Lynn Indian (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Martin Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Lynn Gavin (Rainy River First Nations)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
212	Site Visit	08/29/2012	RRR gave a site tour to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders. 18 people particpated. Questions were raised about potential for contaminants to affect water ways.	Melvina Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Marlene Indian (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Patsy Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Rosie Snowball (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Tommy Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Lorraine Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Adrian Snowball (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dorothy Medicine (Rainy River First Nations), Geraldine Hoard (Rainy River First Nations), Annie McGinnis (Rainy River First Nations), Annie Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Genevieve McGinnis (Rainy River First Nations), Sancia Medicine (Rainy River First Nations), Roseanne Councillor (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Unknown Unknown (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Joanne Councillor (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Buddy Cyr (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Raymond Cyr (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Bruce Black (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Cheryl Morrison (Rainy River First Nations)	Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Doug Brown (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Andrew Tims (Rainy River Resources), Garnet Cornell (Rainy River Resources)
216	E-mail	08/30/2012	RRR contacted Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation Chief to advise that the Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) is complete and that the Bankable Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment (EA) will be completed next year. The email contained a copy of the press release and a summary of the PEA.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
147	Meeting	09/04/2012	RRR met with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders on 12-09-04 to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) in the project area.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Albert Comegan (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Melvina Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Bessie Tom (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Marlene Indian (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Leonard Morrison (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Patsy Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Geraldine Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Virginia Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Mylen Major-Oshee (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Susan Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Unknown Unknown (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
150	Other	09/04/2012	RRR and Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation representatives entered into an Informed Consent agreement to complete the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study.	Albert Comegan (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Robert Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Mylen Major-Oshee (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
182	Letter	09/04/2012	RRR sent a letter to Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation with an updated Project Description (PD).	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
202	Meeting	09/18/2012	RRR attended a Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) session with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation.	Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Albert Comegan (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Marlene Indian (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Robert Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Leonard Morrison (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Patsy Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Geraldine Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Daryl Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Mylen Major-Oshee (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Susan Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
222	Letter	09/24/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	
279	Letter	09/25/2012	RRR mailed an invite to the Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation for a ceremony at the RRPG.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
302	E-mail	10/15/2012	RRR extended an invitation to the Chief of Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation to speak at the Fall Ceremony.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
316	Community E	10/17/2012	RRR held a Fall Ceremony on 2012-10-17 at Georgeson House property and was attended by various First Nations members. The Fall Ceremony addressed the importance of ceremony to RRR and of regular communication and interaction with the area communities.	Bessie Tom (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Robert Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Geraldine Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Virginia Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Alex Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation), Susan Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Willie Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Annie Wayash (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tim Medicine (Seine River First Nation), Rita Potson (Seine River First Nation), George Boshkaykin (Seine River First Nation), Peter Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Garett Jim (Seine River First Nation), Bob Armit (Sunset Country Metis), Todd Moxham (Unknown Individual), Dorothy Huittika (Sunset Country Metis), Cecilia Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), John George (Sunset Country Metis), Val Pelepetz (Sunset Country Metis), Randy Carmody (Sunset Country Metis), Bill Wayash (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Hilda Boy (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wanda Botsford (Sunset Country Metis), Dylinda George (Sunset Country Metis), Andrew Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Bill Wayash Jr (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Al Henderson Jr (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Deborah Hutchens (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Raymond Threlkeld (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Amy Shute (Rainy River Resources), Andrew Tims (Rainy River Resources), Jessica Franklin (Rainy River Resources), Cameron Shaw (Rainy River Resources)
314	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Receipts for 11 First Nations were received for the delivery of the ToR.	To Project mailing list which includes government agencies, Aboriginal groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties.	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
377	Mass Mailout	10/25/2012	RRR mailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Signed confirmation of delivered documents were received.	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tannis Drysdale (Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation), Michelle Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Connie Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Ravenn Kasper (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Roberta Kabatay (Seine River First Nation), Isaac Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Jennilee Major (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Patrick Morriseau (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
403	Mass Mailout	11/02/2012	The Fall 2012 RRR newsletter was sent.	Veldron Vogan (Town of Rainy River), Patricia Brown (Township of Morley), Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), Ross Donaldson (Township of La Vallee), Clifford Bob (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment), Alex Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Gary Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jeff Brown (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Wanda Kanel (Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls), Rick Wiedenhoeft (Town of Fort Frances), Don Jones (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Yerxa (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
1	E-mail	03/30/2012	RRR gave an update on the Environmental Assessment process.	Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
172	E-mail	03/30/2012	RRR emailed Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation Chief to advise that the Project Environmental Assessment and permitting would be commencing soon.	Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
5	E-mail	05/02/2012	RRR indicated the Environmental Assessment would commence end of May and suggested a meeting to give an overview of the Environmental Assessment process.	Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
32	E-mail	05/12/2012	RRR invited Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation members to a spring ceremony and feasting of the land hosted by Rainy River area First Nations.	Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
48	Letter	05/14/2012	RRR delivered Draft Terms of Reference to Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation.	Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
73	Meeting	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Anishinabeg of Naongashing (Big Island) First Nation about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine Environmental Assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Albert Handorgan (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation)	Mary Kelly (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
7	Mass Mailout	05/16/2012	A copy of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) was sent by courier as well as a copy for hosting in Aboriginal communities for public review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Kevin Muloin (Metis Nation of Ontario), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Richard Bruyere (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
27	E-mail	05/23/2012	RRR indicated that there was a second copy of the Draft Terms of Reference available for pick up or delivery from the RRR Emo office. This copy should be made available to Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation for review.	Albert Handorgan (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
42	E-mail	05/31/2012	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation asked for statement of confirmation from RRR that there will be layoffs as part of the normal cycle of the drilling program and the project development. RRR confirmed there would be downsizing to focus on the Environmental Assessment process.	Albert Handorgan (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
106	E-mail	06/21/2012	RRR indicated that they would like to set up a meeting to discuss socio-economic and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) data collection. Also indicated that RRR would like to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) again with community leaders.	Albert Handorgan (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
339	E-mail	07/06/2012	RRR invited Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation to participate in the socio-economic and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study.	Albert Handorgan (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
160	E-mail	07/09/2012	RRR contacted Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation to setup a meeting to discuss socio-economic data collection.	Albert Handorgan (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
380	E-mail	08/09/2012	RRR requested a meeting with leadership to continue previous discussions about the Project and the Environmental Assessment processes (EA).	Albert Handorgan (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
176	E-mail	08/10/2012	RRR provided an update on the Federal and Provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) processes to Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation.	Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
148	Mass Mailout	08/13/2012	RRR provided the federal Project Description (PD) document to various First Nation groups prior to CEA Agency led public review to allow suitable time for review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Norman Copenance (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Brian Tucker (Sunset Country Metis), James Leonard III (Rainy River First Nations), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
231	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	
183	Letter	09/04/2012	RRR sent a letter to Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation with an updated Project Description (PD).	Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
278	Letter	09/25/2012	RRR mailed an invite to the Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation for a ceremony at the RRPG.	Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

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Table I-7: Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing First Nation Contact Records to November 9, 2012

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
314	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Receipts for 11 First Nations were received for the delivery of the ToR.	To Project mailing list which includes government agencies, Aboriginal groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties.	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
377	Mass Mailout	10/25/2012	RRR mailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Signed confirmation of delivered documents were received.	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tannis Drysdale (Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation), Michelle Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Connie Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Ravenn Kasper (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Roberta Kabatay (Seine River First Nation), Isaac Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Jennilee Major (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Patrick Morriseau (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
403	Mass Mailout	11/02/2012	The Fall 2012 RRR newsletter was sent.	Veldron Vogan (Town of Rainy River), Patricia Brown (Township of Morley), Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), Ross Donaldson (Township of La Vallee), Clifford Bob (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment), Alex Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Gary Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jeff Brown (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Wanda Kanel (Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls), Rick Wiedenhoeft (Town of Fort Frances), Don Jones (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Yerxa (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

Table I-8: Buffalo Point First Nation Contact Records to November 9, 2012

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
225	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Buffalo Point First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a project description and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	
273	Phone Call	09/07/2012	RRR representative called and left a message for Buffalo Point First Nation Chief requesting a return phone call.	John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
275	Letter	09/25/2012	RRR mailed an invite to the Buffalo Point First Nation for a ceremony at the RRPG.	John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
296	Meeting	10/10/2012	RRR met with Buffalo Point First Nation to introduce the Project and discuss their future involvement in the RRGP.	John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation), Herman Green (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
314	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Receipts for 11 First Nations were received for the delivery of the ToR.	To Project mailing list which includes government agencies, Aboriginal groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties.	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
130	Meeting	03/12/2012	Participation agreement signing with First Nation elders.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Willie Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Ed Morrison (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tom Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Nick Mainville (Rainy River First Nations), Renea Bodnarchuk (Rainy River First Nations), Stacey Jack (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
3	E-mail	03/30/2012	RRR gave an update on the Environmental Assessment process.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
4	E-mail	05/02/2012	RRR asked to present an overview of the Environmental Assessment process during the next Participation Agreement Advisory Committee meeting.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
55	E-mail	05/05/2012	RRR indicated they would give a presentation 12-05-15 on the Draft Terms of Reference and Environmental	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation),	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
49	Presentation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Mary Kelly (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Raymond Threlkeld (Rainy River Resources)
7	Mass Mailout	05/16/2012	A copy of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) was sent by courier as well as a copy for hosting in Aboriginal communities for public review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Kevin Muloin (Metis Nation of Ontario), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
34	Letter	05/16/2012	RRR delivered newsletter and postcard invitation to upcoming open houses to Couchiching First Nation.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
132	Community Event	05/16/2012	RRR held a spring ceremony with First Nations. Attendees were given a description of why the ceremony was taking place, and expressed gratitude for being brought tobacco, and to be able to ask forgiveness of the earth for the damage done by the project at site. Expressed encouragement about the project, and hope that it will be a benefit for everyone in the area, including the First Nations membership and communities.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Melvina Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Marlene Indian (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Geraldine Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Susan Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gilbert Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Marshall Jourdain (Couchiching First Nation), James G. Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Lois Morrisseau (Couchiching First Nation), Irene Jourdain (Couchiching First Nation), Willie Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Florence Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), James Comegan (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Annie Wayash (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Doug Brown (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Amy Shute (Rainy River Resources), Andrew Tims (Rainy River Resources), Garnet Cornell (Rainy River Resources), Cory Hercun (Rainy River Resources)
223	E-mail	06/08/2012	RRR sent an email introducing the socio-economic baseline study and attached a socio-economic survey for Couchiching First Nation to complete.	Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
79	Meeting	06/18/2012	Participation Agreement Advisory Committee monthly meeting held on 12-06-18 in Fort Frances. RRR provided the assembled Chiefs from Naicatchewenin, Mitaanjigamiing, Couchiching, Nigigoonsiminikaaning and Seine River First Nations with a Project update and overview of the Provincial Terms of Reference and associated Environmental Assessment process. Regrets from Rainy River First Nations and Lac La Croix First Nation.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Raymond Threlkeld (Rainy River Resources)
135	Meeting	07/10/2012	Meeting with Couchiching First Nation to discuss the project and mining process.	Alex Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
165	E-mail	08/10/2012	RRR sent an update to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) member Chiefs on the status of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Indicated that for the Provincial process, the proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) is being finalized for review by Ministry of Environment (MOE). For the Federal process, the revised Project Description (PD) has been sent to Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) for review.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
148	Mass Mailout	08/13/2012	RRR provided the federal Project Description (PD) document to various First Nation groups prior to CEA Agency led public review to allow suitable time for review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Norman Copenance (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Brian Tucker (Sunset Country Metis), James Leonard III (Rainy River First Nations), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
255	E-mail	08/27/2012	Couchiching First Nation asked for an organisational chart. RRR responded they do not currently have an organisation chart.	Alex Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
252	Presentation	08/29/2012	RRR gave a presentation to the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC). The presentation was an update on engagement to date, social and environmental studies, and project facility updates. A copy of the presentation was emailed to PAAC members on 12-08-31.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
153	E-mail	08/30/2012	RRR provided a press release about the Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) and advised the Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) that the that the Bankable Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment (EA) will be completed in 2013.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
226	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Couchiching First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a project description and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	
189	Letter	09/04/2012	RRR sent a letter to Couchiching First Nation with an updated Project Description (PD).	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
197	Meeting	09/04/2012	RRR met with Couchiching First Nation representative to discuss the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
291	Site Visit	09/20/2012	RRR provided a tour of the Blackhawk site to Couchiching First Nation representatives which included the proposed pit area, processing plant, and the existing geologist and core cutting facility. RRR also responded to questions about the site, size of the pit, impact on water in the site area, overall site size, and potential job opportunities for community members.	Alex Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation), Willie Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
287	Letter	09/25/2012	RRR mailed a poster to the Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Sunset County Metis, Couchiching First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation for a ceremony at the RRPG.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
311	E-mail	10/09/2012	RRR sent an invitation to the RRGP open house to Couchiching First Nation for posting in their community newsletter. The open house will be held 12-10-17.	Alex Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
327	E-mail	10/10/2012	RRR emailed an invitation and directions to a Fall Ceremony event on 2012-10-17 at the RRGP site.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
307	Phone Call	10/11/2012	Discussed Couchiching First Nation's participation in the Fall Ceremony and the format for the open house on 12-10-17.	Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
316	Community Event	10/17/2012	RRR held a Fall Ceremony on 2012-10-17 at Georgeson House property and was attended by various First Nations members. The Fall Ceremony addressed the importance of ceremony to RRR and of regular communication and interaction with the area communities.	Bessie Tom (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Robert Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Geraldine Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Virginia Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Alex Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation), Susan Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Willie Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Annie Wayash (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tim Medicine (Seine River First Nation), Rita Potson (Seine River First Nation), George Boshkaykin (Seine River First Nation), Peter Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Garett Jim (Seine River First Nation), Bob Armit (Sunset Country Metis), Todd Moxham (Unknown Individual), Dorothy Huittika (Sunset Country Metis), Cecilia Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), John George (Sunset Country Metis), Val Pelepetz (Sunset Country Metis), Randy Carmody (Sunset Country Metis), Bill Wayash (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Hilda Boy (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wanda Botsford (Sunset Country Metis), Dylinda George (Sunset Country Metis), Andrew Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Bill Wayash Jr (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Al Henderson Jr (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Deborah Hutchens (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Raymond Threlkeld (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Amy Shute (Rainy River Resources), Andrew Tims (Rainy River Resources), Jessica Franklin (Rainy River Resources), Cameron Shaw (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
404	Open House	10/17/2012	RRR hosted an open house for Couchiching First Nation. Questions focused primarily on job opportunities and potential for employment, as well as training paths for community members to consider when looking at the project potential in the future.	Alex Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation), Willie Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Rob Adams (Couchiching First Nation), Eugene McPherson (Couchiching First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Raymond Threlkeld (Rainy River Resources)
314	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Receipts for 11 First Nations were received for the delivery of the ToR.	To Project mailing list which includes government agencies, Aboriginal groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties.	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
317	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed posters containing information about two public open houses scheduled for 12-10-07 in Nestor Falls and 12-10-08 in Emo. RRR requested that the various First Nations post the posters within their respective communities and noted that print copies would follow by regular mail.	Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
377	Mass Mailout	10/25/2012	RRR mailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Signed confirmation of delivered documents were received.	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tannis Drysdale (Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation), Michelle Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Connie Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Ravenn Kasper (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Roberta Kabatay (Seine River First Nation), Isaac Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Jennilee Major (Mishkosiimiiniziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Patrick Morriseau (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
403	Mass Mailout	11/02/2012	The Fall 2012 RRR newsletter was sent.	Veldron Vogan (Town of Rainy River), Patricia Brown (Township of Morley), Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), Ross Donaldson (Township of La Vallee), Clifford Bob (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment), Alex Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Gary Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jeff Brown (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Wanda Kanel (Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls), Rick Wiedenhoeft (Town of Fort Frances), Don Jones (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Yerxa (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
336	E-mail	11/07/2012	RRR sent an email to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, and Couchiching First Nation to remind them of the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) meeting on 12-11-09 to discuss an update on the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the proposed amendment document and disbursement of funds attached to the Agreement.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Candace Bagacki (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
340	E-mail	11/08/2012	Couchiching First Nation confirmed a meeting with RRR scheduled for 12-11-09.	Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
341	E-mail	11/08/2012	RRR emailed the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) members a copy of the meeting agenda covering an update on the RRGP and the Environmental Assessment (EA), the signing of Agreement Amending Participation Agreement and an update on status of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Candace Bagacki (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
367	Phone Call	11/08/2012	Discussed the upcoming Participatory Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) meeting. Couchiching First Nation indicated they had choosen a community representative.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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Table I-10: Lac La Croix First Nation Contact Records to November 9, 2012

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
130	Meeting	03/12/2012	Participation agreement signing with First Nation elders.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Willie Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Ed Morrison (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tom Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Nick Mainville (Rainy River First Nations), Renea Bodnarchuk (Rainy River First Nations), Stacey Jack (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
3	E-mail	03/30/2012	RRR gave an update on the Environmental Assessment process.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
4	E-mail	05/02/2012	RRR asked to present an overview of the Environmental Assessment process during the next Participation Agreement Advisory Committee meeting.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
55	E-mail	05/05/2012	RRR indicated they would give a presentation 12-05-15 on the Draft Terms of Reference and Environmental Assessment process.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
49	Presentation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Mary Kelly (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Raymond Threlkeld (Rainy River Resources)



Table I-10: Lac La Croix First Nation Contact Records to November 9, 2012

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
7	Mass Mailout	05/16/2012	A copy of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) was sent by courier as well as a copy for hosting in Aboriginal communities for public review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Kevin Muloin (Metis Nation of Ontario), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Richard Bruyere (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
224	E-mail	06/08/2012	RRR sent an email introducing the socio-economic baseline study and attached a socio-economic survey for Lac La Croix First Nation to complete.	Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
267	Other	07/03/2012	RRR and Lac La Croix First Nation signed a data sharing protocol for participation in a Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study for the RRGP.	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
165	E-mail	08/10/2012	RRR sent an update to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) member Chiefs on the status of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Indicated that for the Provincial process, the proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) is being finalized for review by Ministry of Environment (MOE). For the Federal process, the revised Project Description (PD) has been sent to Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) for review.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
148	Mass Mailout	08/13/2012	RRR provided the federal Project Description (PD) document to various First Nation groups prior to CEA Agency led public review to allow suitable time for review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Norman Copenance (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Brian Tucker (Sunset Country Metis), James Leonard III (Rainy River First Nations), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
252	Presentation	08/29/2012	RRR gave a presentation to the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC). The presentation was an update on engagement to date, social and environmental studies, and project facility updates. A copy of the presentation was emailed to PAAC members on 12-08-31.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
153	E-mail	08/30/2012	RRR provided a press release about the Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) and advised the Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) that the that the Bankable Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment (EA) will be completed in 2013.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
227	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Lac La Croix First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invited them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	
192	Letter	09/04/2012	RRR sent a letter to Lac La Croix First Nation with an updated Project Description.	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
287	Letter	09/25/2012	RRR mailed a poster to the Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Sunset County Metis, Couchiching First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation for a ceremony at the RRPG.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
327	E-mail	10/10/2012	RRR emailed an invitation and directions to a Fall Ceremony event on 2012-10-17 at the RRGP site.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
298	E-mail	10/11/2012	Followed up with Lac La Croix First Nation to inquire whether any members would be participating in the Fall Ceremony. Initial invite was sent 12-10-10.	Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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314	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Receipts for 11 First Nations were received for the delivery of the ToR.	To Project mailing list which includes government agencies, Aboriginal groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties.	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
317	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed posters containing information about two public open houses scheduled for 12-10-07 in Nestor Falls and 12-10-08 in Emo. RRR requested that the various First Nations post the posters within their respective communities and noted that print copies would follow by regular mail.	Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
377	Mass Mailout	10/25/2012	RRR mailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Signed confirmation of delivered documents were received.	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tannis Drysdale (Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation), Michelle Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Connie Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Ravenn Kasper (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Roberta Kabatay (Seine River First Nation), Isaac Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Jennilee Major (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Patrick Morriseau (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
328	E-mail	10/31/2012	RRR emailed Lac La Croix First Nation and Mitaanjigamiing First Nation to confirm their attendance at the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) meeting on 2012-11-09.	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
403	Mass Mailout	11/02/2012	The Fall 2012 RRR newsletter was sent.	Veldron Vogan (Town of Rainy River), Patricia Brown (Township of Morley), Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), Ross Donaldson (Township of La Vallee), Clifford Bob (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment), Alex Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Gary Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jeff Brown (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Wanda Kanel (Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls), Rick Wiedenhoeft (Town of Fort Frances), Don Jones (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Yerxa (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
336	E-mail	11/07/2012	RRR sent an email to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, and Couchiching First Nation to remind them of the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) meeting on 12-11-09 to discuss an update on the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the proposed amendment document and disbursement of funds attached to the Agreement.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Candace Bagacki (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
341	E-mail	11/08/2012	RRR emailed the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) members a copy of the meeting agenda covering an update on the RRGP and the Environmental Assessment (EA), the signing of Agreement Amending Participation Agreement and an update on status of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Candace Bagacki (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
130	Meeting	03/12/2012	Participation agreement signing with First Nation elders.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Willie Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Ed Morrison (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tom Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Nick Mainville (Rainy River First Nations), Renea Bodnarchuk (Rainy River First Nations), Stacey Jack (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
3	E-mail	03/30/2012	RRR gave an update on the Environmental Assessment process.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
4	E-mail	05/02/2012	RRR asked to present an overview of the Environmental Assessment process during the next Participation Agreement Advisory Committee meeting.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
55	E-mail	05/05/2012	RRR indicated they would give a presentation 12-05-15 on the Draft Terms of Reference and Environmental Assessment process.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
49	Presentation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Mary Kelly (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Raymond Threlkeld (Rainy River Resources)
7	Mass Mailout	05/16/2012	A copy of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) was sent by courier as well as a copy for hosting in Aboriginal communities for public review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Kevin Muloin (Metis Nation of Ontario), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
132	Community Event	05/16/2012	RRR held a spring ceremony with First Nations. Attendees were given a description of why the ceremony was taking place, and expressed gratitude for being brought tobacco, and to be able to ask forgiveness of the earth for the damage done by the project at site. Expressed encouragement about the project, and hope that it will be a benefit for everyone in the area, including the First Nations membership and communities.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Melvina Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Marlene Indian (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Geraldine Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Susan Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gilbert Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Marshall Jourdain (Couchiching First Nation), James G. Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Lois Morrisseau (Couchiching First Nation), Irene Jourdain (Couchiching First Nation), Willie Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Florence Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), James Comegan (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Annie Wayash (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Doug Brown (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Amy Shute (Rainy River Resources), Andrew Tims (Rainy River Resources), Garnet Cornell (Rainy River Resources), Cory Hercun (Rainy River Resources)
39	Letter	05/23/2012	RRR delivered newsletter and postcard invitations to upcoming open houses to Mitaanjigamiing First Nation.	Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
218	E-mail	06/08/2012	RRR sent an email introducing the socio-economic baseline study and attached a socio-economic survey for their consideration.	Ed Morrison (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
79	Meeting	06/18/2012	Participation Agreement Advisory Committee monthly meeting held on 12-06-18 in Fort Frances. RRR provided the assembled Chiefs from Naicatchewenin, Mitaanjigamiing, Couchiching, Nigigoonsiminikaaning and Seine River First Nations with a Project update and overview of the Provincial Terms of Reference and associated Environmental Assessment process. Regrets from Rainy River First Nations and Lac La Croix First Nation.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Raymond Threlkeld (Rainy River Resources)
249	E-mail	08/02/2012	Mitaanjigamiing inquired about the status of a training grant partnership for heavy equipment training. The application was discussed and it was decided not to go ahead with the grant application.	Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
250	E-mail	08/07/2012	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation inquired when funding would be released to First Nation groups and how much would be given.	Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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165	E-mail	08/10/2012	RRR sent an update to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) member Chiefs on the status of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Indicated that for the Provincial process, the proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) is being finalized for review by Ministry of Environment (MOE). For the Federal process, the revised Project Description (PD) has been sent to Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) for review.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
148	Mass Mailout	08/13/2012	RRR provided the federal Project Description (PD) document to various First Nation groups prior to CEA Agency led public review to allow suitable time for review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Norman Copenance (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Brian Tucker (Sunset Country Metis), James Leonard III (Rainy River First Nations), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
252	Presentation	08/29/2012	RRR gave a presentation to the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC). The presentation was an update on engagement to date, social and environmental studies, and project facility updates. A copy of the presentation was emailed to PAAC members on 12-08-31.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
229	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Mitaanjigamiing First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	
188	Letter	09/04/2012	RRR sent a letter to Mitaanjigamiing First Nation with an updated Project Description (PD).	Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
199	Meeting	09/04/2012	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation met with RRR to discuss the Project Description (PD).	Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
288	E-mail	09/10/2012	RRR asked Mitaanjigamiing First Nation whether they had reviewed the Data Sharing Protocol and whether there were any questions or comments.	Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
283	E-mail	09/13/2012	RRR contacted the Mitaanjigamiing First Nation to plan a community gathering and open house to provide the community with some information about the RRGP.	Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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287	Letter	09/25/2012	RRR mailed a poster to the Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Sunset County Metis, Couchiching First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation for a ceremony at the RRPG.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
294	Phone Call	09/26/2012	RRR contacted Mitaanjigamiing First Nation to confirm the site tour for 12-10-15 and a day for RRR to deliver a presentation to the community.	Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
327	E-mail	10/10/2012	RRR emailed an invitation and directions to a Fall Ceremony event on 2012-10-17 at the RRGP site.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
299	E-mail	10/11/2012	RRR followed up with Mitaanjigamiing First Nation to ask if any members would be participating in the Fall Ceremony. Initial invite sent 12-10-10.	Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
316	Community Event	10/17/2012	RRR held a Fall Ceremony on 2012-10-17 at Georgeson House property and was attended by various First Nations members. The Fall Ceremony addressed the importance of ceremony to RRR and of regular communication and interaction with the area communities.	Bessie Tom (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Robert Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Geraldine Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Virginia Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Alex Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation), Susan Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Willie Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Annie Wayash (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tim Medicine (Seine River First Nation), Rita Potson (Seine River First Nation), George Boshkaykin (Seine River First Nation), Peter Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Garett Jim (Seine River First Nation), Bob Armit (Sunset Country Metis), Todd Moxham (Unknown Individual), Dorothy Huittika (Sunset Country Metis), Cecilia Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), John George (Sunset Country Metis), Val Pelepetz (Sunset Country Metis), Randy Carmody (Sunset Country Metis), Bill Wayash (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Hilda Boy (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wanda Botsford (Sunset Country Metis), Dylinda George (Sunset Country Metis), Andrew Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Bill Wayash Jr (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Al Henderson Jr (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Deborah Hutchens (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Raymond Threlkeld (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Amy Shute (Rainy River Resources), Andrew Tims (Rainy River Resources), Jessica Franklin (Rainy River Resources), Cameron Shaw (Rainy River Resources)
303	E-mail	10/19/2012	RRR contacted Mitaanjigamiing First Nation to discuss dates for a site tour and open house.	Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
318	E-mail	10/22/2012	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation executed a Data Sharing Protocol with RRR for Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) data from the Mitaanjigamiing First Nation on the area identified as the RRGP.	Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
325	Meeting	10/22/2012	RRR met with Mitaanjigamiing First Nation to discuss the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study, the Data Sharing Protocol, the interview process, band office security, amendments to the Participation Agreement, honoraria for elders and open houses.Mitaanjigamiing First Nation requested a copy of the Informed Consent form, as well as a map of the study area.	Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Hilda Boy (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Paul Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Pam Johnson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)



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314	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Receipts for 11 First Nations were received for the delivery of the ToR.	To Project mailing list which includes government agencies, Aboriginal groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties.	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
317	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed posters containing information about two public open houses scheduled for 12-10-07 in Nestor Falls and 12-10-08 in Emo. RRR requested that the various First Nations post the posters within their respective communities and noted that print copies would follow by regular mail.	Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
320	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a copy of the RRGP Site Plan and Conceptual Layout as well as the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) Informed Consent Form to Mitaanjigamiing First Nation.	Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Hilda Boy (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
377	Mass Mailout	10/25/2012	RRR mailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Signed confirmation of delivered documents were received.	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tannis Drysdale (Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation), Michelle Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Connie Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Ravenn Kasper (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Roberta Kabatay (Seine River First Nation), Isaac Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Jennilee Major (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Patrick Morriseau (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
324	Phone Call	10/29/2012	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation requested a digital copy of the proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) from RRR. RRR provided the weblink to the document.	Ed Morrison (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
328	E-mail	10/31/2012	RRR emailed Lac La Croix First Nation and Mitaanjigamiing First Nation to confirm their attendance at the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) meeting on 2012-11-09.	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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403	Mass Mailout	11/02/2012	The Fall 2012 RRR newsletter was sent.	Veldron Vogan (Town of Rainy River), Patricia Brown (Township of Morley), Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), Ross Donaldson (Township of La Vallee), Clifford Bob (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment), Alex Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Gary Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jeff Brown (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Wanda Kanel (Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls), Rick Wiedenhoeft (Town of Fort Frances), Don Jones (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Yerxa (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
336	E-mail	11/07/2012	RRR sent an email to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, and Couchiching First Nation to remind them of the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) meeting on 12-11-09 to discuss an update on the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the proposed amendment document and disbursement of funds attached to the Agreement.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Candace Bagacki (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
343	Phone Call	11/07/2012	Discussed request from Mitaanjigamiing First Nation to have RRR present information about the RRGP to the community.	Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
346	Phone Call	11/07/2012	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation requested RRR send a copy of the Project Description (PD) to their consultants.	Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
337	E-mail	11/08/2012	RRR sent Mitaanjigamiing First Nation the link to the Project Description (PD) for the RRGP on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) website.	Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
341	E-mail	11/08/2012	RRR emailed the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) members a copy of the meeting agenda covering an update on the RRGP and the Environmental Assessment (EA), the signing of Agreement Amending Participation Agreement and an update on status of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Candace Bagacki (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
344	Phone Call	11/08/2012	RRR and Mitaanjigamiing First Nation discussed the agenda for the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) meeting for 12-11-09.	Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
345	E-mail	11/08/2012	RRR emailed Mitaanjigamiing First Nation a copy of the Agreement Amending the Participation Agreement in response to their request.	Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
130	Meeting	03/12/2012	Participation agreement signing with First Nation elders.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Willie Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Ed Morrison (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tom Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Nick Mainville (Rainy River First Nations), Renea Bodnarchuk (Rainy River First Nations), Stacey Jack (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
3	E-mail	03/30/2012	RRR gave an update on the Environmental Assessment process.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
4	E-mail	05/02/2012	RRR asked to present an overview of the Environmental Assessment process during the next Participation Agreement Advisory Committee meeting.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
55	E-mail	05/05/2012	RRR indicated they would give a presentation 12-05-15 on the Draft Terms of Reference and Environmental Assessment process.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
49	Presentation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Mary Kelly (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Raymond Threlkeld (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
7	Mass Mailout	05/16/2012	A copy of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) was sent by courier as well as a copy for hosting in Aboriginal communities for public review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Kevin Muloin (Metis Nation of Ontario), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Richard Bruyere (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
132	Community Event	05/16/2012	RRR held a spring ceremony with First Nations. Attendees were given a description of why the ceremony was taking place, and expressed gratitude for being brought tobacco, and to be able to ask forgiveness of the earth for the damage done by the project at site. Expressed encouragement about the project, and hope that it will be a benefit for everyone in the area, including the First Nations membership and communities.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Melvina Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Marlene Indian (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Geraldine Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Susan Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gilbert Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Marshall Jourdain (Couchiching First Nation), James G. Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Lois Morrisseau (Couchiching First Nation), Irene Jourdain (Couchiching First Nation), Willie Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Florence Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), James Comegan (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Annie Wayash (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Doug Brown (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Amy Shute (Rainy River Resources), Andrew Tims (Rainy River Resources), Garnet Cornell (Rainy River Resources), Cory Hercun (Rainy River Resources)
40	Letter	05/23/2012	RRR delivered newsletter and postcard invitations to upcoming open houses to Naicatchewenin First Nation.	Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
215	E-mail	06/11/2012	RRR sent an email introducing the socio-economic baseline study and attached a socio-economic survey for their consideration.	Darlene Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
79	Meeting	06/18/2012	Participation Agreement Advisory Committee monthly meeting held on 12-06-18 in Fort Frances. RRR provided the assembled Chiefs from Naicatchewenin, Mitaanjigamiing, Couchiching, Nigigoonsiminikaaning and Seine River First Nations with a Project update and overview of the Provincial Terms of Reference and associated Environmental Assessment process. Regrets from Rainy River First Nations and Lac La Croix First Nation.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Raymond Threlkeld (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
179	Meeting	07/05/2012	RRR held a meeting to discuss the Project with Naicatchewenin First Nation.	Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Willie Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Rosie Snowball (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Tommy Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Gary Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Lorraine Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Delia Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Gilbert Smith (Naicatchewenin First	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
268	Other	07/05/2012	RRR and Naicatchewenin First Nation signed a data sharing protocol for participation in a Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study for the RRGP.	Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
259	Meeting	07/12/2012	RRR met with Naicatchewenin First Nation to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU). Discussions around conservation potential, and potential Project effects.	Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Rosie Snowball (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Delia Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Don Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Adrian Snowball (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Doris Caribou (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Mary Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Steve Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Tommy Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Louie Councillor (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jerry Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Shirley Snowball (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Ed Snowball (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Tommy Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jean Councillor (Naicatchewenin First	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
165	E-mail	08/10/2012	RRR sent an update to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) member Chiefs on the status of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Indicated that for the Provincial process, the proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) is being finalized for review by Ministry of Environment (MOE). For the Federal process, the revised Project Description (PD) has been sent to Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) for review.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
148	Mass Mailout	08/13/2012	RRR provided the federal Project Description (PD) document to various First Nation groups prior to CEA Agency led public review to allow suitable time for review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Norman Copenance (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Brian Tucker (Sunset Country Metis), James Leonard III (Rainy River First Nations), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
253	Phone Call	08/17/2012	Arranged a site tour with Rainy River First Nation and Naicatchewenin First Nation elders. Also contacted Naicatchwenin by email to confirm the site tour date.	Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dorothy Medicine (Rainy River First Nations)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
254	E-mail	08/23/2012	Naicatchewenin First Nation returned and completed the socio-economic survey.	Darlene Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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212	Site Visit	08/29/2012	RRR gave a site tour to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders. 18 people particpated. Questions were raised about potential for contaminants to affect water ways.	Melvina Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Marlene Indian (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Patsy Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Rosie Snowball (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Tommy Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Lorraine Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Adrian Snowball (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dorothy Medicine (Rainy River First Nations), Geraldine Hoard (Rainy River First Nations), Annie McGinnis (Rainy River First Nations), Annie Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Genevieve McGinnis (Rainy River First Nations), Sancia Medicine (Rainy River First Nations), Roseanne Councillor (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Unknown Unknown (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Joanne Councillor (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Buddy Cyr (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Raymond Cyr (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Bruce Black (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Cheryl Morrison (Rainy River First Nations)	Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Doug Brown (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Andrew Tims (Rainy River Resources), Garnet Cornell (Rainy River Resources)
252	Presentation	08/29/2012	RRR gave a presentation to the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC). The presentation was an update on engagement to date, social and environmental studies, and project facility updates. A copy of the presentation was emailed to PAAC members on 12-08-31.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
153	E-mail	08/30/2012	RRR provided a press release about the Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) and advised the Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) that the that the Bankable Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment (EA) will be completed in 2013.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
230	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Naicatchewenin First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	

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200	Meeting	09/01/2012	RRR met with Naicatchewenin First Nation to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) studies.	Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Willie Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Rosie Snowball (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Tommy Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Gary Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Lorraine Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Delia Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Gilbert Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Don Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Gerry Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Adrian Snowball (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
190	Letter	09/04/2012	RRR sent a letter to Naicatchewenin First Nation with an updated Project Description (PD).	Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
287	Letter	09/25/2012	RRR mailed a poster to the Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Sunset County Metis, Couchiching First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation for a ceremony at the RRPG.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
327	E-mail	10/10/2012	RRR emailed an invitation and directions to a Fall Ceremony event on 2012-10-17 at the RRGP site.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
312	E-mail	10/11/2012	Naicatchewenin First Nation confirmed that some community members would be attending the Fall Ceremony.	Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
314	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Receipts for 11 First Nations were received for the delivery of the ToR.	To Project mailing list which includes government agencies, Aboriginal groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties.	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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377	Mass Mailout	10/25/2012	RRR mailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Signed confirmation of delivered documents were received.	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tannis Drysdale (Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation), Michelle Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Connie Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Ravenn Kasper (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Roberta Kabatay (Seine River First Nation), Isaac Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Jennilee Major (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Patrick Morriseau (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
328	E-mail	10/31/2012	RRR emailed Lac La Croix First Nation and Mitaanjigamiing First Nation to confirm their attendance at the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) meeting on 2012-11-09.	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
331	E-mail	11/02/2012	RRR contacted Naicatchewenin First Nation to request information about hunting activities and species hunted in the vicinity of the RRGP site.	Don Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
403	Mass Mailout	11/02/2012	The Fall 2012 RRR newsletter was sent.	Veldron Vogan (Town of Rainy River), Patricia Brown (Township of Morley), Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), Ross Donaldson (Township of La Vallee), Clifford Bob (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment), Alex Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Gary Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jeff Brown (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Wanda Kanel (Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls), Rick Wiedenhoeft (Town of Fort Frances), Don Jones (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Yerxa (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
336	E-mail	11/07/2012	RRR sent an email to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, and Couchiching First Nation to remind them of the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) meeting on 12-11-09 to discuss an update on the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the proposed amendment document and disbursement of funds attached to the Agreement.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Candace Bagacki (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
341	E-mail	11/08/2012	RRR emailed the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) members a copy of the meeting agenda covering an update on the RRGP and the Environmental Assessment (EA), the signing of Agreement Amending Participation Agreement and an update on status of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Candace Bagacki (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)



Table I-13: Naotkamegwanning First Nation Contact Records to November 9, 2012

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
87	Phone Call	06/07/2012	Confirmed meeting for 12-06-19.	Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Rene White (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
80	Meeting	06/19/2012	Introduction meeting with Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation. RRR provided a Project update and overview of the Provincial Terms of Reference (ToR) and Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Offered to hold a community open house to discuss the Project and the EA process with community members.	Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Rene White (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Laura Kakeway (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Tom Campagnolo (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
178	Meeting	07/06/2012	RRR met Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation to discuss next steps in the consultation process.	Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
143	E-mail	07/20/2012	RRR proposed a meeting time with Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation.	Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Francis Kavanaugh (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
148	Mass Mailout	08/13/2012	RRR provided the federal Project Description (PD) document to various First Nation groups prior to CEA Agency led public review to allow suitable time for review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Norman Copenance (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Brian Tucker (Sunset Country Metis), James Leonard III (Rainy River First Nations), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
232	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Naotkamegwanning First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Joyce White (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation)	
184	Letter	09/04/2012	RRR sent a letter to Naotkamegwanning First Nation with an updated Project Description (PD).	Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
220	Phone Call	09/17/2012	RRR phoned the Naotkamegwanning First Nation band office and left a message for to contact RRR.	Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
276	Letter	09/25/2012	RRR mailed an invite to the Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation for a ceremony at the RRPG.	Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Joyce White (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
297	E-mail	10/09/2012	RRR invited Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation to the Fall Ceremony.	Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
314	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Receipts for 11 First Nations were received for the delivery of the ToR.	To Project mailing list which includes government agencies, Aboriginal groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties.	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
403	Mass Mailout	11/02/2012	The Fall 2012 RRR newsletter was sent.	Veldron Vogan (Town of Rainy River), Patricia Brown (Township of Morley), Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), Ross Donaldson (Township of La Vallee), Clifford Bob (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment), Alex Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Gary Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jeff Brown (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Wanda Kanel (Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls), Rick Wiedenhoeft (Town of Fort Frances), Don Jones (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Yerxa (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
371	E-mail	11/05/2012	RRR notified Ojibways of Naotkamegwanning First Nation by email that RRR was hosting open houses in Nestor Falls and Emo on 12-11-07 and 12-11-08 to hear what local residents have to say about the RRGP and the Environmental Assessment (EA).	Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
3	E-mail	03/30/2012	RRR gave an update on the Environmental Assessment process.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
4	E-mail	05/02/2012	RRR asked to present an overview of the Environmental Assessment process during the next Participation Agreement Advisory Committee meeting.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
55	E-mail	05/05/2012	RRR indicated they would give a presentation 12-05-15 on the Draft Terms of Reference and Environmental Assessment process.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
49	Presentation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Mary Kelly (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Raymond Threlkeld (Rainy River Resources)
7	Mass Mailout	05/16/2012	A copy of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) was sent by courier as well as a copy for hosting in Aboriginal communities for public review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Kevin Muloin (Metis Nation of Ontario), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Richard Bruyere (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
35	Letter	05/22/2012	RRR delivered newsletter and postcard invitations to upcoming open houses to Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation.	William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)



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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
79	Meeting	06/18/2012	Participation Agreement Advisory Committee monthly meeting held on 12-06-18 in Fort Frances. RRR provided the assembled Chiefs from Naicatchewenin, Mitaanjigamiing, Couchiching, Nigigoonsiminikaaning and Seine River First Nations with a Project update and overview of the Provincial Terms of Reference and associated Environmental Assessment process. Regrets from Rainy River First Nations and Lac La Croix First Nation.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Raymond Threlkeld (Rainy River Resources)
148	Mass Mailout	08/13/2012	RRR provided the federal Project Description (PD) document to various First Nation groups prior to CEA Agency led public review to allow suitable time for review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Norman Copenance (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Brian Tucker (Sunset Country Metis), James Leonard III (Rainy River First Nations), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
252	Presentation	08/29/2012	RRR gave a presentation to the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC). The presentation was an update on engagement to date, social and environmental studies, and project facility updates. A copy of the presentation was emailed to PAAC members on 12-08-31.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
153	E-mail	08/30/2012	RRR provided a press release about the Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) and advised the Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) that the that the Bankable Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment (EA) will be completed in 2013.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
233	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Garry Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	
187	Letter	09/04/2012	RRR sent a letter to Nigioonsiminikaaning First Nation with an updated Project Description (PD).	Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
271	Phone Call	09/12/2012	In response to their concern about resources to review the Project Description (PD), Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation informed RRR that they had engaged Mpower North to assist with reviewing RRR documents.	Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
287	Letter	09/25/2012	RRR mailed a poster to the Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Sunset County Metis, Couchiching First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation for a ceremony at the RRPG.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
289	Phone Call	09/27/2012	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation contacted RRR providing a date to RRR to meet with the Chief and Council.	Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
295	E-mail	09/27/2012	Inquired about the next steps for the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.	Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
313	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	10/04/2012	RRR dropped in to see if the Chief at Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation was available.	Michelle Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
300	E-mail	10/10/2012	RRR invited Nigoonsiminikaaning First Nation to the Fall Ceremony. Nigoonsiminikaaning First Nation responded that they would like the opportunity to discuss outstanding issues with the Project and ensure they are properly consulted. Subsequently there was a meeting to discuss outstanding issues (12-11-13).	Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
327	E-mail	10/10/2012	RRR emailed an invitation and directions to a Fall Ceremony event on 2012-10-17 at the RRGP site.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
314	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Receipts for 11 First Nations were received for the delivery of the ToR.	To Project mailing list which includes government agencies, Aboriginal groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties.	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
317	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed posters containing information about two public open houses scheduled for 12-10-07 in Nestor Falls and 12-10-08 in Emo. RRR requested that the various First Nations post the posters within their respective communities and noted that print copies would follow by regular mail.	Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
377	Mass Mailout	10/25/2012	RRR mailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Signed confirmation of delivered documents were received.	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tannis Drysdale (Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation), Michelle Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Connie Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Ravenn Kasper (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Roberta Kabatay (Seine River First Nation), Isaac Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Jennilee Major (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Patrick Morriseau (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
403	Mass Mailout	11/02/2012	The Fall 2012 RRR newsletter was sent.	Veldron Vogan (Town of Rainy River), Patricia Brown (Township of Morley), Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), Ross Donaldson (Township of La Vallee), Clifford Bob (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment), Alex Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Gary Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jeff Brown (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Wanda Kanel (Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls), Rick Wiedenhoeft (Town of Fort Frances), Don Jones (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Yerxa (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

Table I-15: Northwest Angle No.33 First Nation Contact Records to November 9, 2012

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
234	Letter	08/31/2012	CEAA sent a letter to Northwest Angle #33 First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a project description and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Dave Hall (Northwest Angle #33)	
314	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Receipts for 11 First Nations were received for the delivery of the ToR.	To Project mailing list which includes government agencies, Aboriginal groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties.	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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Table I-16: Northwest Angle No.37 First Nation Contact Records to November 9, 2012

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
235	Letter	08/31/2012	CEAA sent a letter to Northwest Angle #37 First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a project description and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Loraine Major (Northwest Angle #37)	
314	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Receipts for 11 First Nations were received for the delivery of the ToR.	To Project mailing list which includes government agencies, Aboriginal groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties.	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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Table I-17: Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation Contact Records to November 9, 2012

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
85	Phone Call	06/08/2012	Arranged an introductory meeting on 12-06-20.	Norman Copenance (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
84	Phone Call	06/14/2012	RRR confirmed the upcoming meeting with Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation.	Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
108	Meeting	06/20/2012	RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Questions about water quality, engagement of other First Nations groups and socio-economic and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) studies were discussed.	Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Gus Copenace (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Brad Wesley (Grand Council Treaty #3), Clifford Bob (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Cheryl Becker (Grand Council Treaty #3), Terry Cranston (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
209	Phone Call	07/05/2012	Invited the new relations coordinator from Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation for site visit. Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation relations coordinator prefers Chief and Council to have the opportunity for a site visit first.	Clifford Bob (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
180	Meeting	07/12/2012	RRR met with Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation representatives to provide information about a future RRR sponsored Mining Matters workshop, socio-economic data collection, traditional land use and knowledge studies.	Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
174	E-mail	08/10/2012	RRR contacted Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation to arrange a meeting for the leaders of both organizations.	Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
148	Mass Mailout	08/13/2012	RRR provided the federal Project Description (PD) document to various First Nation groups prior to CEA Agency led public review to allow suitable time for review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Norman Copenance (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Brian Tucker (Sunset Country Metis), James Leonard III (Rainy River First Nations), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
236	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invited them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Norman Copenance (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	
185	Letter	09/04/2012	RRR sent a letter to Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation with an updated Project Description (PD).	Norman Copenance (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
214	E-mail	09/19/2012	RRR representative contacted Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation representative to arrange a meeting with the Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation Chief.	Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
277	Letter	09/25/2012	RRR mailed an invite to the Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation for a ceremony at the RRPG.	Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Norman Copenance (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
285	E-mail	09/27/2012	RRR invited Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation to a fall ceremony, lunch, site tour, presentation and meeting on 12-10-17.	Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
314	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Receipts for 11 First Nations were received for the delivery of the ToR.	To Project mailing list which includes government agencies, Aboriginal groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties.	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
403	Mass Mailout	11/02/2012	The Fall 2012 RRR newsletter was sent.	Veldron Vogan (Town of Rainy River), Patricia Brown (Township of Morley), Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), Ross Donaldson (Township of La Vallee), Clifford Bob (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment), Alex Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Gary Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jeff Brown (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Wanda Kanel (Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls), Rick Wiedenhoeft (Town of Fort Frances), Don Jones (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Yerxa (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
332	E-mail	11/05/2012	RRR notified Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation by email that RRR was hosting open houses in Nestor Falls and Emo on 12-11-07 and 12-11-08 to hear what local residents have to say about the RRGP and encourage review of the proposed ToR.	Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

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Table I-18: Rainy River First Nations Contact Records to November 9, 2012

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
130	Meeting	03/12/2012	Participation agreement signing with First Nation elders.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Willie Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Ed Morrison (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tom Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Nick Mainville (Rainy River First Nations), Renea Bodnarchuk (Rainy River First Nations), Stacey Jack (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
3	E-mail	03/30/2012	RRR gave an update on the Environmental Assessment process.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
4	E-mail	05/02/2012	RRR asked to present an overview of the Environmental Assessment process during the next Participation Agreement Advisory Committee meeting.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
55	E-mail	05/05/2012	RRR indicated they would give a presentation 12-05-15 on the Draft Terms of Reference and Environmental Assessment process.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
49	Presentation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Mary Kelly (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Raymond Threlkeld (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
7	Mass Mailout	05/16/2012	A copy of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) was sent by courier as well as a copy for hosting in Aboriginal communities for public review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Kevin Muloin (Metis Nation of Ontario), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Richard Bruyere (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
132	Community Event	05/16/2012	RRR held a spring ceremony with First Nations. Attendees were given a description of why the ceremony was taking place, and expressed gratitude for being brought tobacco, and to be able to ask forgiveness of the earth for the damage done by the project at site. Expressed encouragement about the project, and hope that it will be a benefit for everyone in the area, including the First Nations membership and communities.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Melvina Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Marlene Indian (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Geraldine Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Susan Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gilbert Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Marshall Jourdain (Couchiching First Nation), James G. Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Lois Morrisseau (Couchiching First Nation), Irene Jourdain (Couchiching First Nation), Willie Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Florence Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), James Comegan (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Annie Wayash (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Doug Brown (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Amy Shute (Rainy River Resources), Andrew Tims (Rainy River Resources), Garnet Cornell (Rainy River Resources), Cory Hercun (Rainy River Resources)
38	Letter	05/23/2012	RRR delivered newsletter and postcard invitations to upcoming open houses to Rainy River First Nations.	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
217	Phone Call	06/08/2012	RRR discussed the socio-economic baseline study and followed up by emailing the socio-economic survey.	Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
133	Meeting	06/19/2012	RRR met with Rainy River First Nations to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) approaches and review the socio-economic questions.	Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
196	Meeting	06/30/2012	RRR met with Rainy River First Nations to request socio-economic baseline data.	Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
105	Meeting	07/03/2012	RRR held a meeting with Rainy River First Nations to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) data collection. Questions ranged from cyanide to jobs to physical size of the project area. Previous uses for the project area were discussed, and the study questions were reviewed.	Willie Wilson (Rainy River First Nations)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
272	Other	07/03/2012	RRR and Rainy River First Nations signed a data-sharing protocol for participation in a Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study for the RRGP.	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
179	Meeting	07/05/2012	RRR held a meeting to discuss the Project with Naicatchewenin First Nation.	Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Willie Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Rosie Snowball (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Tommy Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Gary Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Lorraine Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Delia Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Gilbert Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Don Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Gerry Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Adrian Snowball (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
201	Meeting	07/06/2012	RRR interviewed Rainy River First Nations individuals to gather information for the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study.	Willie Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Jean Anderson (Rainy River First Nations), Norman McGinnis (Rainy River First Nations)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
156	Meeting	07/17/2012	Rainy River First Nations requested from RRR that a review of the project area to idenitfy medicial plants be undertaken.	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
246	Meeting	07/17/2012	RRR met with Rainy River First Nation elders to discuss TK/TLU.	Willie Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Jean Anderson (Rainy River First Nations), Norman McGinnis (Rainy River First Nations), Dorothy Medicine (Rainy River First Nations), Geraldine Hoard (Rainy River First Nations), Annie McGinnis (Rainy River First Nations), Annie Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Roy Peter DeBungie (Rainy River First Nations), Genevieve McGinnis (Rainy River First Nations), Rosanne Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Sancia Medicine (Rainy River First Nations), Elvis DeBungie (Rainy River First Nations)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
141	Meeting	07/18/2012	RRR held an interagency meeting and gave updates on baseline studies. Agencies individually responded to the baseline study with comments and questions after the meeting (12-08-17).	Charles Gauthier (Environment Canada), Todd Kondrat (Ministry of Environment), Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Tom Kleinboeck (Fisheries and Oceans Canada), Rachel Hill (Ministry of Natural Resources), Neal Bennett (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Gary Sliworsky (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs), John Vandenbroeck (Ministry of Natural Resources), Amie Baker (Natural Resources Canada), Wesley Plant (Environment Canada), Anita Li (Environment Canada), Kelly-Anne Fagan (Environment Canada), Alisdair Brown (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Jim Sutton (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Chris Martin (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources)	David Simms (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Matt Evans (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Jason Dietrich (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
165	E-mail	08/10/2012	RRR sent an update to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) member Chiefs on the status of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Indicated that for the Provincial process, the proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) is being finalized for review by Ministry of Environment (MOE). For the Federal process, the revised Project Description (PD) has been sent to Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) for review.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
148	Mass Mailout	08/13/2012	RRR provided the federal Project Description (PD) document to various First Nation groups prior to CEA Agency led public review to allow suitable time for review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Norman Copenance (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Brian Tucker (Sunset Country Metis), James Leonard III (Rainy River First Nations), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
251	E-mail	08/13/2012	Rainy River First Nation expressed concerns about racist behaviour and encouraged RRR to host cultural awareness training.	Sonny McGinnis (Rainy River First Nations)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
151	Presentation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP), Matt Myers (Ministry of Natural Resources), John Vandenbroeck (Ministry of Natural Resources), Jeff Wiume (Ministry of Natural Resources), Gail Faveri (Environment Canada), Tana McDaniel (International Joint Commission), Michael Price (International Joint Commission), Leland Grim (International Joint Commission), Edward Eaton (International Joint Commission)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
253	Phone Call	08/17/2012	Arranged a site tour with Rainy River First Nation and Naicatchewenin First Nation elders. Also contacted Naicatchwenin by email to confirm the site tour date.	Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dorothy Medicine (Rainy River First Nations)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
258	Meeting	08/28/2012	RRR attended Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation council meeting to discuss a data sharing agreement.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Deb Whetzel (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Lynn Indian (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Martin Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Lynn Gavin (Rainy River First Nations)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
212	Site Visit	08/29/2012	RRR gave a site tour to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders. 18 people particpated. Questions were raised about potential for contaminants to affect water ways.	Melvina Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Marlene Indian (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Patsy Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Rosie Snowball (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Tommy Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Lorraine Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Adrian Snowball (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dorothy Medicine (Rainy River First Nations), Geraldine Hoard (Rainy River First Nations), Annie McGinnis (Rainy River First Nations), Annie Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Genevieve McGinnis (Rainy River First Nations), Sancia Medicine (Rainy River First Nations), Roseanne Councillor (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Unknown Unknown (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Joanne Councillor (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Buddy Cyr (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Raymond Cyr (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Bruce Black (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Cheryl Morrison (Rainy River First Nations)	Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Doug Brown (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Andrew Tims (Rainy River Resources), Garnet Cornell (Rainy River Resources)
252	Presentation	08/29/2012	RRR gave a presentation to the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC). The presentation was an update on engagement to date, social and environmental studies, and project facility updates. A copy of the presentation was emailed to PAAC members on 12-08-31.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
153	E-mail	08/30/2012	RRR provided a press release about the Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) and advised the Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) that the that the Bankable Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment (EA) will be completed in 2013.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
290	E-mail	08/30/2012	Rainy River First Nations requested estimate projection lists from RRR of required safety equipment and clothing, tire use and size and tire equipment.	Sonny McGinnis (Rainy River First Nations)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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237	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Rainy River First Nations to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	
200	Meeting	09/01/2012	RRR met with Naicatchewenin First Nation to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) studies.	Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Willie Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Rosie Snowball (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Tommy Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Gary Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Lorraine Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Delia Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Gilbert Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Don Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Gerry Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Adrian Snowball (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
193	Letter	09/04/2012	RRR sent a letter to Rainy River First Nations with an updated Project Description (PD).	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
353	Meeting	09/06/2012	RRR met with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) to discuss fish habitat data requirements and compensation alternatives.	Tom Kleinboeck (Fisheries and Oceans Canada), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Kiley Hanson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Martin (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources), Neville Ward (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)	Mark Ruthven (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Jason Dietrich (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
287	Letter	09/25/2012	RRR mailed a poster to the Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Sunset County Metis, Couchiching First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation for a ceremony at the RRPG.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
308	Site Visit	10/02/2012	RRR gave a site tour to Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC), including board members. General questions were asked and answered about pit size, number of employees, economic development opportunities, impacts on environment, and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Participants were all positive and supportive of the Project.	Tannis Drysdale (Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce), Geoff Gillon (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Jane Gillon (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry), Sonny McGinnis (Rainy River First Nations), Jim Cumming (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Don Cumming (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Annalise Armstrong (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Mark Caron (Rainy River Future Development Corp)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Andrew Tims (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
327	E-mail	10/10/2012	RRR emailed an invitation and directions to a Fall Ceremony event on 2012-10-17 at the RRGP site.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
301	E-mail	10/11/2012	RRR followed up with Rainy River First Nations to ask if members were planning on attending the Fall Ceremony. Initial invite was sent 12-10-10.	Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
326	Phone Call	10/22/2012	RRR met with Rainy River First Nations to discuss the possibility of an open house to ensure information is being disseminated to community members effectively and there is an opportunity for feedback with respect to the Terms of Reference (ToR).	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
314	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Receipts for 11 First Nations were received for the delivery of the ToR.	To Project mailing list which includes government agencies, Aboriginal groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties.	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
317	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed posters containing information about two public open houses scheduled for 12-10-07 in Nestor Falls and 12-10-08 in Emo. RRR requested that the various First Nations post the posters within their respective communities and noted that print copies would follow by regular mail.	Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
377	Mass Mailout	10/25/2012	RRR mailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Signed confirmation of delivered documents were received.	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tannis Drysdale (Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation), Michelle Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Connie Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Ravenn Kasper (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Roberta Kabatay (Seine River First Nation), Isaac Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Jennilee Major (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Patrick Morriseau (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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403	Mass Mailout	11/02/2012	The Fall 2012 RRR newsletter was sent.	Veldron Vogan (Town of Rainy River), Patricia Brown (Township of Morley), Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), Ross Donaldson (Township of La Vallee), Clifford Bob (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment), Alex Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Gary Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jeff Brown (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Wanda Kanel (Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls), Rick Wiedenhoeft (Town of Fort Frances), Don Jones (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Yerxa (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
336	E-mail	11/07/2012	RRR sent an email to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, and Couchiching First Nation to remind them of the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) meeting on 12-11-09 to discuss an update on the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the proposed amendment document and disbursement of funds attached to the Agreement.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Candace Bagacki (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
374	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	11/07/2012	Individual asked about employment opportunties.	Alton Brown (Rainy River First Nations)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
341	E-mail	11/08/2012	RRR emailed the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) members a copy of the meeting agenda covering an update on the RRGP and the Environmental Assessment (EA), the signing of Agreement Amending Participation Agreement and an update on status of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Candace Bagacki (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
347	E-mail	11/09/2012	Rainy River First Nations requested an update for the community on the RRGP and suggested RRR develop a pamphlet about the Project. RRR noted ongoing discussions regarding scheduling an open house for the community.	Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Tracy Oshie-Horton (Rainy River First Nations), Teresa Hazel (Rainy River First Nations)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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Table I-19: Seine River First Nation Contact Records to November 9, 2012

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
130	Meeting	03/12/2012	Participation agreement signing with First Nation elders.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Willie Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Ed Morrison (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tom Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Nick Mainville (Rainy River First Nations), Renea Bodnarchuk (Rainy River First Nations), Stacey Jack (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
3	E-mail	03/30/2012	RRR gave an update on the Environmental Assessment process.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
4	E-mail	05/02/2012	RRR asked to present an overview of the Environmental Assessment process during the next Participation Agreement Advisory Committee meeting.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
55	E-mail	05/05/2012	RRR indicated they would give a presentation 12-05-15 on the Draft Terms of Reference and Environmental Assessment process.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
49	Presentation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Mary Kelly (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Raymond Threlkeld (Rainy River Resources)
7	Mass Mailout	05/16/2012	A copy of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) was sent by courier as well as a copy for hosting in Aboriginal communities for public review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Kevin Muloin (Metis Nation of Ontario), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Richard Bruyere (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
36	Letter	05/22/2012	RRR delivered newsletter and postcard invitations to upcoming open houses to Seine River First Nation.	Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
221	E-mail	06/11/2012	RRR sent an email introducing the socio-economic baseline study and attached a socio-economic survey for Seine River First Nation consideration.	Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
79	Meeting	06/18/2012	Participation Agreement Advisory Committee monthly meeting held on 12-06-18 in Fort Frances. RRR provided the assembled Chiefs from Naicatchewenin, Mitaanjigamiing, Couchiching, Nigigoonsiminikaaning and Seine River First Nations with a Project update and overview of the Provincial Terms of Reference and associated Environmental Assessment process. Regrets from Rainy River First Nations and Lac La Croix First Nation.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Raymond Threlkeld (Rainy River Resources)
248	E-mail	07/16/2012	Seine River First Nation indicated that they completed a socio-economic profile in 2010 and it is available on the website.	Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
165	E-mail	08/10/2012	RRR sent an update to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) member Chiefs on the status of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Indicated that for the Provincial process, the proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) is being finalized for review by Ministry of Environment (MOE). For the Federal process, the revised Project Description (PD) has been sent to Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) for review.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
148	Mass Mailout	08/13/2012	RRR provided the federal Project Description (PD) document to various First Nation groups prior to CEA Agency led public review to allow suitable time for review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Norman Copenance (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Brian Tucker (Sunset Country Metis), James Leonard III (Rainy River First Nations), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
252	Presentation	08/29/2012	RRR gave a presentation to the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC). The presentation was an update on engagement to date, social and environmental studies, and project facility updates. A copy of the presentation was emailed to PAAC members on 12-08-31.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)



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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
153	E-mail	08/30/2012	RRR provided a press release about the Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) and advised the Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) that the that the Bankable Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment (EA) will be completed in 2013.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
239	Letter	08/31/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) sent a letter to Seine River First Nation to advise them that RRR submitted a Project Description (PD) and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	
186	Letter	09/04/2012	RRR sent a letter to Seine River First Nation with an updated Project Description (PD).	Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
293	Meeting	09/19/2012	RRR met with Seine River First Nation representative to discuss possible dates for a Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) meeting with the elders, presentation format, previous studies, wild rice harvesting, and land ownership.	Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
245	E-mail	09/24/2012	RRR confirmed the date (12-10-04) for an open house and TK/TLU discussion.	Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
287	Letter	09/25/2012	RRR mailed a poster to the Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Sunset County Metis, Couchiching First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation for a ceremony at the RRPG.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
292	E-mail	09/26/2012	RRR and Seine River First Nation organized a presentation, open house and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) information gathering for 12-10-04.	Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
304	Meeting	10/04/2012	RRR met with Seine River First Nation to discuss the Project. Questions regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) process, Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) and wildlife were answered. RRR invited Seine River First Nation to the Fall Ceremony.	Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Tim Medicine (Seine River First Nation), Rita Potson (Seine River First Nation), George Boshkaykin (Seine River First Nation), Bob Kabatay (Seine River First Nation), Joyce Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Carol Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Lilian Boshkaykin (Seine River First Nation), Cecilia Kabatay (Seine River First Nation), Peter Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Garett Jim (Seine River First Nation), Eugene K. Collins (Seine River First Nation), John Kabatay Jr. (Seine River First Nation), Unknown Unknown (Seine River First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

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327	E-mail	10/10/2012	RRR emailed an invitation and directions to a Fall Ceremony event on 2012-10-17 at the RRGP site.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
310	Phone Call	10/11/2012	RRR inquired if Seine River First Nation community members and/or elders were planning on attending the Fall Ceremony.	Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
305	E-mail	10/17/2012	RRR asked Seine River First Nation to update the invoice related to the Fall Ceremony. Seine River First Nation invited RRR to be present at a Biofuels open house concerning the Atikokan Generating Station Biofuels conversion.	Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
316	Community Event	10/17/2012	RRR held a Fall Ceremony on 2012-10-17 at Georgeson House property and was attended by various First Nations members. The Fall Ceremony addressed the importance of ceremony to RRR and of regular communication and interaction with the area communities.	Bessie Tom (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Robert Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Geraldine Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Virginia Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Alex Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation), Susan Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Willie Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Annie Wayash (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tim Medicine (Seine River First Nation), Rita Potson (Seine River First Nation), George Boshkaykin (Seine River First Nation), Peter Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Garett Jim (Seine River First Nation), Bob Armit (Sunset Country Metis), Todd Moxham (Unknown Individual), Dorothy Huittika (Sunset Country Metis), Cecilia Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), John George (Sunset Country Metis), Val Pelepetz (Sunset Country Metis), Randy Carmody (Sunset Country Metis), Bill Wayash (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Hilda Boy (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wanda Botsford (Sunset Country Metis), Dylinda George (Sunset Country Metis), Andrew Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Bill Wayash Jr (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Al Henderson Jr (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Deborah Hutchens (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Raymond Threlkeld (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Amy Shute (Rainy River Resources), Andrew Tims (Rainy River Resources), Jessica Franklin (Rainy River Resources), Cameron Shaw (Rainy River Resources)
322	E-mail	10/19/2012	Seine River First Nation executed a Data Sharing Protocol Agreement with RRR for the sharing of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) information.	Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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314	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Receipts for 11 First Nations were received for the delivery of the ToR.	To Project mailing list which includes government agencies, Aboriginal groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties.	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
317	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed posters containing information about two public open houses scheduled for 12-10-07 in Nestor Falls and 12-10-08 in Emo. RRR requested that the various First Nations post the posters within their respective communities and noted that print copies would follow by regular mail.	Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
377	Mass Mailout	10/25/2012	RRR mailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Signed confirmation of delivered documents were received.	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tannis Drysdale (Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation), Michelle Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Connie Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Ravenn Kasper (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Roberta Kabatay (Seine River First Nation), Isaac Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Jennilee Major (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Patrick Morriseau (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
329	E-mail	10/29/2012	Seine River First Nation emailed expenses for elders honoraria and travel expenses to attend meetings to RRR for payment and to confirm future meeting logistics.	Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
328	E-mail	10/31/2012	RRR emailed Lac La Croix First Nation and Mitaanjigamiing First Nation to confirm their attendance at the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) meeting on 2012-11-09.	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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403	Mass Mailout	11/02/2012	The Fall 2012 RRR newsletter was sent.	Veldron Vogan (Town of Rainy River), Patricia Brown (Township of Morley), Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), Ross Donaldson (Township of La Vallee), Clifford Bob (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment), Alex Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Gary Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jeff Brown (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Wanda Kanel (Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls), Rick Wiedenhoeft (Town of Fort Frances), Don Jones (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Yerxa (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
336	E-mail	11/07/2012	RRR sent an email to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, and Couchiching First Nation to remind them of the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) meeting on 12-11-09 to discuss an update on the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the proposed amendment document and disbursement of funds attached to the Agreement.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Candace Bagacki (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
341	E-mail	11/08/2012	RRR emailed the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) members a copy of the meeting agenda covering an update on the RRGP and the Environmental Assessment (EA), the signing of Agreement Amending Participation Agreement and an update on status of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Candace Bagacki (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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7	Mass Mailout	05/16/2012	A copy of the draft ToR was sent by courier as well as a copy for hosting in Aboriginal communities for public review.	Carol Copenace (Big Grassy First Nation), Wesley Big George (Big Island First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Kevin Muloin (Metis Nation of Ontario), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing (Stanjikoming) First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning (Nicickousemenecaning) First Nation), Richard Bruyere (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
148	Mass Mailout	08/13/2012	RRR provided the federal Project Description (PD) document to various First Nation groups prior to CEA Agency led public review to allow suitable time for review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Norman Copenance (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Brian Tucker (Sunset County Metis), James Leonard III (Rainy River First Nations), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
148	Mass Mailout	08/13/2012	RRR provided the federal project Description document to various First Nation groups prior to CEAA-led public review to allow suitable time for review.	Carol Copenace (Big Grassy First Nation), Wesley Big George (Big Island First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing (Stanjikoming) First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning First Nation), Norman Copenance (Onigaming First Nation), Brian Tucker (Sunset County Metis), James Leonard III (Rainy River First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning (Nicickousemenecaning) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
242	Phone Call	08/20/2012	RRR contacted the Sunset County Metis First Nations to confirm the local contact representative.	Dean McMahon (Sunset County Metis)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
228	Letter	08/31/2012	CEAA sent a letter to Metis Nation of Ontario to advise them that RRR submitted a project description and invite them to provide their views on the potential impacts.	Anjala Puvananathan (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Theresa Stenlund (Metis Nation of Ontario)	
181	Letter	09/07/2012	RRR sent a letter to Sunset County Metis with an updated Project Description (PD).	Dean McMahon (Sunset County Metis)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
173	E-mail	09/07/2012	RRR provided instruction to Sunset Metis on how to access to the Project Description (PD) on the ftp site.	Dean McMahon (Sunset County Metis)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

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287	Letter	09/25/2012	RRR mailed a poster to the Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Sunset County Metis, Couchiching First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation for a ceremony at the RRPG.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset County Metis), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
316	Community Event	10/17/2012	RRR held a Fall Ceremony on 2012-10-17 at Georgeson House property and was attended by various First Nations members. The Fall Ceremony addressed the importance of ceremony to RRR and of regular communication and interaction with the area communities.	Bessie Tom (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Robert Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Geraldine Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Virginia Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Alex Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation), Susan Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset County Metis), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Willie Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Annie Wayash (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tim Medicine (Seine River First Nation), Rita Potson (Seine River First Nation), George Boshkaykin (Seine River First Nation), Peter Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Garett Jim (Seine River First Nation), Bob Armit (Sunset County Metis), Todd Moxham (Unknown Individual), Dorothy Huittika (Sunset County Metis), Cecilia Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), John George (Sunset County Metis), Val Pelepetz (Sunset County Metis), Randy Carmody (Sunset County Metis), Bill Wayash (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Hilda Boy (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wanda Botsford (Sunset County Metis), Dylinda George (Sunset County Metis), Andrew Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Bill Wayash Jr (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Al Henderson Jr (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Deborah Hutchens (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Raymond Threlkeld (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Amy Shute (Rainy River Resources), Andrew Tims (Rainy River Resources), Jessica Franklin (Rainy River Resources), Cameron Shaw (Rainy River Resources)
314	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Receipts for 11 First Nations were received for the delivery of the ToR.	To Project mailing list which includes government agencies, Aboriginal groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties.	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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377	Mass Mailout	10/25/2012	RRR mailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Signed confirmation of delivered documents were received.	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tannis Drysdale (Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset County Metis), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation), Michelle Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Connie Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Ravenn Kasper (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Roberta Kabatay (Seine River First Nation), Isaac Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Jennilee Major (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Patrick Morriseau (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
130	Meeting	03/12/2012	Participation agreement signing with First Nation elders.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Willie Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Ed Morrison (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tom Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Nick Mainville (Rainy River First Nations), Renea Bodnarchuk (Rainy River First Nations), Stacey Jack (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
281	Meeting	03/12/2012	Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders Forum to discuss their position regarding mining and the RRGP.	Unknown Unknown (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	
55	E-mail	05/05/2012	RRR indicated they would give a presentation 12-05-15 on the Draft Terms of Reference and Environmental Assessment process.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
49	Presentation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Mary Kelly (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Raymond Threlkeld (Rainy River Resources)
7	Mass Mailout	05/16/2012	A copy of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) was sent by courier as well as a copy for hosting in Aboriginal communities for public review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Kevin Muloin (Metis Nation of Ontario), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Richard Bruyere (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
132	Community Event	05/16/2012	RRR held a spring ceremony with First Nations. Attendees were given a description of why the ceremony was taking place, and expressed gratitude for being brought tobacco, and to be able to ask forgiveness of the earth for the damage done by the project at site. Expressed encouragement about the project, and hope that it will be a benefit for everyone in the area, including the First Nations membership and communities.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Melvina Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Marlene Indian (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Geraldine Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Susan Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gilbert Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Marshall Jourdain (Couchiching First Nation), James G. Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Lois Morrisseau (Couchiching First Nation), Irene Jourdain (Couchiching First Nation), Willie Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Florence Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), James Comegan (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Annie Wayash (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Doug Brown (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources), Amy Shute (Rainy River Resources), Andrew Tims (Rainy River Resources), Garnet Cornell (Rainy River Resources), Cory Hercun (Rainy River Resources)
168	E-mail	06/21/2012	RRR gave an update on First Nation discussions to government agencies.	James Wagar (Métis Nation of Ontario2), Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Alex Blasko (Ministry of Environment), Trina Rawn (Ministry of Environment), Rachel Hill (Ministry of Natural Resources), Neal Bennett (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Mike Grant (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Melanie Mathieson (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Amy Liu (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
165	E-mail	08/10/2012	RRR sent an update to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) member Chiefs on the status of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Indicated that for the Provincial process, the proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) is being finalized for review by Ministry of Environment (MOE). For the Federal process, the revised Project Description (PD) has been sent to Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) for review.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
149	Mass Mailout	08/14/2012	RRR provided a preview copy of the Project Description (PD) submitted to Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS).	Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
191	Letter	09/04/2012	RRR sent a letter to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) with an updated Project Description (PD).	Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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314	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Receipts for 11 First Nations were received for the delivery of the ToR.	To Project mailing list which includes government agencies, Aboriginal groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties.	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
377	Mass Mailout	10/25/2012	RRR mailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Signed confirmation of delivered documents were received.	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tannis Drysdale (Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation), Michelle Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Connie Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Ravenn Kasper (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Roberta Kabatay (Seine River First Nation), Isaac Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Jennilee Major (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Patrick Morriseau (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

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Table I-22: Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services Contact Records to November 9, 2012

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
130	Meeting	03/12/2012	Participation agreement signing with First Nation elders.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Willie Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Ed Morrison (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tom Johnson (Seine River First Nation), Nick Mainville (Rainy River First Nations), Renea Bodnarchuk (Rainy River First Nations), Stacey Jack (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
7	Mass Mailout	05/16/2012	A copy of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) was sent by courier as well as a copy for hosting in Aboriginal communities for public review.	Carol Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Wesley Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Kevin Muloin (Metis Nation of Ontario), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), William Windigo (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Richard Bruyere (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
37	Letter	05/22/2012	RRR delivered newsletter and postcard invitation to upcoming open houses to Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services.	Richard Bruyere (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
314	E-mail	10/25/2012	RRR emailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR, an invite to two open houses in Emo and Nestor Falls and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Receipts for 11 First Nations were received for the delivery of the ToR.	To Project mailing list which includes government agencies, Aboriginal groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties.	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
377	Mass Mailout	10/25/2012	RRR mailed a notice to multiple stakeholders to inform them that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RRGP has been submitted to the Government of Ontario for review and provided a link to the ToR and the Notice of Submission of the ToR. Signed confirmation of delivered documents were received.	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Tannis Drysdale (Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce), James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Dean McMahon (Sunset Country Metis), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation), Michelle Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Connie Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Ravenn Kasper (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Roberta Kabatay (Seine River First Nation), Isaac Big George (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Jennilee Major (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Patrick Morriseau (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

APPENDIX J

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES ON THE RRGP TO NOVEMBER 9, 2012

Table J-1: Discussions, Meetings and Consultation with Federal Government Agencies to November 9, 2012 *
(includes all events where Federal Agencies were present)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Response
BIOPHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT							
Air Quality / Climate	243	Letter	08/08/2012	NRCan gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about wells and groundwater and were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Given that the Local Study Area is 1-2°C cooler than, and slightly wetter than, the weather station at Barwick (Section 3.4, p. 46, Baseline Report), NRCan requests clarification on whether the proponent plans to adjust historical climate data, or calibrate it to local conditions? Specifically, would the proponent use local data, historical data, or a combination of the two for water balance calculations and use in modeling?	The statement in the KCB baseline report was based on short-term comparisons between the site climate station and the longer-term Barwick station, and it would be inappropriate to infer any generalized relationship from such short-term comparisons. Based on close proximity of the two stations (20 km), and the flat terrain, a meaningful longer-term climatic correction is unlikely to be required. For water balance calculations, RRR will be relying on longer-term regional climatic data. Site data will be used primarily for mine operational phases, once a longer-term database has been established.
Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	406	Meeting	10/03/2012	Scientists and AMEC consultants met to discuss topics surrounding the fisheries and aquatic resources components of the environmental assessment for the RRGP. Discussions focused on federal legislation (e.g. Fisheries Act), site planning and Project scheduling, habitat evaluation procedures, and the use of traditional knowledge.	Fisheries and Oceans Canada , Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River District Stewardship, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) Provided information on previous habitat improvement work on the lower Pinewood River upstream of HWY 11 bridge crossing. The location of the enhancement works acknolwedged that this was a confirmed walleye spawning location, but was not cofirmed as having sturgeon spawning. 2) Commented that a study of fry emergence at the Pinewood River upstream location in the spring of 2013 may be beneficial to understand its current state as a Walleye and Lake Sturgeon spawning area and that it may be requested as a part of the NNL Plan. 3) Indicated that the study of fry emergence may also be important with regards to long term monitoring of potential water level reductions and baseline information may be needed. 4) Indicated that site water balance is being discussed with the appropriate agencies by the client and their consultant and results of modeling will assist in future discussions regarding the NNL Plan. 5) Indicated that sturgeon may have two spawning seasons and that any targeted monitoring efforts should take this into account. 6) Requested that the summary of the September site visit be edited to indicated that NNL planning and enhancement workds would include in-stream works and riparian plantings as possible options.	

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	406	Meeting	10/03/2012	Scientists and AMEC consultants met to discuss topics surrounding the fisheries and aquatic resources components of the environmental assessment for the RRGP. Discussions focused on federal legislation (e.g. Fisheries Act), site planning and Project scheduling, habitat evaluation procedures, and the use of traditional knowledge.	Fisheries and Oceans Canada , Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River District Stewardship, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) Indicated that recent changes to the Fisheries Act have not yet been fully identified but that direction would be given once they are identified. 2) Asked if there is any communication between MNR and DFO with regard to changes in habitat management and the MNR inidcated that to date no clear definition of roles have been finalized.	
	406	Meeting	10/03/2012	Scientists and AMEC consultants met to discuss topics surrounding the fisheries and aquatic resources components of the environmental assessment for the RRGP. Discussions focused on federal legislation (e.g. Fisheries Act), site planning and Project scheduling, habitat evaluation procedures, and the use of traditional knowledge.	Fisheries and Oceans Canada , Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River District Stewardship, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) Indicated that letters of support from community groups would be beneficial to include in the NNL Plan, stating the preference by community groups to utilize a water quality and stream improvements strategy for habitat offsets. 2) Indicated that a resource that should be consulted is the "Practitioners Guide for Letter of Credit" (available online) 3) Attendees agreed that ongoing and thorough consultation with First Nation groups must be pursued by RRR.	
	406	Meeting	10/03/2012	Scientists and AMEC consultants met to discuss topics surrounding the fisheries and aquatic resources components of the environmental assessment for the RRGP. Discussions focused on federal legislation (e.g. Fisheries Act), site planning and Project scheduling, habitat evaluation procedures, and the use of traditional knowledge.	Fisheries and Oceans Canada , Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River District Stewardship, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) General agreement was met by the group that the use of bankfull width was reasonable from the perspective of quantification of aquatic habitat as it reflects the typical morphology defining flow and volume within the watercourse.	
	406	Meeting	10/03/2012	Scientists and AMEC consultants met to discuss topics surrounding the fisheries and aquatic resources components of the environmental assessment for the RRGP. Discussions focused on federal legislation (e.g. Fisheries Act), site planning and Project scheduling, habitat evaluation procedures, and the use of traditional knowledge.	Fisheries and Oceans Canada , Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River District Stewardship, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) Concern was expressed that the Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) may not be available for the majority of species within some guilds.	Discussed known HSI included those for Northern Pike and White Sucker and that existing HSI for forage fish would be the most difficult to find.

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	62	Letter	04/19/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) provided comments on the Draft Project Description (PD).	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Requested RRR provide a map and supporting information on the potential impacts on fish habitat. 2) A site plan and map of aquatic features is requested. 3) Requested RRR provide more information on anticipated impacts of the potential Pinewood River realignment. 4) Requested site plan map with location of TMA, waste rock, pits, infrastructure along aquatic features. 5) Will water crossings be needed for access roads? 6) Requested further information on anticipated impacts due to changes in groundwater and surface water movement on small streams and ponds. 7) Requested information on: whether or not Lake Sturgeon are present; confirm if walleye are present; confirm if baitfish harvesters use the area, public use, and traditional use; and summarize habitat information by water body. 8) Requested further information on whether there were any water bodies with no fish present during data collection, if sampling design was sufficient, and kind of habitat data collected. 9) Requested further information to enable better understanding of water withdrawal impact on water bodies.	Information was provided in PD.
	151	Presen-tation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired about the type of fish in the streams.	Pike and forage fish with scattered walleye. No predator/game fish in the smaller streams within the proposed mine footprint.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Fish Sampling Effort - Need to have a better idea of impacted waterbodies to see if effort needs to be increased and sample locations expanded. The current report does show some sampling has occurred however, if the footprint has increased, additional samping may be necessary. Which sites have received multi year sampling with agreed upon gear and effort and what is still left to do? (Hopefully will be clearer in future reports).	Potential impacted waterbodies are discussed in the Project Description. The study area has been updated in 2011 and 2012 to reflect proposed site layout. Samping gear specific Catch-Per-Unit-Effort (CPUE) is discussed in AMEC (2011) and will be discussed in the 2012 baseline report. Samping efforts have been focused on the summer and fall seasons, with some spring sampling conducted by KCB in 2009 and 2010. The summer and fall samping is considered sufficient to define the communities present. Good catches for minnow species have been obtained. With regard to Northern Pike, it is recognized that Northern Pike are pervasive throughout much of the Pinewood River, and that in years of higher water Northern Pike could potentially move further up into the Pinewood River tributaries. Such potential use can be inferred from habitat availability. Data from 2009 through 2012 have not been able to confirm that Pike move into the tributaries. Use of these tributaries by Pike would therefore appear to be limited, but could reasonably be expected to occur in some years.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) It would be worthwhile to have an aquatic baseline meeting with MNR and DFO to discuss effort, seasonal variation in catches, gear, and determine the data gaps that exist once we have a more complete picture of the impacted aquatic features.	Noted. Baseline discussions have been held with MNR for a number of years. Initial discussions were conducted with DFO on 12-07-18 during the RRGP environmental baseline meeting in Thunder Bay, ON. Further discussions and meetings are planned specific to aquatic resources with DFO and MNR.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Were some of these creeks/tributaries dry due to drought conditions or other environmental variables? Some creeks may need to be re-sampled to ensure a complete species list is created and there is confidence that appropriate gear types/seasonal use has been addressed.	Low flow conditions within the Pinewood River and its tributaries provided concentration of available fish species. Therefore, sampling conducted by KCB and AMEC from 2009 to 2012 will be sufficient to provide presence/absence of fish species in the system and characterize the fish communities. Drought conditions in the Pinewood River tributaries are believed to be natural. Most water for agricultural purposes is believed to be taken from wells. The Water Survey of Canada historic station near Pinewood (watershed area 461km2) shows that flows in the late summer and fall can go to zero even for this larger watershed. Zero flow in the tributaries in dry years would therefore be expected in this clay plain terrain.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Pinewood Lake - were any other gear types used other than minnow traps to assess the fish community? Does MNR have existing information to ensure there is a complete species list as well as to determine if species may migrate, potentially, from the Pinewood River to Pinewood Lake? Since a channel realignment and water taking is proposed in the Pinewood River there should be an agreement amongst agencies that sufficient data exists on the current knowledge of the fishery so that potential impacts can be determined. Are additional habitat surveys in Pinewood Lake required since the snorkel survey was not successful and only a shoreline cruise was done?	Minnow traps were the only gear type used in Pinewood Lake. The proposed development will not directly impact Pinewood Lake. Information pertaining to migration patterns of fish from the Pinewood River to Pinewood Lake was not available, however, Traditional Knowledge collected to date has not identified a substantial migration fish up the Pinewood River to the Pinewood Lake. Further sampling in 2012 of Pinewood Lake using alternate gear types will be used to complete the species list. An accompanying habitat assessment will also indicate possible use by migratory fish species.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Is there additional sampling required at the confluence of various creeks within the project area as they enter the Pinewood River to document the seasonal use/importance of these areas? Also are habitat surveys throughout these areas adequate to pick up potential pike spawning and nursery areas?	Sampling was conducted near the confluence of Pinewood River tributaries in 2011 and 2012 including habitat surveys. The data are considered appropriate to EA level assessments. It is possible that additional sampling may be required to support DFO authorizations at the approvals stage.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Pg. 340 - No pike were caught at SW10. In the report this is attributed to a potential upstream boundary for pike. However is there sufficient sampling to see if this is the result of drought years or sampling effort? Is enough work done in the upper reaches of the Pinewood River to determine its potential for use for northern pike nursery habitat? Since gillnets were not used in Pinewood Lake is there confidence that no pike are present? Is sufficient habitat information collected in Pinewood Lake and River to ensure the habitat information collected in Pinewood Lake and River to ensure the habitat suitability is known?	Sufficient effort has been conducted with multiple gear types in the Pinewood River through 2011 and is currently underway in 2012 to identify Northern Pike spawning and nursery habitat. See response above regarding Pinewood Lake.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Reports refer to Dace sp., Minnows, Shinners etc. however tables do add in species names in the same tables. Were species unable to be identified or is some cases are multiple species added into genus groups? Hard to determine complete species list if there is uncertainty in identification?	This information has been requested from KCB and will be provided as available. Additional data collected by AMEC in 2011 and 2012 will be used to clarify species lists.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Maps only indicate advanced exploration areas and therefore need to know what aquatic features will be impacted by mine development before we can assess if habitat and fish assessment is adequate.	The potential Project site layout was presented for discussion on 12-07-18 during the RRGP environmental baseline meeting in Thunder Bay, Ontario. A site plan schematic for the full mine development is also available in the draft ToR (Provincial EA, May 2012) and in the Project Description (CEAA, 2012). Further discussions are planned specific to aquatic resources with DFO and the MNR.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Table 11.3 Summary of fish habitat information. Should have larger map of each impacted water body with all transects to determine if different habitat exists. Are more transects necessary or is habitat similar throughout many of these small creeks and the Pinewood River?	Further mapping has been/will be provided incorporating the 2011 and 2012 data. Generally tributaries and the Pinewood River show a large degree of homogeneity with respect to habitat types and availability throughout the proposed Project area as well as in sections downstream of the Project site.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Pg 354 - Water and fish habitat quality are continually mentioned as impaired throughout the report. Issues such as agricultural impacts, erosion, water quality, loss of riparian vegetation etc. can be documented and ranked for potential rehabilitation. This may be important for future discussions if fish habitat offsets are required.	The current state of the Pinewood River and its associated tributaries will be considered through proposed compensation conceptualization and discussion with agencies.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Maps and photos should be included throughout the description of each individual creek system in order to better document existing habitat conditions.	Complete photo records depicting representative habitat types for representative reaches of the Pinewood River and tributaries are/will be provided in AMEC aquatic resource baseline reports for field work conducted in 2011 and 2012.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Need to get a better understanding of effort and sampling methodology for fish and fish habitat data collection.	Fish collection sampling gear is listed in 11.2, 11.3, and 11.4 of the report (KCB 2011) with a description of sampling gear provided in Section 11.2.1. Fish habitat sampling methodology with respect to which measurements and observations were collected is provided in Section 11.2.2.1 and utilized DFO/MOE Stream Survey. Fishing efforts and sampling methods for the AMEC (2011) and 2012 studies have been/will be fully documented.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Require a better description of habitat present, maps, #'s etc. along with approved methodology following provincial standards when appropriate. As currently the report is very broad and the level of specific detail to each system should be expanded.	This has been/will be addressed through reporting for 2011 and 2012 fisheries investigations.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Use of MNR's Fish Use of Wetlands publication may be worth discussing for its application on this project to assist with documenting existing habitat types in wetland areas.	This reference has been received and will be incorporated into future descriptions of habitat types as applicable.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Need to further discuss if enough sampling has been done for species such as Northern Pike in the Pinewood River and its tributaries. An aquatic baseline meeting should be arranged.	Further baseline data is being collected as part of 2012 studies. A meeting has been requested with DFO and MNR to further discuss baseline data collection for supporting the EA.
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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Should discuss further with AMEC and MNR the potential to conduct a RIN survey on the Pinewood River and where the study boundaries would be.	Noted. A meeting has been requested with DFO and MNR to further discuss baseline data collection for supporting the EA.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) As most of the creeks in the study area will be destroyed by the mine development- the question of how much each of these contribute to the productivity of the Pinewood River and what will be the collective loss to the system. Therefore if there is only spring sampling period, in the Pinewood River, for 1 week during low water conditions is this enough to determine the overall loss to the system? Need to discuss this further to determine data gaps and what additional sampling would be required and what benefit it would have.	Noted. A meeting has been requested with DFO and MNR to further discuss baseline data collection for supporting the EA. AMEC believes that sufficient data has been (is being) collected to characterize fish communities, habitats, hydrology and water quality of the area. It is acknowledged that Project development will result in the loss of fish habitat and productivity, and that the overprinting of tributary creeks by the tailings management area and mineral stockpiles will diminish flows in the Pinewood River. These effects are expected to be offset by fish habitat compensation measures defined through the EA process, and in greater detail through the approvals phase.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) What is the contribution, in regards to flows, of this sub watershed to the overall Pinewood River and any downstream habitat?	Estimates of water balance with respect to the proposed Project are ongoing with respect to the Pinewood River and its tributaries. Assessment of downstream habitat will continue through 2012 and will provide sufficient information to understand effects to habitat by possible changes to the watershed.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Were the same sampling stations used for the past 3-4 years? What were the differences in seasonal usage of the habitat observed?	No. Sampling stations were not repeated in all cases, as the baseline studies and sampling program was adapted to the scope of the Project and to provide a larger spread of information. Details will be summarized for DFO review in support of the EA.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Baseline data - there is little comparison between sampling seasons or years within the report. It would be easier if information was presented as a summary of all the year's data collection.	This report was generally prepared as a data report specific to the findings of the 2011 field season. Some comparison, particularly with regard to water quality data was provided. Information from all sources and years will be provided in a more comparative fashion in the EA.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Barriers to fish passage- reports indicate that there are some potential fish passage barriers- however are these still barriers under high water events? Were all the creeks investigated to see potential fish passage barriers?	Creeks were specifically investigated for the occurrence of barriers to fish migration. Aside from a barrier identified in the upper reaches of Marr Creek at the outflow of a wetland feature, all others identified were associated with beaver activity (dams) and are applicable to high water events.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) The initial project layout drawings show proposed mine infrastructure close to existing waterbodies. Is sufficient baseline data collected near these areas to assist with the decision upon set back distances?	Yes. These areas were targeted for baseline data collection during 2011 and 2012.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) The proposed discharge locations - has habitat/fish surveys been done at this location?	Yes. This work has been or is being conducted in 2012.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) As water taking from the Pinewood River is proposed and final amounts required for mine operations is unknown at this time, what data exists on potential downstream impacts for walleye, pike, etc. critical habitat that will assist with provincial permits and plans as well as determine the impacts of the project on fish and fish habitat?	Comprehensive aquatic resource assessments including determination and data collection for critical habitats are being conducted in 2012 in the Pinewood River downstream of the proposed Project site. This information will be sufficient to assist in the preparation of applications for Federal and Provincial approvals specific to water taking, discharge and potential impacts to fish habitat.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Need to discuss Fish Management Objectives and the Fort Frances Fish Management Plan with MNR to ensure the plans are updated as necessary to assist with guiding compensation plans as well as determining the scale of various impacts against the management of the fishery.	Noted. Further discussion regarding objectives of the Fort Frances Fish Management Plan with the MNR within the context of guiding compensation plan will be undertaken. A meeting has been requested with DFO and MNR to further discuss baseline data collection for supporting the EA.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Mercury/metal sampling in fish species - Is enough samples/size ranges for NP and other target species been taken? Have discussions with MOE taken place?	Discussions with the MOE have not taken place with regard to baseline fish metal body burdens. Northern Pike and forage fish species of available size ranges have been collected for metals analyses.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Monitoring plans - need to ensure baseline data exists on reference conditions, compensation areas, and sampling sites on impacted streams that will act as monitoring locations.	Sufficient data will be available for constructing a monitoring plan.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Will water taking on the Pinewood River influence fish passage to upstream habitats during low flow periods? Will there be barriers to fish movement with increased usage during drought conditions?	Some effects are possible, as low water conditions would occur more frequently. It is, however, important to note that cyclical variations in water level conditions are a characteristic of this system because of the clay substrate terrain; and that conditions of zero flow in the late summer and early fall (and likely in the winter as well) are experienced in the natural state. This is exacerbated by beaver dams. The fish community in the Pinewood River system is therefore adapted to conditions imposed by low flows and fish barriers.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Were tributaries and other aquatic features sampled throughout the year to determine seasonal changes under various water levels?	Tributaries and aquatic features were sampled.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) As Lake Sturgeon are indicated as historically being present downstream of the project area what data exists on the type of habitat available in the lower reaches, its current use, and potential impacts on these areas due to water taking (especially during low water years). Same comments apply for Walleye and other potential downstream species.	Habitat availability will be assessed for Lake Sturgeon, Walleye and other species downstream of the Project area during 2012.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) How far up the Pinewood River do the water level fluctuations in the Rainy River influence?	MNR Provincial Digital Elevation Model Version 2.0.0, with 20 m grid resolution indicates that: a 1 m rise in the water level of the Rainy River would cause Pinewood a backup effect of the Pinewood River up to 5.8 km upstream of the confluence of these rivers; a 2 m rise in Rainy River water level may cause a back-up effect up to 6.8 km (total); and a 3 m rise may cause a back-up effect for up to 7 km (total). It should be noted that this model is limited with respect to accuracy and results interpreted with caution for use only as a general guide.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) As a NNL Plan/Habitat Accounting for this project will likely be required there should be sufficient baseline on all proposed compensation projects. As RRR has not met with federal/provincial agencies to discuss this I would also suggest this is a large data gap moving forward.	Discussions with First Nations, DFO and MNR will be undertaken to discuss conceptual compensation options. A meeting has been requested with DFO and MNR to further discuss baseline data collection for supporting the EA.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Ex. Table 3-12. Should have actual number of fish listed as well as CPUE. Same comment for the rest of the tables.	This information will be provided as requested.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Discuss further the need for abundance estimates and future monitoring of reference areas and the Pinewood River.	A meeting has been requested with DFO and MNR to further discuss baseline data collection for supporting the EA.
	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) There are several instances where Muskrat Lake is suggested as a possible Reference location for future EEM studies, however, it should be noted that the proposed Exposure Area habitats seem to be all rivers or creeks. The benthic invertebrate numbers reported from the 2009 benthic invertebrate survey are too low for a system such as this. Can the proponent explain this? The abundant fish population indicates that there should have been higher numbers of benthic invertebrates.	Sampling by AMEC subsequent to KCB (2011) has been completed for the Pinewood River and its tributaries, with the concept of a gradient study design for future background reference and use in EEM study design. There are no lakes within the Project footprint and lacustrine habitats are not expected to be impacted by proposed site development. As a result, future assessment will focused be on riverine habitats. Benthic invertabrate community total invertabrate density (TID) values are often variable within riverine systems as a function of distribution of depositional habitats. A low value here may be indicative of a sampling in a less depositional area. Mean TID values for tributaries and the Pinewood River from 2011 AMEC baseline sampling were typically above 1,000 individuals/m2.

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	243	Letter	08/08/2012	NRCan gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about wells and groundwater and were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) It is good that the parameters analysed in surface water (Section 5.2.1, p. 73, Baseline Report) are generally the same as those analysed in groundwater (Section 7.2.2, p. 188, Baseline Report) and can therefore be subject to a fair comparison. However, there is little discussion of groundwater-surface water interactions in the LSA. Specifically, there is a need to quantify discharge from groundwater to surface water and quantify baseflow throughout the year (Section 6.4, p. 183, Baseline Report).	The updated groundwater baseline study will discuss groundwater-surface water interaction. This study will use data collected since 2010, including surface water flow observations, geology from recently drilled borehole information from close to surface water features.

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	243	Letter	08/08/2012	NRCan gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about wells and groundwater and were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) For drillholes in bedrock, large fluctuations in water level have been noted. The proponent states that there were “Rapid increases of up to 1.5 m following rainfall events.” (Section 6.3.2.3, p. 150, Baseline Report). This indicates that groundwater in the bedrock is recharged by local precipitation and has local connectivity to the surface. This groundwater source is highly susceptible to groundwater contamination and may provide a conduit of rapid groundwater flow to local surface waters. Given these concerns, it is recommended that the proponent assess where additional data could be obtained in order to determine areas of bedrock groundwater recharge and discharge. NRCan recommends that the proponent collect sufficient hydraulic head data in order to be able to accurately determine groundwater flow velocity in the bedrock unit, and to calculate travel times from proposed project facilities to potable wells and surface waters.	The rapid recharge signal in the bedrock shows that the bedrock as a water bearing unit has a high diffusivity (transmissivity/storage). This would be expected as the storage in the fractures is likely to be very low. This hydraulic response does not mean that transport velocities will be high. An assessment of the average advective velocity can be made with the updated groundwater model.
	406	Meeting	10/03/2012	Scientists and AMEC consultants met to discuss topics surrounding the fisheries and aquatic resources components of the environmental assessment for the RRGP. Discussions focused on federal legislation (e.g. Fisheries Act), site planning and Project scheduling, habitat evaluation procedures, and the use of traditional knowledge.	Fisheries and Oceans Canada , Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River District Stewardship, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) Retained the option to further investigate the incorporation of riparian zones into the assessment.	AMEC will look at the numbers associated with incorporating riparian "buffers" into the habitat calculations.
	406	Meeting	10/03/2012	Scientists and AMEC consultants met to discuss topics surrounding the fisheries and aquatic resources components of the environmental assessment for the RRGP. Discussions focused on federal legislation (e.g. Fisheries Act), site planning and Project scheduling, habitat evaluation procedures, and the use of traditional knowledge.	Fisheries and Oceans Canada , Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River District Stewardship, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) Suggested that the proponent should list the levels of impact, direct for watercourse areas and indirect for ponded areas.	Confirmed this would be the strategy for the channellized areas, but stated this may not work for water bodies.

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Vegetation and Plant Comm.	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Should have more information on habitat survey methodology. Possibly provide AMEC sampling methodology if provincial protocols etc. were not used.	This information has been requested from KCB and will be provided as available.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) The proposed discharge locations - has habitat/fish surveys been done at this location?	Yes. This work has been or is being conducted in 2012.
Water Resources	62	Letter	04/19/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) provided comments on the Draft Project Description (PD).	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Requested RRR provide a map and supporting information on the potential impacts on fish habitat. 2) A site plan and map of aquatic features is requested. 3) Requested RRR provide more information on anticipated impacts of the potential Pinewood River realignment. 4) Requested site plan map with location of TMA, waste rock, pits, infrastructure along aquatic features. 5) Will water crossings be needed for access roads? 6) Requested further information on anticipated impacts due to changes in groundwater and surface water movement on small streams and ponds. 7) Requested information on: whether or not Lake Sturgeon are present; confirm if walleye are present; confirm if baitfish harvesters use the area, public use, and traditional use; and summarize habitat information by water body. 8) Requested further information on whether there were any water bodies with no fish present during data collection, if sampling design was sufficient, and kind of habitat data collected. 9) Requested further information to enable better understanding of water withdrawal impact on water bodies.	Information was provided in PD.

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	151	Presen-tation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) The Board is concerned about increasing the discharge during peak seasons and unstabliizing the river bank. IJC may recommend discharge below bank flow. RRR may want to consider getting more data on the banks downstream.	RRR agreed and stated that this was being assessed as part of the Environmental Assessment. RRR will provide a copy of baseline data reports to the Board.
	151	Presen-tation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) When the mine is reclaimed, will the water in the tailings start to overflow because it doesn't discharge into the Pinewood anymore.	It will be designed for a permanent water cover on closure. The optimal solution is a passive one where systems function in a natural capacity.
	151	Presen-tation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired who would be responsible for wetlands after closure.	RRR will not need to actively manage the wetland, as it should function as a natural system.
	151	Presen-tation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired if RRR had established rating curves. This data would be helpful to the IJC.	Yes, there are rating curves for hydrology of the river available but not for the Pinewood River.
	151	Presen-tation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired if RRR has been doing model analysis on groundwater and surface water.	RRR has a large amount of groundwater data. Piezometers are installed in wells throughout the site and a detailed ground water model is under development.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Were some of these creeks/tributaries dry due to drought conditions or other environmental variables? Some creeks may need to be re-sampled to ensure a complete species list is created and there is confidence that appropriate gear types/seasonal use has been addressed.	Low flow conditions within the Pinewood River and its tributaries provided concentration of available fish species. Therefore, sampling conducted by KCB and AMEC from 2009 to 2012 will be sufficient to provide presence/absence of fish species in the system and characterize the fish communities. Drought conditions in the Pinewood River tributaries are believed to be natural. Most water for agricultural purposes is believed to be taken from wells. The Water Survey of Canada historic station near Pinewood (watershed area 461km2) shows that flows in the late summer and fall can go to zero even for this larger watershed. Zero flow in the tributaries in dry years would therefore be expected in this clay plain terrain.
	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) The water quality sampling sites RRW-2 and RRW-8 were discontinued from the monitoring program in the “Rainy River Gold Project Baseline Report 2008-2010”, dated June 2011. What was the reason for discontinuing these stations? Both of these sites are located adjacent to the Rainy River Gold property and we recommend that they should be maintained.	RRW-8 was discontinued because there are already upstream (SW10) and downstream (SW3) stations sufficient to characterize Pinewood River baseline water quality. RRW-2 on Clark Creek was discontinued because there is already a further upstream station (SW11) on Clark Creek. AMEC and RRR believe that the existing network of 14 stations, with data collected monthly since June 2010, provides an excellent water quality data base.

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	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) For water quality monitoring, radium-226 should be included in the list of parameters as it is a Metal Mining Effluent Regulations requirement. Radium-226 does not need to be sampled monthly for baseline. For the analysis of the water quality monitoring results for chromium, a method detection limit of 0.005 mg/L was used, which is above the Provincial Water Quality Objective of 0.001 mg/L. For the analysis of the water quality monitoring results for selenium the proponent used a method detection limit of 2 µg/L, which is above the CCME guideline of 1 µg/L.	Radium-226 will be added to the list of parameters analyzed periodically at representative stations. Noted. The MDL for chromium and selenium will be revised as needed for future sampling.
	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) As with water quality, Station Pin-7 has unusually high concentrations of metals, including manganese and nickel. Does the proponent know the source of these elevated parameters? Total organic carbon and total Kjeldahl nitrogen are high in the study area. Sand is the dominant substrate in the study area with silt and clay.	Elevated metal levels for this particular sample are indicative of high total suspended solids (TSS) values (two to four times higher than other samples taken during this sampling period). As this site is characterized as having a clay proportion to substrate and the TSS is elevated, and analysis was not conducted on a clay-free sample, the elevation of metals (also including aluminum) which are associated with suspended solids are expected. Elevated TKN will be associated with wetland drainage, with wetlands being common in the area, as well as with drainage from areas used by livestock (cattle). Livestock farming occurs in the area. Clay/silt substrates are dominant in the area. Some sands and gravels occur locally in streambeds, and are most likely derived from erosion of clay silt tills, in which finer particles are removed, leaving coarser remaining substrates.

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	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Station Pin-7 seems to have unusually high concentrations of aluminum, iron, cobalt, copper, vanadium and zirconium, yet is located downstream of the project. The dissolved oxygen concentration for Pin-7 is very low at 1.58 mg/L. Does the proponent know the source of these elevated parameters and decreased dissolved oxygen? In Figure 2-1, the in-situ water quality sampling location Wes-4 is several kilometres downstream of the grab sample location Wes-4. What was the reasoning for this? For the Aluminum analysis, can the lab filter out the clay to allow the results to be compared to Provincial Water Quality Objectives (PWQOs)? PWQOs are generally lower than the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) guideline. Do the sample locations in Figure 2-1 match up with the sample locations in Figure 5.1 of KCB's "Rainy River Gold Project Baseline Report 2008-2010"?	See above statement regarding Pin-7 water quality metal values. Dissolved oxygen as reported in the baseline report likely reflects a data collection/instrument error as all other parameters sampled were similar to other stations in the Pinewood River. Water temperature was also relatively low (12.94°C). This location should be named West Trib 4 and Wes-4 (upstream location and downstream location respectively). A revised figure is attached with this correction. Future baseline analysis of water quality will be conducted on unfiltered as well as filtered (clay-free) water for assessment of metal concentrations. Sample locations in Figure 5-1 do not necessarily overlay those provided in KCBs as the 2011 sampling locations were added to assess representative reaches of tributaries and the Pinewood River that may potentially be affected by the proposed Project (as of May/June 2011).
	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) In Table 3-2, what is the difference between sample location ID Pin-1 and Pin-1-F, and so on? Specifically, please explain what the "F" represents in the sample ID context? Page 16 states that, "Physico-chemical parameters measured including pH, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, total dissolved solids and temperature indicated no limitation to aquatic habitat". This statement is incorrect as dissolved oxygen concentrations of below 4 mg/L are known to limit the survival of many fish species. Pin-6, Pin-7, Los-1, Los-2 and Wes-4 all had dissolved oxygen concentrations less than 4 mg/L. Concentrations of total aluminum, total iron and total phosphorus are high in the study area with some sampling areas also showing high concentrations of total cobalt.	The 'F' represents an in-situ sample taken at in the fall (September) at a location that was previously sampled in the summer of the same year. Noted.

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	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) A revised "Preliminary Site Plan General Layout", dated July 2012, was presented at the July 18, 2012 meeting. The water intake/discharge location had changed since the May 2012 version. The July 2012 preliminary water intake/discharge is located on Pinewood River immediately downstream of Jones Creek. Please ensure that comprehensive aquatic resource sampling stations are available for exposure (downstream) and reference (upstream) sites for the final placement of the water intake/discharge. The proponent suggested that baseline studies conducted in the year 2012 would be the final set of baseline studies for the support of the EA component. When discussing results from 2012, the proponent should acknowledge that 2012 has been a drier than normal year.	Sufficient aquatic data are being collected to address this aspect during the 2012 field program. Weather conditions and water levels will be acknowledged in reporting.
	243	Letter	08/08/2012	NRCan gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about wells and groundwater and were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) The proponent states that "There is not enough information to accurately determine groundwater flow directions in overburden across the Local Study Area" (Section 6.3.2.3, p. 156, Baseline Report). Given that the Labradorean Till (one of two overburden units) is the source aquifer for most of the private drinking water wells in the immediate vicinity of the proposed mine facilities, NRCan recommends that the proponent collect the necessary data in order to accurately determine groundwater flow directions, rates and travel times in the overburden across the Local Study Area.	Additional drilling and monitoring well construction in 2011 has provided sufficient information to plot groundwater flow directions. This will be presented in the updated baseline report.

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	243	Letter	08/08/2012	NRCan gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about wells and groundwater and were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) In Table 7.4 (p. 193, Baseline Report), it is presented that only 11 of the on-site wells sampled are "ongoing"; all the others have been discontinued. Please provide the rationale for discontinuation of these wells and provide an indication of future plans for the ongoing wells. Will these 11 wells continue to be sampled in 2012 and during project construction, operation, and post-closure phases? It is essential to continue sampling and monitoring of some baseline monitoring well locations once project operations have begun (and into the post closure period as well), as it is the most direct way of assessing if groundwater levels, flow regime and quality have been affected by project activities. Direct comparisons of groundwater properties before and after the project has commenced are not possible if groundwater monitoring/sampling locations are not consistent.	Monitoring of wells was discontinued in a number of wells where access was difficult or where monitoring in exploration holes could be replaced with properly constructed monitoring wells. Monitoring is ongoing in the 11 wells, however, many of these wells are inside the footprint of the open pit or mine infrastructure and as such will be destroyed. Once the locations of the facilities are finalised, new permanent monitoring wells will be constructed. It is intended that there be a period where overlapping monitoring at the new and old monitoring wells to provide some continuity in the data.
Wildlife	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Should have more information on habitat survey methodology. Possibly provide AMEC sampling methodology if provincial protocols etc. were not used.	This information has been requested from KCB and will be provided as available.
	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Marsh Bird Monitoring, pg. 392: Please include the date of the surveys.	This information has been requested from Klohn Crippen Berger (KCB) and will be provided as available.
	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Forest Bird Monitoring, pg. 394: Please include the date of the surveys. On the map showing the survey locations, it appears that most of the effort has occurred in the northeast portion of the study area, and the area to the southwest is not shown. Is there a reason for this distribution of survey effort?	This information has been requested from KCB and will be provided as available. The locations surveyed by KCB in the 2008-2010 Baseline Report were chosen based on the proposed project footprint at the time. Further exploration drilling has resulted in an expanded footprint and more surveys have been conducted by AMEC in 2011 and 2012 in order to expand on these areas.

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	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Eastern Whip-poor-will and Common Nighthawk Surveys, pg. 402: It would be helpful to include additional details in this section on survey protocols used. For example, time of day and moon phase. We recommend that "nightjar" surveys are carried out from mid-May to late July, 1-3 hours after sunset, when the moon is at least 50% illuminated which is when birds are most active.	This information has been requested from KCB and will be provided as available.
	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Nocturnal Bird Surveys for Species at Risk, pg. 2: It is noted that, surveys "… began one-half hour after sunset (twilight) and concluded at midnight". Please include the phase of the moon at the time of these surveys in reports. These species are most active when the moon is at least 50% illuminated.	While it is accepted that Whip-poor-wills are most active when the moon is at least 50% illuminated (helpful for night-time foraging), the species is known to sing to announce territorial ownership throughout the entire breeding season, even on cloudy nights and accordingly are detectable. AMEC provided a list of the 2011 and 2012 bird survey dates and moon phase / cloud conditions. This information will be added to future baseline reports if any, as appropriate.
	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) EC acknowledges that additional sampling locations for Breeding Bird Surveys were included in 2011 and 2012 baseline studies. Since the 2011 and 2012 surveys, there is now more than adequate baseline survey coverage of the project site for Breeding Birds, including the area of the Hwy 600 realignment and the transmission line. At this time EC is not recommending any additional surveys.	Noted.

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	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) The maps showing the survey locations for each type of survey are very helpful. It would also be useful to show the Ecological Land Classification layer on these maps as well, so it can be determined which habitat types were surveyed. As the project falls on private and provincial Crown lands, responsibility for non-migratory birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians falls to the Province. EC recommends the proponent contact the appropriate provincial officials at the Ministry of Natural Resources to discuss the survey protocols for these species. EC's generic recommendation for mining project baseline assessment and desktop analysis has been provided to the proponent. This document outlines the specific methods we would like to see proponents utilize in the EA for an effects analysis for migratory birds. We have provided this document for all recent mining EAs, with the hope that we will be able to compare results between these developments if necessary.	Noted. AMEC are currently producing these maps using Forest Resource Inventory (FRI) data. We are in discussions with the MNR in attempt to obtain Ecosite data and will add our survey locations to Ecosite maps, if this information is provided to us by the MNR. AMEC has been in contact with the Fort Frances MNR district office since early 2011 regarding survey protocols for these species. Noted. These methodologies will be reviewed and will be utilized in EA as appropriate, recognizing that the effects analyses need to be consistent within the entire EA document.

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	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) In "2011 Wildlife Baseline Study" (AMEC 2012) and "2011 Species at Risk Report" (AMEC 2012): Both documents state that surveys were conducted in accordance with the protocol described in the "Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Ontario". This protocol includes 5-minute point counts which are appropriate for surveying vast areas, but EC considers 10-minute point counts to be more appropriate for the project scale. Despite the references to the Breeding Bird Atlas protocol the reports state that 10-minute point counts were conducted, as EC would have recommended. During surveys, did the proponent break down the 10-minute point counts into discrete blocks similar to what is described in EC's baseline survey protocols for mines (document recently provided to the proponent)? This involves breaking the 10-minute point count period into 3 blocks, known as a '3-5-10 minute protocol', as follows: Record all birds seen and heard in the first 3 minutes, and separate all birds seen or heard for the first time in the next 2 minutes, and then in the final 5 minutes (i.e., so each bird is recorded only once).	AMEC conduct 10-minute point counts using our standard field protocol, rather than utilizing the Ontario protocol of 5-minute counts. The counts were not separated into three time blocks. We are confident that our methods provide an accurate census of the species present in the study area and their relative densities. AMEC will use the 3-5-10 minute protocol if any future surveys are conducted.
Terrain / Soils / Geology	151	Presen-tation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked how RRR knows the rock in the Canadian Shield is safe.	Canadian Shield is safe for mining both open pit and underground.
	151	Presen-tation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired if RRGP is within the Greenstone belt.	Yes, the Project is located in the Greenstone belt.

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HUMAN ENVIRONMENT							
Land and Resource Use	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Current land use practices and agricultural impacts are referred to as the rationale behind lower quality in the project area. It may be useful to determine historic conditions through aerial photographs etc. to see changes in land use which can explain potential declines in fisheries values in the area.	Noted. Historic conditions will be assessed through a review of archival aerial photography for the area, as well as through Traditional Knowledge of First Nations and personal communication with long time residents of the communities within the vicinity of the proposed Project area.
METHODOLOGY AND PROCESS							
Baseline Studies	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Has the study area expanded since the KCB report covers the advanced exploration project?	The study area has been expanded and updated in 2011 and 2012 to include the Pinewood River watershed and associated tributaries, to approximately 2 km downstream of the Jones Creek inflow to reflect proposed mine development. Sampling will be conducted in the future as appropriate, to reflect project changes. As final engineering decisions are made, additional sampling may be necessary to ensure sufficient information is available to support the environmental approvals applications.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Fish Sampling Effort - Need to have a better idea of impacted waterbodies to see if effort needs to be increased and sample locations expanded. The current report does show some sampling has occurred however, if the footprint has increased, additional samping may be necessary. Which sites have received multi year sampling with agreed upon gear and effort and what is still left to do? (Hopefully will be clearer in future reports).	Potential impacted waterbodies are discussed in the Project Description. The study area has been updated in 2011 and 2012 to reflect proposed site layout. Samping gear specific Catch-Per-Unit-Effort (CPUE) is discussed in AMEC (2011) and will be discussed in the 2012 baseline report. Samping efforts have been focused on the summer and fall seasons, with some spring sampling conducted by KCB in 2009 and 2010. The summer and fall samping is considered sufficient to define the communities present. Good catches for minnow species have been obtained. With regard to Northern Pike, it is recognized that Northern Pike are pervasive throughout much of the Pinewood River, and that in years of higher water Northern Pike could potentially move further up into the Pinewood River tributaries. Such potential use can be inferred from habitat availability. Data from 2009 through 2012 have not been able to confirm that Pike move into the tributaries. Use of these tributaries by Pike would therefore appear to be limited, but could reasonably be expected to occur in some years.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Should have more information on habitat survey methodology. Possibly provide AMEC sampling methodology if provincial protocols etc. were not used.	This information has been requested from KCB and will be provided as available.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) It would be worthwhile to have an aquatic baseline meeting with MNR and DFO to discuss effort, seasonal variation in catches, gear, and determine the data gaps that exist once we have a more complete picture of the impacted aquatic features.	Noted. Baseline discussions have been held with MNR for a number of years. Initial discussions were conducted with DFO on 12-07-18 during the RRGP environmental baseline meeting in Thunder Bay, ON. Further discussions and meetings are planned specific to aquatic resources with DFO and MNR.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Pinewood Lake - were any other gear types used other than minnow traps to assess the fish community? Does MNR have existing information to ensure there is a complete species list as well as to determine if species may migrate, potentially, from the Pinewood River to Pinewood Lake? Since a channel realignment and water taking is proposed in the Pinewood River there should be an agreement amongst agencies that sufficient data exists on the current knowledge of the fishery so that potential impacts can be determined. Are additional habitat surveys in Pinewood Lake required since the snorkel survey was not successful and only a shoreline cruise was done?	Minnow traps were the only gear type used in Pinewood Lake. The proposed development will not directly impact Pinewood Lake. Information pertaining to migration patterns of fish from the Pinewood River to Pinewood Lake was not available, however, Traditional Knowledge collected to date has not identified a substantial migration fish up the Pinewood River to the Pinewood Lake. Further sampling in 2012 of Pinewood Lake using alternate gear types will be used to complete the species list. An accompanying habitat assessment will also indicate possible use by migratory fish species.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Is there additional sampling required at the confluence of various creeks within the project area as they enter the Pinewood River to document the seasonal use/importance of these areas? Also are habitat surveys throughout these areas adequate to pick up potential pike spawning and nursery areas?	Sampling was conducted near the confluence of Pinewood River tributaries in 2011 and 2012 including habitat surveys. The data are considered appropriate to EA level assessments. It is possible that additional sampling may be required to support DFO authorizations at the approvals stage.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Pg. 340 - No pike were caught at SW10. In the report this is attributed to a potential upstream boundary for pike. However is there sufficient sampling to see if this is the result of drought years or sampling effort? Is enough work done in the upper reaches of the Pinewood River to determine its potential for use for northern pike nursery habitat? Since gillnets were not used in Pinewood Lake is there confidence that no pike are present? Is sufficient habitat information collected in Pinewood Lake and River to ensure the habitat information collected in Pinewood Lake and River to ensure the habitat suitability is known?	Sufficient effort has been conducted with multiple gear types in the Pinewood River through 2011 and is currently underway in 2012 to identify Northern Pike spawning and nursery habitat. See response above regarding Pinewood Lake.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Reports refer to Dace sp., Minnows, Shinners etc. however tables do add in species names in the same tables. Were species unable to be identified or is some cases are multiple species added into genus groups? Hard to determine complete species list if there is uncertainty in identification?	This information has been requested from KCB and will be provided as available. Additional data collected by AMEC in 2011 and 2012 will be used to clarify species lists.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Maps only indicate advanced exploration areas and therefore need to know what aquatic features will be impacted by mine development before we can assess if habitat and fish assessment is adequate.	The potential Project site layout was presented for discussion on 12-07-18 during the RRGP environmental baseline meeting in Thunder Bay, Ontario. A site plan schematic for the full mine development is also available in the draft ToR (Provincial EA, May 2012) and in the Project Description (CEAA, 2012). Further discussions are planned specific to aquatic resources with DFO and the MNR.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Pg 354 - Water and fish habitat quality are continually mentioned as impaired throughout the report. Issues such as agricultural impacts, erosion, water quality, loss of riparian vegetation etc. can be documented and ranked for potential rehabilitation. This may be important for future discussions if fish habitat offsets are required.	The current state of the Pinewood River and its associated tributaries will be considered through proposed compensation conceptualization and discussion with agencies.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Current land use practices and agricultural impacts are referred to as the rationale behind lower quality in the project area. It may be useful to determine historic conditions through aerial photographs etc. to see changes in land use which can explain potential declines in fisheries values in the area.	Noted. Historic conditions will be assessed through a review of archival aerial photography for the area, as well as through Traditional Knowledge of First Nations and personal communication with long time residents of the communities within the vicinity of the proposed Project area.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Maps and photos should be included throughout the description of each individual creek system in order to better document existing habitat conditions.	Complete photo records depicting representative habitat types for representative reaches of the Pinewood River and tributaries are/will be provided in AMEC aquatic resource baseline reports for field work conducted in 2011 and 2012.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Need to get a better understanding of effort and sampling methodology for fish and fish habitat data collection.	Fish collection sampling gear is listed in 11.2, 11.3, and 11.4 of the report (KCB 2011) with a description of sampling gear provided in Section 11.2.1. Fish habitat sampling methodology with respect to which measurements and observations were collected is provided in Section 11.2.2.1 and utilized DFO/MOE Stream Survey. Fishing efforts and sampling methods for the AMEC (2011) and 2012 studies have been/will be fully documented.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Should discuss the use of Habitat Suitability Indexes, creation of guilds, as a way of quantifying impacts to each waterbody/fish community.	These aspects will be addressed through 2012 baseline reporting and EA documentation as appropriate.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Use of MNR's Fish Use of Wetlands publication may be worth discussing for its application on this project to assist with documenting existing habitat types in wetland areas.	This reference has been received and will be incorporated into future descriptions of habitat types as applicable.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Should provide the type of impacts on each waterbody (i.e. Destruction due to infilling, changes to drainage, etc., or alterations that may occur) to determine if the amount of baseline data is sufficient. For the waterbodies being destroyed it would be useful to ensure these had sufficient baseline as these will require more detailed habitat accounting vs. the creek/ponds etc. that will be only slightly altered or may just act as reference streams on the project area.	Further baseline data is currently being collected as part of 2012 baseline studies. A meeting has been requested with DFO and MNR to further discuss baseline data collection for supporting the EA. A distinction also needs to be made between levels of information required to support EA decisions, and those required for DFO authorizations. There will be opportunity to collect additional information for DFO authorizations (if required) in 2013.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Is a RIN or some other provincial protocol able to be conducted on the Pinewood River to compare to future monitoring. Does this data already exist?	Some baseline information was collected with respect to fish communities on the Pinewood River by the Rainy River First Nation with support from the MNR. RRR and AMEC have requested this information for review and incorporation into future documentation. Baseline sampling was conducted in a fashion that will allow for repeatability moving forward to future monitoring as applicable.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Should discuss further with AMEC and MNR the potential to conduct a RIN survey on the Pinewood River and where the study boundaries would be.	Noted. A meeting has been requested with DFO and MNR to further discuss baseline data collection for supporting the EA.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Why does the study area stop at Pin-7, if changes in flows may impact downstream habitat. Need to discuss this further to establish a study boundary. As the influence of this project on water levels is not yet known this may be a significant data gap if the proposed mine's water demands exceed initial expectations and impact fish habitat.	Further sampling of the Pinewood River will be conducted in 2012 as far downstream as the confluence with the Rainy River.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) What is the contribution, in regards to flows, of this sub watershed to the overall Pinewood River and any downstream habitat?	Estimates of water balance with respect to the proposed Project are ongoing with respect to the Pinewood River and its tributaries. Assessment of downstream habitat will continue through 2012 and will provide sufficient information to understand effects to habitat by possible changes to the watershed.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Should discuss highway re-alignment, access roads, and transmission corridors to see what kind of baseline data exists and whether there is a data gap.	Fisheries habitat and aquatic resources assessments have been undertaken at proposed highway realignments, and access roads in 2011 and will be continuing in 2012 as appropriate. Assessments follow the DFO/Ministry of Transportation protocol as provided through guidance by the Ministry.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) 2009 was the only year with any spring fisheries sampling (May 8-14th). As the target species would be considered Northern Pike why has there only been limited sampling during potential spawning periods? Should discuss if this is a data gap RRR needs to address. As spring sampling was only done during one season during low flow how will Rainy River Resources account for potential habitat that may exist under higher flows and including seasonal use of these areas? Is there enough habitat data to predict this?	It is suggested that the flow and water levels present in 2009 were indicative of average flow conditions and not drought as in 2011 and 2012. As such habitat use data collected during this time should be used as such. Sampling was also conducted in March and May of 2010 by KCB. April flows in 2009 were very high. May flows in 2009 and 2010 were approximately average based on flow data available from Water Survey of Canada station 05PC023. It is assumed that in periods of inundation that the majority of the Pinewood River and its tributaries provide potential spawning and nursery habitat for Northern Pike. We propose the assumption that on the basis of variable periods and levels of inundation from year to year based on spring melt and freshet conditions as well as flood events, that the Pinewood River and associated tributaries which may potentially be overprinted be considered a moderate risk with respect to the DFO Risk Assessment Matrix. Habitat availability within the mainstem Pinewood River has been documented through 2011 and 2012. Habitat is not a limiting factor for the survival and reproduction of this species in the system.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Baseline data - there is little comparison between sampling seasons or years within the report. It would be easier if information was presented as a summary of all the year's data collection.	This report was generally prepared as a data report specific to the findings of the 2011 field season. Some comparison, particularly with regard to water quality data was provided. Information from all sources and years will be provided in a more comparative fashion in the EA.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) If Northern Pike were found at the confluence of the creeks with the Pinewood River and the low flow conditions are expected to be why were they not captured upstream in the tribs – How is the value of the tributaries being calculated for the various life stages?	See comments above regarding the assumption that the tributaries may act as spawning and nursery habitat during period of inundation.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) The initial project layout drawings show proposed mine infrastructure close to existing waterbodies. Is sufficient baseline data collected near these areas to assist with the decision upon set back distances?	Yes. These areas were targeted for baseline data collection during 2011 and 2012.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) The proposed discharge locations - has habitat/fish surveys been done at this location?	Yes. This work has been or is being conducted in 2012.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) As water taking from the Pinewood River is proposed and final amounts required for mine operations is unknown at this time, what data exists on potential downstream impacts for walleye, pike, etc. critical habitat that will assist with provincial permits and plans as well as determine the impacts of the project on fish and fish habitat?	Comprehensive aquatic resource assessments including determination and data collection for critical habitats are being conducted in 2012 in the Pinewood River downstream of the proposed Project site. This information will be sufficient to assist in the preparation of applications for Federal and Provincial approvals specific to water taking, discharge and potential impacts to fish habitat.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Need to discuss Fish Management Objectives and the Fort Frances Fish Management Plan with MNR to ensure the plans are updated as necessary to assist with guiding compensation plans as well as determining the scale of various impacts against the management of the fishery.	Noted. Further discussion regarding objectives of the Fort Frances Fish Management Plan with the MNR within the context of guiding compensation plan will be undertaken. A meeting has been requested with DFO and MNR to further discuss baseline data collection for supporting the EA.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Channel Realignment is proposed on one creek and the Pinewood River. The reports do not show the extent of the baseline data collected to assess these impacts. An increased level of data collection at these sites will also be necessary to ensure proposed channel design meets or exceeds existing conditions.	Baseline data collected in 2012 includes geomorphology, fish habitat, fish presence/absence for a large number of cross-sections, for representative reaches through proposed realignment areas. The quality and amount of data collected will be sufficient to support design and federal and provincial permitting requirements.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Mercury/metal sampling in fish species - Is enough samples/size ranges for NP and other target species been taken? Have discussions with MOE taken place?	Discussions with the MOE have not taken place with regard to baseline fish metal body burdens. Northern Pike and forage fish species of available size ranges have been collected for metals analyses.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Monitoring plans - need to ensure baseline data exists on reference conditions, compensation areas, and sampling sites on impacted streams that will act as monitoring locations.	Sufficient data will be available for constructing a monitoring plan.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Will water taking on the Pinewood River influence fish passage to upstream habitats during low flow periods? Will there be barriers to fish movement with increased usage during drought conditions?	Some effects are possible, as low water conditions would occur more frequently. It is, however, important to note that cyclical variations in water level conditions are a characteristic of this system because of the clay substrate terrain; and that conditions of zero flow in the late summer and early fall (and likely in the winter as well) are experienced in the natural state. This is exacerbated by beaver dams. The fish community in the Pinewood River system is therefore adapted to conditions imposed by low flows and fish barriers.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Were tributaries and other aquatic features sampled throughout the year to determine seasonal changes under various water levels?	Tributaries and aquatic features were sampled.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Reports do not do a good job of tying the data collected to visuals (maps, charts, tables etc. to aid in decision making).	AMEC (2011) is an environmental baseline data report. Specific suggestions to aid with visual Presen-tation of the data could potentially be incorporated into 2012 baseline reporting; or if more applicable, into the EA document.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) CPUE base on gear type, Discuss further with MNR about the value of this moving forward for monitoring and comparison to other values if not done in a standardized method. Is this repeatable and what does it really show? Need to discuss further if there is a benefit of increased effort and which locations it is necessary.	A meeting has been requested with DFO and MNR to further discuss baseline data collection for supporting the EA. Baseline sampling was conducted in a fashion that will allow for repeatability moving forward to future monitoring. Some baseline information was collected with respect to fish communities on the Pinewood River by the Rainy River First Nation with support from the MNR. RRR and AMEC have requested this information for review and incorporation into 2012/2013 documents.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) As Lake Sturgeon are indicated as historically being present downstream of the project area what data exists on the type of habitat available in the lower reaches, its current use, and potential impacts on these areas due to water taking (especially during low water years). Same comments apply for Walleye and other potential downstream species.	Habitat availability will be assessed for Lake Sturgeon, Walleye and other species downstream of the Project area during 2012.

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	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) How far up the Pinewood River do the water level fluctuations in the Rainy River influence?	MNR Provincial Digital Elevation Model Version 2.0.0, with 20 m grid resolution indicates that: a 1 m rise in the water level of the Rainy River would cause Pinewood a backup effect of the Pinewood River up to 5.8 km upstream of the confluence of these rivers; a 2 m rise in Rainy River water level may cause a back-up effect up to 6.8 km (total); and a 3 m rise may cause a back-up effect for up to 7 km (total). It should be noted that this model is limited with respect to accuracy and results interpreted with caution for use only as a general guide.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) As a NNL Plan/Habitat Accounting for this project will likely be required there should be sufficient baseline on all proposed compensation projects. As RRR has not met with federal/provincial agencies to discuss this I would also suggest this is a large data gap moving forward.	Discussions with First Nations, DFO and MNR will be undertaken to discuss conceptual compensation options. A meeting has been requested with DFO and MNR to further discuss baseline data collection for supporting the EA.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Table 3-5, and 3-6. Habitat data should be presented within the report instead of just referring to one large appendix. Each waterbody should have stream info associated with maps, photos, cross sections, substrate info etc. per transect incorporated so it is easier to put together the overall habitat types that exist on the project area.	A meeting has been requested with DFO and MNR to further discuss baseline data collection for supporting the EA. Presen-tation of 2012 data can be discussed at that time. Appropriate data summaries will also be provided for each affected creek system in the EA documentation.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Ex. Table 3-12. Should have actual number of fish listed as well as CPUE. Same comment for the rest of the tables.	This information will be provided as requested.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Discuss further the need for abundance estimates and future monitoring of reference areas and the Pinewood River.	A meeting has been requested with DFO and MNR to further discuss baseline data collection for supporting the EA.

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	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Marsh Bird Monitoring, pg. 392: Please include the date of the surveys.	This information has been requested from Klohn Crippen Berger (KCB) and will be provided as available.
	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Forest Bird Monitoring, pg. 394: Please include the date of the surveys. On the map showing the survey locations, it appears that most of the effort has occurred in the northeast portion of the study area, and the area to the southwest is not shown. Is there a reason for this distribution of survey effort?	This information has been requested from KCB and will be provided as available. The locations surveyed by KCB in the 2008-2010 Baseline Report were chosen based on the proposed project footprint at the time. Further exploration drilling has resulted in an expanded footprint and more surveys have been conducted by AMEC in 2011 and 2012 in order to expand on these areas.
	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Eastern Whip-poor-will and Common Nighthawk Surveys, pg. 402: It would be helpful to include additional details in this section on survey protocols used. For example, time of day and moon phase. We recommend that "nightjar" surveys are carried out from mid-May to late July, 1-3 hours after sunset, when the moon is at least 50% illuminated which is when birds are most active.	This information has been requested from KCB and will be provided as available.
	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) The water quality sampling sites RRW-2 and RRW-8 were discontinued from the monitoring program in the “Rainy River Gold Project Baseline Report 2008-2010”, dated June 2011. What was the reason for discontinuing these stations? Both of these sites are located adjacent to the Rainy River Gold property and we recommend that they should be maintained.	RRW-8 was discontinued because there are already upstream (SW10) and downstream (SW3) stations sufficient to characterize Pinewood River baseline water quality. RRW-2 on Clark Creek was discontinued because there is already a further upstream station (SW11) on Clark Creek. AMEC and RRR believe that the existing network of 14 stations, with data collected monthly since June 2010, provides an excellent water quality data base.

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	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Nocturnal Bird Surveys for Species at Risk, pg. 2: It is noted that, surveys "… began one-half hour after sunset (twilight) and concluded at midnight". Please include the phase of the moon at the time of these surveys in reports. These species are most active when the moon is at least 50% illuminated.	While it is accepted that Whip-poor-wills are most active when the moon is at least 50% illuminated (helpful for night-time foraging), the species is known to sing to announce territorial ownership throughout the entire breeding season, even on cloudy nights and accordingly are detectable. AMEC provided a list of the 2011 and 2012 bird survey dates and moon phase / cloud conditions. This information will be added to future baseline reports if any, as appropriate.
	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) EC acknowledges that additional sampling locations for Breeding Bird Surveys were included in 2011 and 2012 baseline studies. Since the 2011 and 2012 surveys, there is now more than adequate baseline survey coverage of the project site for Breeding Birds, including the area of the Hwy 600 realignment and the transmission line. At this time EC is not recommending any additional surveys.	Noted.

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	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) For water quality monitoring, radium-226 should be included in the list of parameters as it is a Metal Mining Effluent Regulations requirement. Radium-226 does not need to be sampled monthly for baseline. For the analysis of the water quality monitoring results for chromium, a method detection limit of 0.005 mg/L was used, which is above the Provincial Water Quality Objective of 0.001 mg/L. For the analysis of the water quality monitoring results for selenium the proponent used a method detection limit of 2 µg/L, which is above the CCME guideline of 1 µg/L.	Radium-226 will be added to the list of parameters analyzed periodically at representative stations. Noted. The MDL for chromium and selenium will be revised as needed for future sampling.

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	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) In Table 3-2, what is the difference between sample location ID Pin-1 and Pin-1-F, and so on? Specifically, please explain what the "F" represents in the sample ID context? Page 16 states that, "Physico-chemical parameters measured including pH, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, total dissolved solids and temperature indicated no limitation to aquatic habitat". This statement is incorrect as dissolved oxygen concentrations of below 4 mg/L are known to limit the survival of many fish species. Pin-6, Pin-7, Los-1, Los-2 and Wes-4 all had dissolved oxygen concentrations less than 4 mg/L. Concentrations of total aluminum, total iron and total phosphorus are high in the study area with some sampling areas also showing high concentrations of total cobalt.	The 'F' represents an in-situ sample taken at in the fall (September) at a location that was previously sampled in the summer of the same year. Noted.

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	243	Letter	08/08/2012	NRCan gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about wells and groundwater and were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) NRCan recommends that the proponent provide a map (similar to Figure 1.2, p. 6, Baseline Report) showing the locations of the proposed project facilities (i.e., open pit, underground mine, overburden stockpiles, mine rock stockpiles, tailings management facilities, mill and indoor facilities) relative to monitoring wells mentioned in the Baseline Report. It is not just the number of monitoring wells that determine if a groundwater monitoring network is sufficient, it is also the distribution of these wells and their specific location relative to proposed project features. For example, it is important to have wells located in areas down gradient of areas of potential contamination such as tailings management facilities and stockpiles containing ore. In order for these sites to be useful in the assessment of the potential effects of the proposed project, they must be in existence prior to the initiation of the project and continue to provide data after project commencement.	An update of the groundwater baseline study is being prepared that will incorporate the locations of the site facilities, and the drilling and hydrogeologic data collected since 2010. This report will include the requested figure, along with the locations of existing or proposed monitoring wells for monitoring of potential effects of the proposed development. Where possible, existing monitoring wells with historical data will be incorporated into the proposed monitoring program.

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	243	Letter	08/08/2012	NRCan gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about wells and groundwater and were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Given that the Local Study Area is 1-2°C cooler than, and slightly wetter than, the weather station at Barwick (Section 3.4, p. 46, Baseline Report), NRCan requests clarification on whether the proponent plans to adjust historical climate data, or calibrate it to local conditions? Specifically, would the proponent use local data, historical data, or a combination of the two for water balance calculations and use in modeling?	The statement in the KCB baseline report was based on short-term comparisons between the site climate station and the longer-term Barwick station, and it would be inappropriate to infer any generalized relationship from such short-term comparisons. Based on close proximity of the two stations (20 km), and the flat terrain, a meaningful longer-term climatic correction is unlikely to be required. For water balance calculations, RRR will be relying on longer-term regional climatic data. Site data will be used primarily for mine operational phases, once a longer-term database has been established.
	243	Letter	08/08/2012	NRCan gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about wells and groundwater and were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) It is good that the parameters analysed in surface water (Section 5.2.1, p. 73, Baseline Report) are generally the same as those analysed in groundwater (Section 7.2.2, p. 188, Baseline Report) and can therefore be subject to a fair comparison. However, there is little discussion of groundwater-surface water interactions in the LSA. Specifically, there is a need to quantify discharge from groundwater to surface water and quantify baseflow throughout the year (Section 6.4, p. 183, Baseline Report).	The updated groundwater baseline study will discuss groundwater-surface water interaction. This study will use data collected since 2010, including surface water flow observations, geology from recently drilled borehole information from close to surface water features.

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	243	Letter	08/08/2012	NRCan gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about wells and groundwater and were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) For drillholes in bedrock, large fluctuations in water level have been noted. The proponent states that there were "Rapid increases of up to 1.5 m following rainfall events." (Section 6.3.2.3, p. 150, Baseline Report). This indicates that groundwater in the bedrock is recharged by local precipitation and has local connectivity to the surface. This groundwater source is highly susceptible to groundwater contamination and may provide a conduit of rapid groundwater flow to local surface waters. Given these concerns, it is recommended that the proponent assess where additional data could be obtained in order to determine areas of bedrock groundwater recharge and discharge. NRCan recommends that the proponent collect sufficient hydraulic head data in order to be able to accurately determine groundwater flow velocity in the bedrock unit, and to calculate travel times from proposed project facilities to potable wells and surface waters.	The rapid recharge signal in the bedrock shows that the bedrock as a water bearing unit has a high diffusivity (transmissivity/storage). This would be expected as the storage in the fractures is likely to be very low. This hydraulic response does not mean that transport velocities will be high. An assessment of the average advective velocity can be made with the updated groundwater model.
	243	Letter	08/08/2012	NRCan gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about wells and groundwater and were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) The proponent states that "There is not enough information to accurately determine groundwater flow directions in overburden across the Local Study Area" (Section 6.3.2.3, p. 156, Baseline Report). Given that the Labradorean Till (one of two overburden units) is the source aquifer for most of the private drinking water wells in the immediate vicinity of the proposed mine facilities, NRCan recommends that the proponent collect the necessary data in order to accurately determine groundwater flow directions, rates and travel times in the overburden across the Local Study Area.	Additional drilling and monitoring well construction in 2011 has provided sufficient information to plot groundwater flow directions. This will be presented in the updated baseline report.

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	243	Letter	08/08/2012	NRCan gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about wells and groundwater and were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) In Table 7.4 (p. 193, Baseline Report), it is presented that only 11 of the on-site wells sampled are "ongoing"; all the others have been discontinued. Please provide the rationale for discontinuation of these wells and provide an indication of future plans for the ongoing wells. Will these 11 wells continue to be sampled in 2012 and during project construction, operation, and post-closure phases? It is essential to continue sampling and monitoring of some baseline monitoring well locations once project operations have begun (and into the post closure period as well), as it is the most direct way of assessing if groundwater levels, flow regime and quality have been affected by project activities. Direct comparisons of groundwater properties before and after the project has commenced are not possible if groundwater monitoring/sampling locations are not consistent.	Monitoring of wells was discontinued in a number of wells where access was difficult or where monitoring in exploration holes could be replaced with properly constructed monitoring wells. Monitoring is ongoing in the 11 wells, however, many of these wells are inside the footprint of the open pit or mine infrastructure and as such will be destroyed. Once the locations of the facilities are finalised, new permanent monitoring wells will be constructed. It is intended that there be a period where overlapping monitoring at the new and old monitoring wells to provide some continuity in the data.
Regulatory	61	Letter	04/19/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) provided comments on the Draft Project Description (PD) and requested additional information.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Information about the size and capacity of Project elements is missing. 2) A site plan is required to understand where Project elements including permanent and temporary structures are located. 3) Further information is required about the potential realignment of the Pinewood River. 4) A diagram showing pipelines needed and their routes is required. 5) Site maps are required to understand the Project. 6) Further information about waste produced and waste management facilities is required. 7) A list of potential environmental effects is required. A map of water bodies in relation to the site plan is also required. A figure showing critical habitats in the area is required. 8) Information about waterways affected by the Project is required.	Information was provided in revised PD.

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	104	Letter	06/15/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) In the likely event that federal EA requirements apply, it is recommended that the proponent include a commitment to providing the draft EA report (also known as the draft EIS) and draft technical supporting documents for review and comment by government agencies and Aboriginal groups before it is submitted to MOE and the CEA Agency for the formal public comment period. This allows the federal and provincial governments to conduct a conformity review of the EA documentation using the EIS Guidelines and the ToR.	Noted and agreed. A commitment will be made in the Proposed ToR accordingly.
	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Is a RIN or some other provincial protocol able to be conducted on the Pinewood River to compare to future monitoring. Does this data already exist?	Some baseline information was collected with respect to fish communities on the Pinewood River by the Rainy River First Nation with support from the MNR. RRR and AMEC have requested this information for review and incorporation into future documentation. Baseline sampling was conducted in a fashion that will allow for repeatability moving forward to future monitoring as applicable.
Stakeholder Engagement	61	Letter	04/19/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) provided comments on the Draft Project Description (PD) and requested additional information.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) There is limited information on the results of consultation undertaken to date. CEA Agency requests further detail on the comments provided during the proponents consultation activities. 2) Also request RRR provide information on Aboriginal use of land in the vicinity of the Project site. 3) Requested information on what steps have been taken or will be taken to ensure local community groups are identified and included in consultation efforts.	Information was provided in revised PD.
	175	E-mail	09/04/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) informed RRR that the first comment period for the Project Description (PD) opened and concludes 12-09-21.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) CEAA informed RRR that the first comment period for the PD opened and concludes 12-09-21.	

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	46	Phone Call	05/31/2012	RRR discussed Aboriginal consultation requirements with Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM), Ministry of Environment (MOE), and Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency.		1) There were three new groups added to the list: Onigaming First Nation, Whitefish Bay First Nation and Buffalo Point First Nation (the latter to be confirmed by CEAA). Although RRR has been consulting with all the FFCS member groups at the same level, MNDM would not have asked for the upstream groups to be consulted on the same level. It was suggested that consultation need only occur with Rainy River, Naicatchewinen, Big Island and Big Grassy First Nations. However, if other Aboriginal groups assert claim to the area, the Crown will have to consider their claims seriously and bring them into the process. It was acknowledged that due to the difference in scale and potential impacts from advanced exploration and production that the list of Aboriginal groups to consult has changed as there is increased potential for environmental effects. The consultation list is based on the potential of the project to impact Aboriginal and treaty rights. There are Aboriginal fishing quotas on Lake of the Woods so water quality is certainly of concern; however there are also traditional travel routes between Rainy River and the Lake of the Woods and associated exercising of rights that could also be affected. Further there are unique forest/vegetation types in this area that may be relied on for harvesting. There were elk in the area in the early 1900s that were traditionally hunted. MNDM are not aware of any current use, but we will find out when we speak with these groups. The Anishinaabeg of Kabapikotawangag Resource Council may come forward and ask to be consulted as a whole as you have done with the FFCS.	RRR discussed Aboriginal consultation requirements with MNDM, MOE, and CEAA. RRR requested rationale for the list of Aboriginal groups and a clear understanding of the level of consultation required for each group. Also requested to know if this would be the final list of groups to consult.
Risks and Mitigation							
Env. Mgmt.	151	Presen-tation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) The Board is concerned about increasing the discharge during peak seasons and unstabliizing the river bank. IJC may recommend discharge below bank flow. RRR may want to consider getting more data on the banks downstream.	RRR agreed and stated that this was being assessed as part of the Environmental Assessment. RRR will provide a copy of baseline data reports to the Board.

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	151	Presen-tation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) When the mine is reclaimed, will the water in the tailings start to overflow because it doesn't discharge into the Pinewood anymore.	It will be designed for a permanent water cover on closure. The optimal solution is a passive one where systems function in a natural capacity.
Natural Hazards	151	Presen-tation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired if RRR was considering extreme hydrological events.	RRR has asked the consultant to consider extreme events.
Project Phase							
Closure	151	Presen-tation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) When the mine is reclaimed, will the water in the tailings start to overflow because it doesn't discharge into the Pinewood anymore.	It will be designed for a permanent water cover on closure. The optimal solution is a passive one where systems function in a natural capacity.
Post-closure	151	Presen-tation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired who would be responsible for wetlands after closure.	RRR will not need to actively manage the wetland, as it should function as a natural system.
Project Description							
Project Footprint	151	Presen-tation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired the distance the Project is from the International Border.	Approximately 25 km straight-line.
	151	Presen-tation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired about the size of the pit.	300-400m deep, 500m-1.5km wide.

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MINING							
Open Pit	151	Presen-tation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired about the size of the pit.	300-400m deep, 500m-1.5km wide.
Ancillary Facilities	243	Letter	08/08/2012	NRCan gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about wells and groundwater and were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) NRCan recommends that the proponent provide a map (similar to Figure 1.2, p. 6, Baseline Report) showing the locations of the proposed project facilities (i.e., open pit, underground mine, overburden stockpiles, mine rock stockpiles, tailings management facilities, mill and indoor facilities) relative to monitoring wells mentioned in the Baseline Report. It is not just the number of monitoring wells that determine if a groundwater monitoring network is sufficient, it is also the distribution of these wells and their specific location relative to proposed project features. For example, it is important to have wells located in areas down gradient of areas of potential contamination such as tailings management facilities and stockpiles containing ore. In order for these sites to be useful in the assessment of the potential effects of the proposed project, they must be in existence prior to the initiation of the project and continue to provide data after project commencement.	An update of the groundwater baseline study is being prepared that will incorporate the locations of the site facilities, and the drilling and hydrogeologic data collected since 2010. This report will include the requested figure, along with the locations of existing or proposed monitoring wells for monitoring of potential effects of the proposed development. Where possible, existing monitoring wells with historical data will be incorporated into the proposed monitoring program.
Process (Leaching, etc…)	151	Presen-tation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired how nitrogen will be handled.	Bulk emulsion will be used for blasting thereby significantly reducing the production of aqueous nitrogen.

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Onsite Roads	70	Letter	04/19/2012	Transport Canada provided comments on the Project Description.	Transport Canada - Ontario Region, Rainy River Resources	1) The potential for new or upgraded bridges, culverts and other infrastructure should be determined as early as possible in the planning process. This will ensure that an environmental assessment, if required, will take place in a coordinated fashion, with participation from all appropriate departments. Therefore, it is recommended that the proponent provide additional detail to assist in the determination of regulatory requirements. In particular, the next iteration of the Project Description should identify (in text and on site plans), the location of new or altered roads, pipelines, bridges, culverts and intake pipes.	Noted.
Tailings Impound-ments	104	Letter	06/15/2012	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) The draft ToR states that "A number of other possible areas for tailings storage are potentially available in the general Project area, subject to land acquisition." (pg. 23) For further clarity on the proposed Project, please specifically outline all of the potential TMAs that will be addressed in the EA.	The Proposed ToR will indicate that a comprehensive assessment of mineral waste management alternatives will be provided in the EA, consistent with the alternatives assessment requirements associated with the Federal Metal Mining Effluent Regulations and in accordance with the Guidelines for the Assessment of Alternatives for Mine Waste Disposal (Environment Canada 2011). The EA (and associated technical documents if applicable) will include drawings showing other tailings management options. Noted and will be clarified in the Proposed ToR.
Tailings Impound-ments	151	Presen-tation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) When the mine is reclaimed, will the water in the tailings start to overflow because it doesn't discharge into the Pinewood anymore.	It will be designed for a permanent water cover on closure. The optimal solution is a passive one where systems function in a natural capacity.
	151	Presen-tation	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired about the kind of lining under the tailings area. Asked what the permeability of the clay was.	The tailings area will be over Lake Agassiz clay, a natural glacial ecustrian till predominant within the project footprint and the regional area. RRR does not anticipate an artificial liner being required.

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Transport (Road, Barge, etc.)	169	Letter	08/17/2012	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish and fish habitat and terrestrial baseline studies were received 12-08-08.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) Should discuss highway re-alignment, access roads, and transmission corridors to see what kind of baseline data exists and whether there is a data gap.	Fisheries habitat and aquatic resources assessments have been undertaken at proposed highway realignments, and access roads in 2011 and will be continuing in 2012 as appropriate. Assessments follow the DFO/Ministry of Transportation protocol as provided through guidance by the Ministry.
Water Sources	210	Letter	08/08/2012	Environment Canada (EC) gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, bird surveys and water. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) A revised "Preliminary Site Plan General Layout", dated July 2012, was presented at the July 18, 2012 meeting. The water intake/discharge location had changed since the May 2012 version. The July 2012 preliminary water intake/discharge is located on Pinewood River immediately downstream of Jones Creek. Please ensure that comprehensive aquatic resource sampling stations are available for exposure (downstream) and reference (upstream) sites for the final placement of the water intake/discharge. The proponent suggested that baseline studies conducted in the year 2012 would be the final set of baseline studies for the support of the EA component. When discussing results from 2012, the proponent should acknowledge that 2012 has been a drier than normal year.	Sufficient aquatic data are being collected to address this aspect during the 2012 field program. Weather conditions and water levels will be acknowledged in reporting.

*Comments received after May 17, 2012 were used, where appropriate, to prepare the ToR. Draft ToR comment period was from May 17 – June 16, 2012.

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BIOPHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT							
Air Quality / Climate	66	Letter	06/19/2012	Ministry of Environment sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) concerning requirements for additional information about Aboriginal consultation, assessment of alternatives, and other general information requirements for the ToR.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Section 6.2 indicates that background air quality levels were measured for particulate matter. This should also indicate if there are any other parameters of concern, and whether they were measured during the preparation of the ToR, or will be measured during the EA.	Noted. Further detail will be provided in the Proposed ToR.
	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) As indicated for air quality, noise and water quality in Table 6, more specifics can and should be provided at this point concerning relevant legislation, regulation and policy that set limits to impacts on fisheries and aquatic resources, aquatic habitat, terrestrial habitat, wildlife, migratory birds and species at risk. As an example, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, conserves terrestrial habitat, wildlife and some migratory birds by prohibiting destruction of beaver dams, furbearer dens, black bear dens and bird nests and eggs.	As required by the MOE Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario and as identified in Section 7, Table 6 provides a preliminary listing of potential evaluation criteria associated with the assessment of effects of the proposed undertaking (ie. preferred alternative). These will be defined in greater detail in the EA.
	407	Meeting	07/07/2009	RRR and the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) discussed air quality, noise, and water baselines and methodologies.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed air quality, noise and water quantity and quality baseline data collection methodologies.	
Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) As indicated for air quality, noise and water quality in Table 6, more specifics can and should be provided at this point concerning relevant legislation, regulation and policy that set limits to impacts on fisheries and aquatic resources, aquatic habitat, terrestrial habitat, wildlife, migratory birds and species at risk. As an example, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, conserves terrestrial habitat, wildlife and some migratory birds by prohibiting destruction of beaver dams, furbearer dens, black bear dens and bird nests and eggs.	As required by the MOE Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario and as identified in Section 7, Table 6 provides a preliminary listing of potential evaluation criteria associated with the assessment of effects of the proposed undertaking (ie. preferred alternative). These will be defined in greater detail in the EA.

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	241	Letter	08/14/2012	MNR gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, terrestrial surveys, bird surveys and water. Comments were received 12-08-14. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Ministry of Environment, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) The MNR notes that only limited information on fish presence and habitat use was collected during the early spring (May 8-14 2009; KCB 2010), a time when water levels are typically high and northern pike and walleye use critical spawning habitats. In the absence of additional surveys during the spring spawning period, the MNR will assume that the lower reaches of some tributaries provide spawning and nursery habitat for northern pike.	Noted. Habitat assessment in the lower reaches of Pinewood River tributaries has indicated the presence of spawning and nursery habitat for Northern Pike. So we are in agreement with MNR's position on this aspect. Furthermore, it should be noted that spawning and nursery habitat for this species is not limited in the mainstem Pinewood River.
	241	Letter	08/14/2012	MNR gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, terrestrial surveys, bird surveys and water. Comments were received 12-08-14. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Ministry of Environment, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) Proposed indicators of aquatic invertebrate community and habitat condition appear appropriate. Clarification on the number and location of sampling sites that can provide baseline data (i.e. the water feature will not be destroyed by project activities) is needed. Control sites outside of the study area (KCB 2010) may be useful for isolating the effects of environmental variability on changes in benthos communities.	Baseline benthic invertebrate community data collected by KCB and AMEC and presented descriptors will provide a solid basis for future monitoring study design. Reference areas will be considered based on consistency with fluvial habitats and final design of the Project layout.

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	406	Meeting	10/03/2012	Scientists and AMEC consultants met to discuss topics surrounding the fisheries and aquatic resources components of the environmental assessment for the RRGP. Discussions focused on federal legislation (e.g. Fisheries Act), site planning and Project scheduling, habitat evaluation procedures, and the use of traditional knowledge.	Fisheries and Oceans Canada , Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River District Stewardship, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) MNR is moving toward looking at "productive capacity" as opposed to direct physical habitat. Additional life history information should be collected to facilitate a better understanding of baseline productivity and allow for comparison for monitoring.	RRGP would provide information that will allow for background information pertaining to fish endpoints for future use in monitoring.
	406	Meeting	10/03/2012	Scientists and AMEC consultants met to discuss topics surrounding the fisheries and aquatic resources components of the environmental assessment for the RRGP. Discussions focused on federal legislation (e.g. Fisheries Act), site planning and Project scheduling, habitat evaluation procedures, and the use of traditional knowledge.	Fisheries and Oceans Canada , Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River District Stewardship, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) Suggested that we could state that we use traditional aboriginal knowledge to see if there is any known Lake Sturgeon in the Pinewood River.	Noted that TK studies are being conducted. AMEC will inquire about TK for the Pinewood.
Noise and Vibration	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) As indicated for air quality, noise and water quality in Table 6, more specifics can and should be provided at this point concerning relevant legislation, regulation and policy that set limits to impacts on fisheries and aquatic resources, aquatic habitat, terrestrial habitat, wildlife, migratory birds and species at risk. As an example, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, conserves terrestrial habitat, wildlife and some migratory birds by prohibiting destruction of beaver dams, furbearer dens, black bear dens and bird nests and eggs.	As required by the MOE Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario and as identified in Section 7, Table 6 provides a preliminary listing of potential evaluation criteria associated with the assessment of effects of the proposed undertaking (ie. preferred alternative). These will be defined in greater detail in the EA.

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Water Resources	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) Fresh water supply alternatives – the alternatives require more detail. For example, the area lakes and ponds being referenced need to be shown. The proponent has likely identified candidate sources; they should be included in the ToR. A description on the how groundwater will be accessed is needed, ie number of existing wells, required new wells, locations etc. It needs to be identified in the Terms of Reference that a complete description of water supply alternatives will be provided in the EA. The details will need to identify predicted volumes of water needs and uses such as the amount of water anticipated to be recycled, discharged and needed from fresh water sources. There should also be an additional alternative to address surface water shortfalls ie if the Pinewood River cannot provide enough water. An alternative showing a combination of sources including the purchasing of fresh water should likely be included. It also would be expected that a hydrology baseline study would be an asset in evaluation the alternatives.	The wording of the Proposed ToR will be expanded upon to more clearly identify water supply alternatives that will be considered in the EA. A preliminary water balance will be presented in the EA.
	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) The creek names Loslow, Jones and Clarke are not official names.	The naming of local minor creeks utilized in the figures was based on local knowledge.
	68	Letter	06/05/2012	Ministry of Environment gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) related to surface water monitoring, baseline data collection and hydrological station locations.	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) The objective of baseline studies is to characterize the physical, chemical, and biological aspects of potentially impacted water bodies. Components of the project that include water takings, effluent discharges, groundwater seepages, and surface drainage, as a minimum, should be strongly considered when designing the baseline study.	Noted and were considered during baseline study design. Further information will be provided accordingly in the Proposed ToR and EA as appropriate.
	68	Letter	06/05/2012	Ministry of Environment gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) related to surface water monitoring, baseline data collection and hydrological station locations.	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Environmental indicators are useful for measuring potential impacts and assessing biological health. Specific indicators should be selected based on the results of scientifically defensible baseline studies.	Noted. Further information will be provided accordingly in the Proposed ToR and EA as appropriate.

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	68	Letter	06/05/2012	Ministry of Environment gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) related to surface water monitoring, baseline data collection and hydrological station locations.	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) The design of the baseline surface water monitoring programs should include multi-year seasonal sampling to identify temporal variability associated with the collected data and to identify trends over time.	Baseline studies have been completed at the RRGP since 2010 and consider seasonal and temporary variability. Further information will be provided accordingly in the Proposed ToR and EA as appropriate. Regulatory agencies have been provided with copies of the baseline studies completed to date.
	68	Letter	06/05/2012	Ministry of Environment gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) related to surface water monitoring, baseline data collection and hydrological station locations.	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Surface water, sediment, benthic and fish tissue samples should be collected from all locations within the predicted zone of influence of the project, which many include, but are not limited to, direct discharge locations, surface drainage locations, areas of water taking, and areas that may be influenced by groundwater takings. Adequate upstream reference, zone of influence and downstream locations should be established.	Baseline studies completed to date consider all of these aspects. Further information will be provided accordingly in the Proposed ToR and EA as appropriate. Regulatory agencies have been provided with copies of the baseline studies completed to date.
	68	Letter	06/05/2012	Ministry of Environment gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) related to surface water monitoring, baseline data collection and hydrological station locations.	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) The following should be considered when selecting sampling locations: • adequacy to produce high quality samples that can be replicated; • effectiveness of the location to define baseline conditions; • use of the location for long term evaluation of potential effects of the project; and • development of a reference condition for the watershed to facilitate comparisons with non-impacted watersheds and to evaluate watershed changes.	Baseline studies completed to date consider all of these aspects. Further information will be provided accordingly in the Proposed ToR and EA as appropriate. Regulatory agencies have been provided with copies of the baseline studies completed to date.
	68	Letter	06/05/2012	Ministry of Environment gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) related to surface water monitoring, baseline data collection and hydrological station locations.	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) It should be noted that effluent discharge criteria will be receiver-based and more restrictive than MISA and MMER. Because baseline/background information is used in the development of receiver-based effluent criteria, the physical, chemical, and biological conditions of the receiving waterbody associated with the preferred discharge location must be characterized.	Noted. Baseline studies completed to date considered these aspects. Further information will be provided accordingly in the Proposed ToR and EA as appropriate. Regulatory agencies have been provided with copies of the baseline studies completed to date.

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	68	Letter	06/05/2012	Ministry of Environment gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) related to surface water monitoring, baseline data collection and hydrological station locations.	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) In addition to characterizing the background conditions of the receiving waterbody, consideration should be given to receiver assimilative capacity, mixing zone requirements, identification of contaminants of concern and other water uses.	Noted and considered during baseline / environmental studies to date. Further information will be provided accordingly in the Proposed ToR and EA as appropriate. Regulatory agencies have been provided with copies of the baseline studies completed to date.
	68	Letter	06/05/2012	Ministry of Environment gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) related to surface water monitoring, baseline data collection and hydrological station locations.	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Hydrological stations should be established in both upstream and downstream locations in potentially impacted or altered water bodies within the project area and flow measurements should be collected at variable flow regimes; including low, medium, and high flows.	Considerable hydrological data is available. Further information will be provided accordingly in the Proposed ToR and EA as appropriate. Regulatory agencies have been provided with copies of the baseline studies completed to date.
	68	Letter	06/05/2012	Ministry of Environment gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) related to surface water monitoring, baseline data collection and hydrological station locations.	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) The ministry requires that all water bodies within the potential zone of influence be identified and characterized using scientifically defensible methods. In addition to fulfilling the requirements of the Environmental Assessment, it is in the best interest of the proponent to consult with the ministry on details of the proposed baseline study and future permitting requirements.	Noted and understood. Baseline studies completed to date have considered this aspect. Regulatory agencies have been provided with copies of the baseline studies completed to date.

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	244	Letter	08/14/2012	MOE gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about wells and groundwater and were received 12-08-14. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) With respect to monitoring well locations, I noted that there were some key areas of the site where there did not seem to be adequate groundwater wells. Specifically, I noted that there seemed to be no wells north of the proposed tailings area and no wells in the area of the waste rock storage area.	New monitoring wells will need to be constructed once the locations of the main facilities is finalised. Where possible, existing wells will be used to allow for a continuation of historical water levels.

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	244	Letter	08/14/2012	MOE gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about wells and groundwater and were received 12-08-14. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) The groundwater model for the site needs to address both the effects of dewatering on the local water supply and baseflow in surface water features, as well as the impacts of leachate from the waste rock and tailings areas. Specifically, the model should: estimate how water levels in local domestic supply wells will be impacted; determine if dewatering will result in decline in recharge to local surface water features, and estimate the decline; determine the quantity of leachate likely to discharge from the waste rock and tailings areas; determine the likely receptors for the leachate and estimate the impacts of the leachate on these receptors; develop and assess mitigation measures/options for the identified impacts.	Noted. A groundwater flow model is currently being prepared to address the effects of dewatering of local surface water features and water wells. Potential environmental effects of dewatering and effluent release will be addressed in the EA.
	387	Letter	11/08/2012	Ministry of the Environment (MOE) commented on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) In order to quantify the potential groundwater impacts, adequate work must be completed to properly establish the baseline (pre-development) groundwater conditions at and surrounding the proposed mine and associated facilities and services. The Proposed ToR has identified that a baseline study is being completed. At a meeting on July 18 in Thunder Bay, AMEC and Rainy River Resources provided a summary of the baseline work that has been completed or is planned. It is understood from the meeting that the baseline work for groundwater will include a comprehensive field program, development of a conceptual model, and development of numerical models. The MOE provided some comment on the baseline program at the meeting. Provided below is an outline that Northern Region Hydrogeologist's have developed that provides our minimum expectations for baseline studies for mining developments.	Noted.

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	387	Letter	11/08/2012	Ministry of the Environment (MOE) commented on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	The purpose of baseline groundwater monitoring programs is to define pre-development hydrogeological conditions. This information is used by the proponent to develop conceptual and numerical groundwater models and to predict potential impacts of the mine as the project progresses towards environmental assessment and permitting. This assessment provides the framework for on-going groundwater monitoring during site development, operation, and closure. The baseline groundwater monitoring program must meet the following requirements: Determine groundwater flow paths; establish hydrogeological properties (i.e. hydraulic conductivity) of aquifers, aquicludes and aquitards; identify potential receptors (e.g. surface water, wetlands, wells, etc.); estimate subsurface travel times (including potential seasonal hydraulic gradient fluctuations); and characterize groundwater quality. The location of the monitoring wells must be selected to define existing conditions and also in anticipation of potential changes in groundwater gradients during all phases of the project (e.g. mounding, lowering, flow direction changes, etc.). The groundwater monitoring should take into consideration the effects of groundwater to surface water discharge, and enough information must be collected so that potential impacts of dewatering on surface water and wetland features can be evaluated. Nested and multi-level groundwater monitoring wells should be used where appropriate to assess both shallow (overburden) and deep (bedrock) groundwater flow systems, as well as vertical gradients.	These aspects will be addressed in the Hydrogeology Baseline Report, which will be appended to the EA Report, and/or EA Report as appropriate. It is expected based on other projects, that the location of the future monitoring wells will be identified in association with the Ministry of the Environment during the environmental approvals stage.

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	387	Letter	11/08/2012	Ministry of the Environment (MOE) commented on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Collect whatever information will be later required to identify groundwater impacts that may occur as a result of the undertaking, assess contaminant attenuation capacities, and ensure that the proposed mine and associated facility designs incorporates appropriate mitigation measures. Groundwater monitoring and groundwater quality data should be collected up-gradient, cross-gradient, and down-gradient from all relevant facilities which have been sited at the time of the baseline survey. This includes potential groundwater seepage locations, rates and quality into or from facilities such as: open pits, underground developments, tailings, stockpiles, collection ponds, processing facilities, and loading areas.	RRR has an extensive network of groundwater level and quality information already in place as will be described in the Hydrogeology Baseline and EA Report as appropriate. The location of the monitoring wells to assess the operations stage will be developed through the environmental approvals process in conjunction with the Ministry of the Environment. Potential water quality impacts from mine rock and tailings will be addressed in the EA Report as appropriate.
	387	Letter	11/08/2012	Ministry of the Environment (MOE) commented on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Identify potential compliance points and compliance criteria (e.g. Reasonable Use, Provincial Water Quality Objectives, etc.) and ensure that sufficient information is available in the future to produce statistically sound assessments of potential mining and associated facility impacts. The baseline survey should include installation of monitoring wells at potential compliance points and within the footprint of the planned operation works with an aim of having most wells remain in-place during all phases of the project to provide consistent temporal analysis points.	Compliance aspects will be addressed in the EA Report. Dedicated wells are anticipated to be required for compliance purposes. RRR has an extensive network of groundwater level and quality information already in place as will be described in the Hydrogeology Baseline and EA Report as appropriate.

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	387	Letter	11/08/2012	Ministry of the Environment (MOE) commented on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) The output of the hydrogeology baseline survey should include the following: a. conceptual hydrogeological model with a written expert opinion summarizing groundwater flow paths, identification of potential receptors, travel times, and water quality; b. hydrogeological maps and cross-sections showing: 1) the location of relevant features, including surface water features, water supply wells, and other potential receptors; 2) location of groundwater monitoring wells with respect to proposed facilities/works, stockpiles, potential seeps of contaminated groundwater, surface water features and other potential receptors; 3) the extent of overburden and bedrock aquifers, including bedrock contact/fracture zones; 4) groundwater contours (potentiometric surfaces); and 5) groundwater flow directions including location of all groundwater divides; c. groundwater analytical results provided in tabular format with ion balances and also presented with ion plots. Laboratory Certificates of Analysis shall be available upon request; and d. identify the need for additional monitoring and assessment to address potential facility development impacts that had not been defined at the time of the baseline survey.	a) This will be included in the Hydrogeology Baseline report, and will be addressed in the EA Report as appropriate. b) Many of these items will be included as figures in the Hydrogeology Baseline report. The location of future monitoring wells will be identified at the environmental approvals stage in association with the Ministry of the Environment, but otherwise will be addressed in the EA as appropriate. c) This will be included in the Hydrogeology Baseline report and addressed in the EA Report as appropriate. d) RRR acknowledges that modification and/or additional monitoring will be required and will be identified at a preliminary level within the EA Report. Further detail is expected to be required and will be provided during the environmental approvals stage.

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	387	Letter	11/08/2012	Ministry of the Environment (MOE) commented on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) With respect to Groundwater Impacts related to the mining development, the Proposed ToR has clearly identified that the effects of mine dewatering, including impacts to domestic wells and the potential to reduce water levels and flows in local surface water features, will be addressed in the EA. However, with respect to the potential for groundwater contamination, Table 14 specifically states under “Groundwater System” that “Groundwater quality is not expected to be affected”. This statement is unsubstantiated, and I believe premature with respect to the EA. Waste rock stockpiles and the Tailings Management Area have a high potential to impact groundwater quality, and the EA must include assessment of groundwater quality impacts. The EA will need to address contaminant loading and transport from both the waste rock stockpiles and the tailings management area, as well as identifying other potential sources of groundwater contaminants. The assessment of groundwater quality impacts should look at contaminant loadings due to leachate, transport rates, attenuation effects, identification of receivers, the potential impact on the receivers, and appropriate mitigation measures. Numerical modelling will be required to assess contaminant transport.	Noted. These aspects will be addressed in the EA Report as appropriate.
	387	Letter	11/08/2012	Ministry of the Environment (MOE) commented on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) The EA should include assessment of whether there are practical alternatives to dewatering, and should also look at options on how dewatering can be carried out. And the ToR needs to be clear in stating that the mine water from dewatering will be considered in assessing water supply alternatives.	Noted. Minewater management alternatives in the EA Report will consider proven technologies other than dewatering, if any. Recycling of water has been identified in the Proposed ToR as the preferred option for water supply. Although not specifically identified in the Proposed ToR, it will include water derived from mine dewatering. These aspects will be addressed in more detail in the EA Report as appropriate.

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	387	Letter	11/08/2012	Ministry of the Environment (MOE) commented on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) For assessment of effects on groundwater quality, the Proposed ToR has identified the use of the Provincial Water Quality Objectives and the Canadian Environmental Quality Guidelines. These are suitable for assessment of background quality. However, it is emphasized that these standards and objectives would be applied in the context of the Ministry's Reasonable Use Policy (Guideline B-7), which is applied to all regulated sources of groundwater contamination, and which incorporates the Ontario Drinking Water Standards.	Noted and agreed.
	387	Letter	11/08/2012	Ministry of the Environment (MOE) commented on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) In summary, the Proposed ToR has identified that a Hydrogeology Study will be conducted to both establish baseline conditions and to estimate the impacts that the project will have on the natural groundwater conditions at and surrounding the site. The Hydrogeology Study as described should adequately address the impacts of dewatering on the local groundwater system and surface water features. However, it is my recommendation that the ToR needs to be revised to include full assessment of the potential impacts of the project on groundwater quality. The ToR should also clearly identify the assessment of mine dewatering and water supply alternatives; that the baseline studies should incorporate the use of more local domestic wells for assessment of the regional groundwater regime; and that groundwater impact assessment will require consideration of the MOE's Reasonable Use Policy. It is further recommended that the proponent should review the MOE's recommendations regarding Baseline Studies to ensure that our requirements are being addressed. These recommendations should be referenced by the proponent when developing the details of the baseline studies. The Hydrogeological Study shall establish baseline conditions; assess all potential impacts to groundwater quality and quantity which may result from the proposed project; and propose mitigation measures as required including monitoring provisions.	The Proposed ToR includes a commitment to assess environmental impacts of the entire project in a comprehensive EA Report, using the methodology identified in Section 7. Groundwater systems have been identified at this preliminary stage as one of the potential Valued Ecosystem Components that will guide the framework of assessing impacts in the EA Report. The Proposed ToR itself, is not intended to identify or assess environmental impacts, but provide the framework for inclusion of those aspects in the EA Report.

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	407	Meeting	07/07/2009	RRR and the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) discussed air quality, noise, and water baselines and methodologies.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed air quality, noise and water quantity and quality baseline data collection methodologies.	
	407	Meeting	07/07/2009	RRR and the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) discussed air quality, noise, and water baselines and methodologies.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Suggested that any information regarding the proposed location of a tailings alternative site, as specifically hydrology and hydrogeology, be reviewed by MOE as part of the pre-consultation and prior to advancing the engineering studies. This would allow MoE an opportunity to provide guidance on data collection and to identify any show stoppers early on.	
Wildlife	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) MNR and the proponent have been working together in addressing the identified species of Whip-poor-will and Bobolink that are known to be present within the study area and are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The following list of species has been identified through a screening by MNR as possible Species at Risk within the study area: Monarch, Least Bittern, Eastern Meadowlark, Black Tern, Yellow Rail, American Badger, Grey Fox.	The environmental summary provided in the Draft ToR was intended to provide a framework consistent with the MOE Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario and was not intended to be comprehensive description of the natural environment. Further information will be provided in the Proposed ToR. A detailed description of the environment and associated baseline studies will be provided in the EA.
	129	Letter	06/29/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) sent a letter updating Species at Risk surveys completed in the Project area.	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) Information collected suggests that Whip-poor-will birds are found within the West-end of the district in small groups. The birds are designated as a Threatened Species under the Endangered Species Act 2007. Whip-poor-will require a combination of forested areas to next and adjacent open areas to feed. 2) Whip-poor-will habitat is protected under the Endangered Species Act. Any land use changes that would impact forested areas should be discussed with the Species at Risk biologist to take appropriate measures and/or authorisations if required.	RRR is supporting Whip-poor-will research, and has had extensive communications with MNR regard Whip-poor-will.

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	140	Meeting	04/07/2011	RRR met with the Ministry Natural Resources to discuss the RRGP. Discussions included the up-coming AMEC baseline studies and the possibility of setting up the Collaborative Research Agreement and getting a university student to conduct the Whip-poor-will – Noise study. Also discussed a research plan for this study and who (RRR or MNR or the chosen university, which ended up being Trent) would fund specific portions of the study.	Ministry of Natural Resources, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR met with the Ministry Natural Resources to discuss the RRGP. Discussions included the up-coming AMEC baseline studies and the possibility of setting up the Collaborative Research Agreement and getting a university student to conduct the Whip-poor-will – Noise study. Also discussed a research plan for this study and who (RRR or MNR or the chosen university, which ended up being Trent) would fund specific portions of the study.	
	241	Letter	08/14/2012	MNR gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, terrestrial surveys, bird surveys and water. Comments were received 12-08-14. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Ministry of Environment, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) Providing conservation or management objectives for various taxa/species would help reviewers to determine whether appropriate data has been collected. Conserving 80% of bird species diversity across the study area, for example, would require collection of different supporting baseline data than an objective to conserve 80% of bird species richness. We suggest conservation objectives (and supporting baseline data) for some species of special concern may be lacking (see below).	AMEC used standardized MNR-approved survey methodologies throughout all baseline surveys and our database can be used to calculate both species diversity and species richness. Specific mitigation measures will be designed based on the management objectives and will be presented in the EA.
	241	Letter	08/14/2012	MNR gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, terrestrial surveys, bird surveys and water. Comments were received 12-08-14. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Ministry of Environment, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) Species accumulation curves (species observed versus sampling effort) would be useful to assess the adequacy of survey effort to detect all species present in the study area.	Noted. AMEC will consider putting species accumulation curves in the EA.
	241	Letter	08/14/2012	MNR gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, terrestrial surveys, bird surveys and water. Comments were received 12-08-14. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Ministry of Environment, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) It is surprising that Monarchs (special concern – ESA, 2007) were not recorded in the study area. A description of the distribution and abundance of milkweed, host plants for their larvae, is warranted.	2012 vegetation surveys have recorded the distribution and abundance of milkweed and this will be presented in the 2012 baseline report.

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	241	Letter	08/14/2012	MNR gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, terrestrial surveys, bird surveys and water. Comments were received 12-08-14. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Ministry of Environment, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) The MNR expects that considerations provided in AMEC 2011 (RRG Project 2011 Wildlife Baseline Study) for conserving migratory birds and their nests be similarly applied to birds protected under Ontario's Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997 (hawks, eagles, owls). Discussion with MNR staff will be necessary to determine measures to conserve these valued features.	Yes. The Ontario Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act will be followed and discussions regarding species protected under this act will take place with the MNR.
	241	Letter	08/14/2012	MNR gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, terrestrial surveys, bird surveys and water. Comments were received 12-08-14. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Ministry of Environment, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) In the absence of any management objective or evaluation of the study area's importance to local mammal species, the MNR may request general mitigation measures be implemented to conserve potential travel corridors, deer wintering yards, etc. where feasible.	2011 and 2012 baseline studies have evaluated the area's importance to local mammal species and this will be presented in the EA, along with mitigation measures.
	408	Meeting	09/21/2012	RRR met with the Ministry of Natural Resources to discuss RRGP Terrestrial Baseline Surveys.	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) Discussed EA guidelines and terrestrial baseline studies. 2) Indicated that the 2012 Terrestrial Baseline and SAR reports would be available soon.	
Human Environment							
Indigenous Rights and Title	66	Letter	06/19/2012	Ministry of Environment sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) concerning requirements for additional information about Aboriginal consultation, assessment of alternatives, and other general information requirements for the ToR.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Effects to the Human Environment identified in Section 5.2.2 should also include impacts to Aboriginal and treaty rights. Alternatively, a separate category could be created to assess this.	Noted and will be revised in the Proposed ToR.

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	406	Meeting	10/03/2012	Scientists and AMEC consultants met to discuss topics surrounding the fisheries and aquatic resources components of the environmental assessment for the RRGP. Discussions focused on federal legislation (e.g. Fisheries Act), site planning and Project scheduling, habitat evaluation procedures, and the use of traditional knowledge.	Fisheries and Oceans Canada , Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River District Stewardship, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) Suggested that we could state that we use traditional aboriginal knowledge to see if there is any known Lake Sturgeon in the Pinewood River.	Noted that TK studies are being conducted. AMEC will inquire about TK for the Pinewood.
Land and Resource Use	69	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) commented on the Draft ToR regarding the contents of the Aboriginal Consultation and Engagement Plan (ACEP), and Closure Plan.	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Rainy River Resources	1) More detail on land tenure could be needed for Provincial Ministries to fully understand and identify their potential permitting and approval roles. For example, does RRR own the right to aggregate, timber, etc… on all parcels of land to be developed?	Noted. This information will be provided during the environmental approvals process as needed.
Socio-Economic	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) The recently prepared draft Official Plans for the local municipalities state that it is assumed 90% of Rainy River Resources mine jobs will be occupied by local residents. A rationale for a construction camp of offsite residence is suggested.	RRR has every intent of hiring locally as practical in order that the employment benefits remain in the region. Alternatives for accommodation have been identified in the Draft ToR for further assessment in the EA. Rationale for the preferred alternative will be provided in the EA.
Methodology and Process							
Baseline Studies	66	Letter	06/19/2012	Ministry of Environment sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) concerning requirements for additional information about Aboriginal consultation, assessment of alternatives, and other general information requirements for the ToR.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) It is unclear whether Table 2 relates only to baseline study work that will be undertaken during the EA, or if it also relates to the components that will be measured as part of the alternatives evaluation. This should be clarified.	Noted and will be clarified in the Proposed ToR.

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	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) The ToR refers to extensive baseline studies conducted to date that were completed using standing standard field protocol and scientific methodology. It is important to note that MNR has not been involved in the collection of this baseline data (with exception of known species at risk), the protocol or methodology. The lack of detail regarding extent and boundaries of the study area and unknown content of a number of environmental studies currently in progress makes commenting on the adequacy of environmental studies conducted by Rainy River Resources difficult.	Local and Regional Study Areas will be defined in the Proposed ToR as committed to in the Draft ToR. Existing and developing baseline study information will continue to be shared with the regulatory authorities. RRR has requested an intergovernmental meeting to update regulatory agencies on work completed to date.
	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) The Conservation Reserves are incomplete in Figure 3 (ie Rainy Lake Islands, Pipestone are missing) and Seine River First Nation is identified incorrectly as a Conservation Reserve.	Figure 3 will be revised in the Proposed ToR.
	68	Letter	06/05/2012	Ministry of Environment gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) related to surface water monitoring, baseline data collection and hydrological station locations.	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) The objective of baseline studies is to characterize the physical, chemical, and biological aspects of potentially impacted water bodies. Components of the project that include water takings, effluent discharges, groundwater seepages, and surface drainage, as a minimum, should be strongly considered when designing the baseline study.	Noted and were considered during baseline study design. Further information will be provided accordingly in the Proposed ToR and EA as appropriate.
	68	Letter	06/05/2012	Ministry of Environment gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) related to surface water monitoring, baseline data collection and hydrological station locations.	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Environmental indicators are useful for measuring potential impacts and assessing biological health. Specific indicators should be selected based on the results of scientifically defensible baseline studies.	Noted. Further information will be provided accordingly in the Proposed ToR and EA as appropriate.
	68	Letter	06/05/2012	Ministry of Environment gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) related to surface water monitoring, baseline data collection and hydrological station locations.	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) The design of the baseline surface water monitoring programs should include multi-year seasonal sampling to identify temporal variability associated with the collected data and to identify trends over time.	Baseline studies have been completed at the RRGP since 2010 and consider seasonal and temporary variability. Further information will be provided accordingly in the Proposed ToR and EA as appropriate. Regulatory agencies have been provided with copies of the baseline studies completed to date.

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	68	Letter	06/05/2012	Ministry of Environment gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) related to surface water monitoring, baseline data collection and hydrological station locations.	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Power analysis should be carried out to ensure that the monitoring programs are adequate to statistically detect changes from baseline conditions.	Use of statistical analyses will be considered during the interpretation of post-baseline conditions as appropriate.
	68	Letter	06/05/2012	Ministry of Environment gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) related to surface water monitoring, baseline data collection and hydrological station locations.	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Surface water, sediment, benthic and fish tissue samples should be collected from all locations within the predicted zone of influence of the project, which many include, but are not limited to, direct discharge locations, surface drainage locations, areas of water taking, and areas that may be influenced by groundwater takings. Adequate upstream reference, zone of influence and downstream locations should be established.	Baseline studies completed to date consider all of these aspects. Further information will be provided accordingly in the Proposed ToR and EA as appropriate. Regulatory agencies have been provided with copies of the baseline studies completed to date.
	68	Letter	06/05/2012	Ministry of Environment gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) related to surface water monitoring, baseline data collection and hydrological station locations.	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) The following should be considered when selecting sampling locations: • adequacy to produce high quality samples that can be replicated; • effectiveness of the location to define baseline conditions; • use of the location for long term evaluation of potential effects of the project; and • development of a reference condition for the watershed to facilitate comparisons with non-impacted watersheds and to evaluate watershed changes.	Baseline studies completed to date consider all of these aspects. Further information will be provided accordingly in the Proposed ToR and EA as appropriate. Regulatory agencies have been provided with copies of the baseline studies completed to date.
	68	Letter	06/05/2012	Ministry of Environment gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) related to surface water monitoring, baseline data collection and hydrological station locations.	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) It should be noted that effluent discharge criteria will be receiver-based and more restrictive than MISA and MMER. Because baseline/background information is used in the development of receiver-based effluent criteria, the physical, chemical, and biological conditions of the receiving waterbody associated with the preferred discharge location must be characterized.	Noted. Baseline studies completed to date considered these aspects. Further information will be provided accordingly in the Proposed ToR and EA as appropriate. Regulatory agencies have been provided with copies of the baseline studies completed to date.

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	68	Letter	06/05/2012	Ministry of Environment gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) related to surface water monitoring, baseline data collection and hydrological station locations.	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) In addition to characterizing the background conditions of the receiving waterbody, consideration should be given to receiver assimilative capacity, mixing zone requirements, identification of contaminants of concern and other water uses.	Noted and considered during baseline / environmental studies to date. Further information will be provided accordingly in the Proposed ToR and EA as appropriate. Regulatory agencies have been provided with copies of the baseline studies completed to date.
	68	Letter	06/05/2012	Ministry of Environment gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) related to surface water monitoring, baseline data collection and hydrological station locations.	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Hydrological stations should be established in both upstream and downstream locations in potentially impacted or altered water bodies within the project area and flow measurements should be collected at variable flow regimes; including low, medium, and high flows.	Considerable hydrological data is available. Further information will be provided accordingly in the Proposed ToR and EA as appropriate. Regulatory agencies have been provided with copies of the baseline studies completed to date.
	68	Letter	06/05/2012	Ministry of Environment gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) related to surface water monitoring, baseline data collection and hydrological station locations.	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) The ministry requires that all water bodies within the potential zone of influence be identified and characterized using scientifically defensible methods. In addition to fulfilling the requirements of the Environmental Assessment, it is in the best interest of the proponent to consult with the ministry on details of the proposed baseline study and future permitting requirements.	Noted and understood. Baseline studies completed to date have considered this aspect. Regulatory agencies have been provided with copies of the baseline studies completed to date.

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	241	Letter	08/14/2012	MNR gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, terrestrial surveys, bird surveys and water. Comments were received 12-08-14. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Ministry of Environment, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) Proposed indicators of aquatic invertebrate community and habitat condition appear appropriate. Clarification on the number and location of sampling sites that can provide baseline data (i.e. the water feature will not be destroyed by project activities) is needed. Control sites outside of the study area (KCB 2010) may be useful for isolating the effects of environmental variability on changes in benthos communities.	Baseline benthic invertebrate community data collected by KCB and AMEC and presented descriptors will provide a solid basis for future monitoring study design. Reference areas will be considered based on consistency with fluvial habitats and final design of the Project layout.

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	241	Letter	08/14/2012	MNR gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, terrestrial surveys, bird surveys and water. Comments were received 12-08-14. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Ministry of Environment, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) Providing conservation or management objectives for various taxa/species would help reviewers to determine whether appropriate data has been collected. Conserving 80% of bird species diversity across the study area, for example, would require collection of different supporting baseline data than an objective to conserve 80% of bird species richness. We suggest conservation objectives (and supporting baseline data) for some species of special concern may be lacking (see below).	AMEC used standardized MNR-approved survey methodologies throughout all baseline surveys and our database can be used to calculate both species diversity and species richness. Specific mitigation measures will be designed based on the management objectives and will be presented in the EA.

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	241	Letter	08/14/2012	MNR gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, terrestrial surveys, bird surveys and water. Comments were received 12-08-14. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Ministry of Environment, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) It is surprising that Monarchs (special concern – ESA, 2007) were not recorded in the study area. A description of the distribution and abundance of milkweed, host plants for their larvae, is warranted.	2012 vegetation surveys have recorded the distribution and abundance of milkweed and this will be presented in the 2012 baseline report.
	241	Letter	08/14/2012	MNR gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, terrestrial surveys, bird surveys and water. Comments were received 12-08-14. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Ministry of Environment, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) KCB (2010) recorded snapping turtle (special concern – ESA, 2007) use of the study area. Targeted searches for snapping turtle nesting sites are warranted.	Searches for these nest sites and those of other turtle species have been conducted in the area during 2009 through 2012 baseline studies. To date, no nest sites have been found but they are very difficult to locate. Nesting substrates suitable for turtles are likely to be confined mainly to road beds as the majority of the local study area consists mainly of clay and silt materials which are less suited to nest sites for this species. Systematic surveys in appropriate areas can be conducted in advance of construction to limit potential impacts to nesting sites.
	241	Letter	08/14/2012	MNR gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, terrestrial surveys, bird surveys and water. Comments were received 12-08-14. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Ministry of Environment, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) The MNR expects that considerations provided in AMEC 2011 (RRG Project 2011 Wildlife Baseline Study) for conserving migratory birds and their nests be similarly applied to birds protected under Ontario's Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997 (hawks, eagles, owls). Discussion with MNR staff will be necessary to determine measures to conserve these valued features.	Yes. The Ontario Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act will be followed and discussions regarding species protected under this act will take place with the MNR.

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	244	Letter	08/14/2012	MOE gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about wells and groundwater and were received 12-08-14. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) With respect to monitoring well locations, I noted that there were some key areas of the site where there did not seem to be adequate groundwater wells. Specifically, I noted that there seemed to be no wells north of the proposed tailings area and no wells in the area of the waste rock storage area.	New monitoring wells will need to be constructed once the locations of the main facilities is finalised. Where possible, existing wells will be used to allow for a continuation of historical water levels.
	244	Letter	08/14/2012	MOE gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about wells and groundwater and were received 12-08-14. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Also, the wells that are on site tend to be spread out. Although this gives good site coverage, it is recommended that in key areas of interest there should be some wells in closer proximity to each other so that local groundwater gradients and movement can be better established.	Most of the monitoring well installations are multi-level wells, allowing for vertical gradients to be assessed.
	244	Letter	08/14/2012	MOE gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about wells and groundwater and were received 12-08-14. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) The groundwater model for the site needs to address both the effects of dewatering on the local water supply and baseflow in surface water features, as well as the impacts of leachate from the waste rock and tailings areas. Specifically, the model should: estimate how water levels in local domestic supply wells will be impacted; determine if dewatering will result in decline in recharge to local surface water features, and estimate the decline; determine the quantity of leachate likely to discharge from the waste rock and tailings areas; determine the likely receptors for the leachate and estimate the impacts of the leachate on these receptors; develop and assess mitigation measures/options for the identified impacts.	Noted. A groundwater flow model is currently being prepared to address the effects of dewatering of local surface water features and water wells. Potential environmental effects of dewatering and effluent release will be addressed in the EA.

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	284	E-mail	09/07/2012	AMEC correspondence with Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency), Ministry of Environment (MOE) and Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) regarding adequacy of environmental baseline work at the RRGP.	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Ministry of Environment, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) AMEC sent CEA Agency, MOE and MNDM a draft summary of the recently held meeting regarding environmental baseline work at the RRGP for review and requested comments in order to finalize the summary by 12-08-30. 2) The MOE responded to AMEC's email outlining that the complete adequacy of the scope of the baseline work cannot be confirmed until staff fully understand the range of alternatives that will be evaluated, and the extent of the potential environmental impacts. The MOE further stated that RRR will be responsible for ensuring that an adequate amount of information is provided for each potential alternative so that staff can understand the full range of potential impacts and that if alternatives are brought forward for consideration that are not supported by adequate baseline information, there may be a need to undertake additional studies. The MOE indicated that it should be made clear that the EA is an iterative process in which specific impacts are determined through a progressive decision-making process. Once further details are provided on the nature and scope of potential alternatives, proposed mitigation measures, etc., federal and provincial technical staff may require additional information to confirm potential impacts and how the selection of specific alternatives may impact their mandates. In general, the MOE have provided input into the baseline collection work that has been completed to date, and based on the current scope of the project this may be adequate to meet our needs throughout the EA process.	

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	387	Letter	11/08/2012	Ministry of the Environment (MOE) commented on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) In order to quantify the potential groundwater impacts, adequate work must be completed to properly establish the baseline (pre-development) groundwater conditions at and surrounding the proposed mine and associated facilities and services. The Proposed ToR has identified that a baseline study is being completed. At a meeting on July 18 in Thunder Bay, AMEC and Rainy River Resources provided a summary of the baseline work that has been completed or is planned. It is understood from the meeting that the baseline work for groundwater will include a comprehensive field program, development of a conceptual model, and development of numerical models. The MOE provided some comment on the baseline program at the meeting. Provided below is an outline that Northern Region Hydrogeologist's have developed that provides our minimum expectations for baseline studies for mining developments.	Noted.

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	387	Letter	11/08/2012	Ministry of the Environment (MOE) commented on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	The purpose of baseline groundwater monitoring programs is to define pre-development hydrogeological conditions. This information is used by the proponent to develop conceptual and numerical groundwater models and to predict potential impacts of the mine as the project progresses towards environmental assessment and permitting. This assessment provides the framework for on-going groundwater monitoring during site development, operation, and closure. The baseline groundwater monitoring program must meet the following requirements: Determine groundwater flow paths; establish hydrogeological properties (i.e. hydraulic conductivity) of aquifers, aquicludes and aquitards; identify potential receptors (e.g. surface water, wetlands, wells, etc.); estimate subsurface travel times (including potential seasonal hydraulic gradient fluctuations); and characterize groundwater quality. The location of the monitoring wells must be selected to define existing conditions and also in anticipation of potential changes in groundwater gradients during all phases of the project (e.g. mounding, lowering, flow direction changes, etc.). The groundwater monitoring should take into consideration the effects of groundwater to surface water discharge, and enough information must be collected so that potential impacts of dewatering on surface water and wetland features can be evaluated. Nested and multi-level groundwater monitoring wells should be used where appropriate to assess both shallow (overburden) and deep (bedrock) groundwater flow systems, as well as vertical gradients.	These aspects will be addressed in the Hydrogeology Baseline Report, which will be appended to the EA Report, and/or EA Report as appropriate. It is expected based on other projects, that the location of the future monitoring wells will be identified in association with the Ministry of the Environment during the environmental approvals stage.

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	387	Letter	11/08/2012	Ministry of the Environment (MOE) commented on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Collect whatever information will be later required to identify groundwater impacts that may occur as a result of the undertaking, assess contaminant attenuation capacities, and ensure that the proposed mine and associated facility designs incorporates appropriate mitigation measures. Groundwater monitoring and groundwater quality data should be collected up-gradient, cross-gradient, and down-gradient from all relevant facilities which have been sited at the time of the baseline survey. This includes potential groundwater seepage locations, rates and quality into or from facilities such as: open pits, underground developments, tailings, stockpiles, collection ponds, processing facilities, and loading areas.	RRR has an extensive network of groundwater level and quality information already in place as will be described in the Hydrogeology Baseline and EA Report as appropriate. The location of the monitoring wells to assess the operations stage will be developed through the environmental approvals process in conjunction with the Ministry of the Environment. Potential water quality impacts from mine rock and tailings will be addressed in the EA Report as appropriate.
	387	Letter	11/08/2012	Ministry of the Environment (MOE) commented on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Identify potential compliance points and compliance criteria (e.g. Reasonable Use, Provincial Water Quality Objectives, etc.) and ensure that sufficient information is available in the future to produce statistically sound assessments of potential mining and associated facility impacts. The baseline survey should include installation of monitoring wells at potential compliance points and within the footprint of the planned operation works with an aim of having most wells remain in-place during all phases of the project to provide consistent temporal analysis points.	Compliance aspects will be addressed in the EA Report. Dedicated wells are anticipated to be required for compliance purposes. RRR has an extensive network of groundwater level and quality information already in place as will be described in the Hydrogeology Baseline and EA Report as appropriate.

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	387	Letter	11/08/2012	Ministry of the Environment (MOE) commented on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) The output of the hydrogeology baseline survey should include the following: a. conceptual hydrogeological model with a written expert opinion summarizing groundwater flow paths, identification of potential receptors, travel times, and water quality; b. hydrogeological maps and cross-sections showing: 1) the location of relevant features, including surface water features, water supply wells, and other potential receptors; 2) location of groundwater monitoring wells with respect to proposed facilities/works, stockpiles, potential seeps of contaminated groundwater, surface water features and other potential receptors; 3) the extent of overburden and bedrock aquifers, including bedrock contact/fracture zones; 4) groundwater contours (potentiometric surfaces); and 5) groundwater flow directions including location of all groundwater divides; c. groundwater analytical results provided in tabular format with ion balances and also presented with ion plots. Laboratory Certificates of Analysis shall be available upon request; and d. identify the need for additional monitoring and assessment to address potential facility development impacts that had not been defined at the time of the baseline survey.	a) This will be included in the Hydrogeology Baseline report, and will be addressed in the EA Report as appropriate. b) Many of these items will be included as figures in the Hydrogeology Baseline report. The location of future monitoring wells will be identified at the environmental approvals stage in association with the Ministry of the Environment, but otherwise will be addressed in the EA as appropriate. c) This will be included in the Hydrogeology Baseline report and addressed in the EA Report as appropriate. d) RRR acknowledges that modification and/or additional monitoring will be required and will be identified at a preliminary level within the EA Report. Further detail is expected to be required and will be provided during the environmental approvals stage.
	387	Letter	11/08/2012	Ministry of the Environment (MOE) commented on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) With respect to the timing of the baseline studies, it is recommended that this work should be commenced as soon as possible. To be comprehensive, it is important the baseline studies include monitoring through all seasons to ensure that a full range of conditions are reflected in the data. And monitoring frequency should be selected to account the potential for natural fluctuations in the baseline conditions.	Noted. Baseline studies were initiated in 2008 and remain in progress. Baseline Reports will be appended to the EA Report which will demonstrate lengthy and comprehensive, baseline investigations.

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	387	Letter	11/08/2012	Ministry of the Environment (MOE) commented on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) With respect to Groundwater Impacts related to the mining development, the Proposed ToR has clearly identified that the effects of mine dewatering, including impacts to domestic wells and the potential to reduce water levels and flows in local surface water features, will be addressed in the EA. However, with respect to the potential for groundwater contamination, Table 14 specifically states under “Groundwater System” that “Groundwater quality is not expected to be affected”. This statement is unsubstantiated, and I believe premature with respect to the EA. Waste rock stockpiles and the Tailings Management Area have a high potential to impact groundwater quality, and the EA must include assessment of groundwater quality impacts. The EA will need to address contaminant loading and transport from both the waste rock stockpiles and the tailings management area, as well as identifying other potential sources of groundwater contaminants. The assessment of groundwater quality impacts should look at contaminant loadings due to leachate, transport rates, attenuation effects, identification of receivers, the potential impact on the receivers, and appropriate mitigation measures. Numerical modelling will be required to assess contaminant transport.	Noted. These aspects will be addressed in the EA Report as appropriate.
Effects Assessment	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) Hazardous waste: the offsite licensed landfill alternative should be assessed in this ToR before the EA. Existing landfills vary in their capacity and desire to accept this kind of waste. A site should be identified as soon as possible, specifically since the development of an onsite landfill is not an option.	Only a limited quantity of hazardous waste is expected to be produced by the Project. There are a number of licenced facilities in Canada that can accept the types of hazardous wastes expected to be produced by the RRGP. RRR will commit to utilizing this approach in the Proposed ToR and EA. Development of permanent hazardous waste storage or treatment facility on the RRGP site does not meet RRR criteria and will not be considered. Detail regarding hazardous waste management will be provided in the EA.

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	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) The ToR also must describe indicators and/or explain how indicators will be developed. Environmental components (e.g. aquatic invertebrate richness, snapping turtle abundance) predicted to be impacted by each alternative may be used as indicators. Indicators must be measurable in a rigorous qualitative (few, many) or quantitative (numerical) manner and be comparable to a pre-determined baseline, standard or target value.	Indicators selected for effects analysis will generally be those which can be applied at the system level of function, rather than selecting individual elements or species or species groups, as all biological organism are ultimately dependant on aspects of habitat availability, quality and access. Consequently and as examples: • air quality and water quality will be compared against applicable provincial standards; •aquatic habitat will be assessed on the basis of water quality, flow volumes and riparian habitat; and terrestrial habitat will be assessed against physical displacement and nuisance effects such as dust and noise.Table 6 provides a preliminary listing of potential evaluation criteria associated with the assessment of effects of the proposed undertaking (ie. preferred alternative) as required by the MOE Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario and as identified in Section 7. These will be defined in greater detail in the EA.
	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) The proponent should also state the potential data sources for the criteria and indicators. It is understood that some of these data sources are listed in Table 3. However, this necessary statement should be made explicitly in the ToR.	The Proposed ToR will describe the evaluation criteria and performance objective for the alternatives evaluation.

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Environ. Assessment	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) Overall there needs to be more detail in the ToR to adequately present how the Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared. Specifically for the components of the ToR such as: the project description, the description and evaluation of alternatives, the baseline data, the assessment and evaluation, the criteria, indicators and methods and the commitments and monitoring. The following comments provide details of where the ToR requires amendments, corrections of further detail.	The function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process. Additional information will be provided in the Proposed ToR as described below and consistent with the MOE Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario. Further detail will be provided in the EA document on various aspects as appropriate, including those identified by the MNR. It is intended that the EA will also include complete versions of environmental baseline studies completed to that date, including those related to biophysical and human environment aspects.
	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) Section 5.2.3 states “it may be that one or two performance objectives are more important and override all other objectives…”. Effects (adverse) to the natural and human environments and amenability to reclamation are relatively more important performance objectives. This valuation should be stated explicitly in the ToR and future environmental assessment.	As described in the assessment methodology (Section 5.2) all of the performance objectives are considered essential to the selection of a preferred alternative. The relative importance of the each performance objective will differ with the Project component being assessed. As such it would be premature to state that a subset of performance objectives, such as adverse effects to natural and human environments, is always more important than other performance objectives for every component. Also, different stakeholders will have different perspectives on the evaluations. The balanced approach proposed to the assessment considers all of the important factors and will be utilized in the EA evaluations.

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	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) The Terms of Reference needs to provide more detail on the commitment of environmental effects and monitoring. This is an important section and it is expected the Environmental Assessment will have an Environmental Monitoring Plan,... The Terms of Reference should identify that an Environmental Effects Monitoring Plan will be prepared in the EA and approved by all applicable agencies.	Section 8 of the Draft ToR commits to the development of a monitoring framework within the EA for the post-EA phase (ie. design, construction, operations and decommissioning) including compliance and effects monitoring as well as follow-up programs. Detailed monitoring requirements will be defined as conditions in environmental permits and approvals issued by the Federal and Provincial Governments for the construction, operation and closure of the RRGP, including those issued by the MOE, MNR and DFO, and defined within the Closure Plan pursuant to the Mining Act.
	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) The section of the ToR (Section 10) that identifies to accommodate new circumstances is too broad. The intent of building flexibility into the ToR is not to completely change the scope of the study at the EA stage, but to allow adjustments of aspects of the proposal. The ToR is already currently written in a very non-committal manner, leaving most of the specifics to be developed in the EA report.	The text presented in Section 10 of the draft ToR is consistent with the requirements of the MOE Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario. The Proposed ToR is intended to guide the EA and obtain early feedback, with the specifics presented in the EA.
	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) Use of the term 'criteria' is not consistent throughout the ToR, (ie evaluation criteria in Section 5.2.1, referring to a reasoned judgement or decision, and selection criteria in Section 5.4.4, 5.4.6 referring to desired status or condition and preliminary criteria in Table 6, referring to predicted effects of an action/alternative). The variety of uses of this term presents challenges to understanding and interpreting the ToR. It is suggested the term be used in reference to predicted effects of an action/alternative which is more consistent with the MOE Code of Practise.	The use of the term criteria within the Draft ToR has been reviewed and will be clarified or revised in the Proposed ToR to be consistent with the MOE Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario.

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	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) It should be clearly stated the road alignment of Highway 600 is proposed and included as part of this EA. The term "existing" road alignment needs to be identified. The ToR should identify that the movement of the road is first and foremost a requirement to mine development. If there are existing safety issues for the current road and the current use, then it should be identified how this was determined (ie confirmation from MTO, statistics of accidents etc) and how it has been handled in the interim. The ToR should at least identify the possible alternatives that were presented earlier with the understanding they may change for the EA. Highway 600 is classed as a Secondary Highway (not Tertiary).	The Project component list in Section 4.1 of the ToR clearly includes the Highway 600 re-alignment as part of the Project which will be assessed as part of the EA. Highway 600 has been re-classified and is officially classified as a minor secondary highway. The Proposed ToR will be revised accordingly.
	387	Letter	11/08/2012	Ministry of the Environment (MOE) commented on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) The EA should include assessment of whether there are practical alternatives to dewatering, and should also look at options on how dewatering can be carried out. And the ToR needs to be clear in stating that the mine water from dewatering will be considered in assessing water supply alternatives.	Noted. Minewater management alternatives in the EA Report will consider proven technologies other than dewatering, if any. Recycling of water has been identified in the Proposed ToR as the preferred option for water supply. Although not specifically identified in the Proposed ToR, it will include water derived from mine dewatering. These aspects will be addressed in more detail in the EA Report as appropriate.
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	66	Letter	06/19/2012	Ministry of Environment sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) concerning requirements for additional information about Aboriginal consultation, assessment of alternatives, and other general information requirements for the ToR.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Section 6.8 under Local Aboriginal Groups should provide a specific commitment to include an assessment of how the project overlaps with traditional lands in the EA, and also include an assessment of how Aboriginal rights and interests may be affected by the project.	Noted and will be revised in the Proposed ToR.

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Other	66	Letter	06/19/2012	Ministry of Environment sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) concerning requirements for additional information about Aboriginal consultation, assessment of alternatives, and other general information requirements for the ToR.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Further to comments provided by email on April 12, 2012 on the preliminary draft of the ToR, please note that additional clarity could still be provided regarding the identification and description of alternatives. If specific alternatives have already been identified for further evaluation (e.g. transmission routes, highway alignments, river realignments), these should be specifically identified and the rationale for selecting them explained. If specific alternatives have not yet been selected, then the parameters for determining a specific route or range of options should be explained.	Noted and will be revised in the Proposed ToR.
	66	Letter	06/19/2012	Ministry of Environment sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) concerning requirements for additional information about Aboriginal consultation, assessment of alternatives, and other general information requirements for the ToR.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Section 5.4.8 indicates that limited alternatives are available for the location of certain facilities. If no alternatives will be considered because of strict regulatory or technical requirements, this section should clearly indicate what those requirement are, and where or how the proposed facilities will be located.	Noted and will be clarified in the Proposed ToR.
	66	Letter	06/19/2012	Ministry of Environment sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) concerning requirements for additional information about Aboriginal consultation, assessment of alternatives, and other general information requirements for the ToR.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Section 5.4 has limited the range of alternatives based on a range of considerations. If any preliminary studies or assessments have been completed to support the preliminary screening of alternatives, these should be provided in the supporting documentation. Please refer to Section 4.2.5, of the Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario for the minimum information that should be provided regarding how the proponent has determined what alternatives will be considered in the EA.	Code of Practice has been reviewed and the Proposed ToR will be revised as appropriate.
	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) The ToR should have a brief description of the project life cycle including intentions of the site at closure such as identifying the long term plan for the open pit workings (ie flooding or filling), above ground infrastructure, tailings management facilities and sites etc.	The Proposed ToR will include a discussion of alternative means of mine closure.

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	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) There needs to be additional explanation to this section of the report. It is not understood if the alternatives selected for this ToR have been screened as per the framework identified in section 5.1 of the ToR. A summary of information that was collected during the screening for these alternatives should be presented in the ToR and further details provided in the supporting documentation. It is expected that the supporting documentation will include details such as: •The method to determine the relative desirability of alternatives from an environmental perspective should be detailed and based, at least in part, on an evaluation of indicators. This evaluation should reflect the degree to which alternatives are expected to conflict with the intention of relevant laws, regulations and policies while considering proposed mitigation measures. For environmental components or processes that may not be specifically protected by laws, regulations and policies (e.g. many invertebrates, reduction in bird abundance due to habitat loss or conversion), expert judgment will be required to 1) predict the relative impacts of different alternatives and 2) determine whether any individual alternative is "likely to cause significant adverse effects to the natural environment that cannot reasonably be mitigated (unacceptable)" (ToR, pg. 17) and therefore inconsistent with the purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act.	The alternatives section of the Proposed ToR will be revised to more clearly identify the alternatives that will be carried forward into the EA for a more detailed evaluation in EA. Applicable laws, regulations and government policies will be fully considered during the selection of a preferred alternative, as suggested by MNR and per industry practice. Where such instruments are not available, such as in the case of adverse effects to general wildlife habitat and species, best professional judgement and the input of stakeholders will apply. The assessment of alternatives at this level of detail will be carried out in the EA.

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	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) Table 1 (and in general the ToR) does not adequately explain or provide reasons for the alternatives. The title of Table 1 indicates these are the alternatives that will be considered in the EA, but the column 'to be considered in the EA' identifies some alternatives that are not being considered. If alternatives have been identified as not meeting the proponent's criteria (ie are not within the scope of RRG to implement) they should not be identified as alternatives."	As indicated by the title, Table 1 provides a summary of the alternatives that will be considered in the EA document and was provided to facilitate public review. Table 1 will be revised in the Proposed ToR to more accurately and clearly identify options, such as development of an onsite hazardous waste management system, which do not meet the RRR criteria and as a result, are not acceptable to RRR and will not be considered in the Project design / EA evaluation step.
	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) The report needs to contain a better description of the following alternatives: •Mining Alternatives that include re-routing of the Pinewood River. The text and map in the ToR does not clearly show the re-routing. As well, the safety concerns need to be explained (ie berm stability and breakage etc.)	Geotechnical and hydrogeological assessment work is ongoing to determine whether or not it would be necessary to re-route a portion of the Pinewood River further from the open pit, in order to develop a safe and economically viable operation. This alternative is identified in Table 1 and will be carried forward in the EA. Additional text will be added to the Proposed ToR to explain the possible need for re-routing a section of the river. Further detail will be provided in the EA.
	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) Highway 600 re-alignment. The current alternatives are associated with a mine, or no mine, but there are no other alternatives presented. The alternatives should include the alternatives plans for the road re-routing for the project (mine development) and presented on a map.	A map of alternative Highway 600 routings will be provided in the Proposed ToR showing routing alternatives to be addressed in the EA.
	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) Power supply: The ToR identifies two power supply alternatives but not an alternative that considers a combination of energy sources.	The Proposed ToR will consider the combination of energy source alternatives.
	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) The map that was provided to MNR separate from the ToR shows 4 alternatives for a transmission line to link to the existing power line. This map needs to be provided as part of the ToR.	A map of alternative transmission line routings will be provided in the Proposed ToR showing routing alternatives to be addressed in the EA.

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	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) Fresh water supply alternatives – the alternatives require more detail. For example, the area lakes and ponds being referenced need to be shown. The proponent has likely identified candidate sources; they should be included in the ToR. A description on the how groundwater will be accessed is needed, ie number of existing wells, required new wells, locations etc. It needs to be identified in the Terms of Reference that a complete description of water supply alternatives will be provided in the EA. The details will need to identify predicted volumes of water needs and uses such as the amount of water anticipated to be recycled, discharged and needed from fresh water sources. There should also be an additional alternative to address surface water shortfalls ie if the Pinewood River cannot provide enough water. An alternative showing a combination of sources including the purchasing of fresh water should likely be included. It also would be expected that a hydrology baseline study would be an asset in evaluation the alternatives.	The wording of the Proposed ToR will be expanded upon to more clearly identify water supply alternatives that will be considered in the EA. A preliminary water balance will be presented in the EA.
	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) More details of the Alternative Mine Rock Storage Plan needs to be identified.	The Proposed ToR will indicate that a comprehensive assessment of mineral waste management alternatives will be provided in the EA, consistent with the alternatives assessment requirements associated with the Federal Metal Mining Effluent Regulations and in accordance with the Guidelines for the Assessment of Alternatives for Mine Waste Disposal (Environment Canada 2011). The EA (and associated technical documents if applicable) will include drawings showing other mine rock storage options.
	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) More details of the Alternative Overburden Storage Plan needs to be identified.	The Proposed ToR will indicate that a comprehensive assessment of mineral waste management alternatives will be provided in the EA, inclusive of overburden storage, re-use during reclamation and other alternatives as appropriate.

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	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) The section that addresses Alternatives Evaluation Methodology (section 5.2) requires better explanation. The descriptions and content of this section is confusing. The purpose and how it is applied to the EA is not clear. This section needs to be amended to address these issues. [see comments below]	The methodology of alternatives assessment defined in the draft ToR has been used successfully by AMEC for several mining and mining-related EAs within the Province of Ontario. AMEC and RRR can provide these references accordingly on request. See also responses below.
	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) In order to evaluate the alternatives to the project and alternative methods, the criteria, indicators and methods must be developed in the ToR. At minimum, the ToR should provide information on how these criteria, indicators and methods will be developed. Currently, the ToR lacks many of these details.	The criteria and method of alternatives assessment defined in the Proposed ToR will be revised to be more consistent with the MOE Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario. Further detail will be provided in the EA.
Regulatory	63	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Transportation (MTO) reviewed the Project Description (PD) and provided comments.	Ontario Ministry of Transportation, Rainy River Resources	1) Table 7, the Preliminary List of Required Provincial Environmental Approvals, on page 62 of the draft, makes no mention of obtaining approval from the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Sport (MCTS). Given that the realigned section of Highway 600 may run through previously undisturbed lands, an archaeological assessment will be required. When such an assessment is undertaken, a report(s) must be filed with MCTS, and a "clearance" letter issued by MCTS to the proponent. The Ministry of Transportation will require confirmation that such studies have been done to the satisfaction of MCTS. As well, this Table 7 should also be amended to include the above permit requirements as set out in the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act.	Noted and revised in the Proposed ToR.
	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) As indicated for air quality, noise and water quality in Table 6, more specifics can and should be provided at this point concerning relevant legislation, regulation and policy that set limits to impacts on fisheries and aquatic resources, aquatic habitat, terrestrial habitat, wildlife, migratory birds and species at risk. As an example, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, conserves terrestrial habitat, wildlife and some migratory birds by prohibiting destruction of beaver dams, furbearer dens, black bear dens and bird nests and eggs.	As required by the MOE Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario and as identified in Section 7, Table 6 provides a preliminary listing of potential evaluation criteria associated with the assessment of effects of the proposed undertaking (ie. preferred alternative). These will be defined in greater detail in the EA.

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	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) It should be identified in the Terms of Reference there will be a commitment to prepare a study plan with agencies such as MNR, DFO, and Environment Canada for the Environmental Assessment. The proponent will need to work with these agencies in identifying the required studies prior to undertaking them. Fish Habitat Accounting procedures and a No Net Loss plan may need to be developed in consultation with DFO and MNR.	The Draft ToR and Proposed ToR present the study plan for the EA consistent with the MOE Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario. Baseline, engineering and other studies for the RRGP are well advanced. MNR has been provided with copies of the baseline studies completed to date. It is intended that the EA will also include complete versions of environmental baseline studies completed to that date, including those related to biophysical and human environment aspects. From an EA perspective, these studies have been directed at developing an information base which is sufficient to evaluate alternatives, and to determine environment affects associated with the undertaking, as well as to develop mitigating measures and strategies consistent with reducing environmental effects to acceptable levels. RRR will be presenting information on the RRGP to the regulatory authorities (provincial and federal) at various stages in the execution of the EA, to obtain their input into Project planning and decision making. It is important that all information be considered in an integrated manner. Details relating to specific permits and approvals will be discussed with the appropriate agencies once Project details become more firm as a result of ongoing engineering and consultation activities.
	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) Table 7: Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) needs to be included as an approving agency.	MTO will be included in Table 7 of the Proposed ToR.
	69	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) commented on the Draft ToR regarding the contents of the Aboriginal Consultation and Engagement Plan (ACEP), and Closure Plan.	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Rainy River Resources	1) Assessment and oversight by the Crown is currently being provide on other mine development projects through the bi-weekly meetings between the proponent-CEAA-MOE-MNDM and documented through meeting notes. RRR should consider this approach. I suggest meeting with the relevant agencies to discuss.	RRR would welcome bi-weekly approaches to ensure alignment of all regulatory agencies and have requested regular meetings previously.

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	387	Letter	11/08/2012	Ministry of the Environment (MOE) commented on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) For assessment of effects on groundwater quality, the Proposed ToR has identified the use of the Provincial Water Quality Objectives and the Canadian Environmental Quality Guidelines. These are suitable for assessment of background quality. However, it is emphasized that these standards and objectives would be applied in the context of the Ministry's Reasonable Use Policy (Guideline B-7), which is applied to all regulated sources of groundwater contamination, and which incorporates the Ontario Drinking Water Standards.	Noted and agreed.
Stakeholder Engagement	63	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Transportation (MTO) reviewed the Project Description (PD) and provided comments.	Ontario Ministry of Transportation, Rainy River Resources	1) Although RRR indicates in the draft that they have already initiated consultation with area First Nations, there is no mention of discussions with Grand Council Treaty 3. The mine development, including the proposed highway re-aligned, is located within the boundaries of Treaty 3. It is possible that Grand Council Treaty 3 is being consulted through the other First Nations involved in the study; however, this Ministry will want to ensure that the new section of highway does not conflict with broader Treaty 3 considerations/issues.	

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	65	E-mail	05/10/2012	Ministry of Environment commented on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) regarding climate change, contingency plans, assessing alternative methods for closure phase and consultation records.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) The record of consultation should include a full accounting of all communications with any Aboriginal communities or groups, including notifications, meetings, emails, letters and conversations with the Chief, Council, staff or members of the community. This should include: a.A full list of contact dates; b.A summary what issues were discussed, what information was provided and who was present at each contact point; c.Identification of how any issues were addressed and any outstanding issues or further commitments that were made; d.An indication of what potential impacts may adversely affect the rights of Aboriginal peoples (treaty or aboriginal rights, such as related to hunting, fishing, culture or archaeology) and how these will be addressed; and e.Copies of all correspondence, presentation slides, display boards etc.	The draft ToR did not include this information in deference to initial community requests. This information will be provided with the Proposed ToR.
	66	Letter	06/19/2012	Ministry of Environment sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) concerning requirements for additional information about Aboriginal consultation, assessment of alternatives, and other general information requirements for the ToR.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Section 5.2.3 should make it clear that the evaluation of alternatives will also include consultation with the public, Aboriginal communities and government reviewers. This section should also identify that the EA will include an evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages to the environment of the undertaking, the alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking and the alternatives to the undertaking, as required by the EA Act.	Noted and will be revised in the Proposed ToR.
	66	Letter	06/19/2012	Ministry of Environment sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) concerning requirements for additional information about Aboriginal consultation, assessment of alternatives, and other general information requirements for the ToR.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Further to email dated May 10, 2012, there are some additional considerations that should be addressed in the ToR. Please refer to this email for more detail on how to address climate change, short-term contingency plans, consideration of alternative methods for decommissioning, and information requirements for the Record of Consultation.	Noted and will be revised in the Proposed ToR. May 10, 2012 comments were received after the Draft ToR had been issued and accordingly, were not considered within the previous document.

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	66	Letter	06/19/2012	Ministry of Environment sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) concerning requirements for additional information about Aboriginal consultation, assessment of alternatives, and other general information requirements for the ToR.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) The Record of Consultation provided with the draft ToR appears incomplete, and does not contain a full accounting of all communications with any Aboriginal communities or groups, including notifications, meetings, email, letters and other discussions. Similar information should also be provided for Rainy River consultation activities with the government, public and other stakeholders.	The Record of Consultation provided a description of consultation activities that had occurred prior to the formal consultation on the Draft ToR. Further detail was not provided in the Draft ToR in deference to initial community requests. This information will be provided with the Proposed ToR.
	66	Letter	06/19/2012	Ministry of Environment sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) concerning requirements for additional information about Aboriginal consultation, assessment of alternatives, and other general information requirements for the ToR.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) The Consultation Plan should refer to appropriate Métis community councils instead of the Métis Nation of Ontario, until the community councils have provided written confirmation that the Métis Nation of Ontario is representing them for the purpose of consultation on this project. In this case, the most proximate community council would be the Sunset County Métis Council, who should be the direct contact for consultation. The Métis Nation of Ontario and the Rainy River Lake of the Woods Regional Consultation Committee should be copied.	RRR will direct communications through the self identified Sunset County Metis.
	66	Letter	06/19/2012	Ministry of Environment sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) concerning requirements for additional information about Aboriginal consultation, assessment of alternatives, and other general information requirements for the ToR.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) The ToR should be updated to include the additional communities that were identified for consultation through the MNDM. Please ensure that the consultation list represents the most recent discussions regarding Aboriginal consultation between Rainy River and the provincial and federal governments. In addition, the Record of Consultation should reflect all communications that have been undertaken with these communities.	Noted and will be updated in the Proposed ToR. This information was provided to RRR after the draft ToR was issued for comment.

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	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) There should be a separate Record of Consultation for the public and First Nations.	A separate Record of Consultation document was issued with the Draft ToR in accordance with the MOE Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario. The Record of Consultation will be revised to reflect ongoing consultation activities with all stakeholders and Aboriginal Groups, and will be re-issued with the Proposed ToR.
	69	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) commented on the Draft ToR regarding the contents of the Aboriginal Consultation and Engagement Plan (ACEP), and Closure Plan.	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Rainy River Resources	1) The Aboriginal Consultation and Engagement Plan (ACEP) should show that the Provincial government has delegated the procedural aspects of consultation to Rainy River Resources Ltd (RRR). It should explain what the procedural aspects are and how the Crown will be providing oversight to the process. It is important that this is stated overtly in the ToR but also cite MOE ToR guidance document.	Noted and will be revised in the Proposed ToR.
	69	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) commented on the Draft ToR regarding the contents of the Aboriginal Consultation and Engagement Plan (ACEP), and Closure Plan.	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Rainy River Resources	1) The ACEP must document that the Crown has verified that a duty to consult has been triggered and who is owed the duty. It should also note that the scope of consultation is determined by the Crown and that it is assessed on an on-going basis throughout the EA and permitting/approval process. The updated Consultation list provided to RRR should be reflected in the ToR.	Noted and will be revised in the Proposed ToR.
	69	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) commented on the Draft ToR regarding the contents of the Aboriginal Consultation and Engagement Plan (ACEP), and Closure Plan.	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Rainy River Resources	1) If community specific communications strategies are going to be used then that commitment should also be in the ACEP.	Noted and will be revised in the Proposed ToR if appropriate.
	69	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) commented on the Draft ToR regarding the contents of the Aboriginal Consultation and Engagement Plan (ACEP), and Closure Plan.	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Rainy River Resources	1) It should be noted that although organized bodies such as the FFCS exist the duty to consult lies with the individual communities.	Noted.

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	69	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) commented on the Draft ToR regarding the contents of the Aboriginal Consultation and Engagement Plan (ACEP), and Closure Plan.	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Rainy River Resources	1) During consultation on other mine development projects in the regions the Crown repeatedly heard from communities that they would like the opportunity to verify that the proponent has accurately recorded their comments and concerns. For this reason RRR should include commitments to provide meeting notes so each community has the opportunity to verify for accuracy before they are finalized (10 day review period before they are finalized). The Crown should be cc'd on this correspondence. This process should continue throughout the EA. It is particularly important to do this for any issues related to concerns, options and potential mitigation measures contemplate during the next stage of the EA process.	Notes from meetings and minutes are prepared of all relevant meetings. Where an identified individual is available to accept the draft notes, they will be provided with an opportunity to review a draft prior to finalization. RRR requires that the individual representing the Crown to be copied on this correspondence be identified.
	69	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) commented on the Draft ToR regarding the contents of the Aboriginal Consultation and Engagement Plan (ACEP), and Closure Plan.	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Rainy River Resources	1) Comments and concerns have been raised by the Aboriginal communities to date should be documented. The ToR should also establish a clear link between those comments and concerns and the commitments that will address them.	Further detail will be provided in the Proposed ToR.
	69	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) commented on the Draft ToR regarding the contents of the Aboriginal Consultation and Engagement Plan (ACEP), and Closure Plan.	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Rainy River Resources	1) MNDM recommends that RRR use the attached consultation/issues tracking table to aid the Crown in assessing the adequacy of consultation and impacts to rights.	A similar table will be provided with the Proposed ToR.

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	69	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) commented on the Draft ToR regarding the contents of the Aboriginal Consultation and Engagement Plan (ACEP), and Closure Plan.	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Rainy River Resources	1) There should be a clear commitment in the ToR (ACEP) that when the EA report is prepared it will clearly document the following: •That the Aboriginal communities have had an adequate opportunity to understand the project and identify potential impacts •How the project (or components of the project) has been modified to reduce or avoid those impacts •An explanation of why the project (or components of the project) cannot be modified to reduce or avoid the impacts. •An explanation of how the communities have been either accommodated or compensated for remaining impacts that cannot be avoided.	Meetings with both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal groups will be documented as will commitments that may become necessary as a result of consultation and discussions.
	69	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) commented on the Draft ToR regarding the contents of the Aboriginal Consultation and Engagement Plan (ACEP), and Closure Plan.	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Rainy River Resources	1) It is recommended that both the Provincial and Federal representatives review the consultation record prior to the final submission of the ToR.	A revised Record of Consultation record will be provided in the Proposed ToR.
	82	E-mail	06/22/2012	Ministry of Environment (MOE) asked to include an additional MOE staff person on discussion about Aboriginal consultation.	Ministry of Environment, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) MOE asked to include an additional MOE staff person on discussion about Aboriginal consultation.	Contact list to be modified accordingly.
	96	E-mail	05/14/2012	RRR requested a meeting with Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) to clarify the additional First Nation groups added for consultation.	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR requested a meetiing with MNDM to clarify the additional First Nation groups added for consultation. 2) MNDM sent a the rationale for the First Nations list.	
	407	Meeting	07/07/2009	RRR and the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) discussed air quality, noise, and water baselines and methodologies.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Consultation with government agencies is required prior to an EA submission. Consultation will be coordinated by MNDM.	

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Mining							
Ancillary Facilities	66	Letter	06/19/2012	Ministry of Environment sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) concerning requirements for additional information about Aboriginal consultation, assessment of alternatives, and other general information requirements for the ToR.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Section 5.4.8 indicates that limited alternatives are available for the location of certain facilities. If no alternatives will be considered because of strict regulatory or technical requirements, this section should clearly indicate what those requirement are, and where or how the proposed facilities will be located.	Noted and will be clarified in the Proposed ToR.
	66	Letter	06/19/2012	Ministry of Environment sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) concerning requirements for additional information about Aboriginal consultation, assessment of alternatives, and other general information requirements for the ToR.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Table 1 should include off-site treatment under domestic sewage alternative methods, and provide the major reasons for not including it as an alternative.	Noted and will be revised in the Proposed ToR.
Onsite Roads	63	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Transportation (MTO) reviewed the Project Description (PD) and provided comments.	Ontario Ministry of Transportation, Rainy River Resources	1) The second paragraph under subsection 11.1 on page 59 of the draft lists four primary Provincial agencies that could be involved with approvals/permits for this proposed project. The Ministry of Transportation is not included in this list. Given the proposed re-alignment of a portion of Highway 600, the Ministry should be included here. As well, there are a number of Permits that may be required in accordance with the provisions of the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act.	Noted and will be revised in the Proposed ToR.
	63	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Transportation (MTO) reviewed the Project Description (PD) and provided comments.	Ontario Ministry of Transportation, Rainy River Resources	1) Approvals and permits will also be required from the MTO as they relate to the planning, design and construction of the Highway 600 re-alignment.	Noted and will be stated as such in the Proposed ToR.

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	63	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Transportation (MTO) reviewed the Project Description (PD) and provided comments.	Ontario Ministry of Transportation, Rainy River Resources	1) Table 7, the Preliminary List of Required Provincial Environmental Approvals, on page 62 of the draft, makes no mention of obtaining approval from the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Sport (MCTS). Given that the realigned section of Highway 600 may run through previously undisturbed lands, an archaeological assessment will be required. When such an assessment is undertaken, a report(s) must be filed with MCTS, and a "clearance" letter issued by MCTS to the proponent. The Ministry of Transportation will require confirmation that such studies have been done to the satisfaction of MCTS. As well, this Table 7 should also be amended to include the above permit requirements as set out in the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act.	Noted and revised in the Proposed ToR.
	66	Letter	06/19/2012	Ministry of Environment sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) concerning requirements for additional information about Aboriginal consultation, assessment of alternatives, and other general information requirements for the ToR.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Further to comments provided by email on April 12, 2012 on the preliminary draft of the ToR, please note that additional clarity could still be provided regarding the identification and description of alternatives. If specific alternatives have already been identified for further evaluation (e.g. transmission routes, highway alignments, river realignments), these should be specifically identified and the rationale for selecting them explained. If specific alternatives have not yet been selected, then the parameters for determining a specific route or range of options should be explained.	Noted and will be revised in the Proposed ToR.
	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) Highway 600 re-alignment. The current alternatives are associated with a mine, or no mine, but there are no other alternatives presented. The alternatives should include the alternatives plans for the road re-routing for the project (mine development) and presented on a map.	A map of alternative Highway 600 routings will be provided in the Proposed ToR showing routing alternatives to be addressed in the EA.

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	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) It should be clearly stated the road alignment of Highway 600 is proposed and included as part of this EA. The term "existing" road alignment needs to be identified. The ToR should identify that the movement of the road is first and foremost a requirement to mine development. If there are existing safety issues for the current road and the current use, then it should be identified how this was determined (ie confirmation from MTO, statistics of accidents etc) and how it has been handled in the interim. The ToR should at least identify the possible alternatives that were presented earlier with the understanding they may change for the EA. Highway 600 is classed as a Secondary Highway (not Tertiary).	The Project component list in Section 4.1 of the ToR clearly includes the Highway 600 re-alignment as part of the Project which will be assessed as part of the EA. Highway 600 has been re-classified and is officially classified as a minor secondary highway. The Proposed ToR will be revised accordingly.
Tailings Impound-ment	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) Tailings Management – there is only one tailings management option presented (Figure 2). The other alternative needs to be defined on a map and better described with more detail. Tailings management areas are important components of mine development.	The Proposed ToR will indicate that a comprehensive assessment of mineral waste management alternatives will be provided in the EA, consistent with the alternatives assessment requirements associated with the Federal Metal Mining Effluent Regulations and in accordance with the Guidelines for the Assessment of Alternatives for Mine Waste Disposal (Environment Canada 2011). The EA (and associated technical documents if applicable) will include drawings showing other tailings management options.
Trans-mission Line	66	Letter	06/19/2012	Ministry of Environment sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) concerning requirements for additional information about Aboriginal consultation, assessment of alternatives, and other general information requirements for the ToR.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Further to comments provided by email on April 12, 2012 on the preliminary draft of the ToR, please note that additional clarity could still be provided regarding the identification and description of alternatives. If specific alternatives have already been identified for further evaluation (e.g. transmission routes, highway alignments, river realignments), these should be specifically identified and the rationale for selecting them explained. If specific alternatives have not yet been selected, then the parameters for determining a specific route or range of options should be explained.	Noted and will be revised in the Proposed ToR.

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	408	Meeting	09/21/2012	RRR met with the Ministry of Natural Resources to discuss RRGP Terrestrial Baseline Surveys.	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) Discussed transmission line alternatives.	
Transport (Road, Barge, etc.)	63	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Transportation (MTO) reviewed the Project Description (PD) and provided comments.	Ontario Ministry of Transportation, Rainy River Resources	1) Initially, RRR had suggested completing two EAs: the individual for the mine site development and one under the Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities for the highway re-alignment. Since this highway re-alignment was the result of the mine site development, and would not occur on its own, the proponent has agreed that this highway re-alignment should be a part of the mine development EA. However, the individual EA will need to satisfy the requirements of the Class EA with respect to the proposed re-alignment.	This is understood. Guidance from the MTO would be appreciated in this regard.
Waste Rock Piles	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) More details of the Alternative Mine Rock Storage Plan needs to be identified.	The Proposed ToR will indicate that a comprehensive assessment of mineral waste management alternatives will be provided in the EA, consistent with the alternatives assessment requirements associated with the Federal Metal Mining Effluent Regulations and in accordance with the Guidelines for the Assessment of Alternatives for Mine Waste Disposal (Environment Canada 2011). The EA (and associated technical documents if applicable) will include drawings showing other mine rock storage options.
	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) More details of the Alternative Overburden Storage Plan needs to be identified.	The Proposed ToR will indicate that a comprehensive assessment of mineral waste management alternatives will be provided in the EA, inclusive of overburden storage, re-use during reclamation and other alternatives as appropriate.

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	387	Letter	11/08/2012	Ministry of the Environment (MOE) commented on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) In discussion of the overburden storage area, the ToR notes that suspended solids are anticipated to be the only contaminant of concern. This assumption should be re-assessed, as overburden soils when removed and stockpiled can in some instances become a source for contaminated drainage, sometimes as a result of oxygen exposure resulting in generation of acid drainage. Excavated stockpiles can also result in a source of airborne dust contamination. The EA will be required to address the potential for the overburden stockpiles to act as a source of contaminants other than just suspended solids, and should look at the need for mitigation to address potential airborne dust emissions.	Noted. Interim geochemical characterizations suggest that the majority of the overburden is non-acid generating. There is a much smaller volume of PAG overburden material which is thin, discontinuous, and located in close contact with bedrock. Storage options for this material will be considered in the EA Report. These aspects, including the potential to generate dust and mitigation measures if appropriate, will be addressed in the EA Report.
Water Sources	66	Letter	06/19/2012	Ministry of Environment sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) concerning requirements for additional information about Aboriginal consultation, assessment of alternatives, and other general information requirements for the ToR.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Further to comments provided by email on April 12, 2012 on the preliminary draft of the ToR, please note that additional clarity could still be provided regarding the identification and description of alternatives. If specific alternatives have already been identified for further evaluation (e.g. transmission routes, highway alignments, river realignments), these should be specifically identified and the rationale for selecting them explained. If specific alternatives have not yet been selected, then the parameters for determining a specific route or range of options should be explained.	Noted and will be revised in the Proposed ToR.
	387	Letter	11/08/2012	Ministry of the Environment (MOE) commented on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ontario Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) The EA should include assessment of whether there are practical alternatives to dewatering, and should also look at options on how dewatering can be carried out. And the ToR needs to be clear in stating that the mine water from dewatering will be considered in assessing water supply alternatives.	Noted. Minewater management alternatives in the EA Report will consider proven technologies other than dewatering, if any. Recycling of water has been identified in the Proposed ToR as the preferred option for water supply. Although not specifically identified in the Proposed ToR, it will include water derived from mine dewatering. These aspects will be addressed in more detail in the EA Report as appropriate.

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	387	Letter	11/08/2012	Ministry of the Environment (MOE) commented on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).		1) In summary, the Proposed ToR has identified that a Hydrogeology Study will be conducted to both establish baseline conditions and to estimate the impacts that the project will have on the natural groundwater conditions at and surrounding the site. The Hydrogeology Study as described should adequately address the impacts of dewatering on the local groundwater system and surface water features. However, it is my recommendation that the ToR needs to be revised to include full assessment of the potential impacts of the project on groundwater quality. The ToR should also clearly identify the assessment of mine dewatering and water supply alternatives; that the baseline studies should incorporate the use of more local domestic wells for assessment of the regional groundwater regime; and that groundwater impact assessment will require consideration of the MOE's Reasonable Use Policy. It is further recommended that the proponent should review the MOE's recommendations regarding Baseline Studies to ensure that our requirements are being addressed. These recommendations should be referenced by the proponent when developing the details of the baseline studies. The Hydrogeological Study shall establish baseline conditions; assess all potential impacts to groundwater quality and quantity which may result from the proposed project; and propose mitigation measures as required including monitoring provisions.	The Proposed ToR includes a commitment to assess environmental impacts of the entire project in a comprehensive EA Report, using the methodology identified in Section 7. Groundwater systems have been identified at this preliminary stage as one of the potential Valued Ecosystem Components that will guide the framework of assessing impacts in the EA Report. The Proposed ToR itself, is not intended to identify or assess environmental impacts, but provide the framework for inclusion of those aspects in the EA Report.

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Project Description							
Project Footprint	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) The Terms of Reference needs to identify the boundaries of the project footprint will be clearly identified on a map in the EA report.	The Project footprint is shown in Figure 4 of the Draft ToR as a "preliminary site plan conceptual layout" as discussed with the MOE and CEA Agency. This preliminary site plan schematic shows all of the major Project components and there relative location, recognizing that these components will be refined as a result of further planning, engineering and consultation with stakeholders. The Proposed ToR will indicate that an updated and more detailed site and infrastructure plan will be provided in the EA document; and that the updated site plan will reflect additional planning and engineering inputs, as well as input from the various stakeholders, where appropriate.
	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) While it is recognized that the study areas have not yet been firmly defined, a number of alternative routings for the 230 kV transmission line have been determined. The transmission line to be constructed across 15.7 km – 19.2 km, some of which is Crown land, should have been included as part of the preliminary study area with alternative routes presented on a map.	The alternative transmission line routings that have been considered thus far will be included in the Proposed ToR as suggested, and will also be included in the EA.
Risks and Mitigation							
Cumulative Effects	66	Letter	06/19/2012	Ministry of Environment sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) concerning requirements for additional information about Aboriginal consultation, assessment of alternatives, and other general information requirements for the ToR.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Additional detail on the methodology that will be used for the cumulative effects assessment should be provided in Section 7.0, including a description of the region, any other existing and planned projects, and how the cumulative effects will be studied. This should be consistent with the EIS Guidelines requirements. In the event that the EIS Guidelines are not finalized prior to the finalization of the ToR, Section 7.0 should at least refer to the EIS Guidelines for additional information on the methodology and requirements for the cumulative effects assessment.	Noted. Text of the Proposed ToR will attempt to anticipate Federal EIS Guideline requirements.

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Environ. Mgmt.	241	Letter	08/14/2012	MNR gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, terrestrial surveys, bird surveys and water. Comments were received 12-08-14. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Ministry of Environment, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) Providing conservation or management objectives for various taxa/species would help reviewers to determine whether appropriate data has been collected. Conserving 80% of bird species diversity across the study area, for example, would require collection of different supporting baseline data than an objective to conserve 80% of bird species richness. We suggest conservation objectives (and supporting baseline data) for some species of special concern may be lacking (see below).	AMEC used standardized MNR-approved survey methodologies throughout all baseline surveys and our database can be used to calculate both species diversity and species richness. Specific mitigation measures will be designed based on the management objectives and will be presented in the EA.
	241	Letter	08/14/2012	MNR gave comments on the RRR baseline program as discussed on 12-07-18. Comments were about fish surveys, terrestrial surveys, bird surveys and water. Comments were received 12-08-14. RRR sent responses on 12-08-17.	Ministry of Environment, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) In the absence of any management objective or evaluation of the study area's importance to local mammal species, the MNR may request general mitigation measures be implemented to conserve potential travel corridors, deer wintering yards, etc. where feasible.	2011 and 2012 baseline studies have evaluated the area's importance to local mammal species and this will be presented in the EA, along with mitigation measures.
Monitoring	67	Letter	06/15/2012	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fort Frances District provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) The Terms of Reference needs to provide more detail on the commitment of environmental effects and monitoring. This is an important section and it is expected the Environmental Assessment will have an Environmental Monitoring Plan,... The Terms of Reference should identify that an Environmental Effects Monitoring Plan will be prepared in the EA and approved by all applicable agencies.	Section 8 of the Draft ToR commits to the development of a monitoring framework within the EA for the post-EA phase (ie. design, construction, operations and decommissioning) including compliance and effects monitoring as well as follow-up programs. Detailed monitoring requirements will be defined as conditions in environmental permits and approvals issued by the Federal and Provincial Governments for the construction, operation and closure of the RRGP, including those issued by the MOE, MNR and DFO, and defined within the Closure Plan pursuant to the Mining Act.
Natural Hazards	65	E-mail	05/10/2012	Ministry of Environment commented on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) regarding climate change, contingency plans, assessing alternative methods for closure phase and consultation records.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) The ToR should indicate how potential climate change scenarios will be considered. For example, could climate change affect flooding concerns in hydrologically sensitive areas, or would a shortened winter season affect construction timing or methods? This should be considered in selecting and evaluating the range of alternatives.	Noted. Additional text will be provided in the Proposed ToR.

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Other	65	E-mail	05/10/2012	Ministry of Environment commented on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) regarding climate change, contingency plans, assessing alternative methods for closure phase and consultation records.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) When discussing the flexibility to accommodate new circumstances, it is suggested that a section should be added which identifies that the development of short-term contingency plans will be considered as appropriate in the EA. Such plans would outline a course of action to be followed if unforeseen situations arise that would prevent the implementation or operation of a component of the project on a temporary basis. For instance, if a transmission line could not be constructed on time because of weather conditions, the EA could also include the assessment and identification of a contingency plan for diesel generation. This could avoid the need to seek additional EA approval for the interim solution by including it in the initial EA.	Noted. Revised text will be provided accordingly in the Proposed ToR.
	66	Letter	06/19/2012	Ministry of Environment sent comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) concerning requirements for additional information about Aboriginal consultation, assessment of alternatives, and other general information requirements for the ToR.	Ministry of Environment, Rainy River Resources	1) Further to email dated May 10, 2012, there are some additional considerations that should be addressed in the ToR. Please refer to this email for more detail on how to address climate change, short-term contingency plans, consideration of alternative methods for decommissioning, and information requirements for the Record of Consultation.	Noted and will be revised in the Proposed ToR. May 10, 2012 comments were received after the Draft ToR had been issued and accordingly, were not considered within the previous document.

*Comments received after May 17, 2012 were used, where appropriate, to prepare the ToR. Draft ToR comment period was from May 17 – June 16, 2012.



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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organization	Comments	Response
BIOPHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT							
Water Resources	92	Letter	06/14/2012	Township of Chapple provided written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) indicating concern over the size of the mine footprint and the potential for environmental effects in Loslo and Jones Creeks and the Pinewood River. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) The footprint should be as small as possible. Indicated that the current footprint which spans three watersheds is too large.	Effort is being made by our very qualified consultants to ensure the mine footprint is as compact as possible. The EA will demonstrate that environmental effects are reduced and managed in a way that ensures the long-term viability of the surrounding natural environment.
	92	Letter	06/14/2012	Township of Chapple provided written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) indicating concern over the size of the mine footprint and the potential for environmental effects in Loslo and Jones Creeks and the Pinewood River. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned about the potential for contamination in Jones Creek during a major rainfall event due to the flat terrain near the Loslo Creek.	The tailings management area will be designed to ensure that process waters are fully contained at all times and that no uncontrolled releases occur.
	92	Letter	06/14/2012	Township of Chapple provided written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) indicating concern over the size of the mine footprint and the potential for environmental effects in Loslo and Jones Creeks and the Pinewood River. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) Concern about the environmental impacts downstream if the Pinewood River is to be relocated and that this should not be considered as an option.	A geotechnical engineering assessment is presently underway by our consultants to determine whether there will indeed be a requirement to realign a section of the Pinewood River near the Open Pit so as to ensure safe mine operation.
	125	E-mail	07/06/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, Project fact sheets and maps showing the local and regional study areas were sent to the Township of Chapple. The completed questionnaire was returned on 12-07-23. The Township also sent a discussion piece about impacts and benefits of the proposed Project. RRR scheduled a meeting with Township of Chapple on December 6, 2012 to further discuss impacts and benefits.	Township of Chapple, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) Concerned about potential environmental impacts such as surface water drainage.	
	162	Letter	07/26/2012	The Township of Morley indicated that council has no objection to the proposed water pipeline easement.	Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) The Township of Morley indicated that council has no objection to the proposed water pipeline easement.	Noted. The Project design will consider the input of the Township of Morley.

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	323	Meeting	09/19/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Riverside Foundation for Health Care, Town of Emo, Town of Fort Frances, Town of Rainy River, Township Lake of the Woods, Township of Alberton, Township of Chapple, Township of Dawson, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked where RRR would draw water from.	The Pinewood River (showed Project layout map). RRR will use 3-10% of the annual flow of the Pinewood on a seasonal basis (spring and fall). RRR will recycle 80-95% of water.
	323	Meeting	09/19/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Riverside Foundation for Health Care, Town of Emo, Town of Fort Frances, Town of Rainy River, Township Lake of the Woods, Township of Alberton, Township of Chapple, Township of Dawson, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked if discharge would go into a holding pond as well.	RRR explained water intake and discharge.
	323	Meeting	09/19/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Riverside Foundation for Health Care, Town of Emo, Town of Fort Frances, Town of Rainy River, Township Lake of the Woods, Township of Alberton, Township of Chapple, Township of Dawson, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired whether the new open pit outline meant that the Pinewood River would stay intact.	RRR will try not to realign a segment of the Pinewood River and encourage the engineers in that direction. RRR will try not to realign, however, realignment would not be setting a precedent and would be done in a manner that re-creates suitable aquatic habitat as has been done at other mines.
	323	Meeting	09/19/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Riverside Foundation for Health Care, Town of Emo, Town of Fort Frances, Town of Rainy River, Township Lake of the Woods, Township of Alberton, Township of Chapple, Township of Dawson, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired whether drilling ever interferes with private wells and sources of water.	All holes that make water are capped. The best scientists are studying surface and ground water. About one third of the wells in the regional area are naturally artesian while the remaining are subject to seasonally dry conditions. RRR does need to manage water in order to get permits.

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organization	Comments	Response
	354	Meeting	07/11/2012	RRR met with the Township of Chapple to discuss the proposed alignment of water intake line and the realignment of highway 600.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Future Development Corp, Town of Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired why the corridor is so far down the Pinewood River.	It provides more water by going further down the watershed. Drawing water during the high flow period is seasonal.
	355	Meeting	07/20/2012	RRR met with the Township of Chapple and the Township of Morley to discuss the proposed alignment of the water intake line.	Individual - GP, Township of Chapple, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked how the location for water intake on the Pinewood River was chosen.	It gives us access to another watershed, which means more water for the Project.
Human Environment							
Land and Resource Use	125	E-mail	07/06/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, Project fact sheets and maps showing the local and regional study areas were sent to the Township of Chapple. The completed questionnaire was returned on 12-07-23. The Township also sent a discussion piece about impacts and benefits of the proposed Project. RRR scheduled a meeting with Township of Chapple on December 6, 2012 to further discuss impacts and benefits.	Township of Chapple, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) Concerned about land use impacts such as the decrease in availability of agricultural lands.	
	57	Open House	05/30/2012	RRR hosted an open house in Rainy River to discuss the RRGP, Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment processes.	Individual - GP, Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation, Rainy River Record, Town of Rainy River, Township of Dawson, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Would like RRR to consider the highway 600 extension North of the mine to Strand Road. 2) Will there be an access road to the east from highway 600 to the northern properties?	Noted. Road route alternatives will be addressed in the Environmental Assessment.
Socio-Economic	125	E-mail	07/06/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, Project fact sheets and maps showing the local and regional study areas were sent to the Township of Chapple. The completed questionnaire was returned on 12-07-23. The Township also sent a discussion piece about impacts and benefits of the proposed Project. RRR scheduled a meeting with Township of Chapple on December 6, 2012 to further discuss impacts and benefits.	Township of Chapple, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) Concerned about potential economic impacts decreased tax revenue; increased administrative costs.	

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	125	E-mail	07/06/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, Project fact sheets and maps showing the local and regional study areas were sent to the Township of Chapple. The completed questionnaire was returned on 12-07-23. The Township also sent a discussion piece about impacts and benefits of the proposed Project. RRR scheduled a meeting with Township of Chapple on December 6, 2012 to further discuss impacts and benefits.	Township of Chapple, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) Concerned about potential planning impacts and changes required to bylaws and official plans.	
	125	E-mail	07/06/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, Project fact sheets and maps showing the local and regional study areas were sent to the Township of Chapple. The completed questionnaire was returned on 12-07-23. The Township also sent a discussion piece about impacts and benefits of the proposed Project. RRR scheduled a meeting with Township of Chapple on December 6, 2012 to further discuss impacts and benefits.	Township of Chapple, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) Concerned about potential social impacts in terms of increased demands and requirements for social services, emergency response (fire, police, medical), and waste management.	
	125	E-mail	07/06/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, Project fact sheets and maps showing the local and regional study areas were sent to the Township of Chapple. The completed questionnaire was returned on 12-07-23. The Township also sent a discussion piece about impacts and benefits of the proposed Project. RRR scheduled a meeting with Township of Chapple on December 6, 2012 to further discuss impacts and benefits.	Township of Chapple, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) Concerned about transportation impacts such as ongoing road maintenance (Hwy 600 old and new, etc) and road allowance/ROW (to be purchased by RRR from municipality), and gravel pit availability.	

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	144	Meeting	07/05/2012	RRR representatives met with Emo representatives regarding support for the expansion of their water and sewer systems. RRR provided Emo with letter of support dated 12-07-10.	Town of Emo, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR representatives met with Emo representatives regarding support for the expansion of their water and sewer systems. Emo representatives requested a letter of support from RRR to include in their funding application.	RRR prepared and submitted letter of support to Emo representatives. Emo representatives also requested RRR contact the Provincial Minister. RRR does not intend to contact the Minister.
	274	Meeting	09/12/2012	RRR representatives met with Township of Emo to discuss the status of upgrades of Emo's municipal water and sewer system.	Town of Emo, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR representatives met with Township of Emo to discuss the status of upgrades of Emo's municipal water and sewer system. RRR provided some contact information.	
	323	Meeting	09/19/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Riverside Foundation for Health Care, Town of Emo, Town of Fort Frances, Town of Rainy River, Township Lake of the Woods, Township of Alberton, Township of Chapple, Township of Dawson, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired about the Project's impact on the district economy.	Indicated that baseline and impact studies are being completed to assess the impact.
	354	Meeting	07/11/2012	RRR met with the Township of Chapple to discuss the proposed alignment of water intake line and the realignment of highway 600.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Future Development Corp, Town of Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) The Township of Rainy River would like to see a more northern route upgraded to help facilitate tourist traffic from the Sioux Narrows/Nestor Falls area. However, by suggesting the upgrade, the Town of Rainy River does not intend to hurt the mine development in any way.	Recognize why the northern route is preferred for tourism, however the option that is presented is more viable for the mine and consistent with the Township of Chapple needs for area accessibility. The northern route would also cost significantly more.

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Methodology and Process							
Stakeholder Engagement	354	Meeting	07/11/2012	RRR met with the Township of Chapple to discuss the proposed alignment of water intake line and the realignment of highway 600.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Future Development Corp, Town of Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) Indicated that the Township of Rainy River and other Townships feel they should have the right to comment on the Highway 600 realignment.	RRR indicated that they are open to any comments or suggestions.
	58	Open House	05/31/2012	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to give an update on the Project and discuss the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ainsworth Lumber, Bending Lake Iron, Crozier Warehouse, Eberly Trucking, Fort Frances Sportsmans Club, Individual - GP, Island Gold, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, The Sharp Group, Thunder Bay - Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Three people commented that they think the Project will bring positive benefits to the community. 2) Individual appreciated the opportunity to follow the Project and stay informed. 3) Individual supports the Project and the First Nation engagement being undertaken. Interested in knowing more about business opportunities.	Noted.
Mining							
Onsite Roads	354	Meeting	07/11/2012	RRR met with the Township of Chapple to discuss the proposed alignment of water intake line and the realignment of highway 600.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Future Development Corp, Town of Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) Indicated that the Township of Rainy River and other Townships feel they should have the right to comment on the Highway 600 realignment.	RRR indicated that they are open to any comments or suggestions.
	354	Meeting	07/11/2012	RRR met with the Township of Chapple to discuss the proposed alignment of water intake line and the realignment of highway 600.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Future Development Corp, Town of Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) The Township of Rainy River would like to see a more northern route upgraded to help facilitate tourist traffic from the Sioux Narrows/Nestor Falls area. However, by suggesting the upgrade, the Town of Rainy River does not intend to hurt the mine development in any way.	Recognize why the northern route is preferred for tourism, however the option that is presented is more viable for the mine and consistent with the Township of Chapple needs for area accessibility. The northern route would also cost significantly more.
	57	Open House	05/30/2012	RRR hosted an open house in Rainy River to discuss the RRGP, Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment processes.	Individual - GP, Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation, Rainy River Record, Town of Rainy River, Township of Dawson, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Would like RRR to consider the highway 600 extension North of the mine to Strand Road. 2) Will there be an access road to the east from highway 600 to the northern properties?	Noted. Road route alternatives will be addressed in the Environmental Assessment.

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	355	Meeting	07/20/2012	RRR met with the Township of Chapple and the Township of Morley to discuss the proposed alignment of the water intake line.	Individual - GP, Township of Chapple, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed whether the municipality would be responsible for maintenance if the roadway is built on an easement, and whether the roadway would become a public road. 2) Discussed whether pipelines pay a fee for the easement.	
	355	Meeting	07/20/2012	RRR met with the Township of Chapple and the Township of Morley to discuss the proposed alignment of the water intake line.	Individual - GP, Township of Chapple, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired if the highway 600 realignment was the final route.	Indicated the realignment shown is the preferred route by MTO and the Township of Chapple.
Transport (Road, Barge, etc.)	125	E-mail	07/06/2012	A socio-economic questionnaire, Project fact sheets and maps showing the local and regional study areas were sent to the Township of Chapple. The completed questionnaire was returned on 12-07-23. The Township also sent a discussion piece about impacts and benefits of the proposed Project. RRR scheduled a meeting with Township of Chapple on December 6, 2012 to further discuss impacts and benefits.	Township of Chapple, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) Concerned about transportation impacts such as ongoing road maintenance (Hwy 600 old and new, etc) and road allowance/ROW (to be purchased by RRR from municipality), and gravel pit availability.	
Water Sources	92	Letter	06/14/2012	Township of Chapple provided written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) indicating concern over the size of the mine footprint and the potential for environmental effects in Loslo and Jones Creeks and the Pinewood River. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned about the potential for contamination in Jones Creek during a major rainfall event due to the flat terrain near the Loslo Creek.	The tailings management area will be designed to ensure that process waters are fully contained at all times and that no uncontrolled releases occur.
	162	Letter	07/26/2012	The Township of Morley indicated that council has no objection to the proposed water pipeline easement.	Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) The Township of Morley indicated that council has no objection to the proposed water pipeline easement.	Noted. The Project design will consider the input of the Township of Morley.
	163	Letter	07/20/2012	In response to the proposed water pipeline easement, the Township of Chapple indicated that they prefer the route south of the Pinewood River.	Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) In response to the proposed water pipeline easement, the Township of Chapple indicated that they prefer the route south of the Pinewood River.	Noted. The Project design will consider the input of the Township of Chapple.

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	323	Meeting	09/19/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Riverside Foundation for Health Care, Town of Emo, Town of Fort Frances, Town of Rainy River, Township Lake of the Woods, Township of Alberton, Township of Chapple, Township of Dawson, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked where RRR would draw water from.	The Pinewood River (showed Project layout map). RRR will use 3-10% of the annual flow of the Pinewood on a seasonal basis (spring and fall). RRR will recycle 80-95% of water.
	323	Meeting	09/19/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Riverside Foundation for Health Care, Town of Emo, Town of Fort Frances, Town of Rainy River, Township Lake of the Woods, Township of Alberton, Township of Chapple, Township of Dawson, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked if discharge would go into a holding pond as well.	RRR explained water intake and discharge.
	355	Meeting	07/20/2012	RRR met with the Township of Chapple and the Township of Morley to discuss the proposed alignment of the water intake line.	Individual - GP, Township of Chapple, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) The Township of Chapple indicated their preferred route for the new water supply/discharge pipeline corridor is the south option. 2) The Township of Morley indicated they would discuss a preferred route at their next meeting on 12-07-25.	
Open Pit	355	Meeting	07/20/2012	RRR met with the Township of Chapple and the Township of Morley to discuss the proposed alignment of the water intake line.	Individual - GP, Township of Chapple, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked how the location for water intake on the Pinewood River was chosen.	It gives us access to another watershed, which means more water for the Project.
Waste Rock Piles	355	Meeting	07/20/2012	RRR met with the Township of Chapple and the Township of Morley to discuss the proposed alignment of the water intake line.	Individual - GP, Township of Chapple, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) The Township of Chapple indicated their preferred route for the new water supply/discharge pipeline corridor is the south option. 2) The Township of Morley indicated they would discuss a preferred route at their next meeting on 12-07-25.	
Ancillary Facilities	354	Meeting	07/11/2012	RRR met with the Township of Chapple to discuss the proposed alignment of water intake line and the realignment of highway 600.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Future Development Corp, Town of Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked how much of an easement is needed? Will it go beyond the 33'?	RRR will have 2 -12" above ground pipes, likely buried in public areas, which are heat traced. They typically fit within the road easement.

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Project Description							
Project Footprint	92	Letter	06/14/2012	Township of Chapple provided written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) indicating concern over the size of the mine footprint and the potential for environmental effects in Loslo and Jones Creeks and the Pinewood River. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) The footprint should be as small as possible. Indicated that the current footprint which spans three watersheds is too large.	Effort is being made by our very qualified consultants to ensure the mine footprint is as compact as possible. The EA will demonstrate that environmental effects are reduced and managed in a way that ensures the long-term viability of the surrounding natural environment.
Project Activities	323	Meeting	09/19/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Riverside Foundation for Health Care, Town of Emo, Town of Fort Frances, Town of Rainy River, Township Lake of the Woods, Township of Alberton, Township of Chapple, Township of Dawson, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked what drilling activity was occurring off Jones Road.	RRR was drilling closer to Clark Road but was not aware of drilling off Jones Rd.
Project Facilities	323	Meeting	09/19/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Riverside Foundation for Health Care, Town of Emo, Town of Fort Frances, Town of Rainy River, Township Lake of the Woods, Township of Alberton, Township of Chapple, Township of Dawson, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired about the size of the pit.	300 to 400m deep; 500m to 1.5km wide
Access	355	Meeting	07/20/2012	RRR met with the Township of Chapple and the Township of Morley to discuss the proposed alignment of the water intake line.	Individual - GP, Township of Chapple, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed whether the municipality would be responsible for maintenance if the roadway is built on an easement, and whether the roadway would become a public road. 2) Discussed whether pipelines pay a fee for the easement.	

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Project Phase							
Closure	323	Meeting	09/19/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Riverside Foundation for Health Care, Town of Emo, Town of Fort Frances, Town of Rainy River, Township Lake of the Woods, Township of Alberton, Township of Chapple, Township of Dawson, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired about closure plans for the open pit.	It will likely become a big lake. For example, Island Copper Mine in BC was flooded and surrounding areas reclaimed into a more productive condition. The lake is part of the closure plan to ensure we do not end up with a concern like Steep Rock.
Risks and Mitigation							
Env. Mgmt.	323	Meeting	09/19/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Riverside Foundation for Health Care, Town of Emo, Town of Fort Frances, Town of Rainy River, Township Lake of the Woods, Township of Alberton, Township of Chapple, Township of Dawson, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired how RRR would safeguard against cyanide.	All chemicals will be managed and permitted with new technologies. For cyanide, RRR will institute the air/S02 cyanide destruction process, which breaks apart cyanide mainly intro nitrogen-based compounds.
Natural Hazards	92	Letter	06/14/2012	Township of Chapple provided written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) indicating concern over the size of the mine footprint and the potential for environmental effects in Loslo and Jones Creeks and the Pinewood River. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned about the potential for contamination in Jones Creek during a major rainfall event due to the flat terrain near the Loslo Creek.	The tailings management area will be designed to ensure that process waters are fully contained at all times and that no uncontrolled releases occur.

*Comments received after May 17, 2012 were used, where appropriate, to prepare the ToR. Draft ToR comment period was from May 17 – June 16, 2012

Table J-4: Discussions, Meetings and Consultation with the General Public and Stakeholders to November 9, 2012 *
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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Biophysical Environment							
Air Quality / Climate	58	Open House	05/31/2012	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to give an update on the Project and discuss the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ainsworth Lumber, Bending Lake Iron, Crozier Warehouse, Eberly Trucking, Fort Frances Sportsmans Club, Individual - GP, Island Gold, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, The Sharp Group, Thunder Bay - Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) A couple from the area identified concerns about noise, water quality, water quantity, effects on wildlife, air, proximity to Project.	Noted.
	88	E-mail	06/16/2012	Individual gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) including concerns about vegetation, effects to their honey farm, the tailings management area, and size of the mine footprint. Indicated that project would provide economic benefits and leave a positive legacy if post closure landscaping is done well. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned about the potential impact of the mine on their honey farm, particularly noise, air quality (diesel fumes, airborne toxins), contamination of ground and surface water, and light pollution.	The EA process is designed to ensure that the mine operates in a manner that will ensure the long-term environmental viability of the surrounding landscape. We are confident that as we proceed through the Environmental Assessment process that you will see the efforts that have been made to ensure this end is reached.
	348	Open House	11/08/2012	RRR hosted an open house in Nestor Falls on 12-11-07 and in Emo on 12-11-08. Approximately 29 people participated in Nestor Falls and 115 people participated in the Emo open house. Information about the RRGP and the Environmental Assessment (EA) was presented to those that attended. RRR collected comments about the open house and the RRGP from participants.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) The ToR is comprehensive and covers many issues. A participant suggested looking at carbon discharge and sequestration protocols. There was general sentiment that the EA should be completed as soon as possible.	While the RRGP is not expected to be a significant producer of carbon emissions, climate change will be addressed in the EA report. These comments will be considered in the preparation of the EA.

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Ecological Integrity	41	E-mail	05/28/2012	Individual inquired about RRR environmental practices, wildlife displacement, mitigation of the loss of wildlife habitat. Requested review of environmental baseline studies.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) Resident will be relocated as a result of the Project. Individual inquired about wildlife habitat loss mitigation. Also asked if copies of baseline studies were available for review.	Environmental considerations are of upmost importance to RRR. At the Draft ToR stage, RRR is interested in knowing if public has comments on how the environmental assessment will proceed and the comments specific to the Draft ToR. Also indicated that RRR is voluntarily going forward with the most intense EA that can be undertaken in Ontario.
	60	E-mail	06/16/2012	Individual provided written comments to the Draft Terms of Reference. RRR responded on 12-08-08.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) To help mitigate the impact on the environment RRR could set aside a natural preserve (or preserves) adjacent to or near the project. It / they may be part of the existing community. Species at Risk and other wildlife would continue to inhabit these lands if land uses remained consistent (agreements and prescriptions could be put in place). It would allow for the preservation of part of this unique 3-zone ecosystem, which is being displaced and would certainly help to place RRR at the forefront in the industry. The costs may not add as much as one may think to the reclamation part of the project. Reclamation and ensuring natural preservation go hand in hand.	Noted. While much of the project area has been used historically for agricultural and forestry purposes, some natural environments remain within certain areas and the baseline program has defined where special management will be required during mine construction, operation and after future mine closure.

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	261	E-mail	09/28/2012	An individual submitted comments to RRR regarding the positive benefits to the local economy, need for a Federal Environmental Assessment (EA), disagreement with the assertion of low density of species at risk, purchase of conservation easements, diversion of the Pinewood River, water withdrawal and other assertions contained in the Project Description (PD).	Individual - GP, Town of Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) An individual commented that the RRGP site is a transition zone between the Prairies and the Great Lakes-St Lawrence and Boreal Forests and contains a unique intermingling of species. The individual represented the Rainy River Area as containing species that, “shouldn't be here” and suggested that the issue should be looked at very carefully to ensure that nothing of significance is unknowingly destroyed. The individual disagreed with the suggestion in the project description summary that, since there is a low density of certain species at risk, when the mine is developed, those species can move to similar habitat. The individual suggested that it is probably always true that if the species is in a particular location, it's because that location meets its requirements more completely than another similar unoccupied location. The individual thought that it is important that RRR ensure that areas adjacent to the footprint are protected in order to accommodate the possible movement of species to similar habitat that is out of harms way and to provide a buffer between the RRGP and “business as usual” land usage. The individual suggested this could be achieved by purchase of surface rights or by obtaining conservation easements.	
Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	57	Open House	05/30/2012	RRR hosted an open house in Rainy River to discuss the RRGP, Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment processes.	Individual - GP, Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation, Rainy River Record, Town of Rainy River, Township of Dawson, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Fishing is mainly done on Rainy River, Rainy Lake and Lake of the Woods (not on the Pinewood River).	Noted.

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	59	Letter	06/14/2012	The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) gave a written response to the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR). OFAH has not had a meeting since the release of the Draft ToR, so the comments are those of the individual member, not necessarily the group. Response from RRR was sent 12-07-05.	Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Rainy River Resources	1) The general context of page 9 section 4.1 refers to "lake areas to the northeast" and "recreation use further to the northeast outside of the RRGP footprint", this is very misleading. These statements completely ignore the fact that the RRGP lies within the headwaters of the Pinewood River which empties into the Rainy River which supports an excellent fishery and in turn flows into Lake of the Woods. This lake is recognized not just provincially but internationally for its' fishery and recreational opportunities.	RRR recognizes the importance of downstream fish and other aquatic resources within the Rainy River as well as Lake of the Woods. For this reason RRR have invested in baseline environmental assessment to ensure these resources are protected during project construction, mine operation and future closure.
	59	Letter	06/14/2012	The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) gave a written response to the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR). OFAH has not had a meeting since the release of the Draft ToR, so the comments are those of the individual member, not necessarily the group. Response from RRR was sent 12-07-05.	Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Rainy River Resources	1) To emphasize the importance of fish habitat previously mentioned I am including a copy of Terry Quinneys' recent presentation to the Subcommittee on Bill C-38 of the Standing Committee on Finance plus an OFAH Backgrounder on Proposed Fisheries Act Amendments. Of particular importance to the RRGP will be the second OFAH, Q and DFO's response on page 2. The entire documents shows the DFO's continued support of fish habitat and should be considered by RRGP. OFAH and by extension OFAH Zone A fully support efforts to protect fish habitat.	RRR have noted your interest in more information related to the powerline alignment and the importance of fisheries management in the context of regulatory requirements. These topics will be discussed in greater detail as part of the overall Environmental Assessment process.
	107	Meeting	06/26/2012	RRR hosted an open house meeting with elders and community members. RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Posters were available for viewing. Notes were reviewed with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 12-07-10.	Individual - GP, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Attendee indicated there have been fewer small ducks in recent years. Also, fish sometimes look ill and their skin looks old.	Noted.
	151	Presenta-tion	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired about the type of fish in the streams.	Pike and forage fish with scattered walleye. No predator/game fish in the smaller streams within the proposed mine footprint.

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	406	Meeting	41185	Scientists and AMEC consultants met to discuss topics surrounding the fisheries and aquatic resources components of the environmental assessment for the RRGP. Discussions focused on federal legislation (e.g. Fisheries Act), site planning and Project scheduling, habitat evaluation procedures, and the use of traditional knowledge.	Fisheries and Oceans Canada , Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River District Stewardship, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) Indicated that recent changes to the Fisheries Act have not yet been fully identified but that direction would be given once they are identified. 2) Asked if there is any communication between MNR and DFO with regard to changes in habitat management and the MNR indicated that to date no clear definition of roles have been finalized.	
	406	Meeting	10/03/2012	Scientists and AMEC consultants met to discuss topics surrounding the fisheries and aquatic resources components of the environmental assessment for the RRGP. Discussions focused on federal legislation (e.g. Fisheries Act), site planning and Project scheduling, habitat evaluation procedures, and the use of traditional knowledge.	Fisheries and Oceans Canada , Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River District Stewardship, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) Indicated that letters of support from community groups would be beneficial to include in the NNL Plan, stating the preference by community groups to utilize a water quality and stream improvements strategy for habitat offsets. 2) Indicated that a resource that should be consulted is the "Practitioners Guide for Letter of Credit" (available online) 3) Attendees agreed that ongoing and thorough consultation with First Nation groups must be pursued by RRR.	
	406	Meeting	10/03/2012	Scientists and AMEC consultants met to discuss topics surrounding the fisheries and aquatic resources components of the environmental assessment for the RRGP. Discussions focused on federal legislation (e.g. Fisheries Act), site planning and Project scheduling, habitat evaluation procedures, and the use of traditional knowledge.	Fisheries and Oceans Canada , Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River District Stewardship, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) General agreement was met by the group that the use of bankfull width was reasonable from the perspective of quantification of aquatic habitat as it reflects the typical morphology defining flow and volume within the watercourse.	
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Noise and Vibration	58	Open House	05/31/2012	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to give an update on the Project and discuss the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ainsworth Lumber, Bending Lake Iron, Crozier Warehouse, Eberly Trucking, Fort Frances Sportsmans Club, Individual - GP, Island Gold, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, The Sharp Group, Thunder Bay - Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) A couple from the area identified concerns about noise, water quality, water quantity, effects on wildlife, air, proximity to Project.	Noted.
	88	E-mail	06/16/2012	Individual gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) including concerns about vegetation, effects to their honey farm, the tailings management area, and size of the mine footprint. Indicated that project would provide economic benefits and leave a positive legacy if post closure landscaping is done well. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned about the potential impact of the mine on their honey farm, particularly noise, air quality (diesel fumes, airborne toxins), contamination of ground and surface water, and light pollution.	The EA process is designed to ensure that the mine operates in a manner that will ensure the long-term environmental viability of the surrounding landscape. We are confident that as we proceed through the Environmental Assessment process that you will see the efforts that have been made to ensure this end is reached.
Other	57	Open House	05/30/2012	RRR hosted an open house in Rainy River to discuss the RRGP, Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment processes.	Individual - GP, Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation, Rainy River Record, Town of Rainy River, Township of Dawson, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) An open house attendee mentioned that there is an Experimental Lakes Project area to the north east of the project site (marked on map) south of Kenora. University of Manitoba project that recently lost funding.	Noted.
Terrain / Soils / Geology	151	Presenta-tion	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked how RRR knows the rock in the Canadian Shield is safe.	Canadian Shield is safe for mining both open pit and underground.
	151	Presenta-tion	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired if RRGP is within the Greenstone belt.	Yes, the Project is located in the Greenstone belt.

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Vegetation and Plant Comm.	88	E-mail	06/16/2012	Individual gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) including concerns about vegetation, effects to their honey farm, the tailings management area, and size of the mine footprint. Indicated that project would provide economic benefits and leave a positive legacy if post closure landscaping is done well. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) Indicated a species of puffball is in the area that has never been clearly identified. Individual indicated it is possible to transplant mycelium to ensure this species is not impacted by the development.	RRR contacted MNR (April, 2011) in this regard. MNR indicated that puffballs do occur in the district and that no special status or management is required.
Water Resources	57	Open House	05/30/2012	RRR hosted an open house in Rainy River to discuss the RRGP, Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment processes.	Individual - GP, Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation, Rainy River Record, Town of Rainy River, Township of Dawson, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) A person at the open house stated that the groundwater on Warrington Side Road was not good to drink and that residents bought bottled water.	Noted.
	58	Open House	41060	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to give an update on the Project and discuss the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ainsworth Lumber, Bending Lake Iron, Crozier Warehouse, Eberly Trucking, Fort Frances Sportsmans Club, Individual - GP, Island Gold, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, The Sharp Group, Thunder Bay - Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned with groundwater effects.	Noted.

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	58	Open House	05/31/2012	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to give an update on the Project and discuss the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ainsworth Lumber, Bending Lake Iron, Crozier Warehouse, Eberly Trucking, Fort Frances Sportsmans Club, Individual - GP, Island Gold, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, The Sharp Group, Thunder Bay - Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) What happens to water bodies around the mine site and particularly those at the north end of the TMA?	Provided overview of the water management on mine site – including which streams are proposed to be re-routed and those that would be overprinted.
	58	Open House	41060	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to give an update on the Project and discuss the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ainsworth Lumber, Bending Lake Iron, Crozier Warehouse, Eberly Trucking, Fort Frances Sportsmans Club, Individual - GP, Island Gold, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, The Sharp Group, Thunder Bay - Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) What is quality of water in the TMA and of that going back into the Pinewood River?	Mill water containing cyanide from gold extraction will be treated to reduce cyanide and metals in the mill water treatment plant before being sent to the TMA for additional passive treatment. Excess water from the TMA will then be recycled back to the plant for reuse with the cycle repeating on a continuous basis during operations.

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	58	Open House	05/31/2012	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to give an update on the Project and discuss the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ainsworth Lumber, Bending Lake Iron, Crozier Warehouse, Eberly Trucking, Fort Frances Sportsmans Club, Individual - GP, Island Gold, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, The Sharp Group, Thunder Bay - Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) A cottager on Clearwater Lake was concerned about water levels and water quality. Questioned where the water supply for the mine would come from and if it would be enough.	Noted.
	58	Open House	05/31/2012	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to give an update on the Project and discuss the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ainsworth Lumber, Bending Lake Iron, Crozier Warehouse, Eberly Trucking, Fort Frances Sportsmans Club, Individual - GP, Island Gold, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, The Sharp Group, Thunder Bay - Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) An attendee commented that Jones Creek should be McCullum Creek and that Jones Road was across from the pool.	Noted.

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	71	Letter	06/08/2012	Rainy Lake Conservancy (RLC) provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) regarding related to mine rock and tailings management, open pit geochemistry, water quality and monitoring, design alternatives/risk analysis, power supply, best practices as well as potential impacts to the Clearwater-Pipestone and Rainy Lake systems. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Rainy Lake Conservancy, Rainy River Resources	1) Describe the water treatment process used for any water returned back to the environment, including locations of outlets and expected flow rates. Please provide a before and after estimate of the water quality at key sites in the vicinity of the mine. 2) A detailed plan to monitor (real-time if feasible) surface and sub-surface water quality and flow should be part of the Follow-up and Monitoring section of the EA. Downstream locations on the Pinewood River and nearby creeks that do not empty into the Pinewood River should be included with flowages identified. Data collected should be published on a public web site. 3) A detailed WMP should be part of the EA. Minimum / maximum water levels in affected water bodies and minimum/maximum flow permitted in water control structures should be included. Flow impact on rivers in the vicinity of the mine should be included.	The comments from your organization are related to mine rock and tailings management, open pit geochemistry, water quality and monitoring, design alternatives/risk analysis, best practices as well as potential impacts to the Clearwater-Pipestone and Rainy Lake systems. RRR has hired world-class consultants to assess each of these and other aspects to ensure that the Environmental Assessment demonstrates that the mine operation will be compatible with the surrounding rural and natural environments.

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	71	Letter	06/08/2012	Rainy Lake Conservancy (RLC) provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) regarding related to mine rock and tailings management, open pit geochemistry, water quality and monitoring, design alternatives/risk analysis, power supply, best practices as well as potential impacts to the Clearwater-Pipestone and Rainy Lake systems. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Rainy Lake Conservancy, Rainy River Resources	1) The current TOR does not address the impact of the mine, if any, on Rainy Lake. We realize that the flowage near the mine site is through the Pine River to Rainy River. However, are there emergency situations or overflow conditions when Rainy Lake watershed could be impacted?	The power supply line is the only physical project component to be located partly outside of the Pinewood River watershed that flows downstream of the Clearwater-Pipestone and Rainy Lake systems. The power supply line is also being assessed as part of the Environmental Assessment process and we are confident potential impacts to the Clearwater-Pipestone and Rainy Lake systems will be either eliminated or reduced to levels that the surrounding environment can accommodate.
	59	Letter	06/14/2012	The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) gave a written response to the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR). OFAH has not had a meeting since the release of the Draft ToR, so the comments are those of the individual member, not necessarily the group. Response from RRR was sent 12-07-05.	Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Rainy River Resources	1) The general context of page 9 section 4.1 refers to "lake areas to the northeast" and "recreation use further to the northeast outside of the RRGP footprint", this is very misleading. These statements completely ignore the fact that the RRGP lies within the headwaters of the Pinewood River which empties into the Rainy River which supports an excellent fishery and in turn flows into Lake of the Woods. This lake is recognized not just provincially but internationally for its' fishery and recreational opportunities.	RRR recognizes the importance of downstream fish and other aquatic resources within the Rainy River as well as Lake of the Woods. For this reason RRR have invested in baseline environmental assessment to ensure these resources are protected during project construction, mine operation and future closure.
	59	Letter	06/14/2012	The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) gave a written response to the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR). OFAH has not had a meeting since the release of the Draft ToR, so the comments are those of the individual member, not necessarily the group. Response from RRR was sent 12-07-05.	Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Rainy River Resources	1) Also under "Effects (adverse) to Human Environment" what is the potential effect on residential wells outside of the RRGP area as referenced on page 24 section 5.4.7?	The baseline environmental program is currently feeding into the engineering work being completed in support of the Mine Environmental Assessment and this will continue for the next 6-9 months to ensure that potential environmental effects are either eliminated or reduced to manageable levels.
	60	E-mail	06/16/2012	Individual provided written comments to the Draft Terms of Reference. RRR responded on 12-08-08.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) There appears to be no water take line from the pond back to the plant although it was understood that water would be reused as much as possible to lessen the draw from other sources.	Noted. Water recycling will be maximized at RRGP to the extent technically feasible.

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	88	E-mail	06/16/2012	Individual gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) including concerns about vegetation, effects to their honey farm, the tailings management area, and size of the mine footprint. Indicated that project would provide economic benefits and leave a positive legacy if post closure landscaping is done well. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned about the potential impact of the mine on their honey farm, particularly noise, air quality (diesel fumes, airborne toxins), contamination of ground and surface water, and light pollution.	The EA process is designed to ensure that the mine operates in a manner that will ensure the long-term environmental viability of the surrounding landscape. We are confident that as we proceed through the Environmental Assessment process that you will see the efforts that have been made to ensure this end is reached.
	88	E-mail	06/16/2012	Individual gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) including concerns about vegetation, effects to their honey farm, the tailings management area, and size of the mine footprint. Indicated that project would provide economic benefits and leave a positive legacy if post closure landscaping is done well. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned the Tailing Management Area is too close to the Jones Creek watershed.	The EA process is designed to ensure that the mine operates in a manner that will ensure the long-term environmental viability of the surrounding landscape. We are confident that as we proceed through the Environmental Assessment process that you will see the efforts that have been made to ensure this end is reached.
	88	E-mail	06/16/2012	Individual gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) including concerns about vegetation, effects to their honey farm, the tailings management area, and size of the mine footprint. Indicated that project would provide economic benefits and leave a positive legacy if post closure landscaping is done well. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) The proposed footprint seems bigger than it needs to be, spanning three watersheds.	The EA process is designed to ensure that the mine operates in a manner that will ensure the long-term environmental viability of the surrounding landscape. We are confident that as we proceed through the Environmental Assessment process that you will see the efforts that have been made to ensure this end is reached.
	107	Meeting	06/26/2012	RRR hosted an open house meeting with elders and community members. RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Posters were available for viewing. Notes were reviewed with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 12-07-10.	Individual - GP, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned about water quality and wildlife.	RRR will be conducting environmental studies to ensure there are no detrimental effects to the water or wildlife. The studies are overseen by regulators who ensure the environmental standards are met. Testing water in streams and wells will be conducted regularly.

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	263	E-mail	07/03/2012	RRR provided a response to Rainy Lake Conservancy (RLC) comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) regarding related to mine rock and tailings management, open pit geochemistry, water quality and monitoring, design alternatives/risk analysis, power supply, best practices as well as potential impacts to the Clearwater-Pipestone and Rainy Lake systems. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Rainy Lake Conservancy, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR provided a response to RLC comments on the Draft ToR. 2) RLC enquired whether specific answers to questions not addressed will be responded to when the engineering work is completed in 6 to 9 months. RLC also expressed concern on the impact on the Rainy Lake watershed because some creeks on the mining property seem to flow into Rainy River.	RRR indicated that the feasibility-level engineering work and also the environmental assessment (EA) itself have commenced and will present appropriate answers once the analysis is completed. RRR indicated that all project components (except for a portion of the power supply line) are located within the Pinewood River Watershed that flows into Rainy River itself, not Rainy Lake and provided a map showing the area watersheds in the RRGP area.
	354	Meeting	07/11/2012	RRR met with the Township of Chapple to discuss the proposed alignment of water intake line and the realignment of highway 600.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Future Development Corp, Town of Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired why the corridor is so far down the Pinewood River.	It provides more water by going further down the watershed. Drawing water during the high flow period is seasonal.
	355	Meeting	41110	RRR met with the Township of Chapple and the Township of Morley to discuss the proposed alignment of the water intake line.	Individual - GP, Township of Chapple, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked how the location for water intake on the Pinewood River was chosen.	It gives us access to another watershed, which means more water for the Project.
	151	Presenta-tion	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired how far the Pinewood River is from the project.	Deposit continues well under the Pinewood. The main deposit is within 500m of the Pinewood. In the Draft ToR, there is a contingency to divert the Pinewood, but the preference is that it not be diverted.
	151	Presenta-tion	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired if RRR is looking at a daily discharge into the Pinewood River.	Seasonal discharge, most likely in spring and fall.
	151	Presenta-tion	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) The Board is concerned about increasing the discharge during peak seasons and unstabliizing the river bank. IJC may recommend discharge below bank flow. RRR may want to consider getting more data on the banks downstream.	RRR agreed and stated that this was being assessed as part of the Environmental Assessment. RRR will provide a copy of baseline data reports to the Board.
	151	Presenta-tion	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) When the mine is reclaimed, will the water in the tailings start to overflow because it doesn't discharge into the Pinewood anymore.	It will be designed for a permanent water cover on closure. The optimal solution is a passive one where systems function in a natural capacity.

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	151	Presenta-tion	41137	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired who would be responsible for wetlands after closure.	RRR will not need to actively manage the wetland, as it should function as a natural system.
	151	Presenta-tion	08/16/2012	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired if RRR had established rating curves. This data would be helpful to the IJC.	Yes, there are rating curves for hydrology of the river available but not for the Pinewood River.
	151	Presenta-tion	41137	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired if RRR has been doing model analysis on groundwater and surface water.	RRR has a large amount of groundwater data. Piezometers are installed in wells throughout the site and a detailed ground water model is under development.
	198	Meeting	09/05/2012	Individual about the RRGP proximity to Burditt/Clearwater Lake and the project schedule.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) Individual stakeholder inquired of RRR about the RRGP proximity to Burditt/Clearwater Lake and the project schedule.	RRR provided individual with an updated newsletter and advised him to stop by at a later date when a new fact sheet was available.
	323	Meeting	09/19/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Riverside Foundation for Health Care, Town of Emo, Town of Fort Frances, Town of Rainy River, Township Lake of the Woods, Township of Alberton, Township of Chapple, Township of Dawson, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked where RRR would draw water from.	The Pinewood River (showed Project layout map). RRR will use 3-10% of the annual flow of the Pinewood on a seasonal basis (spring and fall). RRR will recycle 80-95% of water.
	323	Meeting	41171	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP an	Individual - GP, Rainy River Valley Field	1) Asked if discharge would go into a holding pond as	RRR explained water intake and discharge.
	323	Meeting	41171	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Riverside Foundation for Health Care, Town of Emo, Town of Fort Frances, Town of Rainy River, Township Lake of the Woods, Township of Alberton, Township of Chapple, Township of Dawson, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired whether the new open pit outline meant that the Pinewood River would stay intact.	RRR will try not to realign a segment of the Pinewood River and encourage the engineers in that direction. RRR will try not to realign, however, realignment would not be setting a precedent and would be done in a manner that re-creates suitable aquatic habitat as has been done at other mines.

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	323	Meeting	41171	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Riverside Foundation for Health Care, Town of Emo, Town of Fort Frances, Town of Rainy River, Township Lake of the Woods, Township of Alberton, Township of Chapple, Township of Dawson, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired whether drilling ever interferes with private wells and sources of water.	All holes that make water are capped. The best scientists are studying surface and ground water. About one third of the wells in the regional area are naturally artesian while the remaining are subject to seasonally dry conditions. RRR does need to manage water in order to get permits.
	261	E-mail	41180	An individual submitted comments to RRR regarding the positive benefits to the local economy, need for a Federal Environmental Assessment (EA), disagreement with the assertion of low density of species at risk, purchase of conservation easements, diversion of the Pinewood River, water withdrawal and other assertions contained in the Project Description (PD).	Individual - GP, Town of Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) An individual expressed concerns about the possibility of diverting the Pinewood River and felt that that this would be an assault on an already compromised waterway and would lead to increased silting and degraded water quality. The individual outlined that in the early part of the last century, the Pinewood River was used for log drives down to the sawmills on the Rainy River. At that time, fish spawned in its tributaries and fish runs were an important social and food taking event for homesteaders of the area. Deforestation, agricultural drainage and generally dryer weather have reduced the flow over time. The individual stated that the Pinewood River ceased to flow for the first time in living memory in 2007; then again in the summers of 2011 and 2012. The individual expressed concern regarding RRR planned water intake downstream on the Pinewood River in order to capture more of the downstream tributaries and that RRR will be withdrawing water from 3 rivers at 10% of the flow from each. The individual felt that taking 10% from each river is too much and thought it would be wiser to consider taking water from a more plentiful and less vulnerable source.	

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	261	E-mail	41180	An individual submitted comments to RRR regarding the positive benefits to the local economy, need for a Federal Environmental Assessment (EA), disagreement with the assertion of low density of species at risk, purchase of conservation easements, diversion of the Pinewood River, water withdrawal and other assertions contained in the Project Description (PD).	Individual - GP, Town of Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) Individual indicated that the project description contained an error in stating that "There are no lakes within 10 km of the site..." and that Muskrat Lake, Mud Lake, Off Lake, Pinewood Lake, Little Pine Lake, Boundary lake, Yoker Lake, Tiny Lake, and Pony Lake are all within 10 km of the RRPG site. the individual also indicated that the proposed Pinewood River pumping location will be 10.1 km, as the crow flies, from the proposed mill site and over 13 km along the proposed route of the water lines.	
	348	Open House	41221	RRR hosted an open house in Nestor Falls on 12-11-07 and in Emo on 12-11-08. Approximately 29 people participated in Nestor Falls and 115 people participated in the Emo open house. Information about the RRGP and the Environmental Assessment (EA) was presented to those that attended. RRR collected comments about the open house and the RRGP from participants.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) There were concerns about groundwater and surface water quality and quantity effects from the RRGP.	An extensive surface and groundwater monitoring program has been underway for several years and will continue to exist during construction and mine operations consistent with agency requirements. Effects to surface and groundwater resources have been (and will continue to be) studied and will be addressed in the EA. The Project will potentially divert the Pinewood and other creeks north of the TMA. RRR engineers are working on solutions so that the RRGP would avoid, if possible, any diversion of the Pinewood River. All such diversions require extensive discussions with both the DFO as well as the MNR.
Wildlife	41	E-mail	41057	Individual inquired about RRR environmental practices, wildlife displacement, mitigation of the loss of wildlife habitat. Requested review of environmental baseline studies.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) Resident will be relocated as a result of the Project. Individual inquired about wildlife habitat loss mitigation. Also asked if copies of baseline studies were available for review.	Environmental considerations are of upmost importance to RRR. At the Draft ToR stage, RRR is interested in knowing if public has comments on how the environmental assessment will proceed and the comments specific to the Draft ToR. Also indicated that RRR is voluntarily going forward with the most intense EA that can be undertaken in Ontario.

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	41	E-mail	41057	Individual inquired about RRR environmental practices, wildlife displacement, mitigation of the loss of wildlife habitat. Requested review of environmental baseline studies.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) Requested copies of the Environmental Baseline studies -- in particular Wildlife Surveys carried out for the RRG and its immediate environs by KCB (2009 and 2010) and by AMEC (KCB 2011, AMEC 2011a, and b) as referenced on Pg 36 of the ToR. As well as, the Summary of potential Environmental Data Sources as listed on Page 40 of the Draft ToR. 2) Baseline reports will all be made public early next year (2013) as part of the Environmental Assessment study report that the Terms of Reference currently issued for public comment will be predicated on. We are also partially funding a first of its kind research study with Trent University and the MNR of Whip-poor-will - a listed species in Ontario to help the scientific community better understand this understudied bird. The study will not only help the Province and US States conserve and protect the bird but also support management practices for the mine itself.	
	57	Open House	41059	RRR hosted an open house in Rainy River to discuss the RRGP, Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment processes.	Individual - GP, Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation, Rainy River Record, Town of Rainy River, Township of Dawson, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) The area is very popular for resident and non-resident hunting, including white tailed deer, bear and wolves. It has been observed that there are more of these animals now because of farmland. One open house resident has bought land in the study area (and has now been bought out by RRR) for a hunt camp and passively feeds the deer (from planted hay fields) so he can harvest trophy deer. There are others in the area from the United States that have come to the area and bought properties for hunt camps. 2) Others commented that there are a lot of deer and wolves and that they are very healthy.	Noted. Effects of the RRGP on hunting will be assessed.

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	59	Letter	41074	The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) gave a written response to the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR). OFAH has not had a meeting since the release of the Draft ToR, so the comments are those of the individual member, not necessarily the group. Response from RRR was sent 12-07-05.	Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Rainy River Resources	1) In the same section on page 18 under "Effects (adverse) to Human Environment" does "the reduction of land use" take into account the fact that approximately 70 square kilometers of hunting area will be lost. This is prime Whitetail Deer habitat as well as upland game and waterfowl area. This will also adversely affect tourism hunting as referred to in section 6.8 on page 37, "Rainy River is noted for tourism related to hunting and fishing.	The mine footprint area sits primarily on private property that is wholly owned by Rainy River Resources. While Rainy River Resources will not allow hunting within the mine footprint during project phases, the potential for hunting to be conducted post-mine closure will be assessed as part of the Environmental Assessment.
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	60	E-mail	41076	Individual provided written comments to the Draft Terms of Reference. RRR responded on 12-08-08.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) More baseline updates should be conducted for a better understanding of the project's impact. For instance, it is know that 6 Species at Risk birds are in the RRGP (Bald Eagle ,Red Headed Woodpecker, Golden Winged Warbler, Whip- poor- will, Barn Swallow and Bobolink) but only 2 were mentioned in the Draft ToR. Also snapping turtles have been observed in the Pinewood River.	RRR has invested heavily into baseline EA programs that have been expanded continuously over the past 3 years in anticipation of the need to initiate mine EA and permitting. The baseline programs include extensive waste rock and tailings geochemical assessments, surface and groundwater monitoring as well as assessment of existing aquatic and terrestrial resources. The baseline programs have been discussed with MNR, DFO and RRR has spent considerable time and effort funding studies of area birds including SAR as requested by MNR. RRR have specifically funded a 2-year study of Whip-poor-will located within the Project area. The baseline environmental program is currently feeding into the engineering work being completed in support of the Mine EA and will continue for the next 6-9 months to ensure that potential environmental effects are either eliminated or reduced to manageable levels. Baseline EA reports will be made public as part of the Mine EA report in 2013. The EA report will detail where environmental impacts have been identified and mitigated.
	60	E-mail	41076	Individual provided written comments to the Draft Terms of Reference. RRR responded on 12-08-08.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) Fencing the perimeter of the footprint will trap wildlife. Has any consideration been given to wildlife corridors?	Noted. This topic will also be discussed in greater detail as part of the overall Mine EA report.
	107	Meeting	41086	RRR hosted an open house meeting with elders and community members. RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Posters were available for viewing. Notes were reviewed with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 12-07-10.	Individual - GP, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned about water quality and wildlife.	RRR will be conducting environmental studies to ensure there are no detrimental effects to the water or wildlife. The studies are overseen by regulators who ensure the environmental standards are met. Testing water in streams and wells will be conducted regularly.

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	261	E-mail	41180	An individual submitted comments to RRR regarding the positive benefits to the local economy, need for a Federal Environmental Assessment (EA), disagreement with the assertion of low density of species at risk, purchase of conservation easements, diversion of the Pinewood River, water withdrawal and other assertions contained in the Project Description (PD).	Individual - GP, Town of Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) An individual commented that the RRGP site is a transition zone between the Prairies and the Great Lakes-St Lawrence and Boreal Forests and contains a unique intermingling of species. The individual represented the Rainy River Area as containing species that, “shouldn't be here” and suggested that the issue should be looked at very carefully to ensure that nothing of significance is unknowingly destroyed. The individual disagreed with the suggestion in the project description summary that, since there is a low density of certain species at risk, when the mine is developed, those species can move to similar habitat. The individual suggested that it is probably always true that if the species is in a particular location, it's because that location meets its requirements more completely than another similar unoccupied location. The individual thought that it is important that RRR ensure that areas adjacent to the footprint are protected in order to accommodate the possible movement of species to similar habitat that is out of harms way and to provide a buffer between the RRGP and “business as usual” land usage. The individual suggested this could be achieved by purchase of surface rights or by obtaining conservation easements.	

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Human Environment							
Archaeology and Heritage	257	Meeting	41144	RRR met with landowner to discuss archaeology of the area and other local knowledge. The property has been used as fields, and no pre-contact artifacts have been discovered on any of the properties.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR met with landowner to discuss archaeology of the area and other local knowledge. 2) The property has been used for fields. 3) Finds on the property have been occasional bricks, old farm implements, harnesses, housewares, horseshoes and cars. No pre-contact artifacts have been discovered on any of the properties.	Baseline studies are being completed to inform the environmental approvals process. Assistance / support appreciated and anecdotal information provided will be utilized as appropriate.
	264	Meeting	41148	RRR and AMEC met with individuals living in the vicinity of Emo and the RRGP to establish current and prior use of the land and Pinewood River in addition to if there are any archaeological features of interest.	Individual - GP, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Individuals indicated that they own several parcels of land in the vicinity of Emo and the RRGP site, one of which they sold to RRGP and was used for hay. The individuals indicated that there are no buildings on the property. The individuals indicated that they also own a farm which was purchased by their parents in 1958 and has several old structures including the old post office, church, and school.	Baseline studies are being completed to inform the environmental approvals process. Assistance / support appreciated and anecdotal information provided will be utilized as appropriate.
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Land and Resource Use	57	Open House	41059	RRR hosted an open house in Rainy River to discuss the RRGP, Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment processes.	Individual - GP, Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation, Rainy River Record, Town of Rainy River, Township of Dawson, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Would like RRR to consider the highway 600 extension North of the mine to Strand Road. 2) Will there be an access road to the east from highway 600 to the northern properties?	Noted. Road route alternatives will be addressed in the Environmental Assessment.
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	58	Open House	41060	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to give an update on the Project and discuss the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ainsworth Lumber, Bending Lake Iron, Crozier Warehouse, Eberly Trucking, Fort Frances Sportsmans Club, Individual - GP, Island Gold, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, The Sharp Group, Thunder Bay - Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned with the potential impact on big game animals.	Noted.
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	59	Letter	41074	The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) gave a written response to the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR). OFAH has not had a meeting since the release of the Draft ToR, so the comments are those of the individual member, not necessarily the group. Response from RRR was sent 12-07-05.	Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Rainy River Resources	1) The general context of page 9 section 4.1 refers to "lake areas to the northeast" and "recreation use further to the northeast outside of the RRGP footprint", this is very misleading. These statements completely ignore the fact that the RRGP lies within the headwaters of the Pinewood River which empties into the Rainy River which supports an excellent fishery and in turn flows into Lake of the Woods. This lake is recognized not just provincially but internationally for its' fishery and recreational opportunities.	RRR recognizes the importance of downstream fish and other aquatic resources within the Rainy River as well as Lake of the Woods. For this reason RRR have invested in baseline environmental assessment to ensure these resources are protected during project construction, mine operation and future closure.
	88	E-mail	41076	Individual gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) including concerns about vegetation, effects to their honey farm, the tailings management area, and size of the mine footprint. Indicated that project would provide economic benefits and leave a positive legacy if post closure landscaping is done well. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) Indicated that the Richardson Trail is well used and hopes this trail will be preserved.	Noted.
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	264	Meeting	41148	RRR and AMEC met with individuals living in the vicinity of Emo and the RRGP to establish current and prior use of the land and Pinewood River in addition to if there are any archaeological features of interest.	Individual - GP, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Individual stated that the Pinewood River used to have flowing water. Cut pulp wood was transported down the river to connect with another river system to transport the wood to Kenora.	
	266	Meeting	41149	RRR and AMEC representatives interviewed local residents whom own several parcels on land near the RRGP site to discuss land use and archaeological issues.	Individual - GP, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Individuals that own several parcels of land in the vicinity of Emo and the RRGP have sold an approximately 160 acre lot to RRR. The individuals indicated that the property has been used for haying and that there are no buildings on the property. The same individuals indicated that they have a farm where they currently live which was purchased by their grandfather in 1912 at which time four houses were built. The current house replaced the previous structure in the 1950s. The Dearlock store and post office were located on the properties.	Baseline studies are being completed to inform the environmental approvals process. Assistance / support appreciated and anecdotal information provided will be utilized as appropriate.
	266	Meeting	41149	RRR and AMEC representatives interviewed local residents whom own several parcels on land near the RRGP site to discuss land use and archaeological issues.	Individual - GP, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Individuals that live in the vicinity of Emo and the RRGP site indicated that the land has been farmed for hay, oats, and barley and also used to raise cattle.	

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Other	58	Open House	41060	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to give an update on the Project and discuss the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ainsworth Lumber, Bending Lake Iron, Crozier Warehouse, Eberly Trucking, Fort Frances Sportsmans Club, Individual - GP, Island Gold, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, The Sharp Group, Thunder Bay - Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Residents from Dearlock corner have been there for 100 years. They are having a 100-year reunion this summer. French Canadian routes of family can be traced back to 1640. They have not been approached by RRR.	Noted.

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Socio-Economic	57	Open House	41059	RRR hosted an open house in Rainy River to discuss the RRGP, Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment processes.	Individual - GP, Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation, Rainy River Record, Town of Rainy River, Township of Dawson, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Will the project create the need for housing? There are lots available in Rainy River. 2) Will there be houses built for workers and financed by RRR?	Yes, there will likely be an increase in demand for housing, particularly in the operations phase of the mine when workers would want to move to the area permanently. Not many mining companies finance housing developments anymore as was common in the past. There will be a need for a construction work camp, however during operations it is likely that workers would move to the local communities.
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	109	E-mail	41096	A socio-economic questionnaire with maps and information about the Project were sent to Confederation College. The questionnaire was completed and returned.	Confederation College, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) A socio-economic questionnaire with maps and information about the Project were sent to Confederation College. 2) The completed questionnaire was returned on 12-07-27.	
	111	E-mail	41096	A socio-economic questionnaire, maps and information about the Project was sent to Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH). OFAH returned the completed survey on 12-07-19.	Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) A socio-economic questionnaire, maps and information about the Project was sent to OFAH. 2) OFAH returned the completed survey on 12-07-19.	
	115	E-mail	41096	A socio-economic questionnaire, information about the Project and maps were sent to the Riverside Health Care Facilities (RHC). The completed questionnaire was returned on 12-07-17.	Riverside Health Care Facilities, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) A socio-economic questionnaire, information about the Project and maps were sent to the Riverside Health Care Facilities (RHC). 2) The completed questionnaire was returned on 12-07-17.	
	118	E-mail	41096	A socio-economic questionnaire, information about the Project and maps were sent to the Rainy River Federation of Agriculture (RRFA). RRFA returned the completed survey on August 8, 2012.	Rainy River Federation of Agriculture, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) A socio-economic questionnaire was sent to the Rainy River Federation of Agriculture (RRFA). 2) The completed survey was returned on August 8th, 2012.	
	119	E-mail	41096	A socio-economic questionnaire, information about the Project and maps were sent to the Snowmobile Club. The questionnaire was completed and returned 12-07-26.	Borderland Snowmobile Club, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) A socio-economic questionnaire was sent to the Snowmobile Club. 2) The questionnaire was completed and returned 12-07-26.	

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	117	E-mail	41106	A socio-economic questionnaire, information about the Project and maps were sent to the Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC). A completed questionnaire was sent back 12-07-24.	Rainy River Future Development Corp, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) A socio-economic questionnaire, information about the Project and maps were sent to the Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC). 2) A completed questionnaire was sent back 12-07-24.	
	323	Meeting	41171	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Riverside Foundation for Health Care, Town of Emo, Town of Fort Frances, Town of Rainy River, Township Lake of the Woods, Township of Alberton, Township of Chapple, Township of Dawson, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired about the Project's impact on the district economy.	Indicated that baseline and impact studies are being completed to assess the impact.
	261	E-mail	41180	An individual submitted comments to RRR regarding the positive benefits to the local economy, need for a Federal Environmental Assessment (EA), disagreement with the assertion of low density of species at risk, purchase of conservation easements, diversion of the Pinewood River, water withdrawal and other assertions contained in the Project Description (PD).	Individual - GP, Town of Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) An individual commented that the RRGP will boost the local economy and will benefit many. The individual hopes there will be no negative environmental effects.	

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	414	Letter	41216	Individual gave comments on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR).	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) I spent my entire working life in the mining industry, first in Atikokan then in the Kamloops BC area. Different mineral types, using different reagents, but almost always the two things that stood out for me was this. Safety for the workforce itself was number one, followed closely by environmental concerns. Ground water is the arteries of the earth, keep it safe by close monitoring and the earth and environment will take care of itself. Thank you!! This area needs the economic boost just do it with the necessary safeguards in place. I live in Bergland and would love to see an operating mine in the area.	Noted. RRR believes that safety for the workforce is critical to the project success. RRR also believes that the RRGP will be designed, construction, operation and closed in a manner that will continue to earn your support.
	348	Open House	41221	RRR hosted an open house in Nestor Falls on 12-11-07 and in Emo on 12-11-08. Approximately 29 people participated in Nestor Falls and 115 people participated in the Emo open house. Information about the RRGP and the Environmental Assessment (EA) was presented to those that attended. RRR collected comments about the open house and the RRGP from participants.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) Generally open house attendees were very supportive of the RRGP and would very much like to realize the incomparable employment and business opportunities that the RRGP would bring to the region.	RRR will continue to work to optimize local employment and business opportunities within the region. Some specialized trades people would likely be brought in.
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Methodology and Process							
Baseline Studies	58	Open House	41060	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to give an update on the Project and discuss the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ainsworth Lumber, Bending Lake Iron, Crozier Warehouse, Eberly Trucking, Fort Frances Sportsmans Club, Individual - GP, Island Gold, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, The Sharp Group, Thunder Bay - Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Interested in learning more about the wildlife and vegetation studies already conducted and those to be conducted.	Noted.
	59	Letter	41074	The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) gave a written response to the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR). OFAH has not had a meeting since the release of the Draft ToR, so the comments are those of the individual member, not necessarily the group. Response from RRR was sent 12-07-05.	Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Rainy River Resources	1) As mentioned in my comment form at the Barwick open house, it is encouraging to read that environmental studies have been under way for 3 years. That being said, we would be very interested receiving more specific information regarding what these studies entailed and what the results were as they relate to section 6.4, “Aquatic Resources” and 6.6, “Wildlife” (ie-“3 reptile species were found” but not identified). Did any of the wildlife studies consider the location/movement of the small group of Elk frequently seen immediately wets of the RRGP area? These are animals from the Cameron Lake Reintroduction Herd and may be adversely affected by the RRGP.	RRR has invested heavily into baseline environmental assessment programs that have been expanded continuously over the past 3 years in anticipation of the need to initiate mine environmental assessment and permitting. The baseline programs include extensive mine rock and tailings geochemical assessments, surface and groundwater monitoring as well as assessment of existing aquatic and terrestrial resources. The baseline programs have been discussed with the MNR as well as the DFO and we have spent considerable time and effort funding studies of area birds as requested by the MNR. We are certainly aware of the Cameron Lake Reintroduction Elk Herd and our baseline program has not indicated that animals from the herd have frequented the project area.

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	60	E-mail	41076	Individual provided written comments to the Draft Terms of Reference. RRR responded on 12-08-08.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) More baseline updates should be conducted for a better understanding of the project's impact. For instance, it is know that 6 Species at Risk birds are in the RRGP (Bald Eagle ,Red Headed Woodpecker, Golden Winged Warbler, Whip- poor- will, Barn Swallow and Bobolink) but only 2 were mentioned in the Draft ToR. Also snapping turtles have been observed in the Pinewood River.	RRR has invested heavily into baseline EA programs that have been expanded continuously over the past 3 years in anticipation of the need to initiate mine EA and permitting. The baseline programs include extensive waste rock and tailings geochemical assessments, surface and groundwater monitoring as well as assessment of existing aquatic and terrestrial resources. The baseline programs have been discussed with MNR, DFO and RRR has spent considerable time and effort funding studies of area birds including SAR as requested by MNR. RRR have specifically funded a 2-year study of Whip-poor-will located within the Project area. The baseline environmental program is currently feeding into the engineering work being completed in support of the Mine EA and will continue for the next 6-9 months to ensure that potential environmental effects are either eliminated or reduced to manageable levels. Baseline EA reports will be made public as part of the Mine EA report in 2013. The EA report will detail where environmental impacts have been identified and mitigated.

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Effects Assessment	71	Letter	41068	Rainy Lake Conservancy (RLC) provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) regarding related to mine rock and tailings management, open pit geochemistry, water quality and monitoring, design alternatives/risk analysis, power supply, best practices as well as potential impacts to the Clearwater-Pipestone and Rainy Lake systems. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Rainy Lake Conservancy, Rainy River Resources	1) The EA should fully characterize the project's reasonably foreseeable impacts (such as pit water quantity, blasting residues and water quality, etc.); waste rock storage; tailings disposal/storage; and other major and minor impacts. Alternatives and mitigation options should be clearly presented. Physical and computer models should be provided showing major site facilities and changes to land use and water flow patterns. 2) Where measures are deemed not technically and economically feasible and that would mitigate any significant adverse environmental effects of the project, the EA should include a detailed analysis of that technical and economic feasibility to ensure that the public and government agencies can fully evaluate and make a reasonable assessment of feasibility compared with potential impacts. 3) Please specifically identify the key risks to the environment due to problems that could occur in the process (e.g. failed pumping stations) or due to extreme weather events and describe how the situation will be handled.	The comments from your organization are related to mine rock and tailings management, open pit geochemistry, water quality and monitoring, design alternatives/risk analysis, best practices as well as potential impacts to the Clearwater-Pipestone and Rainy Lake systems. RRR has hired world-class consultants to assess each of these and other aspects to ensure that the Environmental Assessment demonstrates that the mine operation will be compatible with the surrounding rural and natural environments.
Env. Assessment	57	Open House	41059	RRR hosted an open house in Rainy River to discuss the RRGP, Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment processes.	Individual - GP, Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation, Rainy River Record, Town of Rainy River, Township of Dawson, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Individual does not believe there will be any environmental issues in this area as a result of the mine.	Noted.

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	263	E-mail	41093	RRR provided a response to Rainy Lake Conservancy (RLC) comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) regarding related to mine rock and tailings management, open pit geochemistry, water quality and monitoring, design alternatives/risk analysis, power supply, best practices as well as potential impacts to the Clearwater-Pipestone and Rainy Lake systems. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Rainy Lake Conservancy, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR provided a response to RLC comments on the Draft ToR. 2) RLC enquired whether specific answers to questions not addressed will be responded to when the engineering work is completed in 6 to 9 months. RLC also expressed concern on the impact on the Rainy Lake watershed because some creeks on the mining property seem to flow into Rainy River.	RRR indicated that the feasibility-level engineering work and also the environmental assessment (EA) itself have commenced and will present appropriate answers once the analysis is completed. RRR indicated that all project components (except for a portion of the power supply line) are located within the Pinewood River Watershed that flows into Rainy River itself, not Rainy Lake and provided a map showing the area watersheds in the RRGP area.
Other	198	Meeting	41157	Individual about the RRGP proximity to Burditt/Clearwater Lake and the project schedule.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) Individual stakeholder inquired of RRR about the RRGP proximity to Burditt/Clearwater Lake and the project schedule.	RRR provided individual with an updated newsletter and advised him to stop by at a later date when a new fact sheet was available.
Stakeholder Engagement	57	Open House	41059	RRR hosted an open house in Rainy River to discuss the RRGP, Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment processes.	Individual - GP, Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation, Rainy River Record, Town of Rainy River, Township of Dawson, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Individual would like more news releases as access to online information is too technical.	Noted.

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	58	Open House	41060	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to give an update on the Project and discuss the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ainsworth Lumber, Bending Lake Iron, Crozier Warehouse, Eberly Trucking, Fort Frances Sportsmans Club, Individual - GP, Island Gold, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, The Sharp Group, Thunder Bay - Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Individual would like to see more engagement with the Township of Chapple.	Noted.

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	348	Open House	41221	RRR hosted an open house in Nestor Falls on 12-11-07 and in Emo on 12-11-08. Approximately 29 people participated in Nestor Falls and 115 people participated in the Emo open house. Information about the RRGP and the Environmental Assessment (EA) was presented to those that attended. RRR collected comments about the open house and the RRGP from participants.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) There is an interest in working in partnership with agricultural groups to address common interests (drainage, supporting use of local foods).	Subsequent to the Open Houses, RRR met with the Soil and Crop Improvement Association to discuss issues of mutual concern and will be working to develop a means of continued dialogue and potential funding of soil enhancement programs as part of the Mine Closure plan development. RRR will continue to meet with local stakeholders including agricultural groups to identify ways that benefits in the region can be enhanced.
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Mining							
Ancillary Facilities	354	Meeting	41101	RRR met with the Township of Chapple to discuss the proposed alignment of water intake line and the realignment of highway 600.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Future Development Corp, Town of Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked how much of an easement is needed? Will it go beyond the 33'?	RRR will have 2 -12" above ground pipes, likely buried in public areas, which are heat traced. They typically fit within the road easement.
Employee Accommoda-tions / Camp	57	Open House	41059	RRR hosted an open house in Rainy River to discuss the RRGP, Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment processes.	Individual - GP, Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation, Rainy River Record, Town of Rainy River, Township of Dawson, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Will the project create the need for housing? There are lots available in Rainy River. 2) Will there be houses built for workers and financed by RRR?	Yes, there will likely be an increase in demand for housing, particularly in the operations phase of the mine when workers would want to move to the area permanently. Not many mining companies finance housing developments anymore as was common in the past. There will be a need for a construction work camp, however during operations it is likely that workers would move to the local communities.
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Human Health (workers)	58	Open House	41060	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to give an update on the Project and discuss the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ainsworth Lumber, Bending Lake Iron, Crozier Warehouse, Eberly Trucking, Fort Frances Sportsmans Club, Individual - GP, Island Gold, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, The Sharp Group, Thunder Bay - Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) An attendee commented that the workers are driving way too fast and it is dangerous.	Noted.
	348	Open House	41221	RRR hosted an open house in Nestor Falls on 12-11-07 and in Emo on 12-11-08. Approximately 29 people participated in Nestor Falls and 115 people participated in the Emo open house. Information about the RRGP and the Environmental Assessment (EA) was presented to those that attended. RRR collected comments about the open house and the RRGP from participants.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) An open house attendee asked if there would be employee drug testing.	RRR also reserves the right to do so as part of current site operations. Operations-phase drug and alcohol testing will be considered in the site health and safety planning for the RRGP.
Onsite Roads	57	Open House	41059	RRR hosted an open house in Rainy River to discuss the RRGP, Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment processes.	Individual - GP, Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation, Rainy River Record, Town of Rainy River, Township of Dawson, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Would like RRR to consider the highway 600 extension North of the mine to Strand Road. 2) Will there be an access road to the east from highway 600 to the northern properties?	Noted. Road route alternatives will be addressed in the Environmental Assessment.

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	58	Open House	41060	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to give an update on the Project and discuss the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ainsworth Lumber, Bending Lake Iron, Crozier Warehouse, Eberly Trucking, Fort Frances Sportsmans Club, Individual - GP, Island Gold, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, The Sharp Group, Thunder Bay - Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Elk have been moving into the area from the north (Cameron Lake area) where they were transplanted. They do not hunt elk, but have heard them. Also, there is no open season on moose in WMU 10 (west of Flemming Rd and south of 404/Strachan Rd). A cougar was sighted on the Off Lake/Flemming Rd area 2 years ago in the evening. There are many Ruffed Grouse in the area, and Whitetail Deer and bear populations are 'exploding'. Hunting is very popular in the area. 2) The area where the mine waste rock pile is proposed as well as along Roen Rd over to Fleming Rd are very popular areas for hunting. Concerned about loss of access to hunting areas as well as the effects on moose or other wildlife species that are 'aquatic' from the TMA–what would happen if a moose wandered into the TMA? How would that affect the quality of the meat? What would happen if the animals negatively affected by the mine activities/TMA infrastructure were displaced into WMU 9a and 9b where there is open season for moose–quality of the meat? 3) One gentleman identified that he had seen 2 moose in the years he has been hunting that had bad flesh. 4) The traffic on Hwy 600 is very busy during hunting season. Estimated there could be about 10 veh/km of road during this season. Hwy 600 is popular for 'road hunters' – those that hunt from their vehicles.	Noted.

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						5) The Rainy River District is known for the large white tailed deer. During hunting season it is busy in local hotels, and many people bring RVs for accommodation in this period. Fleming Rd is also very popular for hunting. 6) Suggested not having the open house in the fall in the hunting season. There are approximately 300 (maybe less) in the Club. 7) They are holding a meeting at the end of June and will forward RRR any feedback on the project from their membership. 8) The area along Teeple Rd, Roen Rd and all over the Project area has been hunted for the last 20 years with at least 10 hunters using this area consistently over this time frame.	
	60	E-mail	41076	Individual provided written comments to the Draft Terms of Reference. RRR responded on 12-08-08.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) Would prefer a Marr Road to be located off of the Seven Bends corner (Highway 600). The roadbed could be the north berm for a good part of the Tailings Management Area. This new road would also act as access for those that used to use the Richardson Trail, those that have property in north Richardson (including recreationalists wishing access to crown land) and as an access for RRR to the north side of the Project.	Noted. This topic will also be discussed in greater detail as part of the overall Mine EA report.
	107	Meeting	41086	RRR hosted an open house meeting with elders and community members. RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Posters were available for viewing. Notes were reviewed with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 12-07-10.	Individual - GP, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired about highway 600 re-routing.	Showed a slide of the possible routes for the highway 600 re-routing and proposed mine entry route to mine facilities.
	355	Meeting	41110	RRR met with the Township of Chapple and the Township of Morley to discuss the proposed alignment of the water intake line.	Individual - GP, Township of Chapple, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired if the highway 600 realignment was the final route.	Indicated the realignment shown is the preferred route by MTO and the Township of Chapple.

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	355	Meeting	41110	RRR met with the Township of Chapple and the Township of Morley to discuss the proposed alignment of the water intake line.	Individual - GP, Township of Chapple, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed whether the municipality would be responsible for maintenance if the roadway is built on an easement, and whether the roadway would become a public road. 2) Discussed whether pipelines pay a fee for the easement.	
	342	Phone Call	41221	Individual requested information about the potential rerouting of Highway 600, and the potential impact on land in the area.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) Requested a map of the Highway 600 realignment and expressed concern about the impact of the realignment on land in the area.	A copy of the Highway 600 realignment map was sent 12-11-16.
Open Pit	151	Presenta-tion	41137	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired about the size of the pit.	300-400m deep, 500m-1.5km wide.
	323	Meeting	41171	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.		1) Inquired about the size of the pit.	300 to 400m deep; 500m to 1.5km wide
Other	60	E-mail	41076	Individual provided written comments to the Draft Terms of Reference. RRR responded on 12-08-08.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) Consider filling overburden area east first, thereby disturbing residents less and not for the first few years of the Project.	Noted.
Process (Leaching, etc.)	57	Open House	41059	RRR hosted an open house in Rainy River to discuss the RRGP, Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment processes.	Individual - GP, Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation, Rainy River Record, Town of Rainy River, Township of Dawson, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) How deep were the core holes drilled? 2) Where is the ore processed?	The core holes are drilled to a depth of 1,800 meters. Ore will be processed at the mine site.
	78	Drop-in Visit/Casu al Meeting	41081	Individual expressed concern about cyanide contamination.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) Individual expressed concern about cyanide contamination.	Cyanide is commonly used in the processing of gold ore worldwide. RRR will develop an appropriate cyanide management plan to ensure cyanide is used and handled appropriately to mitigate any potential risks.

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	151	Presenta-tion	41137	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired how nitrogen will be handled.	Bulk emulsion will be used for blasting thereby significantly reducing the production of aqueous nitrogen.
Tailings Impound-ment	58	Open House	41060	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to give an update on the Project and discuss the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ainsworth Lumber, Bending Lake Iron, Crozier Warehouse, Eberly Trucking, Fort Frances Sportsmans Club, Individual - GP, Island Gold, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, The Sharp Group, Thunder Bay - Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) What is quality of water in the TMA and of that going back into the Pinewood River?	Mill water containing cyanide from gold extraction will be treated to reduce cyanide and metals in the mill water treatment plant before being sent to the TMA for additional passive treatment. Excess water from the TMA will then be recycled back to the plant for reuse with the cycle repeating on a continuous basis during operations.

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						3) All impoundments should be designed for the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF). Use of the PMF is standard for no-discharge tailings pond design. Adequate storm protection for the pond itself and designing to handle the PMF are both needed. The PMF criteria should be reviewed to ensure it reflects a general increase in heavy rainfall events due to climate change.	
	59	Letter	41074	The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) gave a written response to the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR). OFAH has not had a meeting since the release of the Draft ToR, so the comments are those of the individual member, not necessarily the group. Response from RRR was sent 12-07-05.	Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Rainy River Resources	1) At the open house in Barwick, I was informed that creeks on the North side of the Tailings Management Area (TMA) will be dammed and left to find a new watercourse from the area on their own. This is unacceptable. These must be diverted to other existing waterways. This should make it easier to detect any seepage from the TMA. I also have a concern that the vast size of the TMA will be very susceptible to wave action which could cause berm deterioration or spilling.	The TMA is being designed to ensure that downstream drainages are mimicked in as many circumstances as feasible both during mine operations as well as after future mine closure. The objective of the TMA design basis is to utilize both existing topography as well as the naturally occurring low-permeability clay resources of the area to ensure tailings solids and related excess water are fully contained at all times according to legislated requirements. The TMA design will also include the need to ensure freeboard considers wave action and the need for extra containment during extreme storm events. Geotechnical and groundwater monitoring systems will also be a requirement of the TMA construction. The Environmental Assessment report and associated Closure Plan will detail these plans and mitigation strategies to ensure legislated requirements are met.

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	151	Presenta-tion	41137	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) When the mine is reclaimed, will the water in the tailings start to overflow because it doesn't discharge into the Pinewood anymore.	It will be designed for a permanent water cover on closure. The optimal solution is a passive one where systems function in a natural capacity.
	151	Presenta-tion	41137	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired about the kind of lining under the tailings area. Asked what the permeability of the clay was.	The tailings area will be over Lake Agassiz clay, a natural glacial ecustrian till predominant within the project footprint and the regional area. RRR does not anticipate an artificial liner being required.

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	323	Meeting	41171	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Riverside Foundation for Health Care, Town of Emo, Town of Fort Frances, Town of Rainy River, Township Lake of the Woods, Township of Alberton, Township of Chapple, Township of Dawson, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired how much of the stockpile will be used.	Indicated modelling estimates still need to be completed.
Water Sources	58	Open House	41060	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to give an update on the Project and discuss the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ainsworth Lumber, Bending Lake Iron, Crozier Warehouse, Eberly Trucking, Fort Frances Sportsmans Club, Individual - GP, Island Gold, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, The Sharp Group, Thunder Bay - Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) What happens to water bodies around the mine site and particularly those at the north end of the TMA?	Provided overview of the water management on mine site – including which streams are proposed to be re-routed and those that would be overprinted.

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	60	E-mail	41076	Individual provided written comments to the Draft Terms of Reference. RRR responded on 12-08-08.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) There appears to be no water take line from the pond back to the plant although it was understood that water would be reused as much as possible to lessen the draw from other sources.	Noted. Water recycling will be maximized at RRGP to the extent technically feasible.
	355	Meeting	41110	RRR met with the Township of Chapple and the Township of Morley to discuss the proposed alignment of the water intake line.	Individual - GP, Township of Chapple, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked how the location for water intake on the Pinewood River was chosen.	It gives us access to another watershed, which means more water for the Project.
	355	Meeting	41110	RRR met with the Township of Chapple and the Township of Morley to discuss the proposed alignment of the water intake line.	Individual - GP, Township of Chapple, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) The Township of Chapple indicated their preferred route for the new water supply/discharge pipeline corridor is the south option. 2) The Township of Morley indicated they would discuss a preferred route at their next meeting on 12-07-25.	

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Access	58	Open House	41060	RRR hosted an open house in Barwick to give an update on the Project and discuss the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).	Ainsworth Lumber, Bending Lake Iron, Crozier Warehouse, Eberly Trucking, Fort Frances Sportsmans Club, Individual - GP, Island Gold, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, The Sharp Group, Thunder Bay - Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) A Barwick Councillor suggested that the routing of Highway 600 be realigned north of the mine site to help with tourism at Lake of the Woods.	Noted.

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	60	E-mail	41076	Individual provided written comments to the Draft Terms of Reference. RRR responded on 12-08-08.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) Would prefer a Marr Road to be located off of the Seven Bends corner (Highway 600). The roadbed could be the north berm for a good part of the Tailings Management Area. This new road would also act as access for those that used to use the Richardson Trail, those that have property in north Richardson (including recreationalists wishing access to crown land) and as an access for RRR to the north side of the Project.	Noted. This topic will also be discussed in greater detail as part of the overall Mine EA report.
	355	Meeting	41110	RRR met with the Township of Chapple and the Township of Morley to discuss the proposed alignment of the water intake line.	Individual - GP, Township of Chapple, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed whether the municipality would be responsible for maintenance if the roadway is built on an easement, and whether the roadway would become a public road. 2) Discussed whether pipelines pay a fee for the easement.	
Project Activities	323	Meeting	41171	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Riverside Foundation for Health Care, Town of Emo, Town of Fort Frances, Town of Rainy River, Township Lake of the Woods, Township of Alberton, Township of Chapple, Township of Dawson, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked what drilling activity was occurring off Jones Road.	RRR was drilling closer to Clark Road but was not aware of drilling off Jones Road.
Project Facilities	323	Meeting	41171	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Riverside Foundation for Health Care, Town of Emo, Town of Fort Frances, Town of Rainy River, Township Lake of the Woods, Township of Alberton, Township of Chapple, Township of Dawson, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired about the size of the pit.	300 to 400m deep; 500m to 1.5km wide

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Project Footprint	88	E-mail	41076	Individual gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) including concerns about vegetation, effects to their honey farm, the tailings management area, and size of the mine footprint. Indicated that project would provide economic benefits and leave a positive legacy if post closure landscaping is done well. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) The proposed footprint seems bigger than it needs to be, spanning three watersheds.	The EA process is designed to ensure that the mine operates in a manner that will ensure the long-term environmental viability of the surrounding landscape. We are confident that as we proceed through the Environmental Assessment process that you will see the efforts that have been made to ensure this end is reached.
	91	Letter	41086	Resolute Forest Products sent written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) regarding overlap of the project with the Crossroute Forest, the need to provide access to resource harvesting areas and rehabilitation expectations upon closure. RRR sent a response on 12-07-05.	Resolute Forest Products, Rainy River Resources	Portions of the proposed TMA and MRA areas impact areas of Crown Land on the Crossroute Forest which Resolute manages. These lands provide a portion of wood supply for our Fort Frances mill and other area mills such as Ainsworth Engineered Canada LP in Barwick. Our primary concern is the loss of productive forest land, which would result in reductions in long term wood supply. We request that RRR minimize the area of Crown Land impacts by tailings and mine rock. We recommend that affected areas be progressively rehabilitated and reforested to return them to production. Similarly, Patented lands provide a portion of wood supply for the area mills. Portions of the proposed TMA and MRA (along with the Overburden and Emergency Stockpile areas) impact some Patented forest areas. Efforts to minimize and mitigate these impacts should be considered. It would be helpful to have more detailed ownership maps to assess which areas are affected more clearly. There are no proposed timber allocations for the 2012-2017 term of the current Forest Management Plan affected by the proposed RRGP areas shown on Figure 2, but there are some allocated harvest blocks nearby. We could provide a map if you wish. In addition, Crown timber which is harvested for any of the proposed areas should be utilized by local mills. We are willing to work with RRR and the MRN to facilitate this.	Pertaining to access to timber within the waste rock and tailings management areas, the RRR land management team has been in communications with the Resolute management team and a voicemail was left recently.

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	151	Presenta-tion	41137	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired the distance the Project is from the International Border.	Approximately 25 km straight-line.
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	348	Open House	41221	RRR hosted an open house in Nestor Falls on 12-11-07 and in Emo on 12-11-08. Approximately 29 people participated in Nestor Falls and 115 people participated in the Emo open house. Information about the RRGP and the Environmental Assessment (EA) was presented to those that attended. RRR collected comments about the open house and the RRGP from participants.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) There is an interest in keeping the footprint of the RRGP to a minimum to avoid loss of farm land and other effects (air, water) that could affect agricultural operations.	RRR is working to optimize the mine footprint to minimize the amount of land required. While active farmland was (the farmland has been purchased and owners have moved) a small percentage of the total mine footprint, the effects on agricultural production in the area will be assessed in the EA.
Project Phase							
Closure	29	E-mail	41060	Individual inquired if an Environmental Assessment (EA) process had been completed and if there was a closure plan. Interest in being consulted.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) Individual inquired if an EA process had been completed and if there was a closure plan.	RRR indicated they hoped to have the closure plan completed and EA prepared by second quarter 2013.
	59	Letter	41074	The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) gave a written response to the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR). OFAH has not had a meeting since the release of the Draft ToR, so the comments are those of the individual member, not necessarily the group. Response from RRR was sent 12-07-05.	Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned about mine closure. The open pit and potential effects of exposed acid generating rock, disposal of mined acid generating rock, and the closure of the TMA are all of concern.	RRR has invested heavily into baseline environmental assessment programs that have been expanded continuously over the past 3 years in anticipation of the need to initiate mine environmental assessment and permitting. The baseline programs include extensive mine rock and tailings geochemical assessments. Baseline environmental assessment reports will be made public as part of the Mine Environmental Assessment report in 2013.

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	59	Letter	41074	The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) gave a written response to the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR). OFAH has not had a meeting since the release of the Draft ToR, so the comments are those of the individual member, not necessarily the group. Response from RRR was sent 12-07-05.	Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Rainy River Resources	1) I also have strong concerns regarding mine closure especially for the Open Pit and the potential effects of exposed acid generating rock; disposal of mined acid generating rock and; the closure of the TMA. I look forward to more information regarding total mine closure.	RRR has invested heavily into baseline environmental assessment programs that have been expanded continuously over the past 3 years in anticipation of the need to initiate mine environmental assessment and permitting. The baseline programs include extensive mine rock and tailings geochemical assessments. Baseline environmental assessment reports will be made public as part of the Mine Environmental Assessment report in 2013.
	91	Letter	41086	Resolute Forest Products sent written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) regarding overlap of the project with the Crossroute Forest, the need to provide access to resource harvesting areas and rehabilitation expectations upon closure. RRR sent a response on 12-07-05.	Resolute Forest Products, Rainy River Resources	1) Requested that affected areas be progressively rehabilitated and reforested to return them to forest production.	Pertaining to access to timber within the waste rock and tailings management areas, the RRR land management team has been in communications with the Resolute management team. The proposed re-alignment of highway 600 as shown in the Draft ToR was developed together through consultation with the Township of Chapple Council and the Ministry of Transportation. The proposed alignment utilizes existing road allowances and is designed to mimic the existing Highway 600 connectivity for the general area road network recognizing that the mine and associated facilities will occupy most of the existing Highway 600 section in question. RRR will work with Resolute Forest Products to ensure that wood allocations peripheral to the RRGP will have reasonable access.
	151	Presenta-tion	41137	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) When the mine is reclaimed, will the water in the tailings start to overflow because it doesn't discharge into the Pinewood anymore.	It will be designed for a permanent water cover on closure. The optimal solution is a passive one where systems function in a natural capacity.

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	323	Meeting	41171	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Riverside Foundation for Health Care, Town of Emo, Town of Fort Frances, Town of Rainy River, Township Lake of the Woods, Township of Alberton, Township of Chapple, Township of Dawson, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired about closure plans for the open pit.	It will likely become a big lake. For example, Island Copper Mine in BC was flooded and surrounding areas reclaimed into a more productive condition. The lake is part of the closure plan to ensure we do not end up with a concern like Steep Rock.
	348	Open House	41221	RRR hosted an open house in Nestor Falls on 12-11-07 and in Emo on 12-11-08. Approximately 29 people participated in Nestor Falls and 115 people participated in the Emo open house. Information about the RRGP and the Environmental Assessment (EA) was presented to those that attended. RRR collected comments about the open house and the RRGP from participants.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) There was an interest in seeing information on closure planning.	The Mine Closure Plan is currently under development. Information about closure will be included in the EA which is forthcoming.
Post-closure	88	E-mail	41076	Individual gave written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) including concerns about vegetation, effects to their honey farm, the tailings management area, and size of the mine footprint. Indicated that project would provide economic benefits and leave a positive legacy if post closure landscaping is done well. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) Indicated the importance of a good economy to the health and well being of people and want to be able to support the RRGP. Stated that the project will benefit the local economy for a brief period and the change to the area will be permanent. If it is done creatively and with forward thinking, there is an opportunity to make the area more interesting rather than to create a scar upon the land.	The EA process is designed to ensure that the mine operates in a manner that will ensure the long-term environmental viability of the surrounding landscape. We are confident that as we proceed through the Environmental Assessment process that you will see the efforts that have been made to ensure this end is reached.
	151	Presenta-tion	41137	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired who would be responsible for wetlands after closure.	RRR will not need to actively manage the wetland, as it should function as a natural system.

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Risks and Mitigation							
Env. Mgmt.	71	Letter	41068	Rainy Lake Conservancy (RLC) provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) regarding related to mine rock and tailings management, open pit geochemistry, water quality and monitoring, design alternatives/risk analysis, power supply, best practices as well as potential impacts to the Clearwater-Pipestone and Rainy Lake systems. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Rainy Lake Conservancy, Rainy River Resources	1) There should be a thorough analysis and discussion of the potential for the site to form Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) - notably including the exposed pit walls and impacts of fluctuating pit water levels (from both mine operations and from natural fluctuations). This is important regardless of whether the pit will be flooded during or after mining and/or whether waste rock will be dumped/stored in the pit as a form of reclamation.	The comments from your organization are related to mine rock and tailings management, open pit geochemistry, water quality and monitoring, design alternatives/risk analysis, best practices as well as potential impacts to the Clearwater-Pipestone and Rainy Lake systems. RRR has hired world-class consultants to assess each of these and other aspects to ensure that the Environmental Assessment demonstrates that the mine operation will be compatible with the surrounding rural and natural environments.
	71	Letter	41068	Rainy Lake Conservancy (RLC) provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) regarding related to mine rock and tailings management, open pit geochemistry, water quality and monitoring, design alternatives/risk analysis, power supply, best practices as well as potential impacts to the Clearwater-Pipestone and Rainy Lake systems. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Rainy Lake Conservancy, Rainy River Resources	1) Describe the water treatment process used for any water returned back to the environment, including locations of outlets and expected flow rates. Please provide a before and after estimate of the water quality at key sites in the vicinity of the mine. 2) A detailed plan to monitor (real-time if feasible) surface and sub-surface water quality and flow should be part of the Follow-up and Monitoring section of the EA. Downstream locations on the Pinewood River and nearby creeks that do not empty into the Pinewood River should be included with flowages identified. Data collected should be published on a public web site. 3) A detailed WMP should be part of the EA. Minimum / maximum water levels in affected water bodies and minimum/maximum flow permitted in water control structures should be included. Flow impact on rivers in the vicinity of the mine should be included.	The comments from your organization are related to mine rock and tailings management, open pit geochemistry, water quality and monitoring, design alternatives/risk analysis, best practices as well as potential impacts to the Clearwater-Pipestone and Rainy Lake systems. RRR has hired world-class consultants to assess each of these and other aspects to ensure that the Environmental Assessment demonstrates that the mine operation will be compatible with the surrounding rural and natural environments.

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	107	Meeting	41086	RRR hosted an open house meeting with elders and community members. RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Posters were available for viewing. Notes were reviewed with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 12-07-10.	Individual - GP, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked how tailings would be managed and how contamination will be prevented.	A tailings management facility will be built and water quality will be monitored regularly.
	151	Presenta-tion	41137	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) The Board is concerned about increasing the discharge during peak seasons and unstabliizing the river bank. IJC may recommend discharge below bank flow. RRR may want to consider getting more data on the banks downstream.	RRR agreed and stated that this was being assessed as part of the Environmental Assessment. RRR will provide a copy of baseline data reports to the Board.
	151	Presenta-tion	41137	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) When the mine is reclaimed, will the water in the tailings start to overflow because it doesn't discharge into the Pinewood anymore.	It will be designed for a permanent water cover on closure. The optimal solution is a passive one where systems function in a natural capacity.
	323	Meeting	41171	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP and an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA). Questions were raised regarding the mine, environmental management and potential impacts on the economy.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists, Riverside Foundation for Health Care, Town of Emo, Town of Fort Frances, Town of Rainy River, Township Lake of the Woods, Township of Alberton, Township of Chapple, Township of Dawson, Township of La Vallee, Township of Morley, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired how RRR would safeguard against cyanide.	All chemicals will be managed and permitted with new technologies. For cyanide, RRR will institute the air/S02 cyanide destruction process, which breaks apart cyanide mainly intro nitrogen-based compounds.

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	261	E-mail	41180	An individual submitted comments to RRR regarding the positive benefits to the local economy, need for a Federal Environmental Assessment (EA), disagreement with the assertion of low density of species at risk, purchase of conservation easements, diversion of the Pinewood River, water withdrawal and other assertions contained in the Project Description (PD).	Individual - GP, Town of Rainy River, Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) An individual commented that the RRGP site is a transition zone between the Prairies and the Great Lakes-St Lawrence and Boreal Forests and contains a unique intermingling of species. The individual represented the Rainy River Area as containing species that, “shouldn't be here” and suggested that the issue should be looked at very carefully to ensure that nothing of significance is unknowingly destroyed. The individual disagreed with the suggestion in the project description summary that, since there is a low density of certain species at risk, when the mine is developed, those species can move to similar habitat. The individual suggested that it is probably always true that if the species is in a particular location, it's because that location meets its requirements more completely than another similar unoccupied location. The individual thought that it is important that RRR ensure that areas adjacent to the footprint are protected in order to accommodate the possible movement of species to similar habitat that is out of harms way and to provide a buffer between the RRGP and “business as usual” land usage. The individual suggested this could be achieved by purchase of surface rights or by obtaining conservation easements.	
	348	Open House	41221	RRR hosted an open house in Nestor Falls on 12-11-07 and in Emo on 12-11-08. Approximately 29 people participated in Nestor Falls and 115 people participated in the Emo open house. Information about the RRGP and the Environmental Assessment (EA) was presented to those that attended. RRR collected comments about the open house and the RRGP from participants.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) There was interest in more information about cyanide use.	Cyanide is the standard process chemical used in gold extraction and is managed under stringent health and safety as well as environmental controls. Shipping to the site will be via certified truck haulage with containment at the processing plant within a contained area.

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Malfunctions	71	Letter	41068	Rainy Lake Conservancy (RLC) provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) regarding related to mine rock and tailings management, open pit geochemistry, water quality and monitoring, design alternatives/risk analysis, power supply, best practices as well as potential impacts to the Clearwater-Pipestone and Rainy Lake systems. RRR responded 12-06-28.	Rainy Lake Conservancy, Rainy River Resources	1) The EA should fully characterize the project's reasonably foreseeable impacts (such as pit water quantity, blasting residues and water quality, etc.); waste rock storage; tailings disposal/storage; and other major and minor impacts. Alternatives and mitigation options should be clearly presented. Physical and computer models should be provided showing major site facilities and changes to land use and water flow patterns. 2) Where measures are deemed not technically and economically feasible and that would mitigate any significant adverse environmental effects of the project, the EA should include a detailed analysis of that technical and economic feasibility to ensure that the public and government agencies can fully evaluate and make a reasonable assessment of feasibility compared with potential impacts. 3) Please specifically identify the key risks to the environment due to problems that could occur in the process (e.g. failed pumping stations) or due to extreme weather events and describe how the situation will be handled.	The comments from your organization are related to mine rock and tailings management, open pit geochemistry, water quality and monitoring, design alternatives/risk analysis, best practices as well as potential impacts to the Clearwater-Pipestone and Rainy Lake systems. RRR has hired world-class consultants to assess each of these and other aspects to ensure that the Environmental Assessment demonstrates that the mine operation will be compatible with the surrounding rural and natural environments.
Monitoring	107	Meeting	41086	RRR hosted an open house meeting with elders and community members. RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Posters were available for viewing. Notes were reviewed with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 12-07-10.	Individual - GP, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked how birds, wildlife and humans will be affected by waste and cyanide. Used Grassy Narrows as an example.	Indicated that regulations have changed. RRR indicated that the area is also their home and they are equally concerned to ensure that cyanide poisoning does not occur. Regulatory authorities closely monitor management of the cyanide and other hazardous chemicals.
Natural Hazards	151	Presenta-tion	41137	RRR presented a Project overview to the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Environment Canada, Individual - GP, International Joint Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired if RRR was considering extreme hydrological events.	RRR has asked the consultant to consider extreme events.

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Other	57	Open House	41059	RRR hosted an open house in Rainy River to discuss the RRGP, Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment processes.	Individual - GP, Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation, Rainy River Record, Town of Rainy River, Township of Dawson, Township of Morley, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) What are the potential contaminants from the Project?	Cyanide and acid rock drainage – both will be addressed through the EA.

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Table J-5: Discussions, Meetings and Consultation with Anishinaabeg of Naogashiing First Nation to November 9, 2012 *
(includes all events where members of the Anishiinaabeg of Naogashiing First Nation participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Biophysical Environment							
Wildlife	73	Meeting	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Anishiinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine Environmental Assessment (EA) process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked whether there will be chemicals that could harm the animals.	RRR noted that we are not currently using chemicals at the site. Any chemicals that would be used in the mining process would be managed and handled appropriately to mitigate any potential risks according to various existing laws.
Methodology and Process							
Envir. Assessment	73	Meeting	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Anishiinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine Environmental Assessment (EA) process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked how long with the EA process takes.	EA and permitting process will take approximately 3 years to complete.
Risks and Mitigation							
Malfunctions	73	Meeting	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Anishiinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine Environmental Assessment (EA) process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked how fuel spills in water would be cleaned up.	RRR noted that fuel spills would be handled much in the same manner as a spill at a gas station. Absorbent materials would be used to pick up the fuel – in the case of fuel spills on water, booms would be used to contain the fuel. Obviously, we do inspections and have safety plans to avoid spills.

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Table J-6: Discussions, Meetings and Consultation with Buffalo Point First Nation to November 9, 2012 *

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Biophysical Environment							
Water Resources	296	Meeting	10/10/2012	RRR met with Buffalo Point First Nation to introduce the Project and discuss their future involvement in the RRGP.	Buffalo Point First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired which way the water drains.	The water drains from Pinewood Lake to Pinewood River to Rainy River and Lake of the Woods.
	296	Meeting	10/10/2012	RRR met with Buffalo Point First Nation to introduce the Project and discuss their future involvement in the RRGP.	Buffalo Point First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked if RRR was working with the Lake of the Woods Watershed.	Yes, indirectly. RRR recently gave a presentation the International Joint Commission. RRR will share some water monitoring data with them.
Human Environment							
Socio-Economic	296	Meeting	10/10/2012	RRR met with Buffalo Point First Nation to introduce the Project and discuss their future involvement in the RRGP.	Buffalo Point First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Chief Thunder commented that RRR may have problems in securing human resources. At Buffalo Point, they cannot compete with some of the wages that are paid by US industries.	Comment noted and will be addressed in the EA.
Mining							
Open Pit	296	Meeting	10/10/2012	RRR met with Buffalo Point First Nation to introduce the Project and discuss their future involvement in the RRGP.	Buffalo Point First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked how deep the pit would be.	The pit will be approximately 350 m deep.
Waste Rock Piles	296	Meeting	10/10/2012	RRR met with Buffalo Point First Nation to introduce the Project and discuss their future involvement in the RRGP.	Buffalo Point First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired about rock piles and overburden at closure.	The mine rock and overburden will be considered as part of the closure plan. Most likely they will be contoured to fit in with the landscape. RRR would like to speak with the First Nations about traditional plants and potentially reclaiming certain areas with those plants.
Water Sources	296	Meeting	10/10/2012	RRR met with Buffalo Point First Nation to introduce the Project and discuss their future involvement in the RRGP.	Buffalo Point First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked if RRR was working with the Lake of the Woods Watershed.	Yes, indirectly. RRR recently gave a presentation the International Joint Commission. RRR will share some water monitoring data with them.
Risks and Mitigation							
Env. Mgmt.	296	Meeting	10/10/2012	RRR met with Buffalo Point First Nation to introduce the Project and discuss their future involvement in the RRGP.	Buffalo Point First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired about the plans for contaminants.	Indicated that contaminants will be managed (treated and broken down) and monitored to ensure no release into the environment.

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Table J-7: Discussions, Meetings and Consultation with Couchiching First Nation to November 9, 2012 *
(includes all events where members of the Couchiching First Nation participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Biophysical Environment							
Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Identified that they had a commercial fishing licence for Sturgeon on the Rainy River (which includes all of the Pinewood River and all of its tributaries); there has been a lot of rehabilitation work done on spawning beds.	The EAs will be assessing effects to fisheries resources and any resulting effects on traditional uses of these resources.
Human Environment							
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed participation in the socio-economic and TK/TLU baseline studies. 2) PAAC indicated they would like to participate in these studies.	Noted by RRR.
	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Identified that they had a commercial fishing licence for Sturgeon on the Rainy River (which includes all of the Pinewood River and all of its tributaries); there has been a lot of rehabilitation work done on spawning beds.	The EAs will be assessing effects to fisheries resources and any resulting effects on traditional uses of these resources.
Socio-Economic	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed participation in the socio-economic and TK/TLU baseline studies. 2) PAAC indicated they would like to participate in these studies.	Noted by RRR.

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) The PAAC indicated that OSB (Barwick) trained people but they never got jobs as there were a number of discriminatory criteria used in the hiring protocols. The PAAC stated that they know that RRR cannot guarantee employment but want a guarantee on opportunity for employment.	RRR has committed to providing employment opportunities to FFCS member nations through the Participation Agreement.
	223	E-mail	06/08/2012	RRR sent an email introducing the socio-economic baseline study and attached a socio-economic survey for Couchiching First Nation to complete. The completed survey was returned on 12-08-02.	Couchiching First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR sent an email introducing the socio-economic baseline study and attached a socio-economic survey for Couchiching First Nation to complete. 2) The completed survey was returned on 12-08-02.	
	404	Open House	10/17/2012	RRR hosted an open house for Couchiching First Nation. Questions focused primarily on job opportunities and potential for employment, as well as training paths for community members to consider when looking at the project potential in the future.	Couchiching First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Questions focused primarily on job opportunities and potential for employment, as well as training paths for community members to consider when looking at the project potential in the future.	RRR indicated they prefer to hire local people and will work together with communities to ensure employment is accessible.

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Methodology and Process							
Stakeholder Engagement	316	Community Event	10/17/2012	RRR held a Fall Ceremony on 2012-10-17 at Georgeson House property and was attended by various First Nations members. The Fall Ceremony addressed the importance of ceremony to RRR and of regular communication and interaction with the area communities.	Couchiching First Nation, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Sunset Country Metis, Unknown Individual, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR held a Fall Ceremony on 12-10-17 at Georgeson House property and was attended by various First Nations members. The Fall Ceremony addressed the importance of ceremony to RRR and of regular communication and interaction with the area communities. 2) Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation indicated that they believe that the Project is important for them and the other First Nation communities. Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation indicated that RRR is talking to the communities, looking for their input and listening to their concerns and this is appreciated. Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation indicated that environmental legacy concern is unfounded and that their community has twice been consulted. They do have questions and concerns they would like to discuss but they are very positive about the way that RRR is making sure that the communities are becoming informed about the project. Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation appreciates that RRR is committed to continuing discussions and that they see this project having lots of opportunity for all local communities. Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation supports the project.	
Project Description							
Project Activities	135	Meeting	07/10/2012	Meeting with Couchiching First Nation to discuss the project and mining process.	Couchiching First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked about the mining cycle.	RRR gave an overview of the mining process from prospecting through to mine closure and rehabilitation.

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Table J-8: Discussions, Meetings and Consultation with Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat to November 9, 2012 *

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Biophysical Environment							
Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	281	Meeting	03/12/2012	Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders Forum to discuss their position regarding mining and the RRGP.	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat	1) Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders discussed concerns about animal health (i.e. moose, loons) and the perception that there are fewer fish and that they are not allowed to hunt.	
	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Identified that they had a commercial fishing licence for Sturgeon on the Rainy River (which includes all of the Pinewood River and all of its tributaries); there has been a lot of rehabilitation work done on spawning beds.	The EAs will be assessing effects to fisheries resources and any resulting effects on traditional uses of these resources.
Terrain / Soils / Geology	281	Meeting	03/12/2012	Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders Forum to discuss their position regarding mining and the RRGP.	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat	1) Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders are concerned about the impact to pipestone.	
Vegetation and Plant Comm.	281	Meeting	03/12/2012	Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders Forum to discuss their position regarding mining and the RRGP.	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat	1) Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders indicated that they fear the environmental impact of mining on local country foods and discussed the importance of food (i.e. wild rice), medicine and rocks in the area.	
	281	Meeting	03/12/2012	Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders Forum to discuss their position regarding mining and the RRGP.	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat	1) Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders expressed concern regarding environmental impacts from mining in general (i.e. impact to trees and water).	
Water Resources	281	Meeting	03/12/2012	Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders Forum to discuss their position regarding mining and the RRGP.	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat	1) Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders discussed concerns regarding human health impacts resulting from mining activities and impacted drinking water.	
	281	Meeting	03/12/2012	Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders Forum to discuss their position regarding mining and the RRGP.	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat	1) Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders expressed concern regarding environmental impacts from mining in general (i.e. impact to trees and water).	
	281	Meeting	03/12/2012	Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders Forum to discuss their position regarding mining and the RRGP.	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat	1) Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders expressed concern about the impact to potable water resulting from mining activities.	
Wildlife	281	Meeting	03/12/2012	Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders Forum to discuss their position regarding mining and the RRGP.	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat	1) Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders discussed concerns about animal health (i.e. moose, loons) and the perception that there are fewer fish and that they are not allowed to hunt.	

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Human Environment							
Human Health	281	Meeting	03/12/2012	Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders Forum to discuss their position regarding mining and the RRGP.	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat	1) Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders discussed concerns regarding human health impacts resulting from mining activities and impacted drinking water.	
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	281	Meeting	03/12/2012	Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders Forum to discuss their position regarding mining and the RRGP.	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat	1) Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders indicated that they fear the environmental impact of mining on local country foods and discussed the importance of food (i.e. wild rice), medicine and rocks in the area.	
	281	Meeting	03/12/2012	Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders Forum to discuss their position regarding mining and the RRGP.	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat	1) Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders are concerned about the impact to pipestone.	
	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed participation in the socio-economic and TK/TLU baseline studies. 2) PAAC indicated they would like to participate in these studies.	Noted by RRR.
	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Identified that they had a commercial fishing licence for Sturgeon on the Rainy River (which includes all of the Pinewood River and all of its tributaries); there has been a lot of rehabilitation work done on spawning beds.	The EAs will be assessing effects to fisheries resources and any resulting effects on traditional uses of these resources.
Socio-Economic	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed participation in the socio-economic and TK/TLU baseline studies. 2) PAAC indicated they would like to participate in these studies.	Noted by RRR.



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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
	281	Meeting	03/12/2012	Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders Forum to discuss their position regarding mining and the RRGP.	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat	1) Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders indicated that there is $150 million worth of contracting available and were curious how to take advantage of this.	
	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) The PAAC indicated that OSB (Barwick) trained people but they never got jobs as there were a number of discriminatory criteria used in the hiring protocols. The PAAC stated that they know that RRR cannot guarantee employment but want a guarantee on opportunity for employment.	RRR has committed to providing employment opportunities to FFCS member nations through the Participation Agreement.
Methodology and Process							
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	281	Meeting	03/12/2012	Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders Forum to discuss their position regarding mining and the RRGP.	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat	1) Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders discussed the importance of gold to First Nations members.	
Stakeholder Engagement	281	Meeting	03/12/2012	Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders Forum to discuss their position regarding mining and the RRGP.	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat	1) Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders Forum met to discuss a protocol to ensure proper ceremonies are being conducted by the mining companies and that they should do them regardless. It was concluded that a new meeting would be convened with expanded participation to develop a protocol to ensure proper ceremonies are conducted.	RRR has committed to hosting Spring and Fall ceremonies at the proposed mine site.
	281	Meeting	03/12/2012	Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders Forum to discuss their position regarding mining and the RRGP.	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat	1) Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders discussed the possibility of developing a multi-stakeholder committee for environmental monitoring.	
Baseline Studies	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed participation in the socio-economic and TK/TLU baseline studies. 2) PAAC indicated they would like to participate in these studies.	Noted by RRR.

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Project Phase							
Closure	281	Meeting	03/12/2012	Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders Forum to discuss their position regarding mining and the RRGP.	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat	1) Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders expressed concern over the land once the mine had concluded operations in the area and the environmental impact legacy.	
Risks and Mitigation							
Monitoring	281	Meeting	03/12/2012	Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders Forum to discuss their position regarding mining and the RRGP.	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat	1) Fort Frances Tribal Area Elders discussed the possibility of developing a multi-stakeholder committee for environmental monitoring.	

*Comments received after May 17, 2012 were used, where appropriate, to prepare the ToR. Draft ToR comment period was from May 17 – June 16, 2012.

Table J-9: Discussions, Meetings and Consultation with the Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation to November 9, 2012 *
(Grand Council Treaty #3 were invited by the Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Biophysical Environment							
Water Resources	108	Meeting	06/20/2012	RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Questions about water quality, engagement of other First Nations groups and socio-economic and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) studies were discussed.	Grand Council Treaty #3, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned about water quality, the effect of tailings, meeting consultation standards and reviewing scientific information.	RRR noted the concerns and indicated they were meeting in good faith and are committed to working with the community to address their concerns. Also indicated that a permit would only be granted if there are no effects on the aquatic environment after the EA is complete.
Human Environment							
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	108	Meeting	06/20/2012	RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Questions about water quality, engagement of other First Nations groups and socio-economic and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) studies were discussed.	Grand Council Treaty #3, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Introduced socio-economic and TEK/TLU studies and the reason for them. 2) Indicated they prefer to collect this kind of information with community members.	Baseline studies are being completed to inform the environmental approvals process. Community assistance / support appreciated.
Socio-Economic	108	Meeting	06/20/2012	RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Questions about water quality, engagement of other First Nations groups and socio-economic and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) studies were discussed.	Grand Council Treaty #3, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Introduced socio-economic and TEK/TLU studies and the reason for them. 2) Indicated they prefer to collect this kind of information with community members.	Baseline studies are being completed to inform the environmental approvals process. Community assistance / support appreciated.
Methodology and Process							
Env.Assess-ment	108	Meeting	06/20/2012	RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Questions about water quality, engagement of other First Nations groups and socio-economic and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) studies were discussed.	Grand Council Treaty #3, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired which provincial ministries RRR was working with.	Explained that the MOE is coordinating with other ministries through the EA Act. Other ministries include MNDM and MNR.

Table J-9: Discussions, Meetings and Consultation with the Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation to November 9, 2012 *
(Grand Council Treaty #3 were invited by the Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Stakeholder Engagement	108	Meeting	06/20/2012	RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Questions about water quality, engagement of other First Nations groups and socio-economic and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) studies were discussed.	Grand Council Treaty #3, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Indicated that Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation works with other communities Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay), Northwest Angle No. 33, Northwest Angle No. 37, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River), Anishinaabeg of Naogashiing (Big Island), Anishinabe of Waushushk Onigum (Rat Portage) and Buffalo Point) on other projects and would like to coordinate the same for this project to ensure there are no issues.	Noted.
	180	Meeting	07/12/2012	RRR met with Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation representatives to provide information about a future RRR sponsored Mining Matters workshop, socio-economic data collection, traditional land use and knowledge studies.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation suggested that the next step be an introduction between the Ojibway of Onigaming Chief as well as other leadership from the company and the First Nation. Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation also expressed interest in a formal presentation as well as a tour of the project area, potentially at the same time as the leadership introduction. Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation committed to sending some potential dates to RRR for this to occur.	
Mining							
Tailings Impound-ment	108	Meeting	06/20/2012	RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Questions about water quality, engagement of other First Nations groups and socio-economic and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) studies were discussed.	Grand Council Treaty #3, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned about water quality, the effect of tailings, meeting consultation standards and reviewing scientific information.	RRR noted the concerns and indicated they were meeting in good faith and are committed to working with the community to address their concerns. Also indicated that a permit would only be granted if there are no effects on the aquatic environment after the EA is complete.
Project Description							
Project Facilities	108	Meeting	06/20/2012	RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Questions about water quality, engagement of other First Nations groups and socio-economic and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) studies were discussed.	Grand Council Treaty #3, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked about the size of the open pit, how tailings are managed, mine life and waste rock.	RRR responded with current plans and indicated vigorous monitoring would occur.

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Table J-10: Discussions, Meetings and Consultation with Mishkoslimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation to November 9, 2012 *
(includes all events where Mishkosiimiiniiziibing [Big Grassy River] First Nation participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Biophysical Environment							
Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	107	Meeting	06/26/2012	RRR hosted an open house meeting with elders and community members. RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Posters were available for viewing. Notes were reviewed with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 12-07-10.	Individual - GP, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Attendee indicated there have been fewer small ducks in recent years. Also, fish sometimes look ill and their skin looks old.	Noted.
Other	212	Site Visit	08/29/2012	RRR gave a site tour to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders. 18 people participated. Questions were raised about potential for contaminants to affect water ways.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Made a statement that when we drill into Mother Earth, which it's like piercing her veins. We need to treat the earth with respect and be conscious of what we're doing to her when we drill and use water. The group agreed that we need to respect the earth.	
Water Resources	212	Site Visit	08/29/2012	RRR gave a site tour to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders. 18 people participated. Questions were raised about potential for contaminants to affect water ways.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussion about contaminants and the affect on water ways. Contaminants such as mercury, arsenic and cyanide were cited with special concern.	Explained RRR will manage potential contaminants through design, containment, company and government monitoring.
	50	Presen-tation	05/22/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine Environmental Assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) While interest in employment and business development was expressed, concerns were also raised related to water levels, tailings management and chemical usage during future mining operations.	RRR committed to hold an open house to assist with information sharing.

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(includes all events where Mishkosiimiiniiziibing [Big Grassy River] First Nation participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
	107	Meeting	06/26/2012	RRR hosted an open house meeting with elders and community members. RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Posters were available for viewing. Notes were reviewed with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 12-07-10.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned about water quality and wildlife.	RRR will be conducting environmental studies to ensure there are no detrimental effects to the water or wildlife. The studies are overseen by regulators who ensure the environmental standards are met. Testing water in streams and wells will be conducted regularly.
Wildlife	107	Meeting	06/26/2012	RRR hosted an open house meeting with elders and community members. RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Posters were available for viewing. Notes were reviewed with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 12-07-10.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned about water quality and wildlife.	RRR will be conducting environmental studies to ensure there are no detrimental effects to the water or wildlife. The studies are overseen by regulators who ensure the environmental standards are met. Testing water in streams and wells will be conducted regularly.
	107	Meeting	06/26/2012	RRR hosted an open house meeting with elders and community members. RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Posters were available for viewing. Notes were reviewed with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 12-07-10.	Individual - GP, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) There have been problems with beavers near the reserve. Dams are causing flooding. The beavers need to be trapped.	Noted.
	107	Meeting	06/26/2012	RRR hosted an open house meeting with elders and community members. RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Posters were available for viewing. Notes were reviewed with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 12-07-10.	Individual - GP, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Attendee indicated there have been fewer small ducks in recent years. Also, fish sometimes look ill and their skin looks old.	Noted.

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Human Environment							
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	107	Meeting	06/26/2012	RRR hosted an open house meeting with elders and community members. RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Posters were available for viewing. Notes were reviewed with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 12-07-10.	Individual - GP, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned about harvesting wild rice and berries. Wild rice has been unavailable due to the dam at Kenora which has resulted in changes downstream. The community is seeking compensation for the changes in water levels and the loss of some traditional harvesting activities.	Noted. Wild rice and berry harvesting will be considered in the TEK/TLU assessment.
	107	Meeting	06/26/2012	RRR hosted an open house meeting with elders and community members. RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Posters were available for viewing. Notes were reviewed with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 12-07-10.	Individual - GP, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Trying to encourage younger generation to learn language and pursue traditional activities.	Noted.
	212	Site Visit	08/29/2012	RRR gave a site tour to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders. 18 people participated. Questions were raised about potential for contaminants to affect water ways.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Made a statement that when we drill into Mother Earth, which it's like piercing her veins. We need to treat the earth with respect and be conscious of what we're doing to her when we drill and use water. The group agreed that we need to respect the earth.	
	258	Meeting	08/28/2012	RRR attended Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation council meeting to discuss a data sharing agreement.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Expressed concern that there was medicines along highway 600.	Medicines/plants will be a topic of discussion with elders at TEK/TLU sessions, and everyone in the community is encouraged to share TEK/TLU information.
	147	Meeting	09/04/2012	RRR met with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders on 12-09-04 to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) in the project area.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR met with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders on 12-09-04 to discuss TEK/TLU in the Project area. 2) Individual does not agree with all of the Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat First Nations being involved since it is not their traditional area.	

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(includes all events where Mishkosiimiiniiziibing [Big Grassy River] First Nation participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
	147	Meeting	09/04/2012	RRR met with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders on 12-09-04 to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) in the project area.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) All elders in attendance signed the Informed Consent document to participate in the TEK/TLU study.	
	147	Meeting	09/04/2012	RRR met with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders on 12-09-04 to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) in the project area.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation decided that since the data sharing protocol was not yet signed by the leadership, that Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation would go through the questions, and keep the answers and comments within the community until the protocol was signed before sharing with RRR. Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation went through the first 60 questions and will go through the remaining questions on 12-09-18.	
	147	Meeting	09/04/2012	RRR met with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders on 12-09-04 to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) in the project area.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	2) Unknown Unknown (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	
	150	Other	09/04/2012	RRR and Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation representatives entered into an Informed Consent agreement to complete the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR and Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation representatives entered into an Informed Consent agreement to complete the TEK/TLU study.	
	202	Meeting	09/18/2012	RRR attended a Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) session with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) TEK/TLU questions were discussed and kept confidential with the Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation as no data sharing agreement in place.	

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Land and Resource Use	107	Meeting	06/26/2012	RRR hosted an open house meeting with elders and community members. RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Posters were available for viewing. Notes were reviewed with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 12-07-10.	Individual - GP, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned about harvesting wild rice and berries. Wild rice has been unavailable due to the dam at Kenora which has resulted in changes downstream. The community is seeking compensation for the changes in water levels and the loss of some traditional harvesting activities.	Noted. Wild rice and berry harvesting will be considered in the TEK/TLU assessment.
	147	Meeting	09/04/2012	RRR met with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders on 12-09-04 to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) in the project area.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR met with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders on 12-09-04 to discuss TEK/TLU in the Project area. 2) Individual does not agree with all of the Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat First Nations being involved since it is not their traditional area.	
	107	Meeting	06/26/2012	RRR hosted an open house meeting with elders and community members. RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Posters were available for viewing. Notes were reviewed with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 12-07-10.	Individual - GP, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked if there were any landowners opposed to the Project.	Indicated that RRR has been working with various landowners for years now and have purchased a number of properties. Many of these landowners are now shareholders of the company.
Other	107	Meeting	06/26/2012	RRR hosted an open house meeting with elders and community members. RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Posters were available for viewing. Notes were reviewed with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 12-07-10.	Individual - GP, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked how close the Project was to the reserve and whether there would be mining under the reserve. Concerned about the possibility of mine shafts under the reserve.	The Project is more than 30 km away from the reserve. The mine facilities, such as the mine shafts, will not be under the reserve.
Socio-Economic	50	Presen-tation	05/22/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine Environmental Assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) While interest in employment and business development was expressed, concerns were also raised related to water levels, tailings management and chemical usage during future mining operations.	RRR committed to hold an open house to assist with information sharing.

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(includes all events where Mishkosiimiiniiziibing [Big Grassy River] First Nation participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Methodology and Process							
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	202	Meeting	09/18/2012	RRR attended a Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) session with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) TEK/TLU questions were discussed and kept confidential with the Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation as no data sharing agreement in place.	
Stakeholder Engagement	212	Site Visit	08/29/2012	RRR gave a site tour to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders. 18 people participated. Questions were raised about potential for contaminants to affect water ways.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Overall support of the Project, however First Nations need to have input into the Project. 2) One member asked how information was shared with the community.	Explained that there was a Participation Agreement in place and through that construction, a committee was formed that RRR met with on a monthly basis. Explained that the Chiefs were the current representatives.
Mining							
Onsite Roads	107	Meeting	06/26/2012	RRR hosted an open house meeting with elders and community members. RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Posters were available for viewing. Notes were reviewed with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 12-07-10.	Individual - GP, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired about highway 600 re-routing.	Showed a slide of the possible routes for the highway 600 re-routing and proposed mine entry route to mine facilities.
Open Pit	202	Meeting	09/18/2012	RRR attended a Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) session with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation individual requested a picture of an open pit mine to share. 2) Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation individual brought a picture of an open pit mine to the meeting and the group looked at them. 3) Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation individual expressed concern about the environment. 4) Group discussed open pit mines. 5) Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation individual was pleased that RRR understood their concerns.	RRR expressed the importance of participating in the process and providing information so that the impacts could be mitigated and manage any other concerns that are brought forward. RRR agreed to email a picture of the 3-D pit to Big Grassy to share with the Elders.

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(includes all events where Mishkosiimiiniiziibing [Big Grassy River] First Nation participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Tailings Impound-ment	50	Presen-tation	05/22/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine Environmental Assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) While interest in employment and business development was expressed, concerns were also raised related to water levels, tailings management and chemical usage during future mining operations.	RRR committed to hold an open house to assist with information sharing.
Transport (Road, Barge, etc.)	258	Meeting	08/28/2012	RRR attended Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation council meeting to discuss a data sharing agreement.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Indicated the community would like to comment on the proposed highway 600 route.	The community can still provide comments on the proposed highway 600 route.
Project Phase							
Closure	212	Site Visit	08/29/2012	RRR gave a site tour to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders. 18 people participated. Questions were raised about potential for contaminants to affect water ways.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) How will it be ensured that the closure plan is followed?	Explained that the document as well as a financial assurance was filed with the government, and the government monitored the activities.

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(includes all events where Mishkosiimiiniiziibing [Big Grassy River] First Nation participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Risks and Mitigation							
Cumulative Effects	147	Meeting	09/04/2012	RRR met with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders on 12-09-04 to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) in the project area.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation would like to see a financial guarantee from RRR in the PA to compensate in the event of negative downstream effects. 2) Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation discussed their desire for RRR to pay dividends on an annual basis.	
Env. Mgmt.	212	Site Visit	08/29/2012	RRR gave a site tour to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders. 18 people participated. Questions were raised about potential for contaminants to affect water ways.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussion about contaminants and the affect on water ways. Contaminants such as mercury, arsenic and cyanide were cited with special concern.	Explained RRR will manage potential contaminants through design, containment, company and government monitoring.
	170	Meeting	08/21/2012	RRR met with elders of Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation to discuss the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) studies that will be undertaken.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Town of Emo, Rainy River Resources	1) Big Grassy elders asked about contamination wondering how the RRGP would differ from the projects that had contaminated Big Grassy lands in the past. Specifically citing that they heard that RRR would be using mercury and that a 10 mile radius would be contaminated. 2) RRR explained that this information was not correct and that RRR had to prove to regulators that the project would not contaminate the land in order to obtain the permits that are required to build a mine. RRR also explained that regulators monitor the project throughout the mine life and that many of the contaminants of concern were no longer used and that safer practices were now in place.	
	107	Meeting	06/26/2012	RRR hosted an open house meeting with elders and community members. RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Posters were available for viewing. Notes were reviewed with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 12-07-10.	Individual - GP, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked how tailings would be managed and how contamination will be prevented.	A tailings management facility will be built and water quality will be monitored regularly.

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(includes all events where Mishkosiimiiniiziibing [Big Grassy River] First Nation participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Monitoring	107	Meeting	06/26/2012	RRR hosted an open house meeting with elders and community members. RRR gave an overview of the Project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Posters were available for viewing. Notes were reviewed with Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 12-07-10.	Individual - GP, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked how birds, wildlife and humans will be affected by waste and cyanide. Used Grassy Narrows as an example.	Indicated that regulations have changed. RRR indicated that the area is also their home and they are equally concerned to ensure that cyanide poisoning does not occur. Regulatory authorities closely monitor management of the cyanide and other hazardous chemicals.

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Table J-11: Discussions, Meetings and Consultation with Mitaanjigamiing First Nation to November 9, 2012 *

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Human Environment							
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	318	E-mail	10/22/2012	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation executed a Data Sharing Protocol with RRR for Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) data from the Mitaanjigamiing First Nation on the area identified as the RRGP.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Mitaanjigamiing First Nation executed a Data Sharing Protocol with RRR for TEK/TLU data from the Mitaanjigamiing First Nation on the area identified as the RRGP	
Methodology and Process							
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	325	Meeting	10/22/2012	RRR met with Mitaanjigamiing First Nation to discuss the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study, the Data Sharing Protocol, the interview process, band office security, amendments to the Participation Agreement, honoraria for elders and open houses. Mitaanjigamiing First Nation requested a copy of the Informed Consent form, as well as a map of the study area.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR met with Mitaanjigamiing First Nation to discuss the TEK/TLU study. RRR explained the TEK/TLU study to Mitaanjigamiing First Nation leadership, and presented a copy of the Data Sharing Protocol. Mitaanjigamiing First Nation requested a copy of the Informed Consent form, as well as a map of the study area. Both were provided via email afterwards. Mitaanjigamiing First Nation enquired about what happens to the informed consent once the holder of the information passes away. RRR indicated that the community identified delegate/leadership would make that determination. Mitaanjigamiing First Nation asked whether interviews would be done with video to which RRR replied yes, if consent was given. Mitaanjigamiing First Nation asked if a storage cabinet/locked facility was required at the band office. RRR replied, that may be needed, but it would depend on how Mitaanjigamiing First Nation felt the data should be secured.	

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
	325	Meeting	10/22/2012	RRR met with Mitaanjigamiing First Nation to discuss the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study, the Data Sharing Protocol, the interview process, band office security, amendments to the Participation Agreement, honoraria for elders and open houses. Mitaanjigamiing First Nation requested a copy of the Informed Consent form, as well as a map of the study area.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Mitaanjigamiing First Nation provided a copy of the Agreement to Amend the Participation Agreement, and discussed the points to be amended. Mitaanjigamiing First Nation asked about the disbursement of funds, and what the schedule would be for that once the amendment was signed.	
	325	Meeting	10/22/2012	RRR met with Mitaanjigamiing First Nation to discuss the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study, the Data Sharing Protocol, the interview process, band office security, amendments to the Participation Agreement, honoraria for elders and open houses. Mitaanjigamiing First Nation requested a copy of the Informed Consent form, as well as a map of the study area.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Mitaanjigamiing First Nation asked about dispute resolution in the Data Sharing Protocol. RRR stated that there is not a dispute mechanism included because the use of the information could simply be revoked if there was a concern that wasn't mitigated appropriately. Mitaanjigamiing First Nation asked if the Data Sharing Protocol could be amended to reflect where the study area was.	
Stakeholder Engagement	318	E-mail	10/22/2012	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation executed a Data Sharing Protocol with RRR for Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) data from the Mitaanjigamiing First Nation on the area identified as the RRGP.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Mitaanjigamiing First Nation executed a Data Sharing Protocol with RRR for TEK/TLU data from the Mitaanjigamiing First Nation on the area identified as the RRGP	

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
	325	Meeting	10/22/2012	RRR met with Mitaanjigamiing First Nation to discuss the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study, the Data Sharing Protocol, the interview process, band office security, amendments to the Participation Agreement, honoraria for elders and open houses. Mitaanjigamiing First Nation requested a copy of the Informed Consent form, as well as a map of the study area.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Mitaanjigamiing First Nation provided a copy of the Agreement to Amend the Participation Agreement, and discussed the points to be amended. Mitaanjigamiing First Nation asked about the disbursement of funds, and what the schedule would be for that once the amendment was signed.	
	325	Meeting	10/22/2012	RRR met with Mitaanjigamiing First Nation to discuss the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study, the Data Sharing Protocol, the interview process, band office security, amendments to the Participation Agreement, honoraria for elders and open houses. Mitaanjigamiing First Nation requested a copy of the Informed Consent form, as well as a map of the study area.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Mitaanjigamiing First Nation asked about dispute resolution in the Data Sharing Protocol. RRR stated that there is not a dispute mechanism included because the use of the information could simply be revoked if there was a concern that wasn't mitigated appropriately. Mitaanjigamiing First Nation asked if the Data Sharing Protocol could be amended to reflect where the study area was.	

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Table J-12: Discussions, Meetings and Consultation with Naicatchewenin First Nation to November 9, 2012 *
(includes all events where Naicatchewenin First Nation participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Biophysical Environment							
Ecological Integrity	259	Meeting	07/12/2012	RRR met with Naicatchewenin First Nation to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU). Discussions around conservation potential, and potential Project effects.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Would like to know about other projects the company's executives have worked on, and if they are good projects that have not impacted the environment.	RRR replied that individual executives attached to the Project had worked on other successful projects. For example of one of the executives has worked overseas, and is now overseeing the development of comprehensive baseline studies of the Project area, and demonstrates how important the environment is to the company.
Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Identified that they had a commercial fishing licence for Sturgeon on the Rainy River (which includes all of the Pinewood River and all of its tributaries); there has been a lot of rehabilitation work done on spawning beds.	The EAs will be assessing effects to fisheries resources and any resulting effects on traditional uses of these resources.
Vegetation and Plant Comm.	259	Meeting	07/12/2012	RRR met with Naicatchewenin First Nation to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU). Discussions around conservation potential, and potential Project effects.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Want to identify the medicines that are in the area, so that they can be replanted somewhere else, or develop a greenhouse for them to be grown in.	
Water Resources	259	Meeting	07/12/2012	RRR met with Naicatchewenin First Nation to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU). Discussions around conservation potential, and potential Project effects.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked if the water is going to be safe to drink as it is now, or is the water going to be diverted. 2) Concerned about Steep Rock Mine near Atikokan and the water issues that occurred there.	Indicated that it is difficult to compare the two projects because regulations are much more stringent now than they were before. Explained that a closure plan would be in place. Indicated that RRR has been conducting baseline studies for four years. Yes, water will be safe. Understand concern from Steep Rock. Explanation of EA and permitting process. A diversion of the Pinewood River is being considered by the open pit portion of the project (no diversions of Rainy Lake/Rainy River).

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(includes all events where Naicatchewenin First Nation participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
	259	Meeting	07/12/2012	RRR met with Naicatchewenin First Nation to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU). Discussions around conservation potential, and potential Project effects.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR has to find what are the impacts once we clear that area, there is no more life, what are we going to do to protect. The involvement of First Nations is important. The water is the most important thing to protect.	Noted. The EA process will assess potential environmental impacts from the development of the RRGP.
	212	Site Visit	08/29/2012	RRR gave a site tour to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders. 18 people participated. Questions were raised about potential for contaminants to affect water ways.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussion about contaminants and the affect on water ways. Contaminants such as mercury, arsenic and cyanide were cited with special concern.	Explained RRR will manage potential contaminants through design, containment, company and government monitoring.
Human Environment							
Human Health	259	Meeting	07/12/2012	RRR met with Naicatchewenin First Nation to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU). Discussions around conservation potential, and potential Project effects.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked if the water is going to be safe to drink as it is now, or is the water going to be diverted. 2) Concerned about Steep Rock Mine near Atikokan and the water issues that occurred there.	Indicated that it is difficult to compare the two projects because regulations are much more stringent now than they were before. Explained that a closure plan would be in place. Indicated that RRR has been conducting baseline studies for four years. Yes, water will be safe. Understand concern from Steep Rock. Explanation of EA and permitting process. A diversion of the Pinewood River is being considered by the open pit portion of the project (no diversions of Rainy Lake/Rainy River).

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(includes all events where Naicatchewenin First Nation participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	200	Meeting	09/01/2012	RRR met with Naicatchewenin First Nation to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) studies.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Summarized the project and the goals of the TEK/TLU study. 2) Consent was given to videotape the meeting. The community elders provided very little feedback. A Naicatchewenin First Nation member indicated people from the community did not go in the RRGP area. There has been farming in the area in the past, but in terms of the Anishnaabe, member stated he “can’t say we were ever there.” Also said he would like to hear about any information that is gathered from other communities from around there. It was determined that another meeting should be held to discuss the area further with more elders from the community.	
	259	Meeting	07/12/2012	RRR met with Naicatchewenin First Nation to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU). Discussions around conservation potential, and potential Project effects.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked if the report on possible sacred areas or burial sites would be made available for the community to view afterwards.	This information would be made available. RRR hopes to preserve or protect any sites that are identified.
	259	Meeting	07/12/2012	RRR met with Naicatchewenin First Nation to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU). Discussions around conservation potential, and potential Project effects.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked who was collecting the information and what would it be used for.	Indicated that RRR was collecting the information and that it was being collected to understand potential effects.
	259	Meeting	07/12/2012	RRR met with Naicatchewenin First Nation to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU). Discussions around conservation potential, and potential Project effects.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked if the water is going to be safe to drink as it is now, or is the water going to be diverted. 2) Concerned about Steep Rock Mine near Atikokan and the water issues that occurred there.	Indicated that it is difficult to compare the two projects because regulations are much more stringent now than they were before. Explained that a closure plan would be in place. Indicated that RRR has been conducting baseline studies for four years. Yes, water will be safe. Understand concern from Steep Rock. Explanation of EA and permitting process. A diversion of the Pinewood River is being considered by the open pit portion of the project (no diversions of Rainy Lake/Rainy River).

RAINY RIVER

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
	259	Meeting	07/12/2012	RRR met with Naicatchewenin First Nation to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU). Discussions around conservation potential, and potential Project effects.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Indicated that animals are important to assess. Individual does not personally trap in the area but is sure that someone does. 2) No one indicated they trap in that area, but individual indicated they hunt in the area.	
	259	Meeting	07/12/2012	RRR met with Naicatchewenin First Nation to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU). Discussions around conservation potential, and potential Project effects.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Want to identify the medicines that are in the area, so that they can be replanted somewhere else, or develop a greenhouse for them to be grown in.	
	268	Other	07/05/2012	RRR and Naicatchewenin First Nation signed a data sharing protocol for participation in a Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study for the RRGP.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR and Naicatchewenin First Nation signed a data sharing protocol for participation in a TEK/TLU study for the RRGP.	
	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed participation in the socio-economic and TK/TLU baseline studies. 2) PAAC indicated they would like to participate in these studies.	Noted by RRR.
	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Identified that they had a commercial fishing licence for Sturgeon on the Rainy River (which includes all of the Pinewood River and all of its tributaries); there has been a lot of rehabilitation work done on spawning beds.	The EAs will be assessing effects to fisheries resources and any resulting effects on traditional uses of these resources.

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(includes all events where Naicatchewenin First Nation participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Socio-Economic	179	Meeting	07/05/2012	RRR held a meeting to discuss the Project with Naicatchewenin First Nation.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Naicatchewenin representatives enquired about employment or younger people.	RRR indicated that they want to draw from the surrounding communities and that employment has been a question raised by First Nation communities and non-First Nation communities. In discussions with the Chiefs, they have also had questions about employment and are aware that numerous types of training may need to happen.
	215	E-mail	06/11/2012	RRR sent an email introducing the socio-economic baseline study and attached a socio-economic survey for their consideration. Naicatchewenin First Nation returned the completed survey on 12-08-23.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR sent an email introducing the socio-economic baseline study and attached a socio-economic survey for their consideration. 2) Naicatchewenin First Nation returned the completed survey on 12-08-23.	
	254	E-mail	08/23/2012	Naicatchewenin First Nation returned and completed the socio-economic survey.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Naicatchewenin First Nation returned and completed the socio-economic survey.	Baseline studies are being completed to inform the environmental approvals process. Community assistance / support appreciated and information provided will be utilized as appropriate.
	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed participation in the socio-economic and TK/TLU baseline studies. 2) PAAC indicated they would like to participate in these studies.	Noted by RRR.
	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) The PAAC indicated that OSB (Barwick) trained people but they never got jobs as there were a number of discriminatory criteria used in the hiring protocols. The PAAC stated that they know that RRR cannot guarantee employment but want a guarantee on opportunity for employment.	RRR has committed to providing employment opportunities to FFCS member nations through the Participation Agreement.

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Methodology and Process							
Baseline Studies	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed participation in the socio-economic and TK/TLU baseline studies. 2) PAAC indicated they would like to participate in these studies.	Noted by RRR.
Stakeholder Engagement	179	Meeting	07/05/2012	RRR held a meeting to discuss the Project with Naicatchewenin First Nation.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Naicatchewenin representatives requested more information regarding the project via open house, site tour or both.	RRR indicated that RRR could provide Naicatchewenin First Nation information in whatever format they wanted.
	259	Meeting	07/12/2012	RRR met with Naicatchewenin First Nation to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU). Discussions around conservation potential, and potential Project effects.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR has to find what are the impacts once we clear that area, there is no more life, what are we going to do to protect. The involvement of First Nations is important. The water is the most important thing to protect.	Noted. The EA process will assess potential environmental impacts from the development of the RRGP.
	259	Meeting	07/12/2012	RRR met with Naicatchewenin First Nation to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU). Discussions around conservation potential, and potential Project effects.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Looking forward to having video/visual materials for people to see, to get a better understanding of what it will look like.	Noted and will be considered going forward for future meetings.
	212	Site Visit	08/29/2012	RRR gave a site tour to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders. 18 people participated. Questions were raised about potential for contaminants to affect water ways.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Overall support of the Project, however First Nations need to have input into the Project. 2) One member asked how information was shared with the community.	Explained that there was a Participation Agreement in place and through that construction, a committee was formed that RRR met with on a monthly basis. Explained that the Chiefs were the current representatives.

Table J-12: Discussions, Meetings and Consultation with Naicatchewenin First Nation to November 9, 2012 *
(includes all events where Naicatchewenin First Nation participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Project Phase							
Closure	259	Meeting	07/12/2012	RRR met with Naicatchewenin First Nation to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU). Discussions around conservation potential, and potential Project effects.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Mentioned that as RRR is working and operating, clean up has to happen at the same time as opposed to waiting to the end. By the time that ripple effect, if you wait until the end, RRR will have a lot of catching up to do.	Explained that they are not allowed to wait until the end to clean up environmental impacts, that it is required to be ongoing, including mitigating impacts, how it will be contained, as well as how they fix it at the end.
Env. Mgmt.							
Risks and Mitig	212	Site Visit	08/29/2012	RRR gave a site tour to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mishkosiimiiniziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders. 18 people participated. Questions were raised about potential for contaminants to affect water ways.	Mishkosiimiiniziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussion about contaminants and the affect on water ways. Contaminants such as mercury, arsenic and cyanide were cited with special concern.	Explained RRR will manage potential contaminants through design, containment, company and government monitoring.

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Table J-13: Discussions, Meetings and Consultation with Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation to November 9, 2012 *

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Biophysical Environment							
Water Resources	80	Meeting	06/19/2012	Introduction meeting with Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation. RRR provided a Project update and overview of the Provincial Terms of Reference (ToR) and Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Offered to hold a community open house to discuss the Project and the EA process with community members.	Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned about environmental protection, specifically water.	RRR will be conducting environmental studies to ensure there are no detrimental effects to the water or wildlife. The studies are overseen by regulators who ensure environmental standards are met.

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Table J-14: Discussions, Meetings and Consultation with Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation to November 9, 2012 *
(includes all events where Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Biophysical Environment							
Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Identified that they had a commercial fishing licence for Sturgeon on the Rainy River (which includes all of the Pinewood River and all of its tributaries); there has been a lot of rehabilitation work done on spawning beds.	The EAs will be assessing effects to fisheries resources and any resulting effects on traditional uses of these resources.
Human Environment							
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed participation in the socio-economic and TK/TLU baseline studies. 2) PAAC indicated they would like to participate in these studies.	Noted by RRR.
	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Identified that they had a commercial fishing licence for Sturgeon on the Rainy River (which includes all of the Pinewood River and all of its tributaries); there has been a lot of rehabilitation work done on spawning beds.	The EAs will be assessing effects to fisheries resources and any resulting effects on traditional uses of these resources.
Socio-Economic	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed participation in the socio-economic and TK/TLU baseline studies. 2) PAAC indicated they would like to participate in these studies.	Noted by RRR.

Table J-14: Discussions, Meetings and Consultation with Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation to November 9, 2012 *
(includes all events where Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
	81	E-mail	06/08/2012	RRR sent an email introducing the socio-economic baseline study and attached a socio-economic survey for their consideration. Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation returned the completed survey on 12-09-07.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR sent an email introducing the socio-economic baseline study and attached a socio-economic survey for their consideration. 2) Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation returned the completed survey on 12-09-07.	
	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) The PAAC indicated that OSB (Barwick) trained people but they never got jobs as there were a number of discriminatory criteria used in the hiring protocols. The PAAC stated that they know that RRR cannot guarantee employment but want a guarantee on opportunity for employment.	RRR has committed to providing employment opportunities to FFCS member nations through the Participation Agreement.
Methodology and Process							
Baseline Studies	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed participation in the socio-economic and TK/TLU baseline studies. 2) PAAC indicated they would like to participate in these studies.	Noted by RRR.
Stakeholder Engagement	300	E-mail	10/10/2012	RRR invited Nigoonsiminikaaning First Nation to the Fall Ceremony. Nigoonsiminikaaning First Nation responded that they would like the opportunity to discuss outstanding issues with the Project and ensure they are properly consulted. Subsequently there was a meeting to discuss outstanding issues (12-11-13).	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR invited Nigoonsiminikaaning First Nation to the Fall Ceremony. 2) Nigoonsiminikaaning First Nation responded that they would like the opportunity to discuss outstanding issues with the Project and ensure they are properly consulted.	RRR had a meeting with Chief and Council in 12-11-13 to discuss outstanding issues.

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RAINY RIVER

Table J-15: Discussions, Meetings and Consultation with Rainy River First Nations to November 9, 2012 * (includes all events where Rainy River First Nations participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Biophysical Environment							
Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Identified that they had a commercial fishing licence for Sturgeon on the Rainy River (which includes all of the Pinewood River and all of its tributaries); there has been a lot of rehabilitation work done on spawning beds.	The EAs will be assessing effects to fisheries resources and any resulting effects on traditional uses of these resources.
Other	212	Site Visit	08/29/2012	RRR gave a site tour to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders. 18 people participated. Questions were raised about potential for contaminants to affect water ways.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Made a statement that when we drill into Mother Earth, which it's like piercing her veins. We need to treat the earth with respect and be conscious of what we're doing to her when we drill and use water. The group agreed that we need to respect the earth.	
Vegetation and Plant Comm.	156	Meeting	07/17/2012	Rainy River First Nations requested from RRR that a review of the project area to identify medicinal plants be undertaken.	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Rainy River First Nations requested from RRR that a review of the project area to identify medicinal plants be undertaken. 2) RRR representative suggested to Rainy River First Nations a local individual who may have this traditional knowledge who could be involved in the TEK/TLU study.	
	201	Meeting	07/06/2012	RRR interviewed Rainy River First Nations individuals to gather information for the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study.	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Individuals from Rainy River First Nations indicated that they participated in tree harvesting in the project area. They used buck saws and swede saws to cut and that there were only Poplar there. Individual indicated that they cut wood in the summertime only.	
	201	Meeting	07/06/2012	RRR interviewed Rainy River First Nations individuals to gather information for the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study.	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Individuals from Rainy River First Nations indicated that they used to pick berries in the area.	

Table J-15: Discussions, Meetings and Consultation with Rainy River First Nations to November 9, 2012 *
(includes all events where Rainy River First Nations participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
	201	Meeting	07/06/2012	RRR interviewed Rainy River First Nations individuals to gather information for the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study.	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Individuals from Rainy River First Nations indicated that they remember when they were children that others used to pick bark off the trees up in the area and boil it for medicines. Individual indicated that there were a lot of medicines up that way and up by the creeks and that the medicines were used to treat diarrhea as well as other maladies (tuberculosis and whooping cough specifically mentioned), but they couldn't cure chicken pox. Another individual mentioned that a doctor from the area used to investigate medicines used by First Nations members, and wanted to know more about the medicines they used, but no one would tell him anything.	
Water Resources	212	Site Visit	08/29/2012	RRR gave a site tour to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders. 18 people participated. Questions were raised about potential for contaminants to affect water ways.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussion about contaminants and the affect on water ways. Contaminants such as mercury, arsenic and cyanide were cited with special concern.	Explained RRR will manage potential contaminants through design, containment, company and government monitoring.
Wildlife	201	Meeting	07/06/2012	RRR interviewed Rainy River First Nations individuals to gather information for the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study.	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Individuals from Rainy River First Nations indicated that there was no moose in the area, and mostly deer. The individual remembered there being caribou in the area at one point, but very few birds and beavers.	Baseline studies are being completed to inform the environmental approvals process. Community assistance / support appreciated and anecdotal information provided will be utilized as appropriate.
Human Environment							
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	156	Meeting	07/17/2012	Rainy River First Nations requested from RRR that a review of the project area to identify medicinal plants be undertaken.	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Rainy River First Nations requested from RRR that a review of the project area to identify medicinal plants be undertaken. 2) RRR representative suggested to Rainy River First Nations a local individual who may have this traditional knowledge who could be involved in the TEK/TLU study.	
	201	Meeting	07/06/2012	RRR interviewed Rainy River First Nations individuals to gather information for the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study.	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Individuals from Rainy River First Nations indicated that they participated in tree harvesting in the project area. They used buck saws and swede saws to cut and that there were only Poplar there. Individual indicated that they cut wood in the summertime only.	

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(includes all events where Rainy River First Nations participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
	201	Meeting	07/06/2012	RRR interviewed Rainy River First Nations individuals to gather information for the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study.	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Individuals from Rainy River First Nations indicated that they used to pick berries in the area.	
	201	Meeting	07/06/2012	RRR interviewed Rainy River First Nations individuals to gather information for the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study.	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Individuals from Rainy River First Nations indicated that there was no moose in the area, and mostly deer. The individual remembered there being caribou in the area at one point, but very few birds and beavers.	Baseline studies are being completed to inform the environmental approvals process. Community assistance / support appreciated and anecdotal information provided will be utilized as appropriate.
	201	Meeting	07/06/2012	RRR interviewed Rainy River First Nations individuals to gather information for the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study.	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Individuals from Rainy River First Nations indicated that they remember when they were children that others used to pick bark off the trees up in the area and boil it for medicines. Individual indicated that there were a lot of medicines up that way and up by the creeks and that the medicines were used to treat diarrhea as well as other maladies (tuberculosis and whooping cough specifically mentioned), but they couldn't cure chicken pox. Another individual mentioned that a doctor from the area used to investigate medicines used by First Nations members, and wanted to know more about the medicines they used, but no one would tell him anything.	
	246	Meeting	07/17/2012	RRR met with Rainy River First Nation elders to discuss TK/TLU.	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Mentioned that some knowledge of cutting pulp in the area. 2) There was some discussion about the thunderbird spirit, and some debate over the proper way to say the word in Ojibway.	
	272	Other	07/03/2012	RRR and Rainy River First Nations signed a data-sharing protocol for participation in a Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study for the RRGP.	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR and Rainy River First Nations signed a data-sharing protocol for participation in a TEK/TLU study for the RRGP.	

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(includes all events where Rainy River First Nations participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed participation in the socio-economic and TK/TLU baseline studies. 2) PAAC indicated they would like to participate in these studies.	Noted by RRR.
	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Identified that they had a commercial fishing licence for Sturgeon on the Rainy River (which includes all of the Pinewood River and all of its tributaries); there has been a lot of rehabilitation work done on spawning beds.	The EAs will be assessing effects to fisheries resources and any resulting effects on traditional uses of these resources.
	212	Site Visit	08/29/2012	RRR gave a site tour to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders. 18 people participated. Questions were raised about potential for contaminants to affect water ways.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Made a statement that when we drill into Mother Earth, which it's like piercing her veins. We need to treat the earth with respect and be conscious of what we're doing to her when we drill and use water. The group agreed that we need to respect the earth.	
	258	Meeting	08/28/2012	RRR attended Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation council meeting to discuss a data sharing agreement.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Expressed concern that there was medicines along highway 600.	Medicines/plants will be a topic of discussion with elders at TEK/TLU sessions, and everyone in the community is encouraged to share TEK/TLU information.

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(includes all events where Rainy River First Nations participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
	200	Meeting	09/01/2012	RRR met with Naicatchewenin First Nation to discuss Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) studies.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Summarized the project and the goals of the TEK/TLU study. 2) Consent was given to videotape the meeting. The community elders provided very little feedback. A Naicatchewenin First Nation member indicated people from the community did not go in the RRGP area. There has been farming in the area in the past, but in terms of the Anishnaabe, member stated he "can't say we were ever there." Also said he would like to hear about any information that is gathered from other communities from around there. It was determined that another meeting should be held to discuss the area further with more elders from the community.	
Socio-Economic	196	Meeting	06/30/2012	RRR met with Rainy River First Nations to request socio-economic baseline data.	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR met with Rainy River First Nations to request socio-economic baseline data. 2) Rainy River First Nations discussed private mortgages in the community, the water treatment system capacity, water sources for treatment, and economic development organizations on the community. Rainy River First Nations and RRR agreed that it would be best for Rainy River First Nations to take the questionnaire back to the community to have it completed.	
	217	Phone Call	06/08/2012	RRR discussed the socio-economic baseline study and followed up by emailing the socio-economic survey. The survey was completed and returned on 12-07-24.	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR discussed the socio-economic baseline study and followed up by emailing the socio-economic survey. 2) The survey was completed and returned on 12-07-24.	
	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed participation in the socio-economic and TK/TLU baseline studies. 2) PAAC indicated they would like to participate in these studies.	Noted by RRR.

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(includes all events where Rainy River First Nations participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) The PAAC indicated that OSB (Barwick) trained people but they never got jobs as there were a number of discriminatory criteria used in the hiring protocols. The PAAC stated that they know that RRR cannot guarantee employment but want a guarantee on opportunity for employment.	RRR has committed to providing employment opportunities to FFCS member nations through the Participation Agreement.
	179	Meeting	07/05/2012	RRR held a meeting to discuss the Project with Naicatchewenin First Nation.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Naicatchewenin representatives enquired about employment or younger people.	RRR indicated that they want to draw from the surrounding communities and that employment has been a question raised by First Nation communities and non-First Nation communities. In discussions with the Chiefs, they have also had questions about employment and are aware that numerous types of training may need to happen.
Methodology and Process							
Baseline Studies	196	Meeting	06/30/2012	RRR met with Rainy River First Nations to request socio-economic baseline data.	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR met with Rainy River First Nations to request socio-economic baseline data. 2) Rainy River First Nations discussed private mortgages in the community, the water treatment system capacity, water sources for treatment, and economic development organizations on the community. Rainy River First Nations and RRR agreed that it would be best for Rainy River First Nations to take the questionnaire back to the community to have it completed.	
	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed participation in the socio-economic and TK/TLU baseline studies. 2) PAAC indicated they would like to participate in these studies.	Noted by RRR.

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Stakeholder Engagement	326	Phone Call	10/22/2012	RRR met with Rainy River First Nations to discuss the possibility of an open house to ensure information is being disseminated to community members effectively and there is an opportunity for feedback with respect to the Terms of Reference (ToR).	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR met with Rainy River First Nations to discuss the possibility of an open house to ensure information is being disseminated to community members effectively and there is an opportunity for feedback with respect to the ToR. Rainy River First Nations agreed, and committed to arrange a date shortly.	
	347	E-mail	11/09/2012	Rainy River First Nations requested an update for the community on the RRGP and suggested RRR develop a pamphlet about the Project. RRR noted ongoing discussions regarding scheduling an open house for the community.	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Rainy River First Nations requested an update for the community on the RRGP and suggested RRR develop a pamphlet about the Project. 2) RRR noted ongoing discussions regarding scheduling an open house for the community.	
	212	Site Visit	08/29/2012	RRR gave a site tour to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders. 18 people participated. Questions were raised about potential for contaminants to affect water ways.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Overall support of the Project, however First Nations need to have input into the Project. 2) One member asked how information was shared with the community.	Explained that there was a Participation Agreement in place and through that construction, a committee was formed that RRR met with on a monthly basis. Explained that the Chiefs were the current representatives.
	179	Meeting	07/05/2012	RRR held a meeting to discuss the Project with Naicatchewenin First Nation.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Naicatchewenin representatives requested more information regarding the project via open house, site tour or both.	RRR indicated that RRR could provide Naicatchewenin First Nation information in whatever format they wanted.
Mining							
Transport (Road, Barge, etc.)	258	Meeting	08/28/2012	RRR attended Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation council meeting to discuss a data sharing agreement.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Indicated the community would like to comment on the proposed highway 600 route.	The community can still provide comments on the proposed highway 600 route.
Project Phase							
Closure	212	Site Visit	08/29/2012	RRR gave a site tour to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders. 18 people participated. Questions were raised about potential for contaminants to affect water ways.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) How will it be ensured that the closure plan is followed?	Explained that the document as well as a financial assurance was filed with the government, and the government monitored the activities.

Table J-15: Discussions, Meetings and Consultation with Rainy River First Nations to November 9, 2012 *
(includes all events where Rainy River First Nations participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Risks and Mitigation							
Env. Mgmt.	212	Site Visit	08/29/2012	RRR gave a site tour to Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders. 18 people participated. Questions were raised about potential for contaminants to affect water ways.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussion about contaminants and the affect on water ways. Contaminants such as mercury, arsenic and cyanide were cited with special concern.	Explained RRR will manage potential contaminants through design, containment, company and government monitoring.
Socio-Economic Mgmt.	251	E-mail	08/13/2012	Rainy River First Nations expressed concerns about racist behaviour and encouraged RRR to host cultural awareness training.	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Rainy River First Nations expressed concerns about racist behaviour and encouraged RRR to host cultural awareness training.	RRR has committed to implementing Cultural Awareness training in the Participation Agreement. RRR considers this a key pillar of the relationship with Aboriginal communities. Outdated and distasteful attitudes will not be tolerated at the Project site.

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Table J-16: Discussions, Meetings and Consultation with Seine River First Nation up to November 9, 2012 *
(includes all events where Seine River First Nation participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Biophysical Environment							
Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Identified that they had a commercial fishing licence for Sturgeon on the Rainy River (which includes all of the Pinewood River and all of its tributaries); there has been a lot of rehabilitation work done on spawning beds.	The EAs will be assessing effects to fisheries resources and any resulting effects on traditional uses of these resources.
Water Resources	304	Meeting	10/04/2012	RRR met with Seine River First Nation to discuss the Project. Questions regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) process, Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) and wildlife were answered. RRR invited Seine River First Nation to the Fall Ceremony.	Seine River First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked about the impacts of cow waste in the area.	One of the ways RRR is trying to assist in preserving water quality is being involved in a project with RRFN to prevent cattle from entering the stream system. There are currently cattle in and near the project area which access local streams.
Wildlife	304	Meeting	10/04/2012	RRR met with Seine River First Nation to discuss the Project. Questions regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) process, Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) and wildlife were answered. RRR invited Seine River First Nation to the Fall Ceremony.	Seine River First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked what type of wildlife is in the area. Are there any mud turtles? 2) Discussion about water fowl visiting the area.	Indicated that four years of baseline studies have been completed. Every species that can be identified in the area has been to this point, and has been extensively studied.
Human Environment							
Human Health	304	Meeting	10/04/2012	RRR met with Seine River First Nation to discuss the Project. Questions regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) process, Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) and wildlife were answered. RRR invited Seine River First Nation to the Fall Ceremony.	Seine River First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned that things have changed. In the past members traded land for lard, and now land is traded for money. Concerned that the Steep Rock project will repeat itself, and the community will have no say. Also indicated that the Steep Rock project destroyed the Seine River water system.	

Table J-16: Discussions, Meetings and Consultation with Seine River First Nation up to November 9, 2012 *
(includes all events where Seine River First Nation participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
	304	Meeting	10/04/2012	RRR met with Seine River First Nation to discuss the Project. Questions regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) process, Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) and wildlife were answered. RRR invited Seine River First Nation to the Fall Ceremony.	Seine River First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired if human health and disease would be studied as part of the baseline. Concerned about emissions and chemicals getting into the food chain. 2) Seine River First Nation has been recently looking at community health.	Indicated that specific diseases are not looked at, but they could have been commented on in the socio-economic baseline data gathered earlier in the year.
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	292	E-mail	09/26/2012	RRR and Seine River First Nation organized a presentation, open house and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) information gathering for 12-10-04.	Seine River First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR and Seine River First Nation organized a presentation, open house and TEK/TLU information gathering for 12-10-04. Seine River First Nation confirmed the date and indicated that the meetings could start at 10:00 am and that RRR representatives should bring a cloth and that about 10 elders would be attending. 2) RRR forwarded a copy of the TEK/TLU questionnaire and a copy of the data sharing agreement with a request that the Seine River First Nation representative conduct the interviews with the elders. RRR asked whether they should bring tobacco. 3) Seine River First Nation indicated to RRR that they would bring the tobacco to the elder for food preparation and that they would look into an interpreter.	
	304	Meeting	10/04/2012	RRR met with Seine River First Nation to discuss the Project. Questions regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) process, Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) and wildlife were answered. RRR invited Seine River First Nation to the Fall Ceremony.	Seine River First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Indicated that the RRGP is not located in the traditional territory of the community, so there is no information available about usage of the area by Seine River First Nation community members, historical or otherwise. 2) If there were medicines in the area, members would be unable to tell RRR what medicines because medicines have to come to the individual or through a request from another individual to help produce them. This information is not to be shared with others.	

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
	304	Meeting	10/04/2012	RRR met with Seine River First Nation to discuss the Project. Questions regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) process, Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) and wildlife were answered. RRR invited Seine River First Nation to the Fall Ceremony.	Seine River First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned that things have changed. In the past members traded land for lard, and now land is traded for money. Concerned that the Steep Rock project will repeat itself, and the community will have no say. Also indicated that the Steep Rock project destroyed the Seine River water system.	
	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed participation in the socio-economic and TK/TLU baseline studies. 2) PAAC indicated they would like to participate in these studies.	Noted by RRR.
	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Identified that they had a commercial fishing licence for Sturgeon on the Rainy River (which includes all of the Pinewood River and all of its tributaries); there has been a lot of rehabilitation work done on spawning beds.	The EAs will be assessing effects to fisheries resources and any resulting effects on traditional uses of these resources.
Land and Resource Use	304	Meeting	10/04/2012	RRR met with Seine River First Nation to discuss the Project. Questions regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) process, Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) and wildlife were answered. RRR invited Seine River First Nation to the Fall Ceremony.	Seine River First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired who owned the land in the area.	Mostly private land. Indicated an estimated 85% of the land is owned by RRR but was not sure on that number. Crown land is minimal.
Socio-Economic	221	E-mail	06/11/2012	RRR sent an email introducing the socio-economic baseline study and attached a socio-economic survey for Seine River First Nation consideration. The completed survey was returned 12-08-17.	Seine River First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR sent an email introducing the socio-economic baseline study and attached a socio-economic survey for Seine River First Nation consideration. 2) The completed survey was returned 12-08-17.	

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
	248	E-mail	07/16/2012	Seine River First Nation indicated that they completed a socio-economic profile in 2010 and it is available on the website.	Seine River First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Seine River First Nation indicated that they completed a socio-economic profile in 2010 and it is available on the website.	Noted. This information will be used as appropriate to information the environmental approvals process.
	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed participation in the socio-economic and TK/TLU baseline studies. 2) PAAC indicated they would like to participate in these studies.	Noted by RRR.
	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) The PAAC indicated that OSB (Barwick) trained people but they never got jobs as there were a number of discriminatory criteria used in the hiring protocols. The PAAC stated that they know that RRR cannot guarantee employment but want a guarantee on opportunity for employment.	RRR has committed to providing employment opportunities to FFCS member nations through the Participation Agreement.
Methodology and Process							
Baseline Studies	49	Presen-tation	05/15/2012	RRR gave a presentation to Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) about the Project, community involvement activities and the mine environmental assessment process (Provincial and Federal) including Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and invitation to public open houses.	Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed participation in the socio-economic and TK/TLU baseline studies. 2) PAAC indicated they would like to participate in these studies.	Noted by RRR.
Stakeholder Engagement	322	E-mail	10/19/2012	Seine River First Nation executed a Data Sharing Protocol Agreement with RRR for the sharing of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) information.	Seine River First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Seine River First Nation executed a Data Sharing Protocol Agreement with RRR for the sharing of TEK/TLU information.	

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(includes all events where Seine River First Nation participated)

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
	316	Community Event	10/17/2012	RRR held a Fall Ceremony on 2012-10-17 at Georgeson House property and was attended by various First Nations members. The Fall Ceremony addressed the importance of ceremony to RRR and of regular communication and interaction with the area communities.	Couchiching First Nation, Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Sunset Country Metis, Unknown Individual, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR held a Fall Ceremony on 12-10-17 at Georgeson House property and was attended by various First Nations members. The Fall Ceremony addressed the importance of ceremony to RRR and of regular communication and interaction with the area communities. 2) Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation indicated that they believe that the Project is important for them and the other First Nation communities. Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation indicated that RRR is talking to the communities, looking for their input and listening to their concerns and this is appreciated. Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation indicated that environmental legacy concern is unfounded and that their community has twice been consulted. They do have questions and concerns they would like to discuss but they are very positive about the way that RRR is making sure that the communities are becoming informed about the project. Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation appreciates that RRR is committed to continuing discussions and that they see this project having lots of opportunity for all local communities. Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation supports the project.	

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Table J-17: Discussions, Meetings and Consultation with Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation to November 9, 2012 *

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Mining							
Waste Rock Piles	194	Meeting	08/31/2012	RRR met with Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation (RLTDC) to discuss revised project estimates contained in updated Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA).	Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation, Rainy River Resources	1) RLTDC enquired of RRR what equipment RRR would purchase for the project, potential for work, distances to waste rock and overburden storage sites, and volumes. 2) RLTDC arranged an additional meeting with RRR to further discuss equipment requirements.	RRR indicated that decisions regarding equipment had not been made. RRR and RLTDC reviewed the preliminary site plan and RRR provided RLTDC with estimates of distances.
Biophysical Environment							
Vegetation and Plant Comm.	156	Meeting	07/17/2012	Rainy River First Nations requested from RRR that a review of the project area to identify medicinal plants be undertaken.	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) Rainy River First Nations requested from RRR that a review of the project area to identify medicinal plants be undertaken. 2) RRR representative suggested to Rainy River First Nations a local individual who may have this traditional knowledge who could be involved in the TEK/TLU study.	

*Comments received after May 17, 2012 were used, where appropriate, to prepare the ToR. Draft ToR comment period was from May 17 – June 16, 2012.

APPENDIX K

CORRESPONDENCE AND MEETING NOTES TO NOVEMBER 9, 2012

MINUTES OF MEETING / ACTION ITEMS

Date/Time:	February 10, 2012	File No:	Admin
Location:	Ministry of the Environment 2 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto	Written By:	S. Daniel
Subject:	Environmental Assessment Process / Schedule	Project No.:	TC111504
Project:	Rainy River Gold Project		
Present:	Darla Cameron, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA; DC); Stephanie Davis, CEAA (StD) Ross Lashbrook, Ministry of the Environment (MOE; RL); Alissa Sugar, MOE (AS) Kyle Stanfield, Rainy River Resources (RRR; KS) Dave Simms, AMEC (DS); Sheila Daniel, AMEC (ShD)		
Distribution:	As above plus Alex Blasko, MOE (AB)		
Call Details:	Not applicable		

	ACTION ITEMS	ACTION	COMPLETION DATE
A	**INTRODUCTIONS**		
	Contact details for all are provided at end of minutes.	Note to File	
B	**PRESENTATION BY RRR**		
C	**DISCUSSION**		
1)	A digital version of the existing environmental baseline studies for the RRGP to be provided to CEAA (StD).	KS	
2)	CEAA to provide contacts / linkage in regards to Canadian Wildlife Service.	StD	
3)	RRR/AMEC to provide a list of the Aboriginal groups currently being consulted to CEAA and MOE; as well as the current status of consultation and where applicable, agreements.	KS	
4)	CEAA to provide RRR/AMEC with a copy of an existing "draft" coordinated schedule (with correct nomenclature).	StD	
5)	AMEC to provide an excel version of the preliminary schedule to CEAA and MOE to ease discussions / information transfer.	ShD	
	Joint Environmental Assessment meets internally approximately every month; with a smaller coordination committee which could include the proponent.	Note to File	

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Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 1:35 PM

To: Kyle Stanfield; Davis,Stephanie [CEAA]

Cc: Daniel, Sheila E

Subject: RE: DRAFT Project Description and Terms of Reference Available for Download

Hi Kyle, Sheila,

Please find below some initial comments on the preliminary Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Rainy River Gold Project. Note that these comments are provided at a high level, and with the intent of guiding the finalization of a draft ToR, that may occur once provincial EA requirements for the project are determined.

I expect you have already done so, but please make sure you refer to the MOE's Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference to ensure that all information requirements for the ToR are met.

Additional detailed comments may be provided once a revised draft is submitted for review, and circulated to the Ministry's technical reviewers. In addition, please note that further comments may be provided once missing sections (such as the consultation plan) are reviewed.

Section 2.1

- You may wish to add some detail about why a provincial EA is triggered for the project, and why Rainy River has decided to volunteer for an individual EA.

Section 2.2

- It may be useful to expand on how the initial steps of the federal and provincial EAs may align. In particular highlighting the fact that although there are separate documents that will be produced, they have similar purposes. E.g. the EIS Guidelines are prepared by CEAA to tell the proponent what information is required in the EA, while the ToR sets out the basic information requirements for the EA, and explains how the EA will be carried out.

Section 3.0

- Reference to a Category C project is not required in this case. The EA can be referred to simply as an Individual EA.

Section 4.1

- **The definition of the undertaking should include not only the mine, but also associated facilities, as described in Section 3.0.**

- **The description of the undertaking should also address the proposed highway realignment, including any justification for including or not including it in the EA. Please note that based on the information provided, it would seem reasonable to include the highway realignment as part of the EA. Strong rationale must be provided if this will be studied under a separate process.**

Section 4.2

- **It would be useful to include any preliminary estimates on the number of temporary or full time jobs that will be created or other measurable economic impacts that the project will have.**

Section 5.0

- **The ToR does not provide an evaluation methodology for the identified alternatives. The methodology should be outlined in general terms, specifying such things as: what criteria will be used to compare alternatives, how will the criteria be measured and weighted, what form of quantitative or qualitative method will be used to select preferred alternatives, etc. Please refer to Section 4.2.7 of the Code of Practice for guidance on the information required regarding the assessment and evaluation process.**

- **A general list of environmental criteria is provided in Table 6, but it would be useful to expand on specifically what types of criteria will be used for each component (e.g. for water quality are specific health related parameters going to be studied?). The list can be general and preliminary (to be confirmed during consultation as part of the EA), but more detail would add clarity to the process.**

Section 5.3

- **Each item in this section should be clearer in identifying what alternative methods were identified for further consideration in the EA, and what alternatives were already evaluated and screened out, including the reasoning behind not including them. Some sections currently address this comment more effectively than others. In some cases, it is stated that a certain technology is not feasible or applicable, without an explanation of why. In some cases it is not clear if one alternative, two alternatives, or potentially a combination of both will be considered in the EA. The discussion of alternatives to the undertaking and alternative methods is an important part of the EA process. Especially for a focused project like a mine where the use of certain technologies may be pre-determined, it is very important to be clear and explicit on what will be considered in the EA, and what has already been determined to be not feasible. Please refer to Section 4.2.5 of the Code of Practice for details on the information requirements regarding alternatives.**

Section 5.3.6

- **It is stated that the primary source of water is proposed to be recycled from the TMA, but it is not stated where the water for the TMA will be sourced from.**

Section 5.3.7

- **It is unclear from this section how restrictions on infrastructure siting will limit the range of alternatives to be considered. It should be made clear what, if any locations will be considered for each facility, or if these have been predetermined.**

Section 5.3.9

- **It is unclear if there are any other alternatives to manage hazardous waste that were considered, or if none exist.**

Section 6.0

- **The ToR should include a general description of the proposed study area for the project, including the extent of baseline studies and impact analysis.**

- **Table 2 should also include an environmental component related to economy (and Table 6 in Section 7.0).**

Section 6.5

- **It is unclear why only snakes are listed by species. The level of detail should be consistent.**

Section 6.7

- **It is unclear if the statement that the project site does not overlap with any First Nation reserve lands or land claims also includes hunting grounds, traplines, traditional territory, etc.**

Section 9.0

- **This section does not appear to provide any information on public meetings to date. This should be added.**

- **Brief summaries are provided of meetings that have been held to date. Please note that a full Record of Consultation, including any meetings, correspondence or other communication with the public, Aboriginal communities, government reviewers and other interested parties should be provided in the final ToR submission. This detailed record is a key part of the MOE's review of the file to confirm if adequate consultation has been undertaken throughout the preparation of the ToR. The record should include a**

summary of key contact dates, issues that were raised, and how they were addressed by Rainy River, either in the ToR, as part of ongoing discussions, or in commitments for future work.

Section 9.2

- It is suggested that you consider other options for accommodating the needs of Aboriginal communities as well, such as translation into native languages and providing opportunities for verbal as well as written input. The consultation plan should include a mechanism for feedback from Aboriginal communities and adjustment if necessary to ensure that their needs are being met through the proposed consultation approach.

Section 9.4

- If any correspondence has been provided by the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada or other government departments regarding Aboriginal communities that should be contacted regarding the project, it would be useful to have copies of these provided for the file.

Section 10.0

- It is suggested that you include wording similar to the following in the ToR. This will provide flexibility for you to pursue short-term or interim solutions in the EA to such things as power supply, in the event that preferred alternatives cannot be implemented on schedule.

"As part of the EA, [insert proponent name here] shall develop short-term contingency plans as appropriate. Such plans shall outline a course of action to be followed if unforeseen situations arise that would prevent the proponent from implementing or operating a component of the project on a temporary basis."

Section 11.2

- Further to the comment on Section 2.2, it is suggested that you provide more information on the various stages of the federal process and explain how they will align with the provincial process. In particular noting that although the plan is to produce one body of EA documentation, there are a number of planning documents that will be produced to guide the development of the EA.

If you have any questions, please let me know. We can set up a meeting or teleconference to discuss in more detail.

Alex.

From: Blasko, Alex (ENE) [mailto:Alex.Blasko@ontario.ca]
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Subject: Rainy RIver ToR - Preliminary Comments

Hi Sheila, Kyle,

Please note that certain issues have been identified through the detailed technical review of a number of proposed Terms of Reference for mining projects and through continuing discussions between regulatory agencies regarding development in the Ring of Fire to proactively address issues as they emerge, that should be identified in your ToR. Note that additional comments may follow when a revised draft is provided for review, but in general these issues are separate from any specific technical issues regarding your project. Please ensure that these are addressed as you finalize your draft ToR:

1. The ToR should indicate how potential climate change scenarios will be considered. For example, could climate change affect flooding concerns in hydrologically sensitive areas, or would a shortened winter season affect construction timing or methods? This should be considered in selecting and evaluating the range of alternatives.

2. When discussing the flexibility to accommodate new circumstances, it is suggested that a section should be added which identifies that the development of short-term contingency plans will be considered as appropriate in the EA. Such plans would outline a course of action to be followed if unforeseen situations arise that would prevent the implementation or operation of a component of the project on a temporary basis. For instance, if a transmission line could not be constructed on time because of weather conditions, the EA could also include the assessment and identification of a contingency plan for diesel generation. This could avoid the need to seek additional EA approval for the interim solution by including it in the initial EA.

3. It is important for the ToR to clearly indicate that the EA will assess alternative methods for the decommissioning and closure phase of the mine, and may include a draft Closure Plan. This assessment is separate from the Closure Planning process, and though it may inform that process, an evaluation of alternative methods must be undertaken as part of the EA process. Proposed wording is attached that can be inserted directly into the ToR.

4. The record of consultation should include a full accounting of all communications with any Aboriginal communities or groups, including notifications, meetings, emails, letters and conversations with the Chief, Council, staff or members of the community. This should include:
    a. A full list of contact dates;
    b. A summary what issues were discussed, what information was provided and who was present at each contact point;
    c. Identification of how any issues were addressed and any outstanding issues or further commitments that were made;
    d. An indication of what potential impacts may adversely affect the rights of Aboriginal peoples (treaty or aboriginal rights, such as related to hunting, fishing, culture or archaeology) and how these will be addressed; and
    e. Copies of all correspondence, presentation slides, display boards etc.

    A sample table of how this information should be organized is attached.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss, please let me know.

Regards,

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Date/Time:	May 31, 2012	File No:	Admin
Location:	Teleconference (only)	Written By:	C. Burgess
Subject:	Aboriginal Consultation Requirements	Project No.:	TC111504
Project:	Rainy River Gold Project (RRGP)		
Present:	**Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM):** Neil Bennett – Mineral Exploration and Development Consultant Bob Brent – Legal Council Mike Grant – Regional Supervisor Melanie Mathieson, Senior Aboriginal Advisor **Ministry of the Environment (MOE):** Alex Blasko, Special Project Officer (Provincial EA Lead) Shamini Selva – Council, Legal Services Branch Joe Tyence – Senior Advisor, Outreach and Program Support Aboriginal Affairs Branch **Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency):** Stephanie Davis, Project Manager (Federal EA Lead) Corey Dekker, Senior Advisor, Aboriginal Affairs **Rainy River Resources (RRR):** Mike Mutchler – Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Gerry Shields –Vice President and General Counsel, Director Kyle Stanfield – Vice President, Environment and Sustainability **AMEC:** Sheila Daniel, Project Manager Dave Simms, Principal		
Distribution:	Rainy River Resources / AMEC (editing may be required if otherwise)		

	NOTES / ACTION ITEMS	NOTE / ACTION	COMPLETION DATE
1)	RRR (GS) – Surprised by the memo received on May 17, 2012 about which aboriginal groups to consult from MNDM. RRR has been working as directed previously and now there are many other groups added to the consultation and notification list. Further, there are only two of the Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) member First Nations on the list. We now have an agreement in place with the FFCS representing seven First Nations. The ministries have had ample opportunity to advise the company about these other groups. RRR needs: • Rationale for the list of groups provided • A clear understanding of the level of consultation required for each group • What level of support the company will receive from the Crown • If this list is the 'final' list of groups to consult.		
2)	RRR (KS) - Provided an overview of the consultation activities and successes to date including a signed Memorandum of Understanding and a signed Participation Agreement (Impact Benefit Agreement) with the FFCS, and an established Aboriginal liaison. KS stated that the company is willing put resources behind what is required, but need a solid understanding of this.		

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3)	MNDM (MG) - Will be talking to all the aboriginal groups to determine their interest in the RRGP. There were three new groups added to the list. Although RRR has been consulting with all the FFCS member groups at the same level, MNDM would not have asked for the upstream groups to be consulted on the same level. However, if other Aboriginal groups assert claim to the area, the Crown will have to consider their claims seriously and bring them into the process. MNDM have discussed the new project description and discussed consultation list with other ministries. Big Grassy and Onigaming are (historically) essentially the same Band with 100% overlap in traditional territories. The Sabaskong reserves are Onigaming First Nation reserves. Buffalo Point First Nation is closest downstream, but is based in Manitoba so was missed earlier in the process. The participation of Buffalo Point remains to be confirmed pending discussion with them. The list of potentially affected groups changes from Advanced Exploration compared with production phases of the mine development is based on the potential for increased environmental effects. MNDM indicated that they had not stated that the list was final.		
4)	RRR (KS) - It was our understanding that if there was a production decision that we were to consult with Big Grassy and Big Island First Nations. There was no indication that the list was going to change until the May 17 letter had been received.		
5)	AMEC (DS) – AMEC's memo (May 30 2012) indicates that from a water quality effects perspective the RRGP will meet Provincial Water Quality Objectives for the protection of aquatic life in the Pinewood River and therefore will not be affecting downstream waters of the Rainy River or Lake of the Woods.		
6)	MNDM (MM) – The consultation list is based on the potential of the project to impact Aboriginal and treaty rights. There are Aboriginal fishing quotas on Lake of the Woods so water quality is certainly of concern; however there are also traditional travel routes between Rainy River and the Lake of the Woods and associated exercising of rights that could also be affected. Further there are unique forest/vegetation types in this area that may be relied on for harvesting. There were elk in the area in the early 1900s that were traditionally hunted. MNDM are not aware of any current use, but we will find out when we speak with these groups.		
7)	RRR (GS) – It should be noted that the RRGP is on private lands not Crown lands.		
8)	CEAA - The Badger (1996) case in the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that just because land is private does not mean that it was not used.		
9)	MNDM (BB) – MNDM needs to be mindful also of offsite impacts. Although the memo from AMEC states that there will be no downstream effects (downstream of the Pinewood River), and that other effects will be confined to areas proximal to the upper Pinewood River watershed area, we still need to be mindfull of potential effects. The archaeological reports indicate that the use of the area has been minimal because it is swampy.		
10)	RRR (KS) – Suggested that Stacey Jack, who is the only registered Archaeologist in the Region and will be coming back to work for RRR on June 4, 2012 would be someone to discuss this with.		

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11)	MNDM (NB) – Stated that the Crown uses the precautionary principle and broadly scopes consultation lists as they have been criticized in the past for not using a broad enough scope.		
12)	RRR (GS) – Asked if any of the Aboriginal groups from the list had approached the Crown and asserted claim in the area.		
13)	MNDM (NB) – List is based on watersheds, water flow and proximity to the project. MOE (AB) – These groups could still be potentially interested communities from a socio-economic perspective.		
14)	MNDM (NB) – There could be potential for effect from catastrophic events. AMEC (DS) – AMEC referenced the potential for catastrophic events in our memo and do not believe that there would be effects beyond the Pinewood River.		
15)	MNDM (MM) – The Anishinaabeg of Kabapikotawangag Resource Council (AKRC) may come forward and ask to be consulted as a whole as you have done with the FFCS. MM had worked for AKRC in 2001, 2002 to gather Traditional Ecological Knowledge for a Forest Management Plan, although comments about including their member groups in the consultation or notification list are not influenced by that work.		
16)	RRR (KS) - Asked about the significance of 'Agency 30'. MNDM (MM) - Indicated that it was/is an annual gathering place for the First Nations on Lake of the Woods for ceremony and trading.		
17)	RRR (KS) - Indicated that changes to consultation lists can impact investor confidence. RRR (GS) - Stated that he or others he knows have never heard of projects that have needed to consult with such a large number of Aboriginal groups.		
18)	MNDM (NB) - Indicated that for the PGM Stillwater project there were over 17 Aboriginal groups that they were initially consulting which were subsequently reduced to three based on expressed interest. MNDM (MM) - Stated that the project area has many aboriginal groups – so it cannot be compared to other areas with fewer groups in the vicinity.		
19)	CEA Agency (SD) - Stated that the Aboriginal consultation list for the federal EA is still being prepared, but is similar to the provincial list. CEAA will focus on the impact criteria and stated that through their initial discussions with the Aboriginal groups they will expect the groups to indicate if they believe there could be an impact on their rights. They confirmed that the list will be scoped broadly and that the list will be fluid to include groups who may assert rights later in the process. She stated that Impact Benefit Agreements are not related to the duty to consult.		
20)	RRR (KS) – Asked for any additional legal guidance from the Crown on consultation. MNDM (BB) – We could have an off-line discussion between legal counsel and ourselves on the legal aspects, but we are discussing our guidance now. The framework for consultation has been established by the courts, but the details are being fleshed out continuously.		

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21)	Agreed that: RRR (KS) and MNDM (NB) to coordinate who/when/how first approach to additional First Nations will occur. It is the preference that RRR contacts them first.	Note to File	
22)	Agree that: The Crown should approach Buffalo Point first to determine their interest.	Note to File	

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June 5, 2012

MEMORANDUM:

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RE: **Draft Terms of Reference**
Rainy River Resources Ltd.
Rainy River Gold Project

Introduction

As requested, I have reviewed the Rainy River Gold Project, *Draft Terms of Reference*, submitted on May 11, 2012, by Rainy River Resources Ltd. The purpose of my review was to provide technical comments on the surface water-related aspects of the Terms of Reference.

Background

The Rainy River Gold Project is located in the Township of Chapple, approximately 45 km northwest of Fort Frances. The proposed project includes the construction and development of an open pit and an underground mine. Open pit mining operations will be carried out at a planned rate of approximately 35,000 tonnes per day (tpd), and supported by a planned 2,500 tpd underground mine. Overburden and mine rock stripped from the open pit will be stored in surface stockpiles. An onsite processing plant will use conventional whole ore cyanidation for gold recovery and will be designed to recycle wastewater and mine water where possible. Mill tailings will be stored in a Tailings Management Area and mine effluent will be discharged to the Pinewood River. Non-hazardous waste will either be deposited in an onsite landfill or taken to a suitable off site landfill. Domestic sewage will be treated onsite using a package sewage treatment plant or equivalent. Hazardous solid and liquid waste will be hauled off site by licensed contractors.

Discussion

The objective of baseline studies is to characterize the physical, chemical, and biological aspects of potentially impacted water bodies. Components of the project that include water takings, effluent discharges, groundwater seepages, and surface drainage, as a minimum, should be strongly considered when designing the baseline study. Environmental indicators are

useful for measuring potential impacts and assessing biological health. Specific indicators should be selected based on the results of scientifically defensible baseline studies.

The design of the baseline surface water monitoring programs should include multi-year seasonal sampling to identify temporal variability associated with the collected data and to identify trends over time. Power analysis should be carried out to ensure that the monitoring programs are adequate to statistically detect changes from baseline conditions.

Surface water, sediment, benthic and fish tissue samples should be collected from all locations within the predicted zone of influence of the project, which many include, but are not limited to, direct discharge locations, surface drainage locations, areas of water taking, and areas that may be influenced by groundwater takings. Adequate upstream reference, zone of influence and downstream locations should be established.

The following should be considered when selecting sampling locations:

- adequacy to produce high quality samples that can be replicated;
- effectiveness of the location to define baseline conditions;
- use of the location for long term evaluation of potential effects of the project; and
- development of a reference condition for the watershed to facilitate comparisons with non-impacted watersheds and to evaluate watershed changes.

It should be noted that effluent discharge criteria will be receiver-based and more restrictive than MISA and MMER. Because baseline/background information is used in the development of receiver-based effluent criteria, the physical, chemical, and biological conditions of the receiving waterbody associated with the preferred discharge location must be characterized. In addition to characterizing the background conditions of the receiving waterbody, consideration should be given to receiver assimilative capacity, mixing zone requirements, identification of contaminants of concern and other water uses.

Hydrological stations should be established in both upstream and downstream locations in potentially impacted or altered water bodies within the project area and flow measurements should be collected at variable flow regimes; including low, medium, and high flows.

Conclusion

The ministry requires that all water bodies within the potential zone of influence be identified and characterized using scientifically defensible methods. In addition to fulfilling the requirements of the Environmental Assessment, it is in the best interest of the proponent to consult with the ministry on details of the proposed baseline study and future permitting requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the above comments and recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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c.c. Todd Kondrat, Surface Water Specialist – Group Leader
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Re: Draft Terms of Reference

Dear Kyle:

Discussion, with regards to Rainy River Resources Draft Terms of Reference, was held at the regular meeting of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Chapple on Tuesday, June 12, 2012.

Some points of concern for consideration were:

- Footprint of the RRGP should be as compact as possible – as proposed in the draft T of R, it spans three distinct watersheds
- The northern limit of the Loslo Creek is fairly flat terrain and there is minimal elevation change between that watershed and the upper area of Jones Creek [sic] watershed. There is concern that there is a possibility that a major rainfall event could cause contaminated water to flow into the Jones Creek watershed.
- Concern about the environmental impacts downstream if the Pinewood River is to be relocated and that this should not be considered as an option.

Council is confident that with the completion of the Environmental Assessment process these concerns will be addressed. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Peggy Johnson

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Alex Blasko, June 15, 2012

Below are comments from MNDM's review of Rainy River Resources draft ToR.

Aboriginal Consultation

- The Aboriginal Consultation and Engagement Plan (ACEP) should show that the Provincial government[1] has delegated the procedural aspects of consultation to Rainy River Resources Ltd (RRR). It should explain what the procedural aspects are and how the Crown will be providing oversight to the process. It is important that this is stated overtly in the ToR but also cite MOE ToR guidance document.

- The Procedural Aspects delegated to RRR are:

    - *Providing information about the nature of the proposed project, which includes:*
        - *Providing information in a format that is accessible;*
        - *Conducting any meetings or information sessions that may be appropriate to ensure the community has an clear understanding of the project to respond;*
        - *And, bearing the associated costs of these steps (distinguished from providing capacity more generally to aboriginal communities).*

    - *Gathering information about the potential of the project to impact Aboriginal or treaty rights (as opposed to assessing the information gathered which is the Crown's role);*
    - *Proposing/discussing measures to mitigate concerns heard;*
    - *Maintaining an appropriate record of the process steps taken; what was shared, what was heard, how it was considered.*

- It would be beneficial if the ACEP highlights the benefits of the delegation approach, such as:

    - RRR has a vested interest in ensuring a meaningful process
        - efficiency – RRR is in best position to describe the project and discuss possible mitigation of concerns heard

    - capacity building – knowledge transfer;

    - establishing and building relationships – fostering peaceable co-existence and enhancing opportunities for benefit

- The ACEP must document that the Crown has verified that a duty to consult has been triggered and who is owed the duty. It should also note that the scope of consultation is determined by the Crown and that it is

[1] This has been jointly done by the Provincial ministries with a permitting or approval role. Includes; MNDM, MNR, and MOE. MAA provided input and advice to these ministries. These ministries worked with CEAA to ensure consistency with the Federal government (to the extent possible).

assessed on an on-going basis throughout the EA and permitting/approval process. The updated Consultation list provided to RRR should be reflected in the ToR.

- Assessment and oversight by the Crown is currently be provide on other mine development projects through the bi-weekly meetings between the proponent-CEAA-MOE-MNDM and documented through meeting notes. RRR should consider this approach. I suggest meeting with the relevant agencies to discuss.

- If community specific communications strategies are going to be used then that commitment should also be in the ACEP.

- It should be noted that although organized bodies such as the Fort Frances Chief Secretariat (FFCS) exist the duty to consult lies with the individual communities.

- There should be a cross reference to the EIS guidelines and the Federal aboriginal consultation work plan and/or a confirmation that the commitments made in the ToR are in addition to any of the oRRRations contained in those documents.

- During consultation on other mine development projects in the regions the Crown repeatedly heard from communities that they would like the opportunity to verify that the proponent has accurately recorded their comments and concerns. For this reason RRR should include commitments to provide meeting notes so each community has the opportunity to verify for accuracy before they are finalized (10 day review period before they are finalized). The Crown should be cc'd on this correspondence. This process should continue through out the EA. It is particularly important to do this for any issues related to concerns, options and potential mitigation measures contemplate during the next stage of the EA process

- Comments and concerns have been raised by the Aboriginal communities to date should be documented. The ToR should also establish a clear link between those comments and concerns and the commitments that will address them.

- MNDM recommends that RRR use the attached consultation /issues tracking table to aid the Crown in assessing the adequacy of consultation and impacts to rights.

- There should be a clear commitment in the ToR (ACEP) that when the EA report is prepared it will clearly document the following:

    - That the Aboriginal communities have had an adequate opportunity to understand the project and identify potential impacts
    - How the project (or components of the project) has been modified to reduce or avoid those impacts
    - An explanation of why the project (or components of the project) cannot be modified to reduce or avoid the impacts.
    - An explanation of how the communities have been either accommodated or compensated for remaining impacts that cannot be avoided.

- It is recommended that both the Provincial and Federal representatives review the consultation record prior to the final submission of the ToR.

Closure Planning

- The *Mining Act* requires mining companies to have a certified Closure Plan in place that describes the project and how it will be rehabilitated. This includes providing financial assurance for the estimated cost of that rehabilitation before mine opening and operation.

- Other proponents currently undertaking EA's are planning to include a Draft CP as part of their EA documentation. RRR can make a commitment in the ToR if this is going to be pursued.

- This approach should be viewed as an attempt to streamline the co-ordinated EA and CP regulatory processes to improve timelines. It is also a tool to document site rehabilitation commitments (including progressive rehabilitation) to government agencies and potentially affected aboriginal groups.

- A Q&A has been developed by MNDM to answer questions and concerns of other government agencies and the public about this approach.

- Baseline studies should consider the requirements outlined in Ontario Regulation 240/00 of the Mining Act.

- For Closure Planning purposes, an important potential environmental impact that our Ministry will be interested in having quantified is the potential for waste rock and tailings to produce acid rock drainage (ARD) and/or metal leaching (ML). We will also want to know the mitigation techniques that might be employed to address any ARD/ML concerns. It would be helpful if the ToR specifically mentions this and describes in more detail the EA work that is planned to study ARD/ML potential.

- Another specific Closure Planning-related item that should be addressed through the EA is the final status of the pit lake that can be expected to develop after close-out. Key questions that should be answered include the expected time frame for the pit to fill with water (this can be done through the development of the groundwater flow model), the likely location(s) of overflow, and a prediction of possible pit lake water quality concerns (ARD/ML-related).

- It is suggested that emphasis be placed on progressive rehabilitation and to be careful not to inadvertently make commitments on closure prior to studies having been completed and the final site design has been established.

- I suggest that meeting be arranged between MOE, MNDM and RRR to discuss decommissioning/closure planning components of the EA before formally submitting the ToR.

Other Comments

- Explain that the ToR is in addition to the requirements of the EIS guidelines.

- More detail on land tenure could be needed for Provincial Ministries to fully understand and identify their potential permitting and approval roles. For example, does RRR own the right to aggregate, timber, etc… on all parcels of land to be developed?

Best Regards,



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Dear Mr. Blasko:

Subject: **Rainy River Gold Mine Project – Comments on the Provincial Draft Terms of Reference**

Thank you for providing the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) and federal departments with the opportunity to review and comment on the draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Rainy River Gold Mine Project (Project). The Agency's review focussed on two elements: references to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* and the proponent's description of the proposed Project. Of the federal authorities, Environment Canada has provided input related to the alternatives for tailings management. Please find the comments in the attached document.

It is important to note that the federal environmental assessment (EA) process has not yet commenced. If it is determined that a federal EA is required, the Agency will work with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to coordinate the provincial individual EA process with the federal one, to the extent possible.

Please note: On April 26, 2012, the Government of Canada tabled the *Jobs, Growth and Long-term Prosperity Act*. I encourage Ministry staff and Rainy River Resources Ltd. to refer to the Agency Website for more information on the proposed legislation.
http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=16254939-1

If you have any questions regarding the federal comments on the terms of reference, please contact me at 416-952-1585 or Stephanie Davis, the project manager assigned to this file, at 416-954-7334.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Attachments

Federal Comments on the Draft Terms of Reference for the Proposed Rainy River Gold Mine Project
Guidelines for Assessment of Alternatives for Mine Waste Disposal (May 2011)
Streamlining the Approvals Process for Metal Mines with Tailings Impoundment Areas (May 2012)

cc: Stephanie Davis, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
Travis Jones, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
David Zeit, Transport Canada
Kate Cavallaro, Natural Resources Canada
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Rich Rudolph, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Regent Dickey, Major Projects Management Office
Kelly-Anne Fagan, Environment Canada
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Federal Comments on the Draft Terms of Reference for the Proposed Rainy River Gold Mine Project			
No.	Federal Department/ Agency	Section and page	Comment
1	CEA Agency	Pg. v; Sec 1.0 of Consultation Plan; Sec 1.0 of Record of Consultation	Reference is made to the proposed Rainy River Gold Mine Project (RRGP) as being an advanced stage gold exploration project. The text also states that Rainy River Resources Ltd. is pursuing environmental approvals for the development of an open pit and underground gold mine. From these two statements, it appears that the proposed project involves advanced exploration activities and the development of an open pit and underground gold mine. Please provide more detail in the Terms of Reference on the advanced exploration activities if this is part of the proposed project. If not, we recommend removing reference of advanced exploration activities to avoid confusion about components of the proposed Project.
2	CEA Agency	Sec 2.2 and Sec 11.2	Currently, the Government of Canada is proposing to repeal the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (2010) and replace it with a new Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 (CEAA 2012). The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) is reviewing the applicability of the new CEAA 2012 to the proposed project. In light of the proposed CEAA 2012, the federal EA process as described in section 11.2 may need to change. It is recommended that the sections 2.2 and 11.2 be brief in their descriptions of the federal EA process. In the meantime, the CEA Agency will be in discussion with the proponent on how the new CEAA 2012 may affect the proposed project.
3	CEA Agency	5.4.2 pg. 20	Reference is made to mining alternatives as being either open pit mining; or underground mining. In the description of the project, it is clear that the proposal involves the open pit mining supported by underground mining. In light of comment #1, revisions to the text in section 5.4.2 are recommended for clarity and a consistent description of the proposed project.
4	Environment Canada	5.4.6	The draft Terms of Reference states that "A number of other possible areas for tailings storage are potentially available in the general Project area, subject to land acquisition." (pg. 23) For further clarity on the proposed project, please specifically outline all of the potential tailings management areas that will be addressed in the EA. Environment Canada also provides the following references in advance to assist Rainy River Resources Ltd. in planning for the assessment, in the likely event that a federal EA is required.

			• *"Guidelines for Assessment of Alternatives for Mine Waste Disposal"* (attached) for guidance on tailings impoundment area (TIA) alternatives and the expected assessment process of alternatives. Generally, at least one of the alternatives to be considered should not impact a natural water body even if that site is remote from the mine layout. • *"Streamlining the Approvals Process for Metal Mines with Tailings Impoundment Areas"* (attached) for your information and reference on the approved approach to streamline timelines for Governor in Council decisions for authorizing the use of natural water bodies as TIAs for qualifying metal mines.
5	CEA Agency	General	In the likely event that federal EA requirements apply, it is recommended that the proponent include a commitment to providing the draft environmental assessment report (also known as the draft environmental impact statement) and draft technical supporting documents for review and comment by government agencies and Aboriginal groups before it is submitted to MOE and the CEA Agency for the formal public comment period. This allows the federal and provincial governments to conduct a conformity review of the EA documentation using the EIS Guidelines and the Terms of Reference.
	Appendix A – Consultation Plan and Record of Consultation		
6	CEA Agency	General	In the likely event that federal EA requirements apply to the proposed project, the CEA Agency will coordinate, to the extent possible, public and Aboriginal consultation activities with the provincial ministries and Rainy River Resources Ltd. To assist the CEA Agency in preparation and coordination of public and Aboriginal consultation activities, it is recommended that more detail be provided on the consultation plan and on the concerns on the proposed project heard to date. More specifically, reference is made to established Traditional Knowledge or Environmental Advisory Committees, a comprehensive communications strategy, and Rainy River Resources Ltd. providing opportunities for the identified Aboriginal communities to receive an update on the proposed project, become informed about EA findings, and provide feedback about mitigation measures. The Agency welcomes continued dialogue with Rainy River Resources and the provincial ministries to support coordinated consultation activities.
7	CEA Agency	Appendix B	The contact at Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development has been changed from Daniel Johnson to Travis Jones. His contact information is as follows: 100 Anemki Drive Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 1V2

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Subject: Rainy River ToR Comments

Hi Kyle, Sheila,

As discussed, please find attached comments from the following government reviewers:

- MOE, Environmental Approvals Branch
- MOE, Technical Support Section
- MNR, Fort Frances District
- MNDM, Mineral Development and Lands Branch
- MTO, Northwest Regional Office
- Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
- Environment Canada

If you have any questions or concerns with how these comments should be addressed in the Terms of Reference, please feel free to contact me and I can facilitate a discussion with the appropriate staff.

Also, please note that I have coordinated comments from the most directly involved reviewers, but other government agencies may also provide comments on the draft.

I would suggest that prior to submitting a final Terms of Reference, it would be helpful to receive a table that outlines these comments and Rainy River's response to them, including how and where the Terms of Reference has been modified to address the comments, or what commitments Rainy River will make to address the comments during the preparation of the environmental assessment. This will help to facilitate the review of the final document.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

Regards,

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Re: Draft EA Terms of Reference
Rainy River Resources Gold Project
Township of Chapple – Highway 600
Ministry of Transportation Review Comments

Dear Sir:

Rainy River Resources Ltd. (RRR) has entered into a Voluntary Agreement with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to conduct a Provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) for the above proposed project. Included in this EA will be the re-alignment of a portion of provincial Highway 600 which the proponent indicates is required for safety reasons and to avoid potential land use conflicts.

The EA report, that will be prepared as part of the EA process, is intended to conform to the approved Terms of Reference. A draft Terms of Reference has been provided by the proponent for review and comment by provincial and federal agencies including this Ministry.

Rainy River Resources Ltd. has been exploring the potential for realigning a portion of Highway 600 that presently traverses through a mineral exploration area being developed by RRR near the community of Blackhawk in Chapple Township. Due to potential safety concerns, a new alignment is being proposed to redirect Highway 600 around the mineral exploration area. To this end, Rainy River Resources contracted TBT Engineering Consulting Group to undertake a desk-top engineering feasibility study to begin exploring various realignment alternatives. This feasibility study was submitted to this Ministry for review and comment. I have attached a copy of this study, as well as our review comments letter. The proponent did not provide a digital copy, but I am sure they will provide you with one if requested.

Initially, RRR had suggested completing two Environmental Assessments: the individual for the mine site development and one under the Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities for the highway re-alignment. Since this highway re-alignment was the result of the mine site development, and would not occur on its own, the proponent has agreed that this highway re-alignment should be a part of the mine development EA. However, the individual EA will need to satisfy the requirements of the Class EA with respect to the proposed
re-alignment.

The second paragraph under subsection 11.1 on page 59 of the draft lists four primary Provincial agencies that could be involved with approvals/permits for this proposed project. The Ministry of

Transportation is not included in this list. Given the proposed re-alignment of a portion of Highway 600, the Ministry should be included here. As well, there are a number of Permits that may be required in accordance with the provisions of the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act.

The Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act sets out various permit requirements for access to a provincial highway and for development adjacent to it. These are outlined below.

An Entrance Permit is required for access to Highway 600 and must be in the name of the property owner. Any change in ownership or land use will require a new Entrance Permit from this Ministry.

A Building and Land Use Permit is required for any development/construction occurring within 45 metres of the property limit of the highway, or within 180 metres of the centre point of the intersection of a side road with Highway 600.

Any signage located within 400 metres of the limit of Highway 600 will require a Sign Permit. Please note there are various Ministry policies with respect to commercial signage.

Any work within the highway right-of-way, such as any proposed highway improvements resulting from the development, will require an Encroachment Permit from the Ministry. Depending on the nature and extent of such required improvements, the proponent may also
be required to enter into a legal agreement with the Ministry for the construction of these improvements within the highway right-of-way.

All permits are required prior to any development/construction taking place. The above permit requirements are provided for in subsection 34(2) of the aforementioned Act.

Approvals and permits will also be required from the Ministry of Transportation as they relate to the planning, design and construction of the Highway 600 re-alignment.

Table 7, the Preliminary List of Required Provincial Environmental Approvals, on page 62 of the draft, makes no mention of obtaining approval from the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Sport (MCTS). Given that the realigned section of Highway 600 may run through previously undisturbed lands, an archaeological assessment will be required. When such an assessment is undertaken, a report(s) must be filed with MCTS, and a "clearance" letter

issued by MCTS to the proponent. The Ministry of Transportation will require confirmation that such studies have been done to the satisfaction of MCTS.
As well, this Table 7 should also be amended to include the above permit requirements as set out in the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act.

RRR has confirmed that they will obtain all necessary environmental approvals/permits that might be associated with re-aligning Highway 600 (e.g. HADD authorizations from DFO, Species at Risk Permits from MNR).

Although RRR indicates in the draft that they have already initiated consultation with area First Nations, there is no mention of discussions with Grand Council Treaty 3. The mine development,

including the proposed highway re-aligned, is located within the boundaries of Treaty 3. It is possible that Grand Council Treaty 3 is being consulted through the other First Nations involved in the study; however, this Ministry will want to ensure that the new section of highway does not conflict with broader Treaty 3 considerations/issues.

Should you have any further questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Yours truly,

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Subject: Rainy River Gold Mine Development Project – Draft Terms of Reference

Dear Alex,

Thank you for coordinating the agency review of the draft Terms of Reference for the Rainy River Gold mine development project. The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has reviewed the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and provide the following comments from our review.

Over all there needs to be more detail in the ToR to adequately present how the Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared. Specifically for the components of the ToR such as: the project description, the description and evaluation of alternatives, the baseline data, the assessment and evaluation, the criteria, indicators and methods and the commitments and monitoring. The following comments provide details of where the ToR requires amendments, corrections or further detail.

Project Description

The Terms of Reference needs to identify the boundaries of the project footprint will be clearly identified on a map in the EA report.

While it is recognized that the study areas have not yet been firmly defined, a number of alternative routings for the 230 kV transmission line have been determined. The transmission line to be constructed across 15.7 km – 19.2 km, some of which is Crown land, should have been included as part of the preliminary study area with alternative routes presented on a map.

The ToR should have a brief description of the project life cycle including intentions of the site at closure such as identifying the long term plan for the open pit workings (ie flooding or filling), above ground infrastructure, tailings management facilities and sites, etc.

Description and Rationale for Alternatives

There needs to be additional explanation to this section of the report. It is not understood if the alternatives selected for this ToR have been screened as per the framework identified in section 5.1 of the ToR. A summary of information that was collected during the screening for these alternatives should be presented in the ToR and further details provided in the supporting documentation. It is expected that the supporting documentation will include details such as:

- The method to determine the relative desirability of alternatives from an environmental perspective should be detailed and based, at least in part, on an evaluation of indicators. This evaluation should reflect the degree to which alternatives are expected to conflict with the intention of relevant laws, regulations and policies while considering proposed mitigation measures. For environmental components or processes that may not be specifically protected by laws, regulations or policies (e.g. many invertebrates, reduction in bird abundance due to habitat loss or conversion), expert judgement will be required to 1) predict the relative impacts of different alternatives and 2) determine whether any individual alternative is "likely to cause significant adverse effects to the natural environment that cannot reasonably be mitigated (unacceptable)" (ToR, pg. 17) and therefore inconsistent with the purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act.

- Section 5.2.3 states "it may be that one or two performance objectives are more important and override all other objectives ...". Effects (adverse) to the natural and human environments and amenability to reclamation are relatively more important performance objectives. This valuation should be stated explicitly in the ToR and future environmental assessment.

Table 1 (and in general, the ToR) does not adequately explain or provide reasons for the alternatives. The title of Table 1 indicates these are the alternatives that will be considered in the EA, but the column '*to be considered in the EA*" identifies some alternatives that are not being considered. If alternatives have been identified as not meeting the proponent's criteria (ie are not within the scope of RRG to implement) they should not be identified as alternatives.

The report needs to contain a better description the following alternatives:

- Mining Alternatives that include re-routing of the Pinewood River. The text and map in the ToR does not clearly show the re-routing. As well, the safety concerns need to be explained (ie berm stability and breakage etc)

- Tailings Management – there is only one tailings management option presented (Figure 2). The other alternative needs to be defined on a map and better described with more detail. Tailings management areas are important components of mine development.

- Highway 600 re-alignment. The current alternatives are associated with a mine, or no mine, but there are no other alternatives presented. The alternatives should include the alternative plans for the road re-routing for the project (mine development) and presented on a map.

- Power supply: The ToR identifies two power supply alternatives but not an alternative that considers a combination of energy sources.

The map that was provided to MNR separate from the ToR shows 4 alternatives for a transmission line to ink to the existing power line. This map needs to be provided as part of the ToR.

- Hazardous waste: the offsite licensed landfill alternative should be assessed in this ToR before the EA. Existing landfills vary in their capacity and desire to accept this kind of waste. A site should be identified as soon as possible, specifically since the development of an onsite landfill is not an option.

- Aggregates alternatives – the alternatives are not clearly identified. The definition of dedicated and commercial pits needs to be explained. The Fort Frances district of the Ministry of Natural Resources is not designated under the *Aggregates Resources Act*. Meaning that aggregate operations on private land are not subject to the act, but operations on Crown land are subject and a permit is required.

- Fresh water supply alternatives – the alternatives require more detail. For example, the area lakes and ponds being referenced need to be shown. The proponent has likely identified candidate sources; they should be included in the ToR. A description on the how groundwater will be accessed is needed, ie number of existing wells, required new wells, locations etc. It needs to be identified in the Terms of Reference that a complete description of water supply alternatives will be provided in the EA. The details will need to identify predicted volumes of water needs and uses such as the amount of water anticipated to be recycled, discharged and needed from fresh water sources. There should also be an additional alternative to address surface water shortfalls ie if the Pinewood River cannot provide enough water. An alternative showing a combination of sources including the purchasing of fresh water should likely be included.

  It also would be expected that a hydrology baseline study would be an asset in evaluating the alternatives.

- More details of the Alternative Mine Rock Storage Plan needs to be identified.

- More details of the Alternative Overburden Storage Plan needs to be identified.

The section that addresses Alternatives Evaluation Methodology (section 5.2) requires better explanation. The descriptions and content of this section is confusing. The purpose and how it is applied to the EA is not clear. This section needs to be amended to address these issues.

Criteria, Indicators and Methods

In order to evaluate the alternatives to the project and alternative methods, the criteria, indicators and methods must be developed in the ToR. At minimum, the ToR should provide information on how these criteria, indicators and methods will be developed. Currently, the ToR lacks many of these details.

As indicated for air quality, noise and water quality in Table 6, more specifics can and should be provided at this point concerning relevant legislation, regulation and policy that set limits to impacts on fisheries and aquatic resources, aquatic habitat, terrestrial habitat, wildlife, migratory birds and species at risk. As an example, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997,

conserves terrestrial habitat, wildlife and some migratory birds by prohibiting destruction of beaver dams, furbearer dens, black bear dens and bird nests and eggs.

It should be identified in the Terms of Reference there will be a commitment to prepare a study plan with agencies such as MNR, DFO, and Environment Canada for the Environmental Assessment. The proponent will need to work with these agencies in identifying the required studies prior to undertaking them. Fish Habitat Accounting procedures and a No Net Loss plan may need to be developed in consultation with DFO and MNR.

The ToR also must describe indicators and/or explain how indicators will be developed. Environmental components (e.g. aquatic invertebrate richness, snapping turtle abundance) predicted to be impacted by each alternative may be used as indicators. Indicators must be measurable in a rigorous qualitative (few, many) or quantitative (numerical) manner and be comparable to a pre-determined baseline, standard or target value.

The proponent should also state the potential data sources for the criteria and indicators. It is understood that some of these data sources are listed in Table 3. However, this necessary statement should be made explicitly in the ToR.

Baseline Studies

The ToR refers to extensive baseline studies conducted to date that were completed using standard field protocol and scientific methodology. It is important to note that MNR has not been involved in the collection of this baseline data (with exception of known species at risk), the protocol or methodology. The lack of detail regarding extent and boundaries of the study area and unknown content of a number of environmental studies currently in progress makes commenting on the adequacy of environmental studies conducted by Rainy River Resources difficult.

The following are some advisory comments that outline the expectations of MNR regarding information gathering requirements and compliance and environmental effects monitoring:

1. When evaluating the impact of development at any scale, resource managers are limited to studying a subset of all environmental components and ecological processes. Ideally, previous scientific research should be available to justify that the subset of species, communities and/or processes selected for study can be used to accurately represent/predict impacts of development on the environment as a whole. For example, the study of recognized keystone species may help to achieve this goal. This type of rationalization could significantly improve the rigor of the environmental assessment.

2. In addition to (1) above, information collected should lend itself to evaluating well-known negative impacts of mineral development on natural environments (e.g. increases in heavy metals such as mercury, lead and zinc in fish and aquatic invertebrates). In any case, there is a need to provide justification for the particular selection of environmental impacts that Rainy River Resources studied and/or proposes to study.

3. In consideration of (1) and (2) above, there should be a focused purpose to studies of any species or wildlife community. Data collected must be appropriate for determining impacts of the project and support compliance and environmental effects monitoring. Some scientific principles that may allow determination of cause and effect are worth

mentioning: 1) random selection of statistically independent units, 2) designation of control areas against which to compare treatments in space (surrounding landscape versus study area) and time (pre-development versus year 5/10/15 following development) and 3) repetition. As an example, when testing whether mining activity affects heavy metal levels in northern pike, a method should be used that randomly selects northern pike from control and treatment populations and produces a sample size that allows for a statistically significant comparison (a before-after control-impact study is ideal).

4. The project footprint described in the ToR has expanded considerably beyond the boundaries of the 'advanced exploration works' area studied previously by Klohn Crippen Berger (KCB). Ongoing and future environmental surveys are therefore expected to encompass the approximate 100 km^2 area directly impacted by mining activities as well as all proposed 15+ km transmission corridor alternatives. Should it be determined that surveying the entire study area for all selected environmental components is time and/or cost-prohibitive, justification must be provided for chosen sub-sampling methods and/or geographically focused surveys. For example, a bird species accumulation curve, where cumulative number of species is recorded as a function of sampling effort, may be used to estimate when survey effort has been sufficient to detect the majority of bird species in the study area.

Species at Risk

MNR and the proponent have been working together in addressing the identified species of Whip-poor-will and Bobolink that are known to be present within the study area and are listed as threatened under the *Endangered Species Act*.

The following list of species has been identified through a screening by MNR as possible Species at Risk within the study area.

Monarch
Least Bittern
Eastern Meadowlark
Black Tern
Yellow Rail
American Badger
Grey Fox

The *Endangered Species Act 2007*, s. 10, prohibits damage or destruction of habitat for the majority of species listed as threatened or endangered on the Species at Risk in Ontario list.

Commitments and Monitoring

The Terms of Reference needs to provide more detail on the commitment of environmental effects and monitoring. This is an important section and it is expected the Environmental Assessment will have an Environmental Effects Monitoring Plan that will include:

1. a description of the potential negative environmental effect for each criterion.

2. mitigation and protection measures planned for each criterion and performance measures.
3. how the project will be monitored to ensure that mitigation strategies are meeting performance objectives.
4. a contingency plan to be implemented should monitoring reveal that mitigation measures have failed.
5. a description of frequency and duration of monitoring for each negative impact, for each phase of the project.
6. a non-compliance strategy that will identify a plan of action for out of compliance situations.

The Terms of Reference should identify that an Environmental Effects Monitoring Plan will be prepared in the EA and approved by all applicable agencies.

General comments

The section of the ToR (Section 10) that identifies flexibility to accommodate new circumstances is too broad. The intent of building flexibility into the ToR is not to completely change the scope of the study at the EA stage, but to allow adjustments of aspects of the proposal. The ToR is already currently written in a very non-committal manner, leaving most of the specifics to be developed in the EA report.

There should be a separate Record of Consultation for the public and First Nations.

Use of the term 'criteria' is not consistent throughout the ToR, (ie evaluation criteria in Section 5.2.1, referring to a reasoned judgement or decision, and selection criteria in Sections 5.4.4, 5.4.6 referring to desired status or condition and preliminary criteria in Table 6, referring to predicted effects of an action/alternative). The variety of uses of this term presents challenges to understanding and interpreting the ToR. It is suggested the term be used in reference to predicted effects of an action/alternative which is more consistent with the MOE Code of Practise.

It should be clearly stated the road alignment of Hwy 600 is proposed and included as part of this EA.
The term existing road alignment needs to be identified. The ToR should identify that the movement of the road is first and foremost a requirement to mine development. If there are existing safety issues for the current road and the current use, then it should be identified how this was determined (ie confirmation from MTO, statistics of accidents etc) and how it has been handled in the interim. The ToR should at least identify the possible alternatives that were presented earlier with the understanding they may change for the EA. Highway 600 is classed as a Secondary Highway (not Tertiary).

Table 7: Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) needs to be included as an approving agency. See the following for MNR approvals:

- Authorization under the *Public Lands Act* (PLA) would be required for the occupation (e.g. transmission lines) of Crown land and the construction of works (e.g. roads, water crossings) on Crown land. The application of the *Public Lands Act* will vary based on the status of the surface rights as granted under the *Mining Act*.

- The purpose of the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* (LRIA) is to, among other things, provide for the management, protection, preservation and use of lakes and rivers in Ontario and the management, perpetuation and use of; fish, wildlife and other natural resources dependent on lakes and rivers. Approval under the LRIA is required for any dams, tailings dams, dikes, diversions, channel alterations, culverts, causeways, or pipelines into the bed of a river, stream or lake on Crown or private land. The proposed project as described would likely involve clearing, dredging, filling, dewatering, diverting, water crossings and damming that would have direct or indirect impacts to the existing streams and ponds. These impacts will have to be evaluated in terms of the purposes of the LRIA.

- Application for approval under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act* would be required as it is expected that proposed project activities such as clearing, grubbing, blasting, dewatering and damming would result in destruction of habitat such as; beaver dams, furbearer dens, black bear dens, and or bird nests and eggs.

- Clearing trees on Crown land or Crown trees on private land for mine development will require approval under the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act* in the form of a Forest Resource Licence (FRL).

- The extraction and use of any amount of aggregate resources on Crown land would need to be in compliance with the *Aggregate Resources Act* (ARA). This would require a permit authorized under the ARA.

The recently prepared draft Official Plans for the local municipalities state that it is assumed 90% of Rainy River Resources mine jobs will be occupied by local residents. A rationale for a construction camp or offsite residence is suggested.

The Conservation Reserves are incomplete in Figure 3 (ie Rainy Lake Islands, Pipestone are missing) and Seine River First Nation is identified incorrectly as a Conservation Reserve

The creek names Loslow, Jones and Clarke are not official names.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Rachel Hill, District Planner at (807) 274-8605 or at rachel.hill@ Ontario.ca.

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Dear Mr. Stanfield:

Thank you for submitting the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Rainy River Gold Project, dated May 2012.

Please find below the Environmental Assessment Services Section's comments on the draft ToR. Please note that the purpose of these pre-submission comments is to provide guidance on the contents of the ToR so that it can meet provincial EA requirements and so that the EA process is represented in a clear manner for public, Aboriginal and government review.

These comments are based on the draft ToR, and additional comments may be provided once a revised ToR is provided for review.

1. The definition of the environment in the preface should be corrected to combine bullets (e) and (f) as a single statement.

2. Section 2.1 provides information on EA triggers for various project components, but it should be revised to also include the rationale for volunteering to undertake an EA for the whole mine, and not just the components with EA triggers.

3. Section 2.2 indicates that government agencies are attempting to align the approval of the proposed ToR with the issuance of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines. Note that this should be revised to indicate that the government is attempting to align a decision on the ToR with the EIS Guidelines, as approval of the ToR is at the Minister's discretion. The same statement should be revised in Section 11.2.

4. Section 4.1 states that the preliminary description of the project is provided to assist in the ToR review process, and should not be considered finalized. I would suggest adding additional clarification that this represents the preferred project components based on

preliminary planning studies, but that a range of alternatives for each project component will be studied in detail in the EA, as outlined in Section 5.0.

5. Section 5.2 should provide more information on what indicators will be used to evaluate alternatives and how they will be measured. For instance, what components of the Natural Environment will be assessed to determine adverse effects, and how will they be assessed? This should relate to the environmental components identified in Table 2 and provide some preliminary sense of what will be measured (e.g. what parameters will be measured for air quality, what wildlife species will be measured, etc.).

6. Effects to the Human Environment identified in Section 5.2.2 should also include impacts to Aboriginal and treaty rights. Alternatively, a separate category could be created to assess this.

7. Section 5.2.3 should make it clear that the evaluation of alternatives will also include consultation with the public, Aboriginal communities and government reviewers. This section should also identify that the EA will include an evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages to the environment of the undertaking, the alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking and the alternatives to the undertaking, as required by the Environmental Assessment Act.

8. Further to comments provided by email on April 12, 2012 on the preliminary draft of the ToR, please note that additional clarity could still be provided regarding the identification and description of alternatives. If specific alternatives have already been identified for further evaluation (e.g. transmission routes, highway alignments, river realignments), these should be specifically identified and the rationale for selecting them explained. If specific alternatives have not yet been selected, then the parameters for determining a specific route or range of options should be explained.

9. Section 5.4.8 indicates that limited alternatives are available for the location of certain facilities. If no alternatives will be considered because of strict regulatory or technical requirements, this section should clearly indicate what those requirement are, and where or how the proposed facilities will be located.

10. Section 5.4 has limited the range of alternatives based on a range of considerations. If any preliminary studies or assessments have been completed to support the preliminary screening of alternatives, these should be provided in the supporting documentation. Please refer to Section 4.2.5, of the Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario for the minimum information that should be provided regarding how the proponent has determined what alternatives will be considered in the EA.

11. Table 1 should include off-site treatment under domestic sewage alternative methods, and provide the major reasons for not including it as an alternative.

12. Section 6.1 is confusing, as it states that the study areas have not yet been firmly defined, but they will be further defined in the proposed ToR. This should be clarified, since this is the information provided in the proposed ToR. As a minimum, the ToR

should include general maps identifying the geographic extent of the regional and local study areas at least at a preliminary level. This is important for potentially interested persons to identify how their interests may be affected by the proposed study. Study areas can then be refined during the EA stage as necessary to ensure all impacts are adequately addressed.

13. Section 6.2 indicates that background air quality levels were measured for particulate matter. This should also indicate if there are any other parameters of concern, and whether they were measured during the preparation of the ToR, or will be measured during the EA.

14. Section 6.8 under Local Aboriginal Groups should provide a specific commitment to include an assessment of how the project overlaps with traditional lands in the EA, and also include an assessment of how Aboriginal rights and interests may be affected by the project.

15. It is unclear whether Table 2 relates only to baseline study work that will be undertaken during the EA, or if it also relates to the components that will be measured as part of the alternatives evaluation. This should be clarified.

16. Additional detail on the methodology that will be used for the cumulative effects assessment should be provided in Section 7.0, including a description of the region, any other existing and planned projects, and how the cumulative effects will be studied. This should be consistent with the EIS Guidelines requirements. In the event that the EIS Guidelines are not finalized prior to the finalization of the ToR, Section 7.0 should at least refer to the EIS Guidelines for additional information on the methodology and requirements for the cumulative effects assessment.

17. Further to my email dated May 10, 2012, there are some additional considerations that should be addressed in the ToR. Please refer to this email for more detail on how to address climate change, short-term contingency plans, consideration of alternative methods for decommissioning, and information requirements for the Record of Consultation.

18. Please note that some information is available from the ministry's web site on climate change adaptation, and this should be considered in preparing the ToR and EA.

19. Further to comments provided by email on April 12, 2012, the ToR should specifically identify if Rainy River will commit to accommodating the needs of Aboriginal communities through such means as translation into native languages, and providing opportunities for verbal as well as written input into the process.

20. The Record of Consultation provided with the draft ToR appears incomplete, and does not contain a full accounting of all communications with any Aboriginal communities or groups, including notifications, meetings, email, letters and other discussions. Similar information should also be provided for Rainy River consultation activities with the government, public and other stakeholders.

21. The Consultation Plan should refer to appropriate Métis community councils instead of the Métis Nation of Ontario, until the community councils have provided written confirmation that the Métis Nation of Ontario is representing them for the purpose of consultation on this project. In this case, the most proximate community council would be the Sunset County Métis Council, who should be the direct contact for consultation. The Métis Nation of Ontario and the Rainy River Lake of the Woods Regional Consultation Committee should be copied.

22. The ToR should be updated to include the additional communities that were identified for consultation through the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines. Please ensure that the consultation list represents the most recent discussions regarding Aboriginal consultation between Rainy River and the provincial and federal governments. In addition, the Record of Consultation should reflect all communications that have been undertaken with these communities.

23. Note that additional comments on the consultation plan may follow based on recent and ongoing discussions between Rainy River and the provincial government regarding the nature and scope of Aboriginal consultation.

24. The ToR should include language that describes the government's duty to consult and how Rainy River will be undertaking the procedural elements of delegation because it is in the best circumstance to provide information on the project.

Additional detailed comments are attached from other provincial and federal technical reviewers. Please ensure that all of these comments are considered and addressed as appropriate in the revised ToR. Prior to the submission of a revised ToR, please submit a written response which outlines how these comments have been addressed, including how the ToR has been revised to address them, or how Rainy River commits to address them during the preparation of the EA. At least three weeks prior to formal submission of the ToR, please contact me to discuss submission timing and process.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft ToR. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me at 416-314-7232.

Regards,

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Meeting Notes

Date: July 11, 2012
Purpose of Meeting: Proposed alignment of water intake line
Realignment of Hwy 600
Location: Chapple Municipal Office
Time: 9:30 am – 11:30 am
RRR Participants: Kyle Stanfield, Stacey Jack
Municipal Participants:

Geoff Gillon (Rainy River Future Development Corporation)	Peggy Johnson, Clerk
Peter Van Heyst (Reeve)	Rick Neilson (Council)
Ken Wilson (Council)	Rilla Race (Council)
Gord Armstrong (Town of Rainy River – arrived at 10 am)	

Kyle provided an option for a new pipeline corridor which would run west of the proposed Hwy 600 re-alignment on an unopened road allowance. The option is different from the one which was presented in the draft TOR. Kyle asked for the Townships opinion of the new corridor, and if it was feasible from a Township perspective. Comments and questions were provided by municipal participants.

Question: Why is it located so far down the Pinewood River?
Kyle: It provides more water by going further down the watershed. Drawing water during the high flow period is seasonal

Comment: Part of the proposed alignment is in Morley Township.
Kyle: Can Chapple coordinate with Morley to have a discussion?
Comment: Yes we will.

Comment: At the jog of the Pinewood River, on the north side, there's a road bed that has never been used – it goes west and then south.

Question: How much of an easement do you need? Will it go beyond the 33'?

Kyle: Yes, we will have 2 -12" above ground pipes, likely buried in public areas, which are heat traced. They typically fit within the road easement.

Comment: Building the road on the proposed corridor would be more difficult because the muskeg is quite deep.

Comment: You would need to be working with private landowners as well.

Kyle: Yes, we are aware of that.

At 10pm, Gord Armstrong from the Township of Rainy River was invited into the meeting to discuss the realignment of Hwy. 600. Kyle opened the second half of the meeting by demonstrating on a map where the proposed realignment would be, and described that the realignment was determined through discussions with Jim McKever of the MTO and a screening study conducted by a consultant.

Question: The Township of Rainy River and the other townships thought they should be able to comment on the Hwy 600 realignment.

Kyle: You still have opportunity to comment. We're open to any comments or suggestions you may have.

Comment: The Township of Rainy River would like to see a more northern route upgraded to help facilitate tourist traffic from the Sioux Narrows/Nestor Falls area. However, by suggesting the upgrade, the Town of Rainy River does not intend to hurt the mine development in any way.

Kyle: Recognize why the northern route is preferred for tourism, however the option that is presented is more viable for the mine and consistent with the Township of Chapple needs for area accessibility. The northern route would also cost significantly more.

Comment: Can we meet with the government at some time to discuss this further?

Kyle: Certainly, that's your prerogative.

Comment: Appreciate the company and supports the mine development. Township of Rainy River now understands the need to pursue the permitting of the preferred Highway 600 alignment.

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via-email

Re: Comments on Draft Terms of Reference – Rainy River Gold Project

Dear Peggy,

Thank you for your comments on the Draft Terms of Reference and also for attending our Open House in Barwick on May 31, 2012 along with Reeve, Peter Van Heyst. I enjoyed the opportunity to discuss more aspects of the project and our coordination together.

Your comments on the Draft Terms of Reference related to the overall mine footprint size, containment of process water and also the potential for re-alignment of a portion of the Pinewood River. We appreciate these comments and want to assure you that every effort is being made by our very qualified consultants to ensure the mine footprint is as compact as practical. I want to also assure you that the tailings management area will be designed to ensure that process waters are fully contained at all times and that no uncontrolled releases occur. Furthermore, a geotechnical engineering assessment is presently underway by our consultants to determine whether there will indeed be a requirement to realign a section of the Pinewood River near the Open Pit so as to ensure safe mine operation. As you alluded to in your letter, the Environmental Assessment will demonstrate that environmental effects are reduced and managed in a way that ensures the long-term viability of the surrounding environment.

I look forward to continued discussions with the Township over the coming months and years as we undertake permitting of the Rainy River Gold Mine.

Sincerely,

Kyle L. Stanfield, P.Eng.
Vice-President, Environment & Sustainability
Rainy River Resources Ltd.

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Rainy River Gold Project
Inter-Agency Meeting
July 18, 2012
Comments, Questions and Answers

Attendees:

Kyle Stanfield	RRR	Wesley Plant*	EC
Stacey Jack	RRR	Anita Li*	EC
Lincoln Dunn	PWI	Kelly-Anne Fagan*	EC
Chief Jim Leonard	RRFN	Alisdair Brown	MOE
Jason Dietrich	AMEC	Todd Kondrat	MOE
David Simms	AMEC	Jim Sutton	MOE
Matt Evans	AMEC	John Van den Broeck	MNR
Stephanie Davis*	CEAA	Rachel Hill	MNR
Charles Gauthier*	EC	Chris Martin	MNR
Amie Baker*	NRCan	Neal Bennett	MNDM
Tom Kleinboeck	DFO	Gary Silworsky	OMAFRA

** participated by telephone*

Aquatic Resources – Jason Dietrich

Tom: *Has there been enough study around Northern Pike on the Pinewood, especially considering this is a low water year and the past few years have been a low water year? How is this being looked at compared to normal or high water conditions – what habitat is available for them, how far up the watershed would we see Northern Pike or how far would this project go and would it impact nursery habitat?*

Jason: In terms of background information, KCB did work on the upper areas of the Pinewood in regard to availability of Northern Pike and there is good information available. Because of the drought conditions, we have not been seeing juvenile Pike on the lower reaches in the tributaries. There has been adult Pike throughout the Pinewood and our survey will continue. After this year's study, we will have a better picture of Pike in the system. There is definitely adequate vegetation for them to spawn and nursery areas on the Pinewood due to its meandering nature. This year, due to the drought conditions, the pike are concentrated and there is likely a lot of cannibalism going on.

John: *Historically lake sturgeon reportedly spawned in lower regions of the Pinewood River; an aquatic study was done in 1997 by Rainy River First Nations where they interviewed folks in the watershed who identified Pike into the upper reaches of that system.*

Jason: We are aware of the possible presence of sturgeon on the lower reaches. Our current correspondence hasn't indicated any use by the sturgeon on the upper reaches. If we did find sturgeon at any life stage, we are aware there would be permits required and we would contact the MNR right away. At this time we have not captured any juvenile or other life stages of sturgeon.

Tom: *Is there a lot of info on the Pinewood River downstream in terms of walleye spawning?*
Jason: MNR have indicated that there are walleye in the lower sections but they have not been identified any in the project area, nor is there any optimal spawning habitat in the upper section.

Tom: *How will water taking have a downstream effect on habitat?*
David: We're developing preliminary water balances for the site. We estimate utilization of only about 10% of annualized Pinewood River flow for the project, except for the winter period. We're looking to restrain the amount of water taken from the river so we don't adversely affect the habitat. In terms of water quality, we do not expect to be impacting the water quality or flow volumes.
Jason: To date I'm not aware of a specific program any except for the one you mentioned from 1997 which did look at some stations in that location – the MNR does not have a huge amount of data base. Some other agencies on the other side of the border may. At this point we haven't actually picked up a huge number of stations downstream. We will be picking up key downstream data in the 2012 baseline study.
Kyle: Of the 10% of annualized flow which will be used to support the mine, only a small proportion will not be returned to the system; we're not taking 10% out and keeping it – there will be seasonal taking and seasonal discharge which will have to be compliant with fisheries and other requirements – the portion that will be lost will be mainly through losses to tailings voids (storage) and evaporation.

Tom: *Is there enough information for water taking in low water years?*
Chris: *There is very limited habitat data; it would be a lot more defensible if we have downstream data on fish conditions and diversity of species.*
Jason: We will want to make sure that we have enough data; we have 7 stations that we're looking at downstream of the proposed discharge locations.
John: *The 1997 study was a graded design; invertebrate data is pretty good as well; that study could potentially serve as a control if it is replicated through time. That data was entered into Ontario Streams.*

John: *How are you planning on managing this data?*
Jason: By following conditions under MNR Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes, which will require the submission of fish capture meristic data in a standard form. Further to that we will use a digital file system for habitat, water quality, sediment quality and benthic invertebrate information. Most data is currently in Excel files.

Kyle: What we are asking is where specifically we are being asked to draw the line in regards to this field season so we can wrap up for EA purposes. Let us know what our area of study should be so, if we need to, we can re-create the downstream study.

Tom: *Our comments from 2008-2010 have been provided. Our comments from 2011 will be coming shortly; so to say 2012 will be the last year of baseline shortens the window. We are looking for compensation plans and still need more data; we need to make sure there are enough transects done so that all the important habitat types are representative.*

John: *Have you considered in your baseline design, future environmental effects monitoring program so you can track sentinel species?*
Jason: Yes, we absolutely will have enough information.

Chris: *Questions on highway realignment and transmission line options. Do you have information on locations where water crossings are proposed?*
Jason: Yes we do. Many of the stations to the north are included in possible crossings of the Pinewood River. Work is current this year.
David: For the transmission line, there are three or four points of road access along the corridor, so the assumption is that we will be avoiding creeks in crossings of the transmission line.

John: *In terms of metrics, you mentioned, did you get into gonad measuring?*
Jason: Yes, this year, specifically for northern pike which will probably be the species of interest.

John: *What was the predominant species in the upper reaches of the Pinewood?*
Jason: Common Shiner. My expectation for a study design in terms of repeatability, there are probably three sentinel species which are possible, Pearl Dace, Common Shiner or Central mudminnow. This could change very quickly. There is a robust forage fish base to conduct the studies.

John: *In your benthic data, did you see a significant break in terms of species composition?*
Jason: No
John: *So every site was synonymous in terms of composition?*
Jason: I wouldn't say synonymous, but in terms of seeing a really specific gradient on the tributaries, because of the amount of beaver activity, it difficult to see the expected grade. The information from 2012, especially for Loslo Creek should allow us to see if there's a differential in the upstream areas. Similar stations along the tributaries have not been compared.

Kyle: We have employed a trapper who has trapped this area for 25+ years to work this area on a weekly basis during the ice free months to reduce water levels in key areas and remove beavers.

Tom: *Has beaver dam removal been permitted?*
Kyle: The only one that we had actual removal was permitted with the MNR in late 2010. We had an excavator remove a very large dam. We use the same methods trappers' use – non-evasive hand methods (i.e. rake) to keep it from flooding. It does not have an adverse effect – if anything it enhances fish movement.

Kelly-Anne: *Given the mine layout, I'm glad to see extra sites for 2012 studies. Do all areas studied include benthic and invertebrates?*
Jason: All sites include benthic, invertebrates, sediment quality, water quality and fisheries.

Kelly-Anne: *I heard someone mention this will be the last year of baseline studies – is that correct?*
Jason: Yes, any opportunity to pick up additions to baseline would be greatly appreciated this year.
Kyle: Based on the schedule we have now and what we've been working towards with the development and evolution of the baseline program; is that to support the EA completion, the EA document, both federally and provincially, this is essentially our last season. To follow the schedule that we've been discussing for some time now, which is having the EA submitted to the federal and the provincial government, and also the public which includes First Nations and aboriginal groups, by the spring of next year. What we wanted to hear is get all the agencies together and say for the purposes of the EA, what else would you like to see to complete the EA recognizing that additional baseline work will be needed to support permitting components. The permitting components are subsequent to the EA, but a part of it - there is a break point where there needs to be a comfort level for people like Tom and others and yourselves to say okay, for the purposes of mitigation in the EA we have that comfort level which is sufficient baseline data, but to do this detailed permitting aspect there should be a break point there. What's very important to say here today is that if we need to do another year next year of baseline data, the project will be delayed. There will be significant impact on project viability. So if we need to be doing baseline work this year in support of the EA itself, which is different than specific permitting components, we need to know so we can get them done this season which is one of the reasons why we want to get the TOR out as soon as possible this year, which we issued two months ago. We need to understand what additional work needs to be done this year, recognizing that additional baseline work will be done in the future and continue. Monitoring will never stop.

Rachel: *This type of meeting would have been good to have earlier, given that it's July already. Likely January or February would have been more appropriate.*

Kyle: It's important to know that we have been working with many of the agencies and very closely with the MNR and SAR specifically and we've funded a collaborative research study and if there's additional work in terms of aquatics work that needs to be done, particularly in light of the TOR which was issued in May and the baseline reports that have been issued progressively over the last year, we need to know what the comments would be specifically.
Tom: *Support what Rachel was saying. I realize you're comfortable with data, but want to make sure you realize there are issues with the timing. January or February would have been the ideal time to discuss it. The risk that was taken was missing the spring spawning season.*
David: This goes back to Kyle's point having a break point between baseline data and permitting. Some of the details can come later. In terms of the project, some of the facilities and positions are still being worked out.
Rachel: *The EA will require a defined boundary of the footprint – baseline studies will likely be defining that.*
Tom: *The agencies need to have more detailed discussions and conversations as soon as possible.*
Kyle: Are there synergies between our project and Hammond Reef?
Tom: *Same regional players from different agencies on that project. It's an opportunity to discuss things further. I will work to get comments over as soon as possible.*
Kyle: We can have a follow up aquatics meeting and have a break-out group to discuss technical details to ensure we have an understanding and comfort level. The follow up meeting can be in Thunder Bay or wherever the agencies agree upon.
Rachel: *Want to commend Rainy River Resources on the species at risk work.*
Stephanie: *The majority of the baseline info has recently come out and the team is working hard to come forward if there is anything serious that they see so it can be captured this season. Within the schedule there are timeouts built in that can be used if necessary. Because a lot of the data has come out in late June, it is a bit difficult but we're pulling people together now to highlight things in the next couple weeks. It is possible there is some baseline data that needs to be collected.*
Rachel: *That's also a concern of ours. The SAR has been great –other data is a bit rushed. There are some data issues; some of the KCB data is not usable; we will need to discuss that. When will we get data from reports that we've just received?*
Kyle: We do have a data sharing agreement with MNR. AMEC will ensure data gets over.

Terrestrial Baseline Studies – Matt Evans

John: *The federal species at risk identified are listed with the Province but are not protected except on federal lands.*

John: *What was the approach for assessing rarity of plants?*
Matt: Records review of MNR NHIC listings and provincial rakings for rarity, and review of federal SAR listings. KCB also communicated with the MNR during their baseline

studies. 253 plant species identified in the area; two species of plants are considered provincially rare – Field Sedges and (New England Violet).

John: *SAR for Barn Swallow; general habitat protection doesn't just apply to the nest site. The general habitat description is screened against what is being potentially impacted on.*

Matt: responded that the general foraging habitat of Barn Swallows is not protected as it covers all open areas and that we've been advised by the Peterborough MNR SAR biologist (Kate Pitt) that only Barn Swallow nesting habitats are currently protected

Chris : *Make sure we don't forget about Federal Migratory Birds Conservation Act.*

Rachel: *Were Whip-Poor-Will surveys done on all of the transmission corridors?*
Matt: No, only on the primary preferred option.
Chris: *It is very difficult to weigh alternatives if only one area has had baseline data determined.*
Matt: We have surveyed the preferred route and did not find any terrestrial constraints that would preclude this option.
David: We've considered all the options from a habitat and general suitability perspective, including potential adverse effects to local residents and properties, and have determined that the selected option is likely the preferred alternative , subject to regulatory and stakeholder review. The terrestrial baseline data suggest that this option is viable. Also, the 4 km right-of-way buffer is designed to allow for alignment modifications, if site specific concerns should arise. If the public was opposed to that line, we could look at other corridors next year as part of the EA process. This is an owner's risk.

Rachel: *If other factors, such as a public concern, create a need for serious consideration about other alternatives, and that data is not available, that's a concern.*
You need to have equal evaluation of all the alternatives.
David: Other options would also likely have concerns – whether real or perceived by the public. It is not practical to collect baseline data on all possible alternatives, so we have focused the studies on what we believe to be the likely preferred option.
John: We have triangulated a whip-poor-will location on powerline alternative "C", with an area of correction/inaccuracy of about 100 m
Chris: *Painted turtles, snapping turtles and snakes were identified by KCB. KCB also saw Canada Warbler. Matt's presentation indicated that none were identified.*
Matt: Will look into this.

John: *With respect to the point count surveys for birds, did you identify any areas that were significantly richer than other areas or were they uniform.*
Matt: There were definitely differences in numbers and diversity – we have not yet crunched the numbers. Forested and wetland areas were richer than grassland areas.

Kelly-Anne: *Protocol includes 5min/10min intervals. Did you break down 10min intervals into discrete blocks?*
Matt: Don't believe that was done, we usually just do a 10 minute protocol for a 100m radius.

Kelly-Anne: *Did you receive the document we sent along on generic recommendations for mining project baseline assessment and desktop analysis?*
Matt: Yes, AMEC received it a few days ago.

Kelly-Anne: *During the nocturnal bird surveys for SAR, did you identify the moon phase?*
Matt: Yes.

Hydrology Studies – David Simms
Todd: *Water budget – flows in the Pinewood are small, so water conservation and recycling in the mine site will be key.*
David: We'll be looking at seasonal discharge, effluent quality, treatment. Ore from the RR deposit is very good in terms of metal content. When we get farther along, we will sit down with MOE and go through our plans. There will be a heavy reliance on water recycle for this project.

Allsdair: *From a groundwater perspective this project has three issues - quantity, quality, base. Quantity – private wells and base flow creeks to Pinewood. With the project so close to the Pinewood, I can't see there not being an impact on flow. There needs to be an emphasis on modeling for base flow. Focus on mitigation. Also, in terms of impacts, what actions can mitigate those on surrounding wells? Some agricultural wells may also have higher requirements. There needs to be more sampling outside the footprint.* Are the boreholes geotechnical? *Data gap to the north – need to put more wells in that area. Also need monitoring of private wells so people don't come in time and say the mine impacted their well.*
David: Boreholes have a dual-function – not set up as monitoring wells right now but can be. There will be additional monitoring later on.
Kyle: We will be doing more monitoring in the next phase. There is analysis done on residential wells which we own, which will be melded into the existing program. Have to make sure monitoring is done in respect to the impact of overburden/stockpiles on model in terms of impact on groundwater. We've already had people inform us that the water quality of wells in the Blackhawk area is quite poor.

Allsdair: *Don't forget as you're doing your modeling that you need to consider you're going to be building waste rock piles that will change year after year.*

David: Yes, when we did Detour we considered the effects of stockpiles and will do the same on this project.

Todd: *The more data the merrier. RRR should consider taking ownership of current monitoring stations or establishment of your own.*

John: *How will water be retrieved from the Pinewood River near Jones Creek? Is there a corridor identified for the pipeline – it should be identified?*
David: We will have a pump station and a pipeline. Yes, it will follow the existing road allowance and it is identified – it's the yellow line on the map.

Allsdair: *Is that for water taking and discharge?*
David: Yes, we're essentially looking at a reservoir concept.

Aboriginal Consultation & Archaeology – Stacey Jack
Stephanie: *Engagement with Aboriginal groups and baseline programs – have we considered incorporating baseline type questions, such as spawning areas, into the baseline questions.*

Stacey: Yes, we've incorporated all of these type questions. We can send our questions over for your review.

Charles: *How did the company choose which communities to consult with?*
Kyle: We've been working with the Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat for close to 3 years – this year we signed a participation agreement with them. Recently Ministry has re-scoped First Nations and we'll continue to ensure we work towards common goals.

Charles: *In terms of traditional knowledge - was occupancy considered?*
Stacey: Yes.

Geochemistry – David Simms
No questions

Climate, Air Quality and Noise – David Simms
John: *Are the noise receptors expanding or changing over time?*
Kyle: Yes, we will continue to set up receptors on the peripheral as well as part of our additional.

John: *Where are the receptors now?*
David: On any property that's owned by someone other than Rainy River that's outside of the property boundaries.

John: *Within 1 kilometre?*
Kyle: Could be greater – depends on how modeling comes out with sound propagation.
David: It will not be a uniform area, depending on the type of activity that's being undertaken.

Socio-Economic Baseline – David Simms
No questions.

Wrap-up

Stephanie: *In addition to the people who were on the phone today, there are other technical reviewers that are looking at the documents. Questions/comments to come from CEAA will be coming shortly. I see our next step as reviewing those meetings together.*
Kyle: Yes – we will follow up and have a future conference call or meeting.

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Meeting Notes

Date: July 20, 2012
Purpose of Meeting: Proposed alignment of water intake line
Location: Chapple Municipal Office
Time: 10:30 am – 11:30 am
RRR Participants: Kyle Stanfield, Stacey Jack
Municipal Participants:

Gary Gamsby, (Reeve of Morley)	Peggy Johnson, Clerk of Chapple
Peter Van Heyst (Reeve of Chapple)	Rick Neilson (Council of Chapple)
James Gibson (Council of Chapple)	Rilla Race (Council of Chapple)
	Maury Neilson (Council of Morley)

Kyle provided an option for a new water supply/discharge pipeline corridor which would run west of the proposed Hwy 600 re-alignment on an unopened road allowance. The option is different from the one which was presented in the draft TOR. Kyle asked for the Townships opinion of the new corridor, and if it made sense from a Township perspective. Kyle noted that he was not looking for an answer today, but would like to give direction to the engineers on the project soon. Comments and questions were provided by municipal participants.

Question: Is there a road there?
Rick: It may be unopened or potentially even opened road allowance.

Comment: Is the Hwy. 600 re-alignment going to be the one for sure?
Kyle: That is the preferred route by MTO and the township.

Discussion: If a roadway is being built on an easement, will the municipality have to maintain it and will it become a public road.

Question: Why was this particular point in the Pinewood River chosen?
Kyle: It gives us access to another watershed, which means more water for the project.

Comment: The only thing I wouldn't be in favour of is cutting off existing road allowances and cutting off access.

Discussion: Do pipelines pay a fee for the easement?

Comment: Jones Creek should be called McCallum Creek.

Comment: Chapple's preferred option is the proposed south route.

Comment: Morley is meeting on July 25th. The preferred route will be discussed at this meeting. Morley will send a letter with the preferred route.

Kyle: Once the preferred option is decided, RRR will make the initial landowner contact.

Meeting Notes

Date: August 16, 2012

Purpose of Meeting: IJC/Rainy Lake Board of Control Meeting

Location: Fort Frances Public Library

Time: 3:00 – 4:30 am

RRR Participants: Kyle Stanfield, Stacey Jack

IJC Participants:

Tana McDaniel	Gail Faveri
Col. Michael Price	Leland H. Grim
Rick Cousins	Edward Eaton
Chief Jim Leonard (RRFN)	Matt Meyers (MNR)
John Van den Broeck (MNR)	Jeff Wiume (MNR)
others	

Kyle gave an overview presentation on the RRGP and the environmental assessment process.

Question: How far from the Pinewood River is the project?
Kyle: Deposit continues well under the Pinewood. The main deposit is within 500m of the Pinewood. In the Draft TOR, there is a contingency to divert the Pinewood, but our preference is that it not be diverted.

Question: How far from the International Border is the project?
Kyle: Approximately 25 km straight-line.

Question: How big/what is the extent of the pit?
Kyle: 250-300m deep, 500m-1.5km wide.

Question: How do you know the rock in the Canadian Shield is safe?
Kyle: Canadian Shield is safe for mining both open pit and underground.

Question: Are you in the Greenstone belt?
Discussion: Yes, the project is located in the Greenstone Belt.

ACTION for
RRR: The Board would like a copy of the TOR and Project Description
Discussion: Kyle and the Board on tailings management, including arsenic levels and liner standards.

Question: Are you looking at a daily discharge into the Pinewood River?
Kyle: Seasonal discharge, most likely in spring and fall.

Comment: As a Board, we'd be worried about increasing the discharge during peak seasons and unstabliizing the river bank. We may recommend discharge below bank flow. RRR may want to consider getting more data on the banks downstream. Kyle agreed and stated that this was being assessed as part of the Environmental Assessment.

ACTION for RRR: Provide baseline data reports to the Board.

Discussion: Air/SO2 cyanide destruction process/gold flotation process

Question: I hope you're considering extreme hydrological events that are becoming more common now.
Kyle: We have asked our consultant to consider these factors.

Question: What kind of fisheries are in the streams?
Kyle: Pike and forage fish with scattered walleye. No predator/game fish in the smaller streams within the proposed mine footprint.

Question: How do you handle nitrogen from explosives?
Kyle: Bulk emulsion will be used for blasting thereby significantly reducing the production of aqueous nitrogen.

Question: Once you've reclaimed the mine, will the water in the tailings start to overflow because it doesn't discharge into the Pinewood anymore?
Kyle: It will be designed for a permanent water cover on closure. The optimal solution is a passive one where systems function in a natural capacity.

Question: Who will take care of the wetlands after closure?
Kyle: The wetlands will not be a primary treatment area and will be designed to sulf-sustaining on closure.

Question: What kind of lining will be under the tailings area?
Kyle: The tailings area will be over Lake Agassiz clay, a natural glacial ecustrian till predominant within the project footprint and the regional area. We don't anticipate an artificial liner being required.

ACTION for RRR: What is the permeability of our clay?

ACTION for RRR: Provide baseline water quality data with the International Rainy River Water Pollution Board.

Question: Have you established rating curves?
Kyle: We have some.

Comment: That data would be very helpful to us (IJC – International Rainy Lake Board of Control)

Discussion: Financing of RRR

Question: Have you been doing model analysis on groundwater and surface water?

Kyle: We have a large amount of groundwater data. Piezometers are installed in wells throughout the site and a detailed ground water model is under development.

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Meeting Notes – Rainy River District Municipal Association

Date:	September 19, 2012
Location:	**Emo Legion**
Time:	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
RRR Participants:	Kyle Stanfield, Stacey Jack

Rainy River District Municipal Association Attendees:

Mike Hammond	Reeve	Twp of Alberton
Peter Spuzak	Councillor	Twp of Alberton
Doug Mitchell	Councillor	Twp of Alberton
Jennifer Johnson	Councillor	Twp of Alberton
Rilla Race	Councillor	Twp of Chapple
Rick Neilson	Councillor	Twp of Chapple
Ken Wilson	Councillor	Twp of Chapple
James Gibson	Councillor	Twp of Chapple
Peggy Johnson	CAO/Clerk-Treasurer	Twp of Chapple
Eltjo Wiersema	Mayor	Twp of Dawson
Archie Wiersema	Councillor	Twp of Dawson
Vincent Sheppard	Mayor	Twp of Emo
Vernon Thompson	Councillor	Twp of Emo
Gary Judson	Councillor	Twp of Emo
Brenda Cooke	CAO/Clerk-Treasurer	Twp of Emo
John Albanese	Councillor	Town of Fort Frances
Rick Wiedenhoeft	Councillor	Town of Fort Frances
Sharon Tibbs	Councillor	Town of Fort Frances
Ken Perry	Councillor	Town of Fort Frances
Andrew Hallikas	Councillor	Town of Fort Frances
Mark McCaig	CAO	Town of Fort Frances
Glenn Treftlin	Town Clerk	Town of Fort Frances
Colleen Fadden	Councillor	Twp of Lake of the Woods
Ross Donaldson	Reeve	Twp of La Vallee
Dennis Allen	Councillor	Twpof La Vallee
Freeda Carmody	Councillor	Twp of La Vallee
Jim Belluz	Councillor	Twp of La Vallee
Sylvia Smeeth	Clerk-Treasurer	Twp of LaVallee
George Heyns	Councillor	Twp of Morley
Deborah Ewald	Mayor	Town of Rainy River
Susan Carpenter	Councillor	Town of Rainy River
Nicke Baird	Ex. Director	Riverside Foundation for Health Care
Gerd O'Sullivan		Riverside Foundation for Health Care

Kyle gave a presentation on the RRGP including an overview of the environmental assessment process.
Kyle invited the group to participate in the EA Open houses in late October/early November

Questions / Responses

Question if the incline ramp described in the presentation was the same type as the "old days."

Kyle: Description of the incline ramp and main portal

Rick Neilson asked what the drilling activity was off Jones Rd.

Kyle: Rainy River Resources was drilling closer to Clark Road but he was not aware of drilling of Jones Rd.

What is the size of the pit?

Kyle: 1⅓ km wide x 1½ km long x 350 m deep

Where will RRR get its water from?

Kyle: The Pinewood River (project layout map – demonstrate water intake line). RRR will 3-10% of the annual flow of the Pinewood on a seasonal basis (spring and fall). RRR will recycle 80-95% of water.

Will the discharge go into a holding pond as well?

Kyle: *Yes. Further explanation provided for water intake and discharge.*

What impact will the project have on the District economy?

Kyle: We are currently conducting that research. Kyle explained socio-economic data collection and spoke of questionnaires which had been sent out to Municipalities.

Nikki Baird commented that Riverside Healthcare facilities currently employs 552, about the same as which RRR will employ, and that the group was aware of the economic impact Riverside has.

How much of the stockpile will you be using?

Kyle: *Modelling estimates still need to be completed.*

What are you going to do with the big hole?

Kyle: It will likely become a big lake. Kyle gave the example of the reclamation of the Island Copper Mine which he had been involved with as a consultant in BC where the pit was flooded and surrounding areas reclaimed into a more productive condition. The lake is part of the closure plan to ensure we do not end up with a concern like Steep Rock.

Does the new outline of the pit mean that the Pinewood River will stay intact?

Kyle: We will try to not to have to realign a segment of the Pinewood and are pushing the engineers in that direction. We will try not to realign, however, realignment would not be setting a precedent and would be done in a manner that re-creates suitable aquatic habitat as has been done at other mines.

What are the safeguards against cyanide?

Kyle: All chemicals will be managed and permitted with new technologies. For cyanide, we will institute the air/S02 cyanide destruction process, which breaks apart cyanide mainly intro nitrogen-based compounds.

When you drill lots of holes, do you ever run across sources of water when you drill? What do you do with the running water?

Kyle; *We cap all of the holes that make water.*

Water veins go a long way. Your drilling could affect private wells.

Kyle; We have the best scientists studying surface and ground water. About one third of the wells in the regional area are naturally artesian while the remaining are subject to seasonally dry conditions. We do need to manage water in order to get permits.

Keep up the good work and get her built!

Follow up items

None

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Meeting Notes

Date: July 11, 2012
Purpose of Meeting: Proposed alignment of water intake line
Realignment of Hwy 600
Location: Chapple Municipal Office
Time: 9:30 am – 11:30 am
RRR Participants: Kyle Stanfield, Stacey Jack
Municipal Participants:

Geoff Gillon (Rainy River Future Development Corporation)	Peggy Johnson, Clerk
Peter Van Heyst (Reeve)	Rick Neilson (Council)
Ken Wilson (Council)	Rilla Race (Council)
Gord Armstrong (Town of Rainy River – arrived at 10 am)	

Kyle provided an option for a new pipeline corridor which would run west of the proposed Hwy 600 re-alignment on an unopened road allowance. The option is different from the one which was presented in the draft TOR. Kyle asked for the Townships opinion of the new corridor, and if it was feasible from a Township perspective. Comments and questions were provided by municipal participants.

Question: Why is it located so far down the Pinewood River?
Kyle: It provides more water by going further down the watershed. Drawing water during the high flow period is seasonal

Comment: Part of the proposed alignment is in Morley Township.
Kyle: Can Chapple coordinate with Morley to have a discussion?
Comment: Yes we will.

Comment: At the jog of the Pinewood River, on the north side, there's a road bed that has never been used – it goes west and then south.

Question: How much of an easement do you need? Will it go beyond the 33'?
Kyle: Yes, we will have 2 -12" above ground pipes, likely buried in public areas, which are heat traced. They typically fit within the road easement.

Comment: Building the road on the proposed corridor would be more difficult because the muskeg is quite deep.

Comment: You would need to be working with private landowners as well.

Kyle: Yes, we are aware of that.

At 10pm, Gord Armstrong from the Township of Rainy River was invited into the meeting to discuss the realignment of Hwy. 600. Kyle opened the second half of the meeting by demonstrating on a map where the proposed realignment would be, and described that the realignment was determined through discussions with Jim McKever of the MTO and a screening study conducted by a consultant.

Question: The Township of Rainy River and the other townships thought they should be able to comment on the Hwy 600 realignment.

Kyle: You still have opportunity to comment. We're open to any comments or suggestions you may have.

Comment: The Township of Rainy River would like to see a more northern route upgraded to help facilitate tourist traffic from the Sioux Narrows/Nestor Falls area. However, by suggesting the upgrade, the Town of Rainy River does not intend to hurt the mine development in any way.

Kyle: Recognize why the northern route is preferred for tourism, however the option that is presented is more viable for the mine and consistent with the Township of Chapple needs for area accessibility. The northern route would also cost significantly more.

Comment: Can we meet with the government at some time to discuss this further?

Kyle: Certainly, that's your prerogative.

Comment: Appreciate the company and supports the mine development. Township of Rainy River now understands the need to pursue the permitting of the preferred Highway 600 alignment.

From: Kyle Stanfield
Sent: Monday, May 28, 2012 09:14 PM
To: 'timberridge@tbaytel.net' <timberridge@tbaytel.net>
Subject: Re: ToR information

Hello Mr and Mrs. Neilson - Thank you for your detailed comments.

Sustainability is all about balancing the industrial nature of our collective way of life with the environment and the need for social sustainability in an increasingly economically challenged Ontario economy. I personally can relate very well to your concern for the environment and the need for maintaining its integrity. I spend most of my spare time with my 5 year old son on our property in the Nor'wester Mountains outside Thunder Bay teaching him about the interconnected nature of the environment.

Without a clean environment we have nothing sustainable to offer our children.

As someone who provided environmental consulting advice for most of the major mining projects currently contemplated in NWO, I can say that the Rainy River Resources has undertaken more baseline environmental assessment than any similar project in the Province. These reports will all be made public early next year as part of the Environmental Assessment study report that the Terms of Reference currently issued for public comment will be predicated on. We are also partially funding a first of its kind research study with Trent University and the MNR of Whip-poor-will - a listed species in Ontario to help the scientific community better understand this understudied bird. The study will not only help the Province and US States conserve and protect the bird but also support management practices for the mine itself.

At this stage, we are interested in whether the public has comments on how the environmental assessment will proceed and the contents thereof via the Terms of Reference.

The process we are currently engaged in is the most intensive type of Environmental Assessment that can be undertaken in Ontario and one that Rainy River Resources has voluntarily undertaken.

I look forward to meeting with you during the open house and discussing how we continue to ensure our environment is viable today and over the long term.

Sincerely, Kyle

Regards,

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Subject: ToR information

Hi Mr. Stanfield

We have just finished reading, with great interest, the proposed ToR for the RRGP which was posted on the RRR website. The impact of the RRGP on the environment is a very significant issue for our family and we feel that it is very important for us to understand and contribute where possible. It is a well presented paper that is very reader friendly. Thank you for this. RRR has now acquired our property we have called home for the past 29 years. Our relocation plans will put us more distant from the RRGP, however, still much closer than we ever imagined (after viewing the project footprint as presented on Page 13). We would like to continue to live in the Deerlock/Northbranch area because we really enjoy the landscape and natural biodiversity of the area which has been identified as a unique localized small ecological zone. We had always understood that if this project proceeded it would be a very large and significant gold project....but it isn't until one actually sees it on paper that the significance and the size really starts to sink in. The scope of the project will certainly displace wildlife and destroy habitat as the footprint covers a very large acreage. We are extremely interested in the plan to mitigate the loss of this bio diverse wildlife habitat (including an abundance of species at risk). We sincerely value and appreciate the biodiversity in our localized area created by the convergence of the three Eco zones (Great lakes, Boreal and Prairie). After spending time in Southern Ontario, we really feel blessed that we are able to live in the Deerlock/Blackhawk area and are able to provide a reasonable standard of living for our family by working with this natural resource and from farming. We utilize best management practices and apply these to the forest resource and farming prescriptions in an attempt to respect the cycles and seasonality of the wildlife community and to encourage the biodiversity of the habitat. We continually strive for improvement.

We are also shareholders of RRR, and to a great extent RRR activities now become a reflection of us . We understand and appreciate the challenges are huge when operations require removal of such a significant acreage of natural habitat. We understand that it is virtually impossible to reclaim an area back to its natural state. However, we look forward to seeing a plan developed that will mitigate the impact of this great loss of habitat and is reflective of the values of a good stewardship of the environment and the species which populate it.

The ToR references a number of baseline studies and environmental data sources. We did not see a live link to these documents on the web site. We would like to review them to get a better understanding of the parameters for the ToR.

The baseline information I am referring to are the Wildlife Surveys carried out for the RRG and its immediate environs by KCB (2009 and 2010) and by AMEC (KCB 2011, AMEC 2011a, and b) as referenced on Pg 36 of the ToR. As well as, the Summary of potential Environmental Data Sources as listed on Page 40 of the Tor.

We plan on attending RRR open house on Wednesday and Thursday and would appreciate reviewing this information prior to the open houses. We are truly looking forward to meeting with you and sincerely appreciate this opportunity.

Best Regards
Colin and Trish Neilson

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Re: Comments on Draft Terms of Reference – Rainy River Gold Project

Dear Rick,

Thank you for your comments on the Draft Terms of Reference and also for attending our Open House in Barwick on May 31, 2012 during which we had time to discuss a variety of topics.

I want to assure you that we are working closely with our very qualified consultants to ensure the overall mine footprint is as compact as it can safely be. We appreciate your concerns and want you to know that we certainly value both the natural environment as well as the rural agricultural uses that remain in some areas today peripheral to the project area. The Environmental Assessment process currently underway is designed to ensure that the mine operates and closes in a manner that will ensure the long-term environmental viability of the surrounding landscape. We are confident that as we proceed through the Environmental Assessment process that you will see the efforts that have been made to ensure this end is reached.

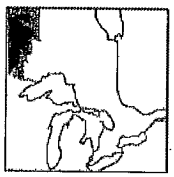
Regarding your concern about giant puffballs as we discussed during the May 31, 2012 Open House, I did ask Matt Myers at the Ministry of Natural Resources about it in April of 2011 shortly after our environmental consultant mentioned you had asked their staff about the prevalence of this organism. The response I was given from the Ministry was that it does occur in the district and that no special status or management is required.

Thank you again for your comments and we look forward to providing the public with the Environmental Assessment report in 2013.

Sincerely,

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Re: Rainy River Gold Project Draft Terms of Reference.

Dear Mr. Stanfield,

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) Zone A is a branch of the provincial OFAH. The area of concern for OFAH Zone A is the area from Atikokan to Ignace on the East, westerly to the Manitoba border and from the Minnesota border on the South, northerly almost to Hudson Bay on the North. The Rainy River Gold Project (RRGP) falls within the zones' area of concern. Zone A's membership is made up of anglers, hunters and recreationists who are interested in the conservation and wise use of our natural resources. We welcome this opportunity to comment on the drat Terms of Reference (ToR) for RRGP. Unfortunately Zone A has not held a meeting during this open comment period, so these comments must be considered to be those of the author at this time.

I would first like to point out that a list of company names which were identified only by their initials and a list of acronyms used within the text would have been helpful while studying the document.

Some small technical items which came to my attention in the document are : - the mine site is identified as being 65 kilometers northwest of Fort Frances on page V and again in appendix A section1.0; as being 45 kilometers on page 5 section 3.0; and 50 kilometers on page 37 section 6.8 ;- the spelling of Fort Frances changed to Fort Francis in Appendix A sections 4.1.3 and 4.2.3 :- Table 5 page 42 lists Rainy Lake 27B while the map figure 3 shows Rainy Lake 26B.

The general context of page 9 section4.1 refers to "lake areas to the northeast" and "recreation use further to the northeast outside of the RRGP footprint", this is very misleading. These statements completely ignore the fact that the RRGP lies within the headwaters of the Pinewood River which empties into the Rainy River which supports an excellent fishery and in

turn flows into Lake of the Woods. This lake is recognized not just provincially but internationally for its' fishery and recreational opportunities.

In section 5.2.2 page 17 under "Effects (adverse) to the Natural Environment" I assume that the first bullet refers to an action of less adverse effect than the second bullet. Is this correct? It becomes very confusing when in the same section on page 18 under "Amenability to Reclamation" the third bullet states "Mitigation of the disturbance to the natural environment is not practical or feasible (unacceptable). Please clarify this. Other text does speak to mitigation.

In the same section on page 18 under "Effects (adverse) to Human Environment" does "the reduction of land use" take into account the fact that approximately 70 square kilometers of hunting area will be lost. This is prime Whitetail Deer habitat as well as upland game and waterfowl area. This will also adversely affect tourism hunting as referred to in section 6.8 on page 37, "Rainy River is noted for tourism related to hunting and fishing".

Also under "Effects (adverse) to Human Environment" what is the potential effect on residential wells outside of the RRGP area as referenced on page 24 section 5.4.7?

As mentioned in my comment form at the Barwick open house, it is encouraging to read that environmental studies have been under way for 3 years. That being said, we would be very interested receiving more specific information regarding what these studies entailed and what the results were as they relate to section 6.4, "Aquatic Resources" and 6.6, "Wildlife" (ie-"3 reptile species were found" but not identified). Did any of the wildlife studies consider the location/movement of the small group of Elk frequently seen immediately west of the RRGP area? These are animals from the Cameron Lake Reintroduction Herd and may be adversely affected by the RRGP.

At the open house in Barwick, I was informed that creeks on the North side of the Tailings Management Area (TMA) will be dammed and left to find a new watercourse from the area on their own. This is unacceptable. These must be diverted to other existing waterways. This should make it easier to detect any seepage from the TMA. I also have a concern that the vast size of the TMA will be very susceptible to wave action which could cause berm deterioration or spilling.

I also have strong concerns regarding mine closure especially for the Open Pit and the potential effects of exposed acid generating rock; disposal of mined acid generating rock and; the closure of the TMA. I look forward to more information regarding total mine closure.

I also look forward to more details on the route chosen for the 230 kV transmission line the cross-country route would necessitate crossing crown lands which would be of interest to the Zone A membership.

To emphasize the importance of fish habitat previously mentioned I am including a copy of Terry Quinneys' recent presentation to the Subcommittee on Bill C-38 of the Standing Committee on Finance plus an OFAH Backgrounder on Proposed Fisheries Act Amendments. Of particular importance to the RRGP will be the second OFAH, Q and DFOs' response on page 2. The entire document shows the DFOs' continued support of fish habitat and should be considered by RRGP. OFAH and by extension OFAH Zone A fully support efforts to protect fish habitat.

Again, these are the opinions and concerns of the author. As chair of OFAH Zone A I will be sharing them with the members of the zone.

Yours in Conservation,

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Re: Comments on Draft Terms of Reference – Rainy River Gold Project

Dear Mr. Hamilton,

Thank you for your comments on the Draft Terms of Reference relating to the Rainy River Gold Project. I am sorry I did not have the opportunity to discuss the project with you during the May 31, 2012 Barwick Open House as I was apparently in conversation with others in attendance during your visit.

The comments from your organization related to potential project environmental effects as well as potential effects on recreational hunting and fishing opportunities. We have also noted your editorial notes related to distance and place/figure names and can assure you that the document has been updated to correct these mistakes.

Rainy River Resources has invested heavily into baseline environmental assessment programs that have been expanded continuously over the past 3 years in anticipation of the need to initiate mine environmental assessment and permitting. The baseline programs include extensive waste rock and tailings geochemical assessments, surface and groundwater monitoring as well as assessment of existing aquatic and terrestrial resources. The baseline programs have been discussed with the Ministry of Natural Resources as well as the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and we have spent considerable time and effort funding studies of area birds as requested by the MNR. We are certainly aware of the Cameron Lake Reintroduction Elk Herd and our baseline program has not indicated that animals from the herd have frequented the project area.

While much of the project area has been used historically for agricultural purposes, natural environments remain within certain areas and the baseline program has defined where special management will be required during mine construction, operations and on after future mine closure. The baseline environmental program is currently feeding into the engineering work being completed in support of the Mine Environmental Assessment and this will continue for the next 6-9 months to ensure that potential environmental effects are either eliminated or reduced to manageable levels. Baseline environmental assessment reports will be made public as part of the Mine Environmental Assessment report in 2013.

The Rainy River Gold Project is unique compared to similar projects in that there are no lakes located within the immediate project footprint. Additionally, the streams, beaver ponds and Pinewood River present do not hold a commercial or recreational fishery. We certainly do recognize the importance of downstream fish and other aquatic resources within the Rainy River as well as Lake of the Woods and this is why we have invested so much into baseline environmental assessment to ensure these resources are protected during project construction, mine operation and future closure.

Your question related to section 5.2.2 pertains to the Environmental Assessment Alternatives Evaluation Methodology to be used as part of the Environmental Assessment process itself. Alternatives for how the project can be carried out are assessed by our consultants during both the feasibility study as well as the environmental assessment currently underway. The evaluation criteria are based upon three criteria; Preferred, Acceptable and Unacceptable. Our preference in terms of environmental effects during all project phases would be that effects would be either eliminated or reduced to manageable levels. In that sense, the least invasive and most passive solution is often preferred.

The mine footprint area sits primarily on private property that is wholly owned by Rainy River Resources. While hunting within the industrial facilities footprint is not safely compatible with mine operations, the potential for hunting to be conducted post-mine closure will be assessed as part of the Environmental Assessment.

The Tailings Management Area (TMA) is being designed to ensure that downstream drainages are mimicked in as many circumstances as feasible both during mine operations as well as after future mine closure. The objective of the TMA design basis is to utilize both existing topography as well as the naturally occurring low-permeability clay resources of the area to ensure tailings solids and related excess water are fully contained at all times according to legislated requirements. The TMA design will also include the need to ensure freeboard considers wave action and the need for extra containment during extreme storm events. Geotechnical and groundwater monitoring systems will also be a requirement of the TMA construction. The Environmental Assessment report and associated Closure Plan will detail these plans and mitigation strategies to ensure legislated requirements are met.

Additionally, we have noted your interest in more information related to the powerline alignment and the importance of fisheries management in the context of regulatory requirements. These topics will be discussed in greater detail as part of the overall Environmental Assessment process.

Once again, I want to thank you for the comments provided on our Draft Terms of Reference. Please do not hesitate to contact me at anytime should you require additional information.

Sincerely,



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PRESENTATION TO

SUBCOMMITTEE ON BILL C-38 OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

(AMENDMENTS TO FISHERIES ACT)

MAY 2012

On behalf of the 100,000 OFAH members, supporters, subscribers, and our 675 member clubs, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters thanks you for this opportunity to address changes to the Fisheries Act. I'm Terry Quinney, Provincial Manager of Fish and Wildlife Services for the OFAH.

First, I'd like to illustrate for you, the OFAH commitment to fisheries conservation with three brief examples from our 1) conservation programs, 2) fisheries management activities and 3) local community-level participation.

1) In partnership with the provincial government's Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, federal government's Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Environment Canada, Ontario Power Generation, Conservation Authorities and many others, we are restoring Atlantic Salmon to Lake Ontario and its tributaries; rehabilitating coldwater fishery streams through our Community Stream Stewardship Program and; assisting to prevent harmful invasive species in our Invading Species Awareness Program.

1. The supply of healthy fish habitat (freshwater and marine) is critical for our fisheries;

2. "Free passage of fish" (where appropriate) is also critical to our fisheries;

3. Fisheries supply benefits to Canadians and Canadian society. Government of Canada statistics show that more than 3 million Canadians participate in recreational angling, resulting in economic benefits exceeding $8 billion annually.

4. Conservation is the protection, use, and management of natural resources to supply benefits at optimal sustainable levels for present and future generations of Canadians.

5. An important role for governments (local, provincial, territorial, and federal) is to participate in conservation activities; the Fisheries Act is an example.

For a considerable period of time, the OFAH has been seeking improvements to the protection of fish habitat and successful passage of fish in Ontario.

So, in October 2011, we asked DFO Minister Ashfield directly, that strong standards to ensure the protection of fish habitat be developed; that fish passage technologies be supported; that regulations to prevent invasives, such as Asian Carp, from entering Canada be completed and that adequate resourcing be guaranteed to ensure the aims and objectives of a new Fisheries Act are fulfilled.

Now, in May 2012, we appreciate that the Government of Canada has explicitly recognized that Canada's fisheries are important to Canadians and is committing to improve protections associated with our fisheries, including regulations that will prevent harmful aquatic invasive species, such as Asian Carp.

We also appreciate that the government has made it clear to us that we share fundamental principles as we collectively move forward, namely:

i) Avoid harm to our fisheries;

ii) Protect productivity of our fisheries;

iii) Improve habitat protection and fish passage.

To assist you further, we attached to this presentation, a Backgrounder as an Appendix which provides further details for you.

Thank you for listening.

ONTARIO FEDERATION OF ANGLERS AND HUNTERS

OFAH Backgrounder on Proposed Fisheries Act Amendments

Habitat supply is critical for healthy fish and wildlife. For many years, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) has called for changes to strengthen fish habitat protection and fish passage in Ontario. The OFAH has given its support in principle to a process that will result in improved legislation, regulations, policies and programs. Our goal is to make fish habitat protection better in Ontario and we believe that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Minister Ashfield and the Government of Canada's goal is the same.

OFAH staff reviewed the wording changes (amendments) to the Fisheries Act as soon as they became available. Then, we asked DFO many questions that were intended to provide greater clarification on the interpretation of the proposed legislative changes, as well as a further explanation of the regulatory mechanisms and policy standards that will be needed to implement the Act. A summary of the preliminary verbal DFO response to the OFAH questions are shown below.

General Comments & Questions

Value of Recreational Fisheries

The OFAH is encouraged to see that the proposed changes to the Fisheries Act will result in more specific references and focus on the "*sustainability and ongoing productivity*" of recreational fisheries. Rigorous legislative protection for fish and fish production is critical in maintaining and enhancing the immense social, economic and cultural benefits that are derived from Canada's $8.3 billion recreational fisheries.

Defining Productivity

Given that the "*ongoing productivity of commercial, recreational, and Aboriginal fisheries*" appears to be the common principle of the proposed Fisheries Act changes, including it being a fundamental provision of the "*Factors to be taken into account*" of the Act, we do not know how productivity will be defined and how it will be functionally used in the implementation of the Act.

We understand that fisheries biologists and managers have multiple definitions of "productivity" at their disposal. DFO defines *fish productivity* as the sum of production rates for all co-occurring fish stocks within a defined area or ecosystem (Minns, C.K., 1997). As such, the productivity integrates the value of primary production, food, cover and other habitat variables needed to produce healthy fish (http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/habitat/glossary-glossaire-eng.htm). DFO also defines *productivity capacity* as the maximum natural capability of habitats to produce healthy fish, safe for human consumption, or to support or produce aquatic organisms upon which fish depend.

OFAH Q: **For the purposes of the Act, how is "productivity" defined?**

OFAH Q: **For the purposes of the Act, is the "ongoing productivity" of a fishery related to single-species or multi-species production?**

OFAH Q: **What quantitative measures are used to measure productivity?**

DFO: *We realize that there are many potential definitions of productivity. Productivity is difficult to measure, which will also make it challenging. When science does not exist or is limited, we will use an ecosystem and precautionary approach. The new approach has to be practical, measurable and achieve our objective (protect productivity). The process will be designed around a Risk Management Framework. For example, standards will be used for medium risk activities. DFO intends to take a population-based approach, ecosystem approach, and precautionary approach.*

OFAH Q: **Will the proponent or governing agency be responsible for measuring productivity?**

DFO: *While DFO carries the accountability, there will also be standards, policy, and guidelines to provide more clarity around what is expected of proponents. There will be an information requirement regulation, particularly for large project proponents.*

Specific Questions on Proposed Amendments

The following questions are organized as they are presented in Bill C-38, including the division, part and page number of the Bill, as well as the section identifiers of the proposed legislation.

Division 5 of Part 3

P 150 - *Section 2(1)*

OFAH Q: **Is "death of fish" singular or plural? That is, is the death of one fish serious harm or must there be multiple deaths? If so, where is the line drawn (what is the threshold)? (Also see p.153, #135 after section 3.)**

DFO: *Plural. The intent is to look at population level effects.*

OFAH Q: **Why permanent alteration and not:**
i) Harmful alteration; and/or
ii) Harmful disruption?

DFO: *DFO is seeking a quantifiable and measurable outcome because you cannot measure/quantify results under current legislation. We realize that the word "permanent" may be perceived as the most controversial word in the legislation and we will need to do a lot of work to provide clarity. The policy and standards will help to flesh it out. The prohibitions in the legislation are designed to manage the harms that are known to impact fisheries. The goal is to determine the threshold for harms to a fishery. Avoidance of harm is the key as most harms are avoidable.*

OFAH Q: **Surely, it does not include enhancements to fisheries which are permanent, correct?**

DFO: *This is not the intent. We want to focus on negative consequences and enable anything that will be positive for fisheries.*

OFAH Q: **Is the onus on DFO to prove activity caused serious harm, or on the proponent to demonstrate no serious harm is being caused?**

DFO: *The burden of proof is on the proponent to provide the necessary information. The Crown has a responsibility to provide the guidance in how the information is collected.*

P 153 - *Section 6(a)*

OFAH Q: **Please explain what "the contribution of the relevant fish to the ongoing productivity of...." means, as well as who and how it will be evaluated.**

DFO: *The question will be: what is the contribution of the impacted fish (i.e. killed fish) to the fishery? If the impacted fish do not contribute to the fishery, then it will not go any further.*

OFAH Q: **How many fish need to be killed to affect productivity?**

Currently, you cannot kill ANY fish by any means other than by fishing. Section 32 still applies in the rewritten Section 35. A proponent cannot kill fish without authorization of the Minister. Authorizations will only be considered based on the impact to the fishery. The bottom line is that there will not be any impact to the ongoing productivity of the fishery. It is expected that fish passage would be a natural fit for the creation of standards.

P 153 - *Section 6(b)*

OFAH Q: **For the purpose of Section 6(b):**
i) What are considered to be fisheries management objectives?

DFO: *The Ontario Fishery Regulations are not considered to be fisheries management objectives for this purpose because they do not go far enough. There are areas in Ontario where fisheries management objectives have been well established (e.g. Grand River).*

P 160 - *Section 37*

OFAH Q: **Why is Section 37(1) and 37(2) of the Act replaced twice within the same Bill with different provisions?**

DFO: *The first provision includes the word "activity" to be consistent with other provisions of the legislation. The second provision links back to the new prohibitions related to "serious harm" and "ecologically sensitive areas."*

P 162 - *Section 37 (1.1)*

OFAH Q: **What is an "ecologically sensitive area"?**

OFAH Q: **Is an ecologically significant area different from a waterbody that contains either recreational/commercial or aboriginal fisheries?**

DFO: *There is no specific definition yet. It will essentially be an area that receives enhanced protection. They will likely be areas with identified critical habitat (for a fishery, species at risk or otherwise), including spawning and growing areas, as well as cumulative impacts. The area must have a critical role in contributing to the fishery. The limits are established in the Purpose and Factors sections of the Act. A proposal must be submitted in an ecologically significant area regardless of its class. In other words, minor works in ecologically significant areas would require site specific investigations.*

OFAH Q: **Can recreational fishing be prohibited in an ecologically sensitive area?**

DFO: *The intention is the opposite; namely, to promote fishing. Although this is not the intent, this could happen now in federally managed areas. For all intents and purposes, this is really meant to be a habitat provision.*

P 174 - *Section 43*

OFAH Q: **On page 174, what does (i.01 – i.4) mean? Please explain/translate (e.g. exclude fisheries from the definition of recreational).**

DFO: *This is a tool to enable a focus on important fisheries and provide further definition if needed (because provincial fishery regulations can vary between jurisdictions).*

P 175 - *Section 43(5)*

OFAH Q: **Cabinet can exempt any Canadian fisheries waters from sections 20, 21 and 35 and subsection 38(4).**

i) What does this mean?

ii) Why is "fisheries waters" used and not "waterbody" instead?

iii) What is the intent here?

DFO: *The intent is to define areas where DFO will not be putting their efforts. It is circumscribed by Section 6 of the Act.*

Division 18 of Part 4

P 289 - *Section 10(1) and (2)*

OFAH Q: **The Minister can allocate fish to finance scientific activities and fisheries management activities. Please explain.**

DFO: *In the past, the Minister had agreements with fishery groups to take a percentage of money from a fishery and put those funds towards science related to that fishery. This would be science that was above and beyond the core science needed to manage the fishery. A 2006 court decision determined that the Minister did not have the authority to do it. This will require further policy for who it applies to and what type of science can be done.*

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Subject: Comments regarding RRGP and ToR

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The following represent our thoughts on the RRGP as it goes forward.

1. The RRGP will have and already has had a great economic impact on the area, however to make this project a world class mine it must balance this with the impact on the natural environment it is imposing on. We have met some of the people behind the RRGP and feel confident that RRR has the ability to make this happen.

2. The ToR seems to follow MOE guidelines with the exception of the element of " Assessment and Evaluation" which appears to be missing. In the guidelines on the MOE website in which the EA process is described, they have a document that provides guides for each step. In a ToR, they list all the elements that make up the table of contents however the "Assessment and Evaluation" element - which is between 7.0 description of potential Environmental Effects and 8.0 Commitments and monitoring has been excluded.

3. More baseline updates should be conducted for a better understanding of the project's impact. For instance, we are currently aware of 6 Species at Risk birds on the RRGP (Bald Eagle,Red Headed Woodpecker,Golden Winged Warbler, Whip- poor- will, Barn Swallow and Bobolink) but only 2 were mentioned in the draft ToR. Also snapping turtles have been observed in the Pinewood River. We have not looked into the plants at risk.

4. There appears to be no Water Take line from the pond back to the plant although we understood that water would be reused as much as possible to lessen the draw from other sources.

5. We are not sure why RRR would fill the overburden west area first when the project will commence with a starter pit and usage of the east end of the Tailings Area. It seems that by using the overburden east area first, it would employ a build-as-you grow approach. In such a case, nearby westend neighbours would be impacted far less for a number of years.

6. When the footprint is fenced, wildlife will be trapped. What plans are in place to release such? Has consideration been given to building wildlife corridors instead?

7. We would prefer a Marr connector Rd to be located off of the Seven Bends corner (Hwy 600). The roadbed could be the north berm for a good part of the Tailings Management Area. This new road would also act as access for those that used to use the Richardson trail, those that have property in north Richardson (including recreationalists wishing access to crown land) and as an access for RRR to the north side of the project.

8. We have a concern that the northwest corner of the Tailings Management Area is too close to the McCallum Creek watershed. With the planned low level berm at this location, high water levels from an excess melt or a flood an could take leachate from plant tailings into a non manageable environment. With an ever-increasing probability of exteme weather events predicted, one should look at berm height here.

9. To help mitigate the impact on the environment RRR could set aside a natural preserve (or preserves) adjacent to or near the project. It / they may be part of the existing community. Species at Risk and other wildlife would continue to inhabit these lands if land uses remained consistant(Agreements and prescriptions could be put in place). It would allow for the preservation of part of this unique 3-zone

ecosystem, which is being displaced and would certainly help to place RRR at the forefront in the industry. The costs may not add as much as one may think to the reclamation part of the project. Reclamation and ensuring natural preservation go hand in hand.

10. We feel that the RRGP can be World Class and perhaps stakeholder representatives could help reach this plateau if invited.

We found the open house to be very usefull in gaining a better understanding the RRGP.

Thank you.

Best Regards
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Re: Comments on Draft Terms of Reference – Rainy River Gold Project

Dear Colin and Trish,

Thank you for your comments on the Draft Terms of Reference relating to the Rainy River Gold Project. I enjoyed the opportunity to discuss the project with you during the May 31, 2012 Barwick Open House.

Your comments pertain mainly to baseline studies and the proposed mine development components including mitigation of impacts. The draft ToR is currently being updated based on some of the comments received and are designed to fully meet the Ministry of Environment requirements while also harmonizing with the Federal Environmental Assessment process.

Rainy River Resources has invested heavily into baseline environmental assessment programs that have been expanded continuously over the past 3 years in anticipation of the need to initiate mine environmental assessment and permitting. The baseline programs include extensive waste rock and tailings geochemical assessments, surface and groundwater monitoring as well as assessment of existing aquatic and terrestrial resources. The baseline programs have been discussed with the Ministry of Natural Resources as well as the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and we have spent considerable time and effort funding studies of area birds (including Species at Risk) as requested by the MNR. We have specifically funded a 2-year study of Whip-poor-will located within the Project area as requested by the MNR.

While much of the project area has been used historically for agricultural and forestry purposes, some natural environments remain within certain areas and the baseline program has defined where special management will be required during mine construction, operations and on after future mine closure. The baseline environmental program is currently feeding into the engineering work being completed in support of the Mine Environmental Assessment and this will continue for the next 6-9 months to ensure that potential environmental effects are either eliminated or reduced to manageable levels. Water re-cycling will be maximized at the Rainy River Gold Project to the extent technically feasible. Baseline environmental assessment reports will be made public as part of the Mine Environmental Assessment report in 2013. The Environmental Assessment report will detail where environmental impacts have been identified and mitigated.

The Tailings Management Area (TMA) is being designed to ensure that downstream drainages are mimicked in as many circumstances as feasible both during mine operations as well as after future mine closure. The objective of the TMA design basis is to utilize both existing topography as well as the naturally occurring low-permeability clay resources of the area to ensure tailings solids and related excess water are fully contained at all times according to legislated requirements. The TMA design will also include the need to ensure freeboard considers wave action and the need for extra containment during extreme storm events. Geotechnical and groundwater monitoring systems will also be a requirement of the TMA construction. The Environmental Assessment report and associated Closure Plan will detail these plans and mitigation strategies to ensure legislated requirements are met.

Additionally, we have noted your interest in the Marr road connection configuration. These topics will also be discussed in greater detail as part of the overall Mine Environmental Assessment report.

Once again, I want to thank you for the comments provided on our Draft Terms of Reference. Please do not hesitate to contact me at anytime should you require additional information.

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Re: **Rainy River Gold Project Draft Terms of Reference**

Dear Kyle,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your Rainy River gold project (RRGP). The Rainy Lake Conservancy supports responsible development in the Lake of the Woods/Rainy River watershed. We firmly believe that good decisions for both development and the environment result from good science and engineering, so we are very interested in the subsequent conduct of the environmental assessment (EA) and your final design.

Our primary comments and concerns and requests for more information are summarized below. In general we are concerned about the impact of the mining operations on the Pinewood River and the water quality of surrounding surface and ground water.

We appreciate the amount of work and details presented in the terms of reference (TOR) and realize that since we don't have design details at this point, some of our comments and concerns will better be addressed during the design phase. The concerns should in any case be acknowledged as needing further study in the environmental assessment. We strongly support extensive upfront analysis of design alternatives and risk analyses as insurance to prevent future problems with water quality in the watershed. Please contact me (email: paanderson@q.com) if you want more information or clarifications.

Analysis of Waste Rock and Tailings

Please provide a detailed analysis of the waste rock and tailings and characterize the behavior when exposed to air and water. Also please identify how the design will be modified in response to the results of the analysis.

Design Alternatives and Risk Analysis

The EA should fully characterize the project's reasonably foreseeable impacts (such as pit water quantity, blasting residues and water quality, etc.); waste rock storage; tailings disposal/storage; and other major and minor impacts. Alternatives and mitigation options should be clearly presented. Physical and computer models should be provided showing major site facilities and changes to land use and water flow patterns.

Where measures are deemed not technically and economically feasible and that would mitigate any significant adverse environmental effects of the project, the EA should include a detailed analysis of that technical and economic feasibility to ensure that the public and government agencies can fully evaluate and make a reasonable assessment of feasibility compared with potential impacts.

Please specifically identify the key risks to the environment due to problems that could occur in the process (e.g. failed pumping stations) or due to extreme weather events and describe how the situation will be handled.

Best Practices

World-wide best mining practices should be reviewed for applicability. Identify other sites in North America that are currently using the RRGP process and design features.

Mine Pit

There should be a thorough analysis and discussion of the potential for the site to form Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) - notably including the exposed pit walls and impacts of fluctuating pit water levels (from both mine operations and from natural fluctuations). This is important regardless of whether the pit will be flooded during or after mining and/or whether waste rock will be dumped/stored in the pit as a form of reclamation.

Waste Rock

The waste rock piles must not be allowed to degrade the environment or threaten human health. Potential contaminants and the potential for AMD underscore the need to fully assess and evaluate the potential for contaminated leachate from the waste rock piles. Unless the Proponent demonstrates (using widely accepted industry procedures and standards) that AMD will not occur, then a full underliner, underdrain, and monitoring system may be needed.

Cyanide and Tailings

The EA should consider the following with respect to cyanide use and tailings:

1. Cyanide destruction should be employed prior to disposal of any cyanide-tainted water/effluent. Cyanide should be destructed when it leaves the process circuit. Most mines have cyanide leaks and often exceed discharge criteria within the waste stream. It is reasonable and prudent, therefore, to eliminate cyanide from all discharges from active process circuits. No cyanide should be discharged to the tailings pond, supernatant pond, or any other out of process disposal or "holding" site. The use of a cyanide-kill process, like the widely applied INCO SO2 process, to lower the level of cyanide before it enters the tailings pond, is common practice in North America. The cyanide-kill process is used not only to protect wildlife that may inadvertently come in contact with the tailing ponds water, but also to lower the level of residual cyanide in the interstitial water in the tailings themselves. Cyanide will degrade in the tailings pond water near the surface above the tailings, but not in the interstitial tailings water. As a result, seepage to groundwater will contain degrading levels of residual cyanide. Cyanide-kill is not perfect but is preferable to not employing this process as the level of cyanide entering the environment is lower. However, it is worth noting that even though most mines in the U.S. destruct cyanide, cyanide levels vary significantly in their discharges and ponds. The reason for this is not entirely clear, but many, if not most, mines employing cyanide still have leaked or otherwise released cyanide into the environment. Photo-degradation may treat cyanide in the tailings or other holding ponds but it only is effective at or near the surface of the pond, and therefore does not degrade buried or interstitial cyanide that is in the tails once the tails are deposited. Cyanide destruct therefore can significantly reduce the potential for cyanide contamination.

2. All impoundments intended for cyanide and contaminant-containing byproducts should be fully lined. The entire tailings pond should be lined with both compacted clay material and a geosynthetic

liner. Lining just a portion of an impoundment would be a cheap way of construction in an attempt to use the least amount of liner and still underline some of the potential areas of concern. Such construction may deal with the head created by standing water or other factors but is not adequate protection. The entire tailings impoundment should be lined. Lining should not cause a significantly increased incremental cost and will significantly protect water resources. Moreover, if leaking does occur because of inadequate lining, which is probable, the overall cost to the Proponent and/or the public will be significantly higher than had the pond been lined in the first place. If lining is not deemed necessary in the tailings management area, please provide a detailed analysis including site survey data defining the characteristics of the natural containment area.

3. All impoundments should be designed for the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF). Use of the PMF is standard for no-discharge tailings pond design. Adequate storm protection for the pond itself and designing to handle the PMF are both needed. The PMF criteria should be reviewed to ensure it reflects a general increase in heavy rainfall events due to climate change.

Water Quality Impact

Describe the water treatment process used for any water returned back to the environment, including locations of outlets and expected flow rates. Please provide a before and after estimate of the water quality at key sites in the vicinity of the mine.

Water Monitoring

A detailed plan to monitor (real-time if feasible) surface and sub-surface water quality and flow should be part of the Follow-up and Monitoring section of the EA. Downstream locations on the Pinewood River and nearby creeks that do not empty into the Pinewood River should be included with flowages identified. Data collected should be published on a public web site.

Water Management Plan (WMP)

A detailed WMP should be part of the EA. Minimum/maximum water levels in affected water bodies and minimum/maximum flow permitted in water control structures should be included. Flow impact on rivers in the vicinity of the mine should be included.

Clearwater-Pipestone Chain of Lakes

The current TOR does not address the impact of the mine on the Clearwater-Pipestone chain of lakes tourist/cottage area. Please include an impact analysis on this area in the EA. Please include water quality impact as well as any potential impact the proposed 230 kV transmission line will have. For example, will the transmission line cross any lakes or be visible from cabins or outpost camps?

Rainy Lake Watershed

The current TOR does not address the impact of the mine, if any, on Rainy Lake. We realize that the flowage near the mine site is through the Pine River to Rainy River. However, are there emergency situations or overflow conditions when Rainy Lake watershed could be impacted?

Electricity Use

RRR documentation states that about 61 MW of power will be necessary for mine operations. Is this level readily available in the vicinity today?

Respectfully,

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Re: Comments on Draft Terms of Reference – Rainy River Gold Project

Dear Paul,

Thank you for your comments on the Draft Terms of Reference and for taking my telephone call earlier this month to discuss the Rainy River Gold Project and the comments from the Rainy Lake Conservancy. As I mentioned to you during my call, we are committed to best industry practices and are endeavouring to build a project that everyone can be proud of.

The comments from your organization related to waste rock and tailings management, open pit geochemistry, water quality and monitoring, design alternatives/risk analysis, best practices as well as potential impacts to the Clearwater-Pipestone and Rainy Lake systems. I want to assure the Rainy Lake Conservancy that Rainy River Resources has hired world-class consultants to assess each of these and other aspects to ensure that the Mine Environmental Assessment demonstrates that the mine operation will be compatible with the surrounding rural and natural environments. We anticipate having the Mine Environmental Assessment report prepared for release to the government and general public by mid-2013.

Rainy River Resources has invested heavily into baseline environmental assessment programs that have been expanded continuously over the past 3 years in anticipation of the need to initiate mine environmental assessment and permitting. The baseline programs include extensive waste rock and tailings assessments, surface and groundwater monitoring as well as assessment of existing aquatic and terrestrial resources. While much of the project area has been used historically for agricultural purposes, natural environments remain within certain areas and the baseline program has defined where special management will be required during mine construction, operations and on after future mine closure. The baseline environmental program is currently feeding into the engineering work being completed in support of the Mine Environmental Assessment and this will continue for the next 6-9 months to ensure that potential environmental effects are either eliminated or reduced to manageable levels.

Regarding potential impacts to the Clearwater-Pipestone and Rainy Lake systems, the power supply line is the only physical project component to be located partly outside of the Pinewood River watershed that flows downstream of the Clearwater-Pipestone and Rainy Lake systems. The power supply line is also being assessed as part of the Mine Environmental Assessment process and we are confident potential impacts to the Clearwater-Pipestone and Rainy Lake systems will be either eliminated or reduced to levels that the surrounding environment can well accommodate.

Once again, I want to thank you for the comments provided on our Draft Terms of Reference. Please do not hesitate to contact me at anytime should you require additional information.

Sincerely,



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cc Rachel Hill, Ministry of Natural Resources – Fort Frances
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I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Rainy River Gold Project Environmental Assessment.

Our home is located on the South ½ Lot 12 con 4, Richardson Township. We also own the adjacent South ½ Lot 1 Con 4 Sifton Township. It is comprised of 150 hectares and is 5.5 kms northwest of the proposed open pit. The proposed Tailings Management Area touches the southeast corner of our property.

Linda and I have lived here since 1976. We raised out two sons here and operate Seven Bend Honey Farm. Along with growing our own chickens and hogs for meat, we are organic gardeners and wild food gatherers and estimate that we are about 75% food self-sufficient . On our property and on crown land nearby we gather about a dozen different kinds of mushrooms and a wide variety of berries and herbs. We sell dried wild foods and herbs as well as wild berry jams and jellies along with our honey.

Our property is mostly forested with a good representation of species typical of our area and has an extensive system of trails and roads. We are dedicated to preserving our little corner of wilderness. When family and friends visit we often go mushroom gathering and we have conducted mushroom ID courses.

I have spoken with Kyle Stanfield on two occasions (Chapple Council meeting, ToR Open House in Barwick) about the puffballs that are growing at the site of the proposed open pit (2001 Fort Frances Times photo attached) and both times I have been disappointed in the dismissive attitude that this topic brought forth. I have been gathering these puffballs since 1998 and have never been certain of their identity as they are not typical of the Giant Puffball of Eastern North America. They appear to be the Western Giant Puffball, but they are far out of the range of the Western Giant. When I pointed them out to the original crew doing the background study, they seemed enthusiastic about the implications and I had hoped that answers to this question would have been forthcoming.

There are ways to transplant mycelium and I had anticipated that, if this was indeed a species of interest, an attempt could be made to get it growing out of harms way. A large portion of the location was bulldozed away last fall to make way for diamond drilling activity but there are still mushrooms growing there.

A number of decaying and some fresh ones were sighted today, June 16, 2012, and I have started an effort to grow the mycelium for transplanting.

The Richardson Trail (Google Earth image attached, trail is green) is a ~12 km circular trail within the northwestern part of Richardson Township. It is comprised mostly of old logging roads, some municipal and private roads and, in some parts, animal trails. It runs through our property and we use it for hiking and snowshoeing. Some people use it to access remote hunting areas and others for snowmobiling and ATVs. We hope that this trail system can be preserved and perhaps improved upon through the activities of the RRGP.

We feel very fortunate to live in a tranquil place and are apprehensive about our future. We are concerned about the implications, both perceived and real, of a honey farm next to a tailings area. We have questions about noise, air quality (diesel fumes, airborne toxins), contamination of ground and surface water, and light pollution.

I am concerned that the Tailings Management Area is too close to the Jones Creek watershed. (It is locally known as McCallum Creek.) To the northwest of the proposed TMA the Loslo Creek watershed is separated from the McCallum Creek watershed by a bog which is essentially flat. In the event of a major rainfall even, I fear that McCallum Creek could become contaminated.

That said, in general, I believe that the proposed footprint is much larger than it should be. As currently proposed the TMA spans three watersheds (Loslo, Marr and West Creeks). Furthermore, the tailings pond is located in the McCallum Creek watershed. Ideally, I think the TMA should be confined to the watershed that is most impacted by the mining operation, that being West Creek.

I feel strongly that it would be unwise to relocate the Pinewood River and that option should not be considered as it would likely add more stress to an already compromised waterway.

We understand the importance of a good economy to the health and well being of people and want to be able to support the RRGP. The project will benefit the local economy for a brief period and the change to the area will be permanent. If it is done creatively and with forward thinking, there is an opportunity to make the area more interesting rather than to create a scar upon the land.

We believe that a large part of the environmental component of this project should be directed towards preserving what is possible both within the footprint and in the surrounding area.

Thank you for taking these comments into consideration. If needed, I would be happy to further explain the ideas that I have mentioned here and I look forward to the next steps in this process.

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Dear Mr. Stanfield;

I've had a chance to review the draft Terms of Reference Document for the Rainy River Gold Project and offer the following comments on behalf of Resolute Forest Products Canada Inc on the proposed mine project.

1. Tailings Management and Mine Rock Areas:

Portions of the proposed Tailing Management and Mine Rock areas impact areas of Crown Land on the Crossroute Forest which Resolute manages. These lands provide a portion of the wood supply for our Fort Frances mill and other area mills such as Ainsworth Engineered Canada LP in Barwick. Our primary concern is the loss of productive forest land, which would result in reductions in long term wood supply from the forest. We request that Rainy River Resources minimize the area of Crown Land impacted by tailings and mine rock. We recommend that affected areas be progressively rehabilitated and reforested to return them to forest production. Similarly, Patented lands provide a portion of wood supply for the area mills. Portions of the proposed Tailings Management and Mine Rock areas (along with the Overburden and Emergency Stockpile areas) impact some Patented forest areas. Efforts to minimize and mitigate these impacts should be considered. As a suggestion, it would be helpful to have more detailed maps showing ownership to assess which areas of each are affected more clearly.

There are no proposed timber allocations for the 2012-2017 term of the current Forest Management Plan affected by the proposed RRGP areas shown on Figure 2, but there are some allocated harvest blocks nearby. We could provide a map if you wish.

In addition, Crown timber which is harvested for any of the proposed areas should be utilized by local mills. We are willing to work with Rainy River Resources and the Ministry of Natural Resources to facilitate this.

2. Highway 600 Re-alignment:

Highway 600 provides access to a portion of the Crossroute Forest, mainly in Richardson, Sifton and Rowe Townships. A portion of the wood being hauled to the Fort Frances mill comes across Highway 600. Our main interest in the route is that transportation of wood to the Fort Frances Mill and other mills should be maintained or even enhanced by the re-alignment of Highway 600. It is noted that the route shown on Figure 2 is very difficult due its location on organic soils. I understand that you will be considering other potential routes and would like to see maps if possible. One of the proposed harvest areas for the 2012-17 term is located on the Richardson Road, located off Marr and Roen roads. The proposed Marr Connector and East Access roads would provide good access to this area depending on timing of their construction.

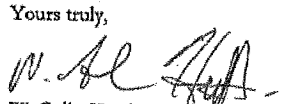
3. Access to Timber

Resolute Forest Products requires ongoing access to the Crown Land in the area of the proposed Rainy River Resources mining site for current and future timber allocations, and also to allow for renewal and tending operations in the forest following harvest. We request that our company and associated contractors and overlapping licensees have continued access to these lands, including access through lands or roads owned by Rainy River Resources.

In summary, we ask that Rainy River Resources minimize impacts on Crown lands and progressively rehabilitate affected areas. In addition, we request that the proposed realignment of Highway 600 should not adversely affect transportation of wood to our mill or other mills in the area. Finally, we would like to maintain access to the Crown Lands which are in the area of the proposed mine site. As noted above, we would appreciate maps which differentiate Crown and Patented lands and which show alternative routes for the realignment of Highway 600.

I did not have an opportunity to attend your open houses but I understand that further opportunities will be provided for public input in the future. I hope to meet with you at that time to further discuss the project. In the meantime, please call if you have any questions regarding our comments.

Yours truly,



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Re: Comments on Draft Terms of Reference – Rainy River Gold Project

Dear Mr. Hewitt,

Thank you for your comments on the Draft Terms of Reference relating to the Rainy River Gold Project. The comments from your organization related to waste rock and tailings management areas, Highway 600 re-alignment as well as access to timber.

Pertaining to access to timber within the waste rock and tailings management areas, our land management team has been in communications with the Resolute management team and a voicemail was left recently at your office to discuss this further with Mr. Gerry Shields – VP and General Counsel.

The proposed re-alignment of Highway 600 as shown in the draft Terms of Reference was developed together through consultation with the Township of Chapple Council and the Ministry of Transportation. The proposed alignment utilizes existing road allowances and is designed to mimic the existing Highway 600 connectivity for the general area road network recognizing that the mine and associated facilities will occupy most of the existing Highway 600 section in question. We will work with Resolute Forest Products to ensure that wood allocations peripheral to the Rainy River Gold Mine will have reasonable access.

Once again, I want to thank you for the comments provided on our Draft Terms of Reference. Please do not hesitate to contact me at anytime should you require additional information.

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August 30, 2012

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Dear Bob & Loretta;

Thank-you for agreeing to meet with Sandra Witt and myself on August 28, 2012 to discuss the history and land use of the area. The information you provided about the Rainy River Gold Project area will be encompassed in our archaeological research.

It was a pleasure hearing your stories and seeing your little doll and bird. They are beautiful little artifacts Thanks also for the tour of your family property. We enjoyed knowing we were on Lake Agassiz shores. I've looked for the article on you in the Northern Miner, but have not been able to locate it yet. I'll keep looking.

As promised, enclosed is an audio CD which has our recorded interview on it.

If you have any questions, please contact me at our Emo office at (807) 482-2501.

Sincerely,

Jack

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Community Coordinator

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Names & organizations of participants [list all] *** For any new contacts, provide contact information at the bottom of this form otherwise they will not be put on the project mailing list ***	Drew Brecki, Landowner on Clearwater Lake
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Concerns or Questions Raised:	**Proponents Response** (commitments, information etc.) **and Follow-up Actions** (revision of documents etc.)
Drew had some questions about the project's proximity to Burditt/Clearwater Lake, and what the project's current timeframes were for construction and production	I provided Drew with an updated version of the newsletter, and told him to stop back in the next few weeks, when there would likely be a new fact sheet available.
Potentially impacted rights (if applicable): ❑hunting ❑fishing ❑other harvesting ❑other (please specify)	

September 23, 2012

Comments to: Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
Regarding: Rainy River Resources Gold Project
Registry Reference #800007

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a landowner in Richardson Township and a next door neighbour to the RRGP. My Grandparents were homesteaders to the area in the early 1900's and I was raised on a farm in the area. I have lived at my current address for the past 36 years.

The proposed gold mine project will provide a shot in the arm to the local economy and will benefit many. My hope is that it will be able to leave the local environment none the worse for having been here.

It is in that light that I offer these comments, with appreciation for the opportunity to do so.

It is clear from their Summary of the Project Description that Rainy River Resources understands the need for and expects the RRGP will require completion of an EA pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012. I strongly support this position.

The area in question being, as pointed out in the summary, a transition zone between the Prairies and the Great Lakes-St Lawrence and Boreal Forests, contains a unique intermingling of species. One way of looking at it is to understand that the Rainy River Area contains species that, "shouldn't be here." This issue should be looked at very carefully to ensure that nothing of significance is unknowingly destroyed.

I disagree with the suggestion in the summary that, since there is a low density of certain species at risk, when the mine is developed, those species can move to similar habitat. It is probably always true that if the species is in a particular location, it's because that location meets its requirements more completely than another similar unoccupied location.

Having said that, I think it is important that RRR ensure that areas adjacent to the footprint are protected in order to accommodate the possible movement of species

to similar habitat that is out of harms way and to provide a buffer between the RRGP and "business as usual" land usage. This could be achieved by purchase of surface rights or by obtaining conservation easements.

I have concerns about the possibility of diverting the Pinewood River. I feel that this would be an assault on an already compromised waterway and would lead to increased silting and degraded water quality. In the early part of the last century, the Pinewood River was used for log drives down to the sawmills on the Rainy River. At that time, fish spawned in its tributaries and fish runs were an important social and food taking event for homesteaders of the area. Deforestation, Agricultural drainage and generally dryer weather have reduced the flow over time.

It should be noted that the Pinewood River ceased to flow for the first time in living memory in 2007; then again in the summers of 2011 and 2012. RRR resources has stated at public meetings that they have moved their planned water intake downstream on the Pinewood River in order to capture more of the downstream tributaries and that they will be taking from 3 – 10% of the flow. I am concerned that 10% is too much to take and, at that, may not supply the needs. I think it may be wise to consider taking water from a more plentiful and less vulnerable source.

It should also be noted that RRR erred in stating that "There are no lakes within 10 km of the site..." Muskrat Lake, Mud Lake, Off Lake, Pinewood Lake, Little Pine Lake, Boundary lake,Yoker Lake, Tiny Lake, and Pony Lake are all within 10km of the site as outlined in their Summary of the Project Description.

It seems worthwhile to point out that the proposed Pinewood River pumping location will be 10.1 km, as the crow flies, from the proposed mill site and over 13 km along the proposed route of the water lines.

I hope that these comments will be helpful in efforts to minimize the negative impacts of the proposed RRGP.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Neilson

From: Paul A. Anderson [paanderson@q.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 10:01 PM
To: comments
Subject: Re: TOR Comments

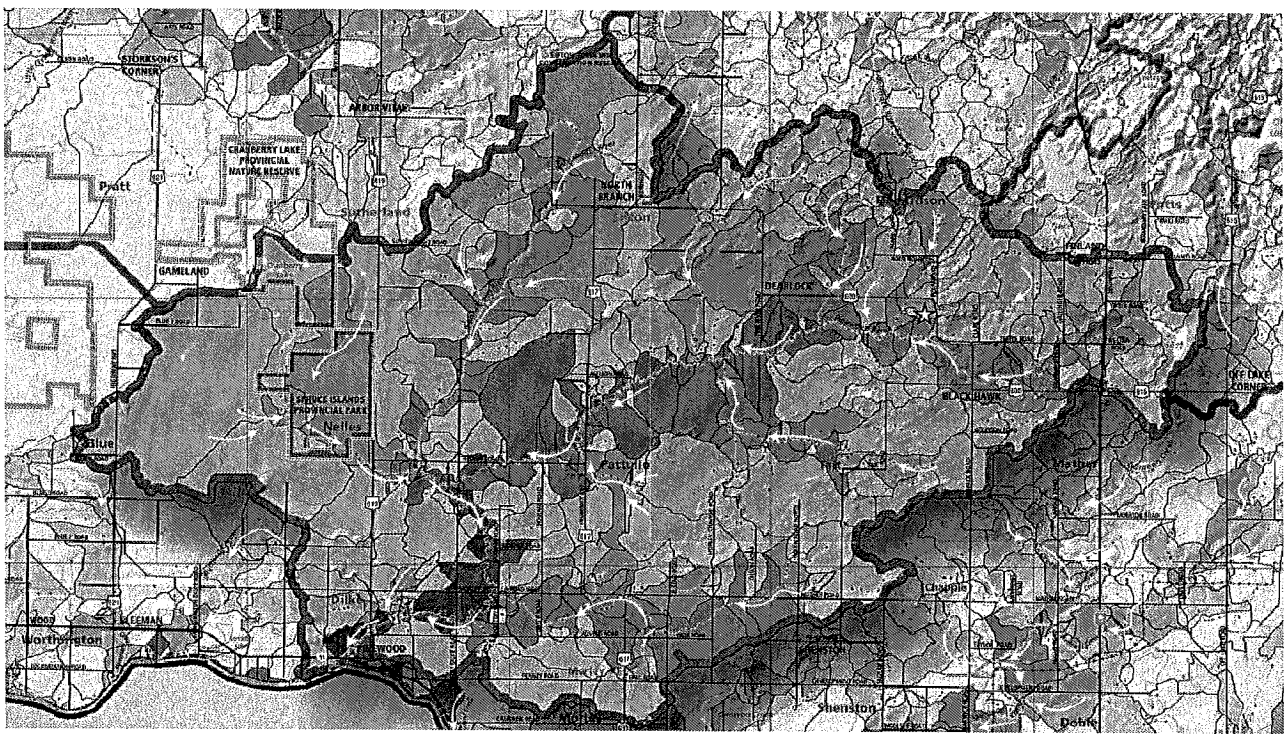
Thanks again Kyle. I will check back in a few months then.

..Paul

From: comments
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 8:48 AM
To: Paul A. Anderson ; comments
Subject: RE: TOR Comments

Hello Paul – Yes as I mentioned in my letter last week, our consultants are presently completing feasibility-level engineering work and also undertaking the environmental assessment (EA) itself. The EA will present answers to these questions and more as the analysis is underway and needs to be completed by our consultants first.

Regarding the project watershed, all project components (except for a portion of the power supply line) are located within the Pinewood River Watershed that flows into Rainy River itself, not Rainy Lake. Attached is a map showing the area watersheds for your reference.



Cheers, Kyle

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From: Paul A. Anderson [mailto:paanderson@q.com]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 5:42 PM
To: comments
Subject: Re: TOR Comments

Dear Kyle, Thank you for the prompt response to our questions. Can we assume that we will get specific answers to our questions when the engineering
work is completed in 6 to 9 months? Regarding the impact on the Rainy Lake watershed, we are concerned because some creeks on the mining property
seem to flow into Rainy.

Regards,

Paul

Paul A. Anderson, P.Eng
Chairman Environmental Research
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From: comments
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2012 9:38 AM
To: Paul A. Anderson
Cc: mailto:rachel.hill@ontario.ca ; Alex Blasko
Subject: FW: TOR Comments

Hello Paul – Hope you are enjoying the wonderful weather we are having. As discussed, please find our letter responses attached and feel free to call me anytime.

Sincerely, Kyle

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From: Paul A. Anderson [mailto:paanderson@q.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 8:38 AM
To: comments
Cc: Hill Rachel
Subject: TOR Comments

Dear Kyle,

Please find attached comments on your RRR TOR from the Rainy Lake Conservancy. Please add us to your mailing list for project updates.

Respectfully,

Paul A. Anderson, P.Eng
Chairman Environmental Research
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November 7, 2012, Nestor Falls Open House
Phillip & Cindy Haggberg
Anglers Prop Shop (owners)
409 Gallinger Road
Box 33
Nestor Falls, ON P0X 1K0
807-487-9990
anglersproshop@hotmail.com

Comments received and recorded by Stacey Jack

Comments: RRR purchased property adjacent to Haggbergs. As the project progresses, Phillip and Cindy are concerned that their quality of life will change. They feel that the development and associated noise will disrupt wildlife (noticed that deer are nocturnal now that gravel has been hauled in to Heatwole farm) and they will no longer be able to enjoy the solitude of the country which includes walking on the roads or walking their horses down the roads. The Haggbergs would prefer if RRR would buy their property so they can go look for another quiet property.

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November 7, 2012, Nestor Falls Open House
Please add to mailing list;

Ms. Chris Gallinger
406 Gallinger Road
RR#2
Emo, ON P0W 1E0
807-487-2383

Comments received and recorded by Stacey Jack

Concern: The mine will force her and her husband to have a change of lifestyle. There will no longer be peace and quiet . Area will be noisy when the mine is being constructed and operated.
Response: Explanation of the EA process and the public's ability to provide input into all aspects of the project. Explanation of all of the baseline work that was being conducted, including noise monitoring.

Concern: Chris' sister thinks that her water is making her sick. Chris has heard that RRR does water testing, and she would like RRR to test her water as well.
Response: Acknowledgement of Chris' illness. Explanation of why we do baseline research. No commitment to water testing.

Concern: RRR drilling activity may cause her well to go dry.
Response: This year was a very dry year. We have heard of wells going dry throughout the region because of the dry year. No indication that RRR drilling activity is contributing to wells going dry.

Comment: RRR has approached all of her neighbors about purchasing their land, but have not approached the Gallinger's. Will RRR be trying to purchase their land as well?
Response: Not able to commit to any land purchase.

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Record of Contact – Rainy River Gold Project

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Record Management			
Form completed by	Alyson Bisson	**Date form completed** [YY-MM-DD]	2012-11-07

Contact/Event Information			
Date of Contact	Nov 7/12	**Location**	Nestor Falls, open house
Project team participants [list all]	Alyson Bisson		
Forwarded to (if applicable)			
Names & organizations of participants [list all] ** *For any new contacts, provide contact information at the bottom of this form otherwise they will not be put on the project mailing list* **	Mike Gate Gate's Baits – Nestor Falls.		
Method of Contact (email, phone call, meeting etc.)	open house		
Information Provided			

Concerns or Questions Raised:	**Proponents Response** (commitments, information etc.) and **Follow-up Actions** (revision of documents etc.)
- how many jobs during construction? - how many will be local vs. non? - will there be a camp at site during construction?	- during construction → ~600 - as many with local people as possible - some specialized trades (workers) will need to be brought in. - the hope is to have construction ~~crews in local communities~~ establishments.

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Concerns or Questions Raised:	Proponents Response (commitments, information etc.) and Follow-up Actions (revision of documents etc.)
Potentially impacted rights (if applicable):	☐hunting ☐fishing ☐other harvesting ☐other (please specify)

New Contact [only needs to be completed for new contacts]					
First name	Mike	**Title**			
Last name	Gate	**E-mail**			
Phone no.	-	**Fax no.**		**Cell no.**	
Name of organization					
Department/field office					
Street address					
City		**Province**		**Postal code**	
Mailing address [if different than street address]					
Add to mailing list? [Y/N - choose all appropriate] ☐E-mail ☐Phone ☐Postal Mail					
Replacing someone else in same position? [Y/N]		**Who?**			

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Form completed by	Alyson Bisson	Date form completed [YY-MM-DD]	12/11/08

Contact/Event Information			
Date of Contact	Nov 8/12	Location	Emo open house
Project team participants [list all]	- Alyson Bisson - Kyle Stanfield		
Forwarded to (if applicable)			
Names & organizations of participants [list all] ** *For any new contacts, provide contact information at the bottom of this form otherwise they will not be put on the project mailing list* **	Henry Miller Fort Frances Sportsmans Club		
Method of Contact (email, phone call, meeting etc.)	open house		
Information Provided			

Concerns or Questions Raised:	Proponents Response (commitments, information etc.) and Follow-up Actions (revision of documents etc.)
- would like to know if there will be more info coming about the closure plan - wondering about cyanide - how its used - what the potential concerns are with using it in the process	- told him that ~~this would be~~ development of the closure plan will be part of the EA process + will be forthcoming. I directed him to Kyle & told him that Kyle could explain the process as he understands it well.

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Potentially impacted rights (if applicable):	☐hunting ☐fishing ☐other harvesting ☐other (please specify)

New Contact [only needs to be completed for new contacts]					
First name	Henry	Title			
Last name	Miller	E-mail			
Phone no.		Fax no.		Cell no.	
Name of organization	Fort Frances Sportsmans Club				
Department/field office					
Street address	608 Armit Ave				
City	Fort Frances	Province	ON	Postal code	P9A 2H8
Mailing address [If different than street address]					
Add to mailing list? [Y/N - choose all appropriate] ☐E-mail ☐Phone ☐Postal Mail					
Replacing someone else in same position? [Y/N]		Who?			

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Contact/Event Information			
Date of Contact	Nov 8/12	**Location**	Emo – open house.
Project team participants [list all]	Alyson Bisson		
Forwarded to (if applicable)			
Names & organizations of participants [list all] *** For any new contacts, provide contact information at the bottom of this form otherwise they will not be put on the project mailing list ***	Geoff Pearce		
Method of Contact (email, phone call, meeting etc.)	open house		
Information Provided			

Concerns or Questions Raised:	**Proponents Response** (commitments, information etc.) **and Follow-up Actions** (revision of documents etc.)
- wondered if we could email him ~~all~~ the presentation & all of the poster boards at the open house.	- I sent him an email on Nov 9 with a link to the proposed terms of reference explaining that it includes all the info on the poster boards & if he has any questions or concerns to let us know. I also included the info for comment to the federal & provincial →

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Concerns or Questions Raised:	Proponents Response (commitments, information etc.) and Follow-up Actions (revision of documents etc.)
	EA processes
Potentially impacted rights (if applicable):	☐hunting ☐fishing ☐other harvesting ☐other (please specify)

New Contact [only needs to be completed for new contacts]					
First name	Geoff	Title			
Last name	Pearce	E-mail	gpearce@vianet.ca		
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Name of organization					
Department/field office					
Street address	Box 770				
City	Emo	Province	ON	Postal code	P0W 1E0
Mailing address [if different than street address]	~~Box 770 Emo ON~~				
Add to mailing list? [Y/N - choose all appropriate] ☐E-mail ☐Phone ☐Postal Mail					
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Meeting Notes

Date: September 5, 2012
Location: Rainy River Future Development Corporation
Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
RRR Participants: Kyle Stanfield, Stacey Jack
Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists Attendees:

Ahlan Johanson
Mike Hammond
Henry Miller
Terry Kawulia
John Honanka
Doug Franchot
Kurt Lynse
Mary Lynse

Kyle gave a presentation on the RRGP.
Kyle invited the group to participate in the EA Open houses in late October/early November.
Kyle invited the Field Naturalists to come and tour the site at their convenience.

Comments/ Questions / Responses

There was discussion about First Nation participation in the project.
Henry stated that every industry has an effect on the environment.
Ahlan asked to be added to the project mailing list.

Actions

Site tour for RRVFN (completed October 4, 2012)
Request has been sent to SIIMS to add Ahlan to the mailing list.

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MINUTES OF MEETING / ACTION ITEMS

Date/Time:	May 15, 2012	File No:	Admin
Location:	La Place Rendez-Vous Boardroom	Written By:	M. Kelly
Subject:	Draft ToR	Project No.:	TC111504
Project:	Rainy River Gold Project (RRGP)		
Present:	**Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS):** Will Windigo – Chief, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation Sara Mainville – Councillor, Couchiching First Nation Janice Henderson – Chief, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation Norman Jordan – Chief, Lac La Croix First Nation Earl Klyne – Chief, Seine River First Nation Tammy Ryll – Executive Director, FFCS Wayne Smith – Chief, Naicatchewenin First Nation Tony Marinaro – Chief Business Development Officer, Naicatchewenin Development Corporation, Naicatchewenin First Nation Jim Leonard – Chief, Rainy River First Nation (FFCS Lead Negotiator) James Mainville – Executive Assistance, FFCS **Rainy River Resources (RRR):** Raymond Threlkeld – President and Chief Executive Officer Kyle Stanfield – Vice President, Environment and Sustainability Lincoln Dunn – Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services First Nations Engagement Specialist Doug Brown – Corporate Manager, Health and Safety **AMEC:** Mary Kelly – Community Consultation Lead		
Distribution:	Rainy River Resources / AMEC		

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1)	Meeting began earlier; KS and MK were late arriving to the meeting RT introduced Mary Kelly (AMEC) and identified that KS would provide some further details on the draft Terms of Reference (ToR). KS presented the attached presentation.		

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2)	KS provided an overview of the consultation activities and successes to date including a signed Memorandum of Understanding, an established Aboriginal liaison. He identified that the Ministry of Northern Development and Mine (MNDM) would be scoping the consultation for the RRGP. The draft ToR has been released to local First Nations in advance of release to the government. We anticipate the Project Description Report, which forms part of the federal process, to be issued within the next few weeks. KS noted that regarding the alternative routes for the proposed transmission line, RRR intends on having their information into Hydro One to make a decision on the transmission line by the end of 2012. With respect to the alternative routes for Hwy 600, this is part of the environmental assessment (EA) but the current preferred route in supported by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and falls within the realignment expectations of the Township of Chapple. KS noted that the figures presented in the draft ToR and in the presentation, present the maximum footprint anticipated at the end of mine life.		
3)	KS noted that as we progress further in the EA process, socio-economic and TK studies will be completed. AMEC would be brought into the confidentiality agreements (data sharing agreements) with the FNs. Chief Earl Klyne identified that they would like to see youth and elders get involved in the process. Chief Jim Leonard identified that they had a commercial fishing license for Sturgeon on the Pinewood River (which includes all of the Rainy River and all of its tributaries); there has been a lot of rehabilitation work down on spawning beds.		
4)	Other comments made included: • OSB (Barwick) trained people but they never got the jobs as there was a number of discrimantory criteria used in the hiring protocols. • Know the RRR cannot guarantee employment but want a guarantee on opportunity. • Are there funds available for independent experts? KS noted that there is money through the federal government (CEAA). • Need to formalize members of the advisory committee.		
5)	Next meeting is scheduled for June 20th at 10 am.		

MINUTES OF MEETING / ACTION ITEMS

Date/Time:	May 15, 2012	File No:	Admin
Location:	Big Island First Nation, Roundhouse	Written By:	M. Kelly
Subject:	Draft ToR	Project No.:	TC111504
Project:	Rainy River Gold Project (RRGP)		
Present:	**Big Island First Nation:** Chief Wesley Big George (Wes) Councillor Robert Handorgan Daniel Margaret Several other attendees and elders (11 attendees in total) **Rainy River Resources (RRR):** Kyle Stanfield – Vice President, Environment and Sustainability **AMEC:** Mary Kelly – Community Consultation Lead		
Distribution:	Rainy River Resources / AMEC		

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6)	Meeting occurred at their new Roundhouse (on the location where Chief Wes grew up). Chief Wes idenfied that they are hosting the Treaty 3 annual Chiefs meeting this summer. MK noted that in conversation with Chief Wes, he spoke of concerns related to water and fish quality that have changed over his lifetime. He noted that when he was child there were no pelicans in the area; with the movement of them into the area they are eating a lot of fish. He also noted that the fish often come up diseases (growths and such on them). After elders preformed a drum and tobacco ceremony; Chief Wes invited KS present and they will listen. KS thanked the elders. He provided a short talk and presented some of the attached presentation.		
7)	KS identified that the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed mine at the Blackhawk site is set to begin. He has brought documents (including the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and Record of Consultation) for the leadership to review. KS noted that we still need to get to know your community better and invited them to a Spring Feast tomorrow at the RRGP site. We would also like to do a tour for your community at the site – we have had Big Grassy out to the site. RRR is hopeful to advance the mine in the future but given the uncertain economic situation they have to ensure that it is also economically sustainable.		

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8)	KS noted that it takes a long time to get to the mine stage as there is a lot of upfront work; we are working towards this and your input is important to the process. KS identified that AMEC (and introduced MK) would be completing the EA and would be in the area over the coming months. KS then opened up to questions.		
9)	Questions: • How long with the process take? o KS noted that the EA and permitting process will take approximately 3 years to complete and that the feasibility is currently underway as well o KS noted that the draft ToR is out for a 30-day review/comment period which starts on May 17th; once comments are received the ToR will be updated and issued again for another 30-day review/comment period; we hope to have the finalized ToR within 2.5 months. o KS noted that the federal process should start in the next few weeks. This time next year (2013) we should have the EA report which will include the baselines, how we protect the environment (during construction, operation, and closure). And we should have the closure plan finalized. o KS noted that this is a world-class project – we have access to road air, rail, gas...all the necessary infrastructure – and we believe people will want to invest. • How many people will be employed and how long will it operate? o The mine is anticipated to operate for 10-15 years and that length depends on a lot of factors including commodity prices, economy, deposit, etc. o At peak construction phase and peak operation phase the project is expected to employ 500-600 people in each phase. • Us elders are hard of hearing and we don't necessarily understand - we are not familiar with mining and we need plain language • What about chemicals that could effect the animals? o KS noted that we are not currently using chemicals at the site. Any chemicals that would be used in the mining process would be managed and handled appropriately to mitigate any potential risks according to various existing laws. • What about fuel that gets into the water; how do you clean it up? o KS noted that fuel spills would be handled much in the same manner as a spill at a gas station. It . Absorbent materials would be used to pick up the fuel – in the case of fuel spills on water, booms would be used to contain the fuel. Obviously, we do inspections and have safety plans to avoid spills • Can you purify the water? • What is an easement? • Are there any burial grounds or sacred grounds that you are aware of? o KS noted that we have heard from other FNs that they want a traditional ceremony and feasting at the site as some elders have told us not to touch the rocks {none of the elders in attendance were aware of this} • Is the site on Crown land? o KS responded that no, the land is mainly farm or pasture land that is privately held. RRR has purchased the properties.		

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10)	Questions (con'd): • How will the landfill be setup? o KS noted that we do not need a landfill as there is a municipal, domestic landfill to the ease of the site. o RRR does not want to do a landfill as there are always issues associated with them; we may help the municipality clean up the landfill. Historically, no one planned for environmental management – that has only occurred in the last 20 years. We evolve and learn – and learn from FNs. • What about the water? o KS described the watershed divide and identified that the land is higher were the project is so water flow down. • What about archaeology? o KS noted that they could have 1-2 people join and would like to start in the next month. Stacey Jack, the only registered archaeologist in the area is joining RRR. {An elder identified that they believe there is someone at Lac La Croix FN as well} • When did the Aboriginal people get involved? o KS noted that it began about 2 years ago. • Where do you put the questions and answers? o KS noted that they do not have any information from the community yet. • Oil would go into a river downhill o KS noted that commercial trucks such as Esso would have the same risk; we have to plan for the potential and have a response plan in place. Every gas station is a contaminated site. • There are a few companies around aren't there? o KS noted that there are others including Bayfield. • What about the geology? o KS explained that a long time ago there was a volcano under the sea here which provided a direct connection to the core of the earth; the deposit is like a stack of paper plates that has fallen on its slide and is twisted an facing south. • What about tailings? o KS should the conceptual mine plan and identified the change in Hwy 600 and transmission line; that tailings come out of the mill (with cyanide in them); upon closure the pit will become a pond. • What about animals? o KS noted we know of beaver and deer in the area from local residents and potentially moose. • What about the open shaft? There is one near cattle ranch from a long time ago that closed down in 1956. • What do all the FNs think about the mine? o KS noted that we have been talking to many and it still early in the process but like everyone they want to ensure that the environment is protected and that there are opportunities for employment/training. •		

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11)	Questions (con'd): • What about training? o KS noted that NW Bay has taken the initiative with a drill rig for training program that runs 6-8 weeks; RRR has invested $1.5 Million in the program as they need skilled workers and want FNs to be involved. There are 6-8 spots available in the program. o RRR wants to employ local community throughout the life of the mine and provide skills that they can take anywhere. o KS noted that training is a large investment. After training individuals get a certificate from the government that once the training and apprenticeship is complete (employer certifies that can work in this area) they can take the certificate anywhere for work.		
12)	Chief Wes identified that June 7th is the next meeting (tentatively scheduled). He would need to bring this to their membership and bring comments back to RRR. Also need to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding.		

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Record Management			
Form completed by	**Stacey Jack**	**Date form completed** [YY-MM-DD]	2012-06-21

Contact/Event Information	
Date of Contact	June 19, 2012
Location [if applicable]	Naotkamegwanning First Nation
Project team participants [list all]	Stacey Jack Kyle Stanfield
Forwarded to (if applicable)	-
Names & organizations of participants [list all] *** For any new contacts, provide contact information at the bottom of this form otherwise they will not be put on the project mailing list ***	Alex Tom - Naotkamegwanning First Nation Rene White - Naotkamegwanning First Nation Laura Kakeway – Naotkamegwanning First Nation Tom Campagnolo - Naotkamegwanning First Nation
Method of Contact (email, phone call, meeting etc.)	Meeting at administration office
Information Provided	Kyle provided an introduction to the Project, including where we're at in exploration, the EA process, communication with other First Nations and future communication opportunities.

Concerns or Questions Raised:	**Proponents Response** (commitments, information etc.) **and Follow-up Actions** (revision of documents etc.)	**Potentially impacted rights (if applicable):**
Participants asked how many jobs, what types of jobs, concern for protecting the environment (specifically water), if Rainy River Resources is familiar with the Great Earth Law. They also requested a letter of support for a driller training program they are developing with other neighboring First Nations.	Laura Kakeway will send an email to Stacey outlining the proposed drilling program. Stacey will write a letter of support for Kyle's reiew and signature.	❑hunting ❑fishing ❑other harvesting ❑other (please specify)

Meeting Notes

Date: June 20, 2012
Location: Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation Administration Office – Chief & Council Chambers
Time: 10 am – 11:30
RRR Participants: Kyle Stanfield, Stacey Jack
Ojibways of Onigaming Participants:

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- Kyle provided an update on the project
- Daniel inquired which provincial Ministries RRR is working with. Kyle explained that the MOE was coordinating with other ministries through the EA Act –ministries include MNDMF, MNR, MOE

- Daniel stated that their community had concern for the other Lake of the Woods communities (Whitefish Bay, Northwest Angle 33, Northwest Angle 37, Big Grassy, Big Island, Rat Portage and Buffalo Point). Daniel stated they work together with those communities on other projects, and would be interested in working with them on this one to assure that there are no issues. He further stated that some people are opposed to development, while others see the benefit. Daniel would like to coordinate a meeting amongst the other communities and RRR.

- Clifford asked numerous questions and made statements related to the type of operation that's proposed, the effect on water quality, how their community can review scientific information without the core knowledge, the effect of tailings, consultation standards for their community, compensation for the community and its members and the need for senior personnel from RRR to meet with the community.

Kyle reiterated that he understood Clifford's concerns and had come to the meeting in good faith. RRR was committed to working with the community in addressing their concerns, and this was an introductory meeting.

- Kyle spoke in detail about how Rainy River Resources would not be able to get a permit if effects on the aquatic environment are anticipated after the Environmental Assessment is complete.

- Cheryl had questions related to the size of the open pit, how tailings are managed, mine life and what would happen to the waste rock.

- Stacey spoke on their participation in socio-economic and TEK/TLU studies. Daniel stated that their community prefers to use their own people to gather any information. ***Stacey committed to a follow-up email to set up a future meeting date to discuss the socio-economic and TEK/TLU studies.***

- Daniel closed the meeting by stating they would like to support the project, and look forward to speaking on future economic opportunities. Daniel also stated that they would be working with NDC on developing agreements with companies.

- ***Stacey committed to contacting Clifford in order to provide a site tour in the very near future.***

Meeting Notes

Date: July 12, 2012
Location: Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation Administration Office
Time: 10 am – 11:30
RRR Participants: Stacey Jack
Ojibways of Onigaming Participants: Daniel Kelly

- Stacey provided notes to Daniel from the June 20th meeting

- Information was provided to Daniel regarding an upcoming Mining Matters workshop that RRR was sponsoring. Daniel asked that Stacey email him the information as well so he could post it on the community Facebook page. *(done)*

- Stacey explained some of the work that RRR is doing with other First Nations in regards to collection of socio-economic data and traditional knowledge.

- Stacey provided socio-economic data that has so for been prepared for Onigaming. Daniel stated that they were currently in the process of collecting this data as well, but did not commit to sharing it, but was not opposed to sharing it.

- Stacey provided Daniel with data sharing agreement and TEK/TLU questions, only for the purpose of explaining the process and why the collection of that data was important. Daniel stated that he was glad to see that the company understood that the data belonged to the First Nations, and reiterated that they would like to use their own people for the process.

- Daniel suggested that the next step be an introduction between Ray and their Chief as well as other leadership from the company and the First Nation. Daniel also expressed interest in a formal presentation as well as a tour of the project area, potentially at the same time as the leadership introduction.

- Daniel committed to sending some potential dates to Stacey

Meeting Notes

Date: August 21, 2012

Location: Big Grassy First Nation Health Centre

Type: Elder's Meeting

Time: 10:00 am – 11:30 pm

RRR Participants: Stacey Jack, Community Coordinator

Community Participants:

Joseph (Romeo) Duguay	Robert Archie
Albert Comegan	Leonard Morrison
Melvina Copenace	Patsy Tuesday
Bill Morrison	Stanley Jack
Bessie Tom	Geraldine Archie
Marlene Indian	Virginia Archie
Glen Archie	Mylen

Romeo introduced Stacey to the group and reminded them of the TEK/TLU questionnaires that were previously presented.

- Stacey explained the data sharing agreement that has been presented to Chief and Council for their consideration at their August 28, 2012 meeting.

- Stacey then explained that after the data sharing agreement was signed she would like to speak with the Elders and other community members about traditional knowledge and traditional land use of the project area. Stacey explained that the knowledge was valuable to help evaluate and mitigate potential impacts a mine may have. Stacey also explained that participation was voluntary. RRR respects that the knowledge belongs to the individual or community, and RRR would only use this information as part of our baseline studies.

- One of the Elders asked which other communities were participating in this process. Stacey explained that they had already started interviews with Naicatchewenin and Rainy River First Nations, and were hoping to interview all of the other communities including those which belong to the FFCS, as well as Big Island, Onigaming and Whitefish Bay.

- Once of the Elders asked how RRR would be controlling mercury in the project area so that Big Grassy would not end up like Grassy Narrows. Stacey committed to providing an answer at the next meeting.

- Stacey invited the Elders on a tour, at their convenience. She explained that RRFN and Naicatchewenin Elders were coming for a site visit on August 29th.

- The Elders agreed that it would be best to answer the questionnaire as a group, rather than individually.

- Stacey will meet with the Elders on September 4 at 10 am to review the questionnaire, providing the Chief and Council have signed the data sharing agreement.

Buffalo Point First Nation Meeting Notes

Date:	October 10, 2012
Location:	Buffalo Point Administration Building
Time:	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
RRR Participants:	Kyle Stanfield, Stacey Jack
Buffalo Point First Nation Participants:	Chief John Thunder Councillor Herman Green

Kyle provided a presentation on the RRGP and associated EA process.

Comments / Responses

Chief Thunder spoke about his concern for First Nation people in the Treaty Three region and in Canada in general. For generations First Nations people have been living in poverty and have been excluded from revenues associated with resource development even though it's taking place on their traditional territory. Chief Thunder would like assurances that that the First Nations who are "on the other side of the lake" and who are closest to the project are able to actively participate in the development and benefit from it. Chief Thunder would like to see an IBA reached with those closest First Nations.

Chief Thunder spoke of the importance of protecting the environment and developing the project in a manner that's respectful and utilizes new means and technologies associated with environmental management.

Which way does the water drain?

Kyle - From Pinewood Lake to Pinewood River to Rainy River and Lake of the Woods

What are the plans for the containments?

Kyle - Manage (treat, break down) and monitor (ensure we are not releasing into the environment)

Is RRR working with the Lake of the Woods Watershed or Todd Sellers?

Kyle - Indirectly – Kyle recently presented the project to the International Joint Commission and will likely be sharing some of our water monitoring data with them.

What will happen to the mine rock and overburden?

Kyle -The mine rock and overburden will be considered as part of the closure plan. Most likely they will be contoured to fit in with the landscape. We would like to speak with the First Nations about traditional plants and potentially reclaiming certain areas with those plants.

How deep is the open pit?

Kyle - About 350m deep

Chief Thunder commented that RRR may have problems in securing human resources. At Buffalo Point, they cannot compete with some of the wages that are paid by US industries such as Marvin Windows and Polaris.

Chief Thunder thanked Kyle and Stacey for the meeting and stated that Buffalo Point would not get in the way of RRR developing the project, but they would continue monitoring the project through communications with other First Nations and ensuring proper consultation.

Kyle invited Chief Thunder to come for a site visit at any time and to contact him if he had any questions or concerns.

Follow-up Items

No follow-up items

November 8/12 6PM

Aboriginal Participants: Rosanne Councillor & Harry Windigo, Naicatchewenin FN

Rosanne and Harry approached me the night of the open house at the Emo Legion with a set of questions they wanted to discuss. Rosanne asked whether questions would be documented for the public process, which I confirmed.

Rosanne asked which communities were involved with the Participation Agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding, and I listed the communities. She asked about the involvement of Elders in the development of the agreement, and I talked about the process, and how Kyle and I had spent time in the communities outlining, discussing and soliciting feedback from community members on the agreement.

Rosanne and Harry talked for a long time about the work they have been doing as part of a circle of Elders and traditional practitioners from different areas working with Goldcorp on a site reclamation project in Timmins, and how they have used ceremony as an integral part of their process there, including not just fall and spring feastings, but shake tent ceremonies as well.

Harry mentioned that he has never seen the site, but he can feel how the Mother Earth is destroyed, and that Rainy River Resources needs to do lots of ceremonies up there - "You guys have to be asking the questions of what to do and the Spirits will answer you right away." He said that "we need to do ceremonies to make sure before you can start anything." He would like RRR to invite Marten Millen to do a presentation on what has been done with Goldcorp. Harry reiterated several times that RRR has to be very careful. He also said the we all need to unite and work together — that we are all one people, and we need to be working as one.

Rosanne had a number of questions about the site and what type of consultation is being done with the communities. She stressed to importance of consulting with and involving the Elders, and making sure that they understand the project and what they will be doing. She said that we need to understand that they can't stop the mining, but we have to look at our kids, and look to their education.

Harry requested that it be brought to the Chiefs to ask about what ceremonies (including one he mentioned, involving four shake tents) can or should be done at site. He also said we need to be certain to offer- tobacco, cloth and food to the spirits at site.

One of the things that came out of my conversation with Rosanne and Harry at the Emo open house is that they invited me to see the types of ceremony that they are doing at the Timmins reclamation site. She said we could talk about attending in the spring, as well.

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APPENDIX D-2

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES ON PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE

APPENDIX D-2: COMMENTS AND RESPONSES ON PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR)

Comments Received from Government Agencies and RRGP Responses

Stakeholder: **Ministry of Economic Development and Innovation**
Point of Contact: **Michael Helfinger, Senior Policy Advisor**
Comments Dated: **November 26, 2012**

#	COMMENT	RESPONSE
1	MEDI is encouraged by the coverage of the mine site, processing facility, infrastructure and supply and service facilities site by a single EA, which should facilitate the timely launch of the Assessment and, ultimately, project approval. Overall, the Terms of Reference appear to commit to a comprehensive assessment of the environmental, social, cultural and economic impacts of the proposed developments. MEDI looks forward to reviewing the completed EA, containing a detailed discussion of the impact of the proposed project on local, regional and provincial economic development.	Noted. RRR appreciates the comment provided by MEDI. RRR believes that the Rainy River Gold Project will provide a significant economic boost to the region. RRR is committed to this development and that is occur in a sustainable manner. This approach will be supported the proposed comprehensive EA.

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Stakeholder: **Ministry of the Environment**
Point of Contact: **Alisdair Brown, Regional Hydrogeologist**
Comments Dated: **November 8, 2012**

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1	In order to quantify the potential groundwater impacts, adequate work must be completed to properly establish the baseline (pre-development) groundwater conditions at and surrounding the proposed mine and associated facilities and services. The Proposed ToR has identified that a baseline study is being completed. At a meeting on July 18 in Thunder Bay, AMEC and Rainy River Resources provided a summary of the baseline work that has been completed or is planned. It is understood from the meeting that the baseline work for groundwater will include a comprehensive field program, development of a conceptual model, and development of numerical models. The MOE provided some comment on the baseline program at the meeting. Provided below is an outline that Northern Region Hydrogeologist's have developed that provides our minimum expectations for baseline studies for mining developments:	Noted. Please see responses below.	MOE is satisfied with response.	Acknowledged with thanks.
2	The purpose of baseline groundwater monitoring programs for proposed new mines is to define pre-development hydrogeological conditions. This information will be subsequently used by the proponent to develop conceptual and numerical groundwater models and to predict potential impacts of the mine as the project progresses towards environmental assessment and permitting. This assessment also provides the framework for on-going groundwater monitoring during site	RRR has completed comprehensive environmental baseline studies for the RRGP. Personnel are familiar with MOE requirements based on previous projects and the baseline study was designed accordingly. These aspects will be addressed in the Hydrogeology Baseline Report, which will be appended to the EA Report, and/or EA Report as appropriate. It is expected based on other projects, that the specific location of the future monitoring	The proponent should confirm that the baseline study work has included the installation and sampling of monitoring wells at the site. The reference in the response to future monitoring wells with respect to the approvals stage implies otherwise.	New groundwater monitoring wells were installed at the site and incorporated into the baseline studies, along with existing monitoring wells and private wells to which RRR had access. These wells were used to provide water level and water quality information for baseline reporting. Additional wells will be installed as the project design becomes firm through the EA process. Those existing wells that lie within the proposed open pit footprint or other

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	development, operation, and closure. Lack of comprehensive baseline information may cause significant site development delays. To effectively address these uses, the baseline groundwater monitoring program for the site must meet the following requirements: Determine groundwater flow paths; establish hydrogeological properties (i.e. hydraulic conductivity) of aquifers, aquicludes and aquitards; identify potential receptors (e.g. surface water, wetlands, wells, etc.); estimate subsurface travel times (including potential seasonal hydraulic gradient fluctuations); and characterize groundwater quality. The location of the monitoring wells must be selected to define existing conditions and also in anticipation of potential changes in groundwater gradients during all phases of the project (e.g. mounding, lowering, flow direction changes, etc.). The groundwater monitoring should take into consideration the effects of groundwater to surface water discharge, and enough information must be collected so that potential impacts of dewatering on surface water and wetland features can be evaluated. Nested and multi-level groundwater monitoring wells should be used where appropriate to assess both shallow (overburden) and deep (bedrock) groundwater flow systems, as well as vertical gradients.	wells will be identified in association with the Ministry of the Environment during the environmental approvals stage.		facilities will require decommissioning prior to construction of the mine. As part of the EA and permitting process, new monitoring locations will be proposed outside the footprint of the mine infrastructure to serve as long term monitoring locations, in addition to those that are not overprinted by construction of the mine. Section 8 of the Amended Proposed ToR has been revised to reflect this response.
3	Collect whatever information will be later required to identify groundwater impacts that may occur as a result of the undertaking, assess contaminant	RRR has an extensive network of groundwater level and quality information already in place as will be described in the Hydrogeology Baseline and EA Report as	No further response required, assuming that as per the previous comment, monitoring wells have been installed for the baseline study.	Per the above response, there are a very large number of wells at the RRGP site (approximately 100 + wells) that were installed to support baseline investigations

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	attenuation capacities, and ensure that the proposed mine and associated facility designs incorporates appropriate mitigation measures. Groundwater monitoring and groundwater quality data should be collected up-gradient, cross-gradient, and down-gradient from all relevant facilities which have been sited at the time of the baseline survey. This includes potential groundwater seepage locations, rates and quality into or from facilities such as: open pits, underground developments, tailings, stockpiles, collection ponds, processing facilities, and loading areas.	appropriate. The location of the monitoring wells to assess the operations stage will be developed through the environmental approvals process in conjunction with the Ministry of the Environment. Potential water quality impacts from mine rock and tailings will be addressed in the EA Report as appropriate.		and have been monitored with data extending back to 2009 in some locations. Samples have been collected from 29 of these locations, with water quality data extending back to 2010 in some locations. RRR propose to install a number of new wells to replace existing wells likely to be in conflict with proposed RRGP facilities and infrastructure, to be defined through the EA and subsequent environmental approvals process.
4	Identify potential compliance points and compliance criteria (e.g. Reasonable Use, Provincial Water Quality Objectives, etc.) and ensure that sufficient information is available in the future to produce statistically sound assessments of potential mining and associated facility impacts. The baseline survey should include installation of monitoring wells at potential compliance points and within the footprint of the planned operation works with an aim of having most wells remain in-place during all phases of the project to provide consistent temporal analysis points;	Compliance aspects will be addressed in the EA Report. Dedicated wells are anticipated to be required for compliance purposes. RRR has an extensive network of groundwater level and quality information already in place as will be described in the Hydrogeology Baseline and EA Report as appropriate.	This should be reflected in the TOR. No further response required.	Section 8 of the Amended Proposed ToR has been revised to reflect this response.
5	The output of the hydrogeology baseline survey should include the following: a. conceptual hydrogeological model with a written expert opinion summarizing groundwater flow paths, identification of potential receptors, travel times, and water quality; b. hydrogeological maps and cross-sections	a) This will be included in the Hydrogeology Baseline report, and will be addressed in the EA Report as appropriate. b) Many of these items will be included as figures in the Hydrogeology Baseline report. The location of future monitoring wells will be identified at the environmental approvals stage in association with the Ministry of the Environment, but otherwise will be	With respect to b), the proponent indicates that “many of these items will be included”. From the MOE perspective, this is not acceptable, as “all” of these items are required. This should be reflected in the TOR. Otherwise, no further response required.	Section 6.5.2 of the Amended Proposed ToR has been revised to include the entire list of information required to be included in the EA and/or baseline report by the MOE.

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	showing: 1) the location of relevant features, including surface water features, water supply wells, and other potential receptors; 2) location of groundwater monitoring wells with respect to proposed facilities/works, stockpiles, potential seeps of contaminated groundwater, surface water features and other potential receptors; 3) the extent of overburden and bedrock aquifers, including bedrock contact/fracture zones; 4) groundwater contours (potentiometric surfaces); and 5) groundwater flow directions including location of all groundwater divides; c. groundwater analytical results provided in tabular format with ion balances and also presented with ion plots. Laboratory Certificates of Analysis shall be available upon request; and d. identify the need for additional monitoring and assessment to address potential facility development impacts that had not been defined at the time of the baseline survey.	addressed in the EA as appropriate. c) This will be included in the Hydrogeology Baseline report and addressed in the EA Report as appropriate. d) RRR acknowledges that modification and/or additional monitoring will be required and will be identified at a preliminary level within the EA Report. Further detail is expected to be required and will be provided during the environmental approvals stage guided by directed discussions with the MOE.		
6	With respect to the timing of the baseline studies, it is recommended that this work should be commenced as soon as possible. To be comprehensive, it is important the baseline studies include monitoring through all seasons to ensure that a full range of conditions are reflected in the data. And monitoring frequency should be selected to account the potential for natural fluctuations in the baseline conditions.	Noted. Baseline studies were initiated in 2008 and remain in progress. Baseline Reports will be appended to the EA Report which will demonstrate lengthy and comprehensive, baseline investigations. The hydrogeological baseline report is in progress and has been modified as necessary to address comments provided by the MOE herein.	No further response required.	Acknowledged with thanks.

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7	With respect to Groundwater Impacts related to the mining development, the Proposed ToR has clearly identified that the effects of mine dewatering, including impacts to domestic wells and the potential to reduce water levels and flows in local surface water features, will be addressed in the EA. However, with respect to the potential for groundwater contamination, Table 14 specifically states under "Groundwater System" that "Groundwater quality is not expected to be affected". This statement is unsubstantiated, and I believe premature with respect to the EA. Waste rock stockpiles and the Tailings Management Area have a high potential to impact groundwater quality, and the EA must include assessment of groundwater quality impacts. The EA will need to address contaminant loading and transport from both the waste rock stockpiles and the tailings management area, as well as identifying other potential sources of groundwater contaminants. The assessment of groundwater quality impacts should look at contaminant loadings due to leachate, transport rates, attenuation effects, identification of receivers, the potential impact on the receivers, and appropriate mitigation measures. Numerical modelling will be required to assess contaminant transport.	Noted. The ToR guide indicates that the "proponent may wish to include,... a preliminary list of the potential environmental effects,... actual determination,... will be required for the environmental assessment". RRR included a preliminary assessment of effects after mitigation, per the suggestion of the MOE. Table 14 was not intended to be comprehensive or provide a full explanation / substantiation of comments. These aspects will be addressed in the EA Report as appropriate.	The TOR should be worded to indicate that groundwater impacts will be investigated. If Table 14 is to include a comment that "Groundwater quality is not expected to be impacted", it must be supported with an explanation that this may require mitigation measures. No further response is required.	Table 14 has been revised in the Amended Proposed ToR and reflects this request. Further information regarding preliminary potential environmental impacts is provided in Section 7.3. Section 7.2.2 of the Proposed ToR indicates that groundwater impacts will be investigated. This section of the Amended Proposed ToR has been revised to include groundwater quality, as well as the other aspects listed in the MOE initial comment.
8	The EA should include assessment of whether there are practical alternatives to dewatering, and should also look at options on how dewatering can be carried out. And the ToR needs to be clear in stating that the mine water from dewatering will be	Noted. Minewater management alternatives in the EA Report will consider proven technologies other than dewatering, if any. Recycling of water has been identified in the Proposed ToR as the preferred option for	The TOR should state that dewatering alternatives will be addressed.	On further review, it has been determined that there are no feasible alternatives that allow development of the RRGP without dewatering of the rock and overburden. Section 5.3.8 has been revised to clearly state this.

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	considered in assessing water supply alternatives.	water supply, and includes recycling of all contact water, including minewater. These aspects will be addressed in more detail in the EA Report as appropriate.		The ore and surrounding rock is extremely hard rock. There are no proven technologies to mine gold-bearing ore from hard rock without dewatering. The rock can only be extracted by blasting to break it up, which cannot be completed in the wet. Further, there is no means to extract the ore for this scale of an operation (ie. the ore body is too deep to extract working only from outside the mine) without entering into mine with equipment and people, which cannot be completed in a flooded environment and would pose an extreme safety concern in any case.
9	For assessment of effects on groundwater quality, the Proposed ToR has identified the use of the Provincial Water Quality Objectives and the Canadian Environmental Quality Guidelines. These are suitable for assessment of background quality. However, it is emphasized that these standards and objectives would be applied in the context of the Ministry's Reasonable Use Policy (Guideline B-7), which is applied to all regulated sources of groundwater contamination, and which incorporates the Ontario Drinking Water Standards.	Noted and agreed.	The MOE Guideline B-7 should be referenced in the TOR.	Section 6.6.3 of the Amended Proposed ToR has been revised to include reference to MOE Guideline B-7.
10	In discussion of the overburden storage area, the ToR notes that suspended solids are anticipated to be the only contaminant of concern. This assumption should be re-assessed, as overburden soils when removed and stockpiled can in some instances become a source for contaminated drainage, sometimes as a result of oxygen exposure resulting in generation of acid drainage. Excavated stockpiles can also result in a source of	Noted. Interim geochemical characterizations suggest that the majority of the overburden is non-acid generating. There is a much smaller volume of PAG overburden material which is thin, discontinuous, and located in close contact with bedrock. Storage options for this material will be considered in the EA Report. These aspects, including the potential to generate dust and mitigation measures if appropriate, will be addressed	Response should be reflected in the TOR.	Section 6.4.3 of the Amended Proposed ToR has been revised to indicate that the majority of the overburden is non-acid generating. Section 5.3.4 of Proposed ToR indicates that storage options for overburden will be considered in the EA. Section 7.3 of the Amended Proposed ToR identifies in the Preliminary Description of

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	airborne dust contamination. The EA will be required to address the potential for the overburden stockpiles to act as a source of contaminants other than just suspended solids, and should look at the need for mitigation to address potential airborne dust emissions.	in the EA Report.		Environmental Effects: • Potential effect on water quality in the Pinewood River from the release of treated runoff and/or seepage from the stockpiles. Groundwater has been identified as a preliminary VEC and is expected to be defined as a VEC. Accordingly, Section 7.2.2 indicated that mitigation measures will be presented in the EA.
11	In summary, the Proposed ToR has identified that a Hydrogeology Study will be conducted to both establish baseline conditions and to estimate the impacts that the project will have on the natural groundwater conditions at and surrounding the site. The Hydrogeology Study as described should adequately address the impacts of dewatering on the local groundwater system and surface water features. However, it is my recommendation that the ToR needs to be revised to include full assessment of the potential impacts of the project on groundwater quality. The ToR should also clearly identify the assessment of mine dewatering and water supply alternatives; that the baseline studies should incorporate the use of more local domestic wells for assessment of the regional groundwater regime; and that groundwater impact assessment will require consideration of the MOE's Reasonable Use Policy. It is further recommended that the proponent should review the MOE's recommendations regarding Baseline Studies to ensure that our requirements are being addressed. These recommendations	The Proposed ToR includes a commitment to assess environmental impacts of the entire project in a comprehensive EA Report, using the methodology identified in Section 7. Groundwater systems have been identified at this preliminary stage as one of the potential Valued Ecosystem Components that will guide the framework of assessing impacts in the EA Report. The Proposed ToR itself, is not intended to identify or assess environmental impacts, but provide the framework for inclusion of those aspects in the EA Report. The Proponent has fully considered MOE's recommendations regarding Baseline Studies to ensure that the MOE needs are met, and these recommendations will be referenced as appropriate in the EA Report and/or Hydrogeology Baseline Study.	No further response required.	Acknowledged with thanks.

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	should be referenced by the proponent when developing the details of the baseline studies. The Hydrogeological Study shall establish baseline conditions; assess all potential impacts to groundwater quality and quantity which may result from the proposed project; and propose mitigation measures as required including monitoring provisions.			

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Stakeholder: **Ministry of Energy**
Point of Contact: **Andrea Stoiko**
Comments Dated: **November 27, 2012**

Green: MOE comments to AMEC/RRR's response

#	COMMENT	AMEC RESPONSE	MOE Response	ADDITIONAL AMEC RESPONSE
1	The proponent should describe the anticipated power needs of the project in ToR or say they will describe the anticipated power needs of the project in the EA. The power requirements for the project are usually described for each phase of the project (i.e. construction, operation). The information would support the need for the 230 kV transmission line connection.	Preliminary engineering completed to the time of the Proposed ToR submission indicates that a 230 kV transmission line is required and as described in the document. Further information regarding the RRGP power needs will be provided in the EA Report (and will be detailed in submissions to the Ontario Energy Board). The mine has a planned power requirement of 54 megawatts (MW) when in full production. About three quarters of the power requirement is for the processing plant, with the balance required by the mine itself, along with ancillary needs such as dewatering, administration, etc. The choice of a 230 kV connection is driven by a combination of the level of anticipated demand, supply reliability and technical requirements associated with the drives for the large mill motors. During construction, electrical power demand is expected to be relatively low, at around 2 to 3 MW or less for most of the construction period, rising to around 5 MW prior to commissioning of the processing plant. The current schedule anticipates the 230 kV connection will be in service for the later stages of construction.	MOE to AMEC: Please specify where in the ToR it states that a 230kV transmission line is required? Please be specific.	Page 24, Section 5.4.11, Power Supply Alternatives as well as Appendix B (Page B-1). Additional information will also be provided in the Amended ToR.

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Stakeholder: **Ministry of Natural Resources**
Point of Contact: **Greg Chapman, District Manager**
Comments Dated: **November 26, 2012**

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1	Description and Rationale for Alternatives: There needs to be additional explanation to this section of the report. It is not understood if the alternatives selected for this ToR have been screened as per the framework identified in section 5.1 of the ToR. A summary of information that was collected during the screening for these alternatives should be presented in the ToR and further details provided in the supporting documentation.	This section was prepared and revised based on the comments received on the draft ToR and additional explanation provided regarding the alternatives per discussions with the Ministry of the Environment. Appendices B and C provide further detail regarding the transmission line and Highway 600 re-alignment alternatives. The assessment of alternatives will be fully addressed in the EA Report. Under guidance from the MOE EA Branch Section 5 regarding alternatives assessment in the Amended ToR has been revised to more clearly meet the MOE Code of Practice. The title of Section 5.1 in the Amended ToR has been revised to more clearly state this is background information.	MNR satisfied with response.	Response acknowledged with thanks.
2	It is expected that the supporting documentation will include details such as: The method to determine the relative desirability of alternatives from an environmental perspective should be detailed and based, at least in part, on an evaluation of indicators. This evaluation should reflect the degree to which alternatives are expected to conflict with the intention of relevant laws, regulations and policies while considering proposed mitigation measures. For environmental components or processes that may not be	Applicable laws, regulations and government policies will be fully considered during the selection of a preferred alternative, as suggested by MNR and as per industry practice. Where such instruments are not available, such as in the case of adverse effects to general wildlife habitat and species, best professional judgement and the input of stakeholders will apply. The assessment of alternatives at an appropriate level of detail will be provided in the EA Report.	MNR satisfied with response.	Response acknowledged with thanks.

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	specifically protected by laws, regulations or policies (e.g. many invertebrates, reduction in bird abundance due to habitat loss or conversion), expert judgment will be required to 1) predict the relative impacts of different alternatives and 2) determine whether any individual alternative is likely to cause significant adverse effects to the natural environment that cannot reasonably be mitigated (unacceptable) (ToR, pg. 17) and therefore inconsistent with the purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act.	Under guidance from the MOE EA Branch Section 5 regarding alternatives assessment in the Amended ToR has been revised to more clearly meet the MOE Code of Practice.		
3	Section 5.2.3 states it may be that one or two performance objectives are more important and override all other objectives …. Effects (adverse) to the natural and human environments and amenability to reclamation are relatively more important performance objectives. This valuation should be stated explicitly in the ToR and future environmental assessment.	As described in the assessment methodology (Section 5.2) all of the performance objectives are considered essential to the selection of a preferred alternative. The relative importance of each performance objective will differ according to the Project component being assessed. As such it would be premature to state that a subset of performance objectives, such as adverse effects to natural and human environments, is always more important than other performance objectives for every component. Also, different stakeholders will have different perspectives on the evaluations. The balanced approach proposed to the assessment considers all of the important factors and will be utilized in the evaluations in the EA Report.	The MNR remains concerned about the flexibility allowed in the ToR regarding the relative importance of performance objectives, with regard to:"It may be that one or two performance objectives are more important and override all other objectives, so long as a minimum rating of acceptable is attained for the less important objectives" (Section 5.2.3 of Amended Proposed Terms of Reference). MNR would like to be assured that assigning greater relative importance to non-environmental considerations (e.g. cost-effectiveness and to some degree technical applicability …) over environmental considerations will not be supported by regulatory agencies. To ensure this approach for the forthcoming environmental assessment is understood by all parties, including Rainy River Resources, we request including the following phrase at the end of the statement quoted above: '… and the relative importance assigned to performance objectives is supported by provincial and federal regulatory agencies.	Section 5.2.3 of the Amended Proposed ToR will be revised to include the requested phrase: "and the relative importance assigned to performance objectives is supported by provincial and federal regulatory agencies."

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4	It is expected the EA will provide details of the alternatives to be examined but the ToR should set out a reasonable range of those alternatives that will be examined and how they will be selected for further study. The alternatives identified in 5.4.1 would appear to have the methods identified for each undertaking and this would be logical. However, this is not carried through consistently through the rest of the document and lends to some confusion. That is, in Table 1, it should be clearly identified what is the project undertaking, the project elements and the alternative methods of those project elements Each project element should clearly identify the method (i.e. the undertaking of Highway 600 alignment should identify the 4 alignment options).	As per its title, Table 1 Summary of Alternatives to be Considered in the EA, is intended only as a summary. The individual subsections (Sections 5.4.2 through 5.4.12) describe which alternatives will be assessed in the EA Report in more detail. Per your example, Section 5.4.12 states A number of routing alternatives for Highway 600 have been identified and will be described and assessed in the EA (Figure 3, Appendix C). Figure 3 shows four potential routes and Appendix C provides considerable detail about the alternative routings. We believe this fully identifies the alignment options under consideration. Table 1 has been revised to more clearly identify the aspects requested in the Amended Proposed ToR, and the alternative routings.	MNR is satisfied that Table 1 has been revised in the amended ToR to include all alternative routings for the road and transmission line options.	Response acknowledged with thanks.
5	The ToR should better describe the screening process used to assess how the alternatives met the criteria identified in the framework. Section 5.2.1 states that alternatives will be evaluated at the EA stage based on the performance objectives and described indicators. However in Appendices B and C the proponent reached their conclusions on the alternative methods for the road alignment and transmission corridor without defining indicators.	Under guidance from the MOE EA Branch Section 5 regarding alternatives assessment in the Amended ToR has been revised to more clearly meet the MOE Code of Practice. Appendices B and C provide preliminary assessments of routing alternatives in order to better inform the public at an earlier stage regarding the proposed transmission line and Highway 600. The performance objectives and evaluation criteria used therein are consistent with that proposed for the EA Report. The ToR states that indicators will be developed at the EA stage as appropriate to the specific evaluations.	The Appendices B and C identify there are preferred alternatives selected. MNR continues to have concerns that a conclusion has been reached before the process and adequate information is available to make that determination.	Appendices B and C will reviewed and revised as appropriate to ensure that the routings are clearly identified as only preliminary preferred routes and that the identification of the preferred route remains subject to review and revision through the EA process.

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		As indicated in the Proposed ToR, the routing alternatives will be assessed in the EA Report, in part to ensure completeness with the anticipated Federal EIS guidelines.		
6	The proposed approach described in section 5.2.3 is quite confusing. It is not understood what is meant by relying on verbal distinctions inherent in the terminology of the criteria.	With apologies, the proposed approach has been vetted through a number of public review processes in the past without difficulty. Under guidance from the MOE EA Branch Section 5 regarding alternatives assessment in the Amended ToR has been revised to more clearly meet the MOE Code of Practice.	The MNR remains concerned about the flexibility allowed in the ToR regarding the relative importance of performance objectives, with regard to:"It may be that one or two performance objectives are more important and override all other objectives, so long as a minimum rating of acceptable is attained for the less important objectives" (Section 5.2.3 of Amended Proposed Terms of Reference). MNR would like to be assured that assigning greater relative importance to non-environmental considerations (e.g. cost-effectiveness and to some degree technical applicability …) over environmental considerations will not be supported by regulatory agencies. To ensure this approach for the forthcoming environmental assessment is understood by all parties, including Rainy River Resources, we request including the following phrase at the end of the statement quoted above: '… and the relative importance assigned to performance objectives is supported by provincial and federal regulatory agencies.	Section 5.2.3 of the Amended Proposed ToR will be revised to include the requested phrase: "and the relative importance assigned to performance objectives is supported by provincial and federal regulatory agencies."
7	The reference to other projects has limited relevance given the changes in regulatory requirements and differences in the scale and the processes of the projects.	RRR respectfully disagrees. The methodology that has been purposefully proposed herein for the RRGP EA Report, has been subject to considerable government, Aboriginal and public scrutiny through the approvals for other mining and non-mining projects of similar scale (and of both lesser and greater scale) and under the same provincial legislation (Ontario Environmental Assessment Act) and	Approvals on this project will be based on the current EA process, the specific site and its environmental values, and today's regulatory requirements. The examples of projects RRG referenced are dated. MNR has no further comments.	Response acknowledged and RRR understand that approvals on the project will be based on current regulatory requirements.

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		including meeting the Class EA requirements (for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects) for other recent projects with a shared Federal / Provincial EA document. As such, the methodology provides a demonstrated precedent that has been accepted by the public, Aboriginal groups and regulatory agencies. AMEC is willing to provide further details in this regard. Nonetheless, under guidance from the MOE EA Branch Section 5 regarding alternatives assessment has been revised in the Amended ToR to more clearly meet the MOE Code of Practice. RRR recognizes that the MNR has a unique screening approach to selecting and assessing Project alternatives within the Class EA process for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects. RRR proposes to utilize the MNR Environmental Screening Criteria to assess Project alternatives in the EA Report, in addition to the methodology in the Proposed ToR for assessment of alternative project means of carrying out the project.		
8	Some of the terms used are inconsistent and the meaning is not clear. Ie the term 'natural environment' is used to describe performance objectives in section 5.2.2, but in AppB-4 when describing performance objectives, the term 'biophysical environment' is used. It is not understood if these are to meant the same, or if they are different and if so why. Given the importance of these objectives, the ToR needs to provide definitions.	The term biophysical environment in Appendix B has been used interchangeably for natural environment. Care will be taken to ensure consistency in terminology in the EA Report. Acronyms and definitions will be provided in the EA Report as recommended. Appendix B has been revised accordingly in the Amended Proposed ToR.	MNR accepts the response and response should be included in the amended ToR.	Response acknowledged with thanks. The Amended ToR has been revised accordingly.

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9	Regarding sections 5.4.4, 5.4.6 and 5.4.8, while it is recognized that adjusting general locations of these various components will be limited and alternatives to the general locations is not feasible. However it is suggested the ToR allow for some flexibility in configuration of these areas and placement of buildings. For example, slight re-configuration of the east mine rock stock pile boundary from that shown in Fig 1, may help avoid negative impacts to Golden-winged Warbler habitat.	Figure 2 provides only a preliminary conceptual site layout (and is titled accordingly) in order to allow the reader to better understand the Proposed ToR, and is intended to suggest flexibility in configuration. The final site design will continue to consider mitigation of environmental impact through avoidance as practical.	MNR is satisfied with response.	Response acknowledged with thanks.
10	It should be clarified that MNR will not engage in discussions around land tenure options (as identified on Pg AppB-1) until a preferred route is confirmed at the environmental assessment approval stage.	Noted and understood. RRR has a comprehensive lands database and other information to track land ownership aspects, including claims held by others, gathered in part from the Land Registry Office which is being used in the interim.	MNR's comment was in regard to disposing of land (i.e. land tenure options), not identifying land ownership.	Response acknowledged with thanks.
11	MNR has several questions and comments on Table AppB-1 Pg. AppB-9: • Effects on the Human Environment – a description of why Alternative A is expected to 'provide positive effects' is warranted. • Could Alternative D be considered 'preferred' under amenability to reclamation? • Does RRR plan to remove the transmission line following use? • The broad, 3-level evaluation criteria may mask some finer differences among the alternatives – e.g. effects on the biophysical environment are all ranked as 'acceptable' but some alternatives are likely 'preferable' within this ranking. • This preliminary assessment of transmission line routing alternatives is	Noted and understood. As indicated in Section 5.4.11 the potential routing alternatives will be considered in the EA Report. RRR will ensure that these comments will be addressed therein. Nonetheless, a brief discussion is provided below: • This is a typographic error that has been corrected. • This alternative is not considered appreciably different in regards to reclamation; while it does afford more ready access, working off the road network could cause considerable disruption to local traffic flow • Yes - that is RRR's preferred approach • Understood - a more comprehensive assessment will be included in the EA report, including environment-related	The MNR remains concerned about the flexibility allowed in the ToR regarding the relative importance of performance objectives, with regard to:"It may be that one or two performance objectives are more important and override all other objectives, so long as a minimum rating of acceptable is attained for the less important objectives" (Section 5.2.3 of Amended Proposed Terms of Reference). MNR would like to be assured that assigning greater relative importance to non-environmental considerations (e.g. cost-effectiveness and to some degree technical applicability …) over environmental considerations will not be supported by regulatory agencies. To ensure this approach for the forthcoming environmental assessment is understood by all parties, including Rainy River Resources, we request including the following phrase at	Section 5.2.3 of the Amended Proposed ToR will be revised to include the requested phrase: "and the relative importance assigned to performance objectives is supported by provincial and federal regulatory agencies."

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	of some value, but a much more detailed analysis is expected in the environmental assessment. Currently, the assessment does not suggest that there is very strong economic, social and/or technical rationale to reject alternatives B, C and D. These conditions were needed to justify lack of detailed baseline studies in the area of these alternatives.	indicators (see Amended Proposed ToR, Section 5. • The primary rationale for the preferred route was avoidance of residences as demonstrated in Appendix B and avoidance of low-lying areas / requirements for turning points (both for technical and environmental reasons). In verbal discussions RRR has had with local landowners, it was very clearly stated as a preference that the transmission line avoid being proximal to residences as much as practical.	the end of the statement quoted above: '… and the relative importance assigned to performance objectives is supported by provincial and federal regulatory agencies.	
12	The ToR does not identify any potential or candidate alternatives (sites) for hazardous solid waste. It will be expected there will need to be sites identified in the EA.	Only a limited quantity of hazardous waste is expected to be produced by the Project. There are a number of licenced facilities in Canada that routinely accept the types of hazardous wastes expected to be produced by the RRGP. Development of permanent hazardous waste storage or treatment facility on the RRGP site does not meet RRR criteria and will not be considered. Detail regarding hazardous waste management will be provided in the EA.	MNR is satisfied with response and response should be included in the amended ToR.	Response acknowledged with thanks. The Amended ToR includes the information in the previous response.
13	It is unclear as to what the purpose of Table 15 is. The proponent needs to better describe how the EA will consider, evaluate and assess each criterion. The grouping of environmental components in this table again differs from the framework and from Table 14.	Table 14 was initially prepared to address a Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency comment regarding preliminary environmental effects. For consistency, it was provided in the same format as issued to regulatory agencies for the Federal Project Description in the Proposed ToR. This table has now been replaced in the Amended Proposed ToR to more clearly meet the MOE Code of Practice. Table 15 has been removed as it is not required with the revised Section 5.2 and 5.3 in the Amended Proposed ToR.	MNR is satisfied with response.	Response acknowledged with thanks.

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14	The summary of Provincial and Federal listings of species at risk (Pg 45) is incomplete. Golden-winged warbler is listed as a threatened species Federally and should therefore be included in the summary. It is suggested the legal status and designations of each species be included in the summary for clarity.	Golden-winged warbler is listed in Table 13 with all other Species at Risk known to be present and their Conservation Status. A summary of the species was inadvertently excluded and is presented below: The Golden-winged Warbler is federally designated as Threatened and listed as Special Concern in Ontario. As such, this species is not protected under the Ontario Endangered Species Act. The majority of Ontario's Golden-winged Warblers occur in southern Ontario along the Canadian Shield, yet a small geographically separated breeding population exists in the Rainy River District (Cadman et al. 2007). Although no Golden-winged Warblers were observed during the 2010 baseline studies (KCB 2011), a total of 23 individuals were observed at 16 point count stations by AMEC in 2011 and 2012. This species was most often observed in disturbed areas such as regenerating thicketed areas along Highway 600 and edge habitat along deciduous or mixed forests and rocky, open woodlands. This species has now been added to the Amended Proposed ToR.	MNR satisfied with response and that summary will be added to section 6.6.4 with the addition to the amended ToR.	Response acknowledged with thanks.
15	It should be identified that RRR is one of three partners funding the study on Whip-poor-will. These partners are Trent University, MNR and RRR.	The text indicated that RRR is currently funding a two year study coordinated with the MNR and Trent University to study Whip-poor-will in the RRGP area in support of both species conservation and mine approval requirements; and could have more completely stated: RRR is currently funding a two year study coordinated with the MNR and Trent University, and funded	MNR is satisfied with response.	Response acknowledged with thanks.

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		jointly by the MNR, to study Whip-poor-will in the RRGP area in support of both species conservation and mine approval requirements. This change has been made in the Amended Proposed ToR. This clarification will also be provided in the EA Report, if applicable.		
16	In order to properly address the potential issues regarding impacts of the project to Whip-poor-will, MNR feels it is important to provide the public with a shared understanding of the species and its habitat. The ministry and RRG have been meeting to discuss ESA consideration for the file and have not reached consensus on the information presented in the ToR. RRG has proposed that there is abundant habitat surrounding the RRG project site which appears suitable based on an aerial flight around the project area. MNR, however, believes that there are additional factors and site fidelity considerations that are critical to the assessment of habitat suitability. It is apparent from information collected since 2010 that Whip-poor-will occurrences in the west end of Fort Frances District are best described as a 'pocket" distribution, and show a landscape pattern that cannot be fully explained by coarse scale habitat associations, as suggested by RRR. Despite what may appear as suitable habitat at a coarse scale (such as fly by), these areas are in many cases not occupied. Importantly, known sites, such as the RRR site have demonstrated long term occupancy. Land owners have reported Whip-poor-will use of these areas dating	RRR is working diligently with the MNR and Trent University in support of both species conservation and mine approval requirements. Whip-poor-will are acknowledged in the Proposed ToR as a Species at Risk. The level of detail provided in the proposed ToR regarding Whip-poor-will is consistent with the level of detail provided on other aspects of the environment in the document, recognizing that this species will be emphasized more fully in the EA; and is compliant with the Code of Practice (MOE 2007) requirement for a general description of the social environment, cultural environment, economic environment, built environment and natural environment. As noted in the Proposed ToR (Section 6.1, p. 32 and 34), further detail will be provided in the EA Report, including the copies of all of the baseline reports completed to date (including those already provided to the MNR). RRR is working diligently with MNR regarding Species at Risk concerns, particularly with regard to Whip-poor-will, and despite some possible differences in data interpretation, a general path forward	MNR states that efforts are acknowledged and are commended. But as the ToR is a public document, information regarding species at risk needs to represented fully or not included. The summary provided in the ToR is a part explanation as it relates to Whip-poor-will, and a fuller disclosure is required. That is, RRG should be presenting both representations. RRR needs to either remove the details provided in the ToR around Whip-poor-will, or include MNR's information.	RRR fully respects the MNR's expertise and opinion in regards to Species at Risk. As this aspect remains under discussion with MNR and in recognition that there are ongoing meetings to more fully explore this aspect with MNR, RRR will remove these details regarding Whip-poor-will in the Amended Proposed ToR.

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	back 35 to 70 years. This important context information has been excluded from the Terms of Reference. The ToR instead focuses on coarse scale similarity of the surrounding area even though research discussions have revolved around the uncertainty of factors that are likely responsible for site selection of Whip-poor-will.	leading to a Species at Risk permit is coming together.		
17	In order to evaluate the alternatives to the project and alternative methods, the criteria, indicators and methods must be developed.	Under guidance from the MOE EA Branch Section 5 regarding alternatives assessment in the Amended ToR has been revised to more clearly meet the MOE Code of Practice.	MNR is satisfied with response.	Response acknowledged with thanks.
18	The ToR also should describe indicators and/or explain how indicators will be developed. Environmental components (e.g. aquatic invertebrate richness, snapping turtle abundance) predicted to be impacted by each alternative may be used as indicators. Indicators must be measurable in a rigorous qualitative (few, many) or quantitative (numerical) manner and be comparable to a pre-determined baseline, standard or target value.	Under guidance from the MOE EA Branch Section 5 regarding alternatives assessment in the Amended ToR has been revised to more clearly meet the MOE Code of Practice.	MNR is satisfied with response.	Response acknowledged with thanks.
19	As indicated for air quality, noise and water quality in Table 6, more specifics can and should be provided at this point concerning relevant legislation, regulation and policy that set limits to impacts on fisheries and aquatic resources, aquatic habitat, terrestrial habitat, wildlife, migratory birds and species at risk. As an example, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, conserves terrestrial habitat, wildlife and some migratory birds by prohibiting destruction of beaver dams, furbearer dens, black bear dens and bird nests and eggs.	Table 6 provides baseline ambient air quality as currently documented. It is unclear how this relates to legislation, regulation and policy. RRR is committed to ensure that the RRGP complies with all relevant legislation, regulation and policies. As appropriate, these aspects will be referred to within the EA Report.	MNR is satisfied with response.	Response acknowledged with thanks.

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20	The proponent should also state the potential data sources for the criteria and indicators. It is understood that some of these data sources are listed in Table 3. However, this necessary statement should be made explicitly in the ToR.	Under guidance from the MOE EA Branch Section 5 regarding alternatives assessment in the Amended ToR has been revised to more clearly meet the MOE Code of Practice. Table 3 presents a summary of potential data sources as required by the Code of Practice (MOE 2007) and should not considered to be exhaustive. These data sources and others will be used to inform the description of the environment in the EA Report.	MNR is satisfied with response.	Response acknowledged with thanks.
21	The proponent's current approach makes it difficult to identify how the proponent plans to address the criteria and indicators as laid out in section 4.2.7 of the Code of Practise. The framework presented and what it is being compared in the ToR to is confusing. In section 7.2.1 the components are evaluated under another set of standards and ratings (different than 5.2.2) which will need to be divided further when evaluation potential environmental effects.	There was no intent to be unclear, as the methodology presented in section 5.2 has been used recently for several mining and mining-related EAs within the Province of Ontario, and is a methodology we have found is intuitive and understandable by the general public. Nonetheless, under guidance from the MOE EA Branch Section 5 regarding alternatives assessment in the Amended ToR has been revised to more clearly meet the MOE Code of Practice. Further detail will be provided in the EA Report, particularly in regards to the identification and assessment of the undertaking in regards to valued components, consistent with the Federal EA requirements.	The Appendices B and C identify there are preferred alternatives selected. MNR continues to have concerns that a conclusion has been reached before the process and adequate information is available to make that determination.	Appendices B and C will reviewed and revised as appropriate to ensure that the routings are clearly identified as only preliminary preferred routes and that the identification of the preferred route remains subject to review and revision through the EA process.
22	The approach to restrict analysis of cumulative projects/activities is not supported. Awareness of past projects/activities may be an important consideration in cumulative effects assessment. As one example, recognizing	Past and current projects and activities (such as that reflected by the historical clearing of the area) is considered within the description of existing baseline condition and will be described in the EA Report.	MNR states that while it does not support this approach to cumulative effects assessment, we will defer this component to the expertise of CEAA	Response acknowledged with thanks.

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	that historical clearing of land and road construction in the study area has fragmented and reduced forest cover, alternatives that will fragment forests further (e.g. transmission corridor alternative A) will contribute to cumulative impacts on forest environments.	The approach to cumulative effects proposed is driven by the Federal requirements for addressing cumulative effects (CEA Agency 1999) and has been used recently for several mining and mining-related Individual and Class EAs within the Province of Ontario.		
23	In Table 14, the potential of effect described for large predators and furbearers is described as limited if any due to lack of presence. Since large predators and furbearers are notoriously difficult to observe/survey ie inactive during day light hours, and Table 11 identifies observations of 10 beaver dams, this is not an accurate statement. It must be corrected that effects on mammals may be limited for other reasons, which will need to be provided in the EA.	The Code of Practice indicates that the "proponent may wish to include,... a preliminary list of the potential environmental effects,... actual determination,... will be required for the environmental assessment". RRR included a preliminary assessment of effects after mitigation, per the suggestion of the MOE. Table 14 was not intended to be comprehensive or provide a full explanation / substantiation of comments. This has been revised in the Amended Proposed ToR. The EA Report will further assess potential project effects on large predators and furbearers. The EA Report will also assess the presence / absence of habitat for these large predators and furbearers, and the likelihood that they occur but were not recorded during baseline studies.	MNR is satisfied with response.	Response acknowledged with thanks.
24	The ToR needs to have a commitment that the effects analysis evaluation approach chosen will need to be further detailed in the EA and be accepted and approved by all applicable agencies.	The proposed effects analysis methodology to be used in the EA Report is detailed in Section 7.2 of the Proposed ToR and was subject to a 30-day government review period, as well as through the draft ToR review process. It is also been approved previously through a number of other EA processe s in Ontario.	The MNR remains concerned about the flexibility allowed in the ToR regarding the relative importance of performance objectives, with regard to:“It may be that one or two performance objectives are more important and override all other objectives, so long as a minimum rating of acceptable is attained for the less important objectives” (Section 5.2.3 of Amended Proposed Terms	Section 5.2.3 of the Amended Proposed ToR will be revised to include the requested phrase: "and the relative importance assigned to performance objectives is supported by provincial and federal regulatory agencies."

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			of Reference). MNR would like to be assured that assigning greater relative importance to non-environmental considerations (e.g. cost-effectiveness and to some degree technical applicability …) over environmental considerations will not be supported by regulatory agencies. To ensure this approach for the forthcoming environmental assessment is understood by all parties, including Rainy River Resources, we request including the following phrase at the end of the statement quoted above: '… and the relative importance assigned to performance objectives is supported by provincial and federal regulatory agencies.	
25	The Terms of Reference needs to provide more detail on the commitment of environmental effects and monitoring. This is an important section and it is expected the Environmental Assessment will have an Environmental Effects Monitoring Plan that will include: a description of the potential negative environmental effect for each criterion. mitigation and protection measures planned for each criterion and performance measures. how the project will be monitored to ensure that mitigation strategies are meeting performance objectives. a contingency plan to be implemented should monitoring reveal that mitigation measures have failed. a description of frequency and duration of monitoring for each negative impact, for each phase of the project. a non-compliance strategy that will identify a	Section 8 (and as required by Section 4.2.8 of the Code of Practice, the Propose ToR) includes a commitment to develop during the EA, a monitoring framework for the post-EA phase, to address all stages of the proposed undertaking (design, construction, operation and decommissioning). It will include compliance and effects monitoring if appropriate, as well as any follow-up programs. The monitoring framework and specifics as appropriate will be included in the EA Report which will be subject to government review and comment. It is acknowledged that the details of the monitoring programs often result from approvals given from individual agencies for construction, operation and decommissioning.	MNR is satisfied with this response.	Response acknowledged with thanks.

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	plan of action for out of compliance situations. The Terms of Reference should identify that an Environmental Effects Monitoring Plan will be prepared in the EA and approved by all applicable agencies.			
26	MNR has concerns on how the comments, as identified in the ToR and AppF-1 were addressed. Section 9.5.3 of the report identifies that the key comments raised by First Nations were focused in relation to employment and business opportunities. But the summary of comments in Appendix F suggests other concerns regarding environmental impacts were important concerns. The ToR should clearly identify that there were many concerns raised by First Nations around contaminants, fish, water quality and protection, wildlife, harvest food, medicines and future appearance of the site. ROC 73 question 1: how will fuel spills in water will be cleaned up? The response: the procedure for clean up is the same as at gas stations. ROC 73 question 4&5: will there be chemicals that could harm the animals? The response: RRR indicated there will be no chemicals used on the site.	RRR takes very seriously and attempts to respond fully to any and all comments raised in relation to the RRGP. The ROCs are brief summaries of comments that arise through a number of forums, from individuals of varied background. In some instances, such as when taken out of the context of the conversation, the responses provided in the ROC can appear non-responsive or too brief. MNR should be assured that full responses have been attempted to be given to all comments received and that all comments received (and particularly those received in writing) were considered in their entirety in preparation of the Proposed ToR and will be considered in the EA Report. In relation to ROC73, the original notes have been checked and the ROC modified accordingly: What about chemicals that could effect the animals? RRR noted that we are not currently using chemicals at the site. Any chemicals that would be used in the mining process would be managed and handled appropriately to mitigate any potential risks according to various existing laws.	MNR is satisfied that the ToR and Record of Consultation are being amended to clearly and accurately summarize the comments and responses made during the preparation of the ToR as required in section 4.3.1 of the Code.	Response acknowledged with thanks.

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		What about fuel that gets into the water; how do you clean it up? RRR noted that fuel spills would be handled much in the same manner as a spill at a gas station. Absorbent materials would be used to pick up the fuel – in the case of fuel spills on water, booms would be used to contain the fuel. Obviously, we do inspections and have safety plans to avoid spills		
27	MNR has many concerns over Table AppF-1 (Comments and Responses). It is confusing as to why RRR identified only selected portions of MNR's comments without adequate summary of the comments we provided. This results in the comment being read out of context and not fully understood (ie ROC 67 comment 1&2), as well as comments being described incorrectly. For example ROC 67, comment 8 was stated incorrectly. The correct comment MNR made was that the ToR should state an effectiveness monitoring plan will be required in the EA.	All of the MNR comments provided to date were fully considered in the preparation of the Proposed ToR. The comments on the Draft ToR provided were lengthy (seven pages of text) and were abbreviated, as were all comments received. There has been no intent to describe comments and responses incorrectly. RRR has issued the entire comment / response table related to the Draft ToR with this response table and will modify the ROCs accordingly for inclusion in the EA Report. In regards to comment 8, the comment was considered in the preparation of the Proposed ToR and that the EA Report will include an environmental effects monitoring plan.	MNR is satisfied that the ToR and Record of Consultation are being amended to clearly and accurately summarize the comments and responses made during the preparation of the ToR as required in section 4.3.1 of the Code.	Response acknowledged with thanks.
28	The responses in the table infer that RRR previously provided MNR responses in regard to comments of the review of the draft ToR (see ROC 67 response to comment 5 which suggests they are waiting for a response from MNR). MNR does not have a record of any response from RRR and there is nothing identified in Appendix E that a response was provided.	Comments provided on the draft ToR were fully considered in the preparation of the Proposed ToR and have been summarized in Appendix F along with the response and ToR reference location as requested by the Ministry of the Environment.	MNR is satisfied that the ToR and Record of Consultation are being amended to clearly and accurately summarize the comments and responses made during the preparation of the ToR as required in section 4.3.1 of the Code.	Response acknowledged with thanks.

APPENDIX D-2: COMMENTS AND RESPONSES ON PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR)

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#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MNR Response	RRR REVISED RESPONSE
29	The response to ROC 67 (comment 7) regarding MNR wanting a map of the footprint was incorrectly stated. Figure 2 in the draft ToR did not satisfy our concerns. The addition of Figure 4 in the proposed ToR has addressed the comment.	Noted and the record has been corrected.	MNR is satisfied that the ToR and Record of Consultation are being amended to clearly and accurately summarize the comments and responses made during the preparation of the ToR as required in section 4.3.1 of the Code.	Response acknowledged with thanks.
30	The table does not clearly present what the comments are and what the responses are. Ie ROC 58, (it is not evident the trapper has any issues). And ROC 177&180 are not comments.	ROC 58 was reviewed. For clarity, the trapper did not have any stated issues regarding the RRGP and provided information to the study team regarding the nature of his trapping activities on the RRGP site. This information was recorded to ensure that it would be accurately reflected in the EA Report. The information provided in ROC 177 and 180 was to document that contact was made between RRR and the First Nation or stakeholder. As such it appears in the table in the 'comments' column to indicate the nature of the discussion or contact that was made. This information is a 'record of contact' rather than a comment per se. To prevent any future misunderstanding, the heading of this column in the table will be changed in the EA consultation documents to reflect the range of information that may be presented in this column.	MNR is satisfied that the ToR and Record of Consultation are being amended to clearly and accurately summarize the comments and responses made during the preparation of the ToR as required in section 4.3.1 of the Code.	Response acknowledged with thanks.
32	There were an unacceptable number of comments and questions where the proponent did not answer the question: (ROC#58 (comment 18), 71(comment 5&7), 67 (comments 1,2,4,7&8), 60 (comments 3&4), 107 (comment 10), 259 (comment 14), 169 (comment 28&29). Responses provided must be directed to the question as best as possible.	RRR takes very seriously and attempts to respond fully to any and all comments raised in relation to the RRGP. As much as practical, all communication (either in writing or provided verbally) is recorded to ensure that all issues and interests are being captured for the record and considered fully in the project design and EA process. As noted above, lengthy comments were abbreviated and there has been no intent to describe the information incorrectly.	MNR is satisfied that the ToR and Record of Consultation are being amended to clearly and accurately summarize the comments and responses made during the preparation of the ToR as required in section 4.3.1 of the Code.	Response acknowledged with thanks.

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		ROC 58 records the range of issues and concerns raised at the May open house events. Verbal comments and discussions (in addition to those specifically provided on comment sheets) were documented by RRR / AMEC staff as accurately as possible immediately after the open house, in order to ensure that verbal comments were included in the record. While it is the intent of RRR / AMEC to ensure accuracy in recording issues and responses, in some cases, the detailed response given during these discussions was not recorded in the summary of the event. The primary purpose of this ROC (and of the consultation conducted during this time) was to ensure that the full range of issues had been recorded so that they may be addressed in the EA Report and through the design, construction, operation and closure of the RRGP. ROC 71 - The response shown in this ROC was linked to several other questions and may not be clear when taken out of context / reorganized in the appendix. The power supply needs and availability will be assessed in the EA as indicated in the response (admittedly not with complete clarity). ROC 67 – Please see response to #27 above. ROC 60 – The response provided by RRR indicated that certain areas may require special management during construction, operation and after closure, and is complete.		

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		ROC 107 – this response was paraphrased for the record. ROC 259 – RRR has reviewed its original notes from the meeting. The question asked originally was what other RRR projects overseas had looked like upon completion. It was replied that individual executives attached to the project had worked on other successful projects. Kyle Stanfield was used as an example of one of the RRR executives who had worked overseas, and was now overseeing the development of comprehensive baseline studies of the project area, demonstrating how important the environment is to the company. RRR will continue to endeavour to make complete and accurate Records on meetings. ROC 169 – Responses to the DFO questions were reviewed and believed to be clearly stated. The response was truncated in error in the table presented. The response provided at the meeting was: MNR Provincial Digital Elevation Model Version 2.0.0, with 20 m grid resolution indicates that: a 1 m rise in the water level of the Rainy River would cause Pinewood a backup effect of the Pinewood River up to 5.8 km upstream of the confluence of these rivers; a 2 m rise in Rainy River water level may cause a back-up effect up to 6.8 km (total); and a 3 m rise may cause a back-up effect for up to 7 km (total). It should be noted that this model is limited with respect to accuracy and results interpreted with caution for use only as a general guide.		

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32	There are a few questions to the responses around the alternatives versus what is being presented in the body of the report. For example, ROC 91, comment 5, the response does not identify there are any alternatives to the road alignment of Hwy 600 but they are described in the ToR. Contrarily there is no reference to any alternatives to realign a section of the Pinewood River in the ToR but the response to ROC 92, comment 1 suggests there may be.	In ROC 91 reference was being made to the preferred alternative road alignment. The issue was not regarding road alignment alternatives, but rather that the realignment should maintain or enhance access for forestry companies. The response was that the proposed alignment utilizes existing road allowances and is designed to mimic the existing Highway 600 connectivity for the general area road network recognizing that the mine and associated facilities will occupy most of the existing Highway 600 section in question. RRR committed to work with Resolute Forest Products to ensure that wood allocations peripheral to the RRGP will have reasonable access. RRR believes that response to the issue was reasonable and that it was not considered necessary in response to the issue raised to indicate that there would be other alternatives for the road alignment. We do not agree with the interpretation of the comment/response to ROC 92 comment 1. This ROC comment relates to the size of the RRGP footprint. The stakeholder indicated that the footprint should be as small as possible and indicated that the current footprint which spans three watersheds is too large. The response does not, in our opinion, suggest that there are options for re-alignment of the Pinewood River, but indicates in response to the issue raised that efforts are being made to ensure the mine footprint is as compact as possible and that the EA will demonstrate that environmental effects are reduced and managed in a way that ensures the long-	MNR is satisfied that the ToR and Record of Consultation are being amended to clearly and accurately summarize the comments and responses made during the preparation of the ToR as required in section 4.3.1 of the Code.	Response acknowledged with thanks.

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		term viability of the surrounding natural environment.		
33	ROC 58, comment 18, made a request for a copy of MNR report on Whip-poor-will. The individual should have been directed to MNR.	Noted. This will be the direction provided in the future.	MNR is satisfied with response.	Response acknowledged with thanks.
34	ROC 169, comment 36: the proponent responds with incorrect information. There had not been any discussions with MNR regarding baseline studies before the agency meeting held on July 18, 2012. Previous work with the proponent was specific to the collaborative research project on Whip-poor-will. This was clearly described in MNRs letter of response to the draft ToR.	Meetings and discussions with government agencies (MNR, DFO and MOE) regarding baseline studies for the RRGP were initiated in July of 2009 by Klohn Crippen Berger and again in July of 2010. Final minutes for the latter inter-agency meeting were never finalized / issued by Peter Hinz of MNDM that RRR is aware (although they were requested for our records), so the minutes may not be in MNR files. For clarity, ROC 169 (Letter to RRR from Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency on August 17, 2012) comment 36 states that that Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency indicated a need to discuss Fish Management Objectives and the Fort Frances Fish Management Plan with MNR to ensure the plans are updated as necessary to assist with guiding compensation plans as well as determining the scale of various impacts against the management of the fishery. The RRR response to this comment was: Noted. Further discussion regarding objectives of the Fort Frances Fish Management Plan with the MNR within the context of guiding compensation plan will be undertaken. A meeting has been requested with DFO and MNR to further discuss baseline data collection for supporting the EA.	Dec 12/12 MNR stated that this meeting was the first agency meeting for the advanced exploration project, it was not a meeting to discuss baseline studies for the mine development project. The first agency meeting to discuss baseline studies (outside of SAR) was July 18, 2012. MNR does not consider the presentations provided for the advanced ex project baseline studies for the RRG project. MNR does not have any minutes from MNDM from the agency meeting of July 2009.	Baseline discussions held previously were to assist the agencies in understanding the entire baseline program underway at those times and solicit input from various regulatory agencies. RRR apologies for the confusion and RRR does not suggest that the July 2009 or July 2010 interagency meetings were focussed on baseline studies required to support the development of the RRGP - only that an initial discussion regarding baseline studies for development occurred at that time. A copy of the minutes from the July 2010 meeting are attached as received from MNDM on December 4, 2012 (Attachment 2). Please note that RRR cannot confirm that meeting attendees were given an opportunity to comment on the meeting minutes. The aim of the July 2010 meeting was primarily to provide the various government agencies with an update on the status of the project (both advanced exploration and proposed future development) and ongoing baseline investigations in order to gain regulatory feedback. RRR respectfully disagrees with MNR regarding this ROC, but does not believe this disagreement is material.

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		This meeting has now been held and work is progressing.		Considerable additional environmental baseline studies have been conducted to support the proposed development, that have now completed or are nearing completion, and for which RRR appreciates the on-going guidance it has received from various regulatory agencies to date including the MNR.
35	Regarding ROC 67 comment 5&6, there are no formal names for Loslow, Jones and Clarke creeks. Geographic naming of creeks, rivers and lakes requires a formal process. It is suggested the proponent refer to them in generic reference is Creek A, Creek B, Creek C etc.	The naming of local minor creeks utilized in the figures was based on local knowledge as indicated on the figure and is consistent with all Project documentation produced to date. A statement will be provided in the EA Report stating that the creek names used in the documentation are local names used for ease of local recognition by stakeholders, and that these names are not geographically official names. Changing nomenclature at this point to generic reference terms would only add to public confusion in document review.	MNR is satisfied with response.	Response acknowledged with thanks.
36	Pg vii – The rainy river gold project is not a 'gold exploration project' Pg viii – Reference to MOE (2007) should be MOE (2009). Figure 1 – Lount Lake should be 'Lac Seul' Figure 2 – Where will pondwater in the area of the 'Plant Site' needs explanation. Pg. 11 – Reference to MOE (2009) Section 5.4.1, pg. 16 – First statement somewhat repetitive with Section 5.1 and may be more appropriate under Section 5.1 (alternatives criteria).	Pg vii - The Rainy River Gold Project is considered an exploration project as defined under the Mining Act and has been described accordingly for accuracy. The Preface has been deleted in the Amended Proposed ToR. Pg viii - The Preface has been deleted in the Amended Proposed ToR. Figure 1 - The MNR Land Information Ontario database does not include a name for this lake and inadvertently the name was included from an adjacent lake. This will be corrected in all future mapping including for the EA Report.	MNR is satisfied with response. Ok, our comment will inevitably be addressed in the EA.	Response acknowledged with thanks. MNR is correct re: AMEC (2012): Rainy River Gold Project, 2011 Wildlife Baseline Study is the same report as AMEC (2012): Rainy River Gold Project, 2011 Terrestrial Resources Baseline Study. The title of the reference will be corrected in the Amended Proposed ToR (multiple locations).

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	Sec 6.6.2, p. 43 – Suggest mention of AMEC's own effort in surveying rare plants. Pg. 51 - explain AMEC (2012) Rainy River Gold Project vs 2011 Terrestrial Resources Baseline Study equivalent to the 2011 Wildlife Baseline Study.	Figure 2 - Comment is unclear. Page 11 - A typographic error was found in the References and has been corrected in the Amended Proposed ToR. MOE (2009a) should be: Ministry of Environment. 2009. Preparing and Reviewing Environmental Assessments in Ontario. October 2009. Section 5.4.1 - Repetition noted however, we believe the restatement assists the readers' understanding of Section 5.4. Section 6.6.2 - Noted. Further detail will be provided in the EA Report regarding baseline conditions. Page 51 - Comment is unclear. Table 3 is intended as a more descriptive data source rather than full bibliographic references. The 2011 data was issued in a report dated 2012.	MNR is satisfied with response. MNR is satisfied with response. MNR received a report called AMEC (2012): Rainy River Gold Project, 2011 Wildlife Baseline Study and were wondering if it was the same report as AMEC (2012): Rainy River Gold Project, 2011 Terrestrial Resources Baseline Study.	

Reference:

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ATTACHMENT 1
DETAILED MNR COMMENTS AND RESPONSES ON DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

Stakeholder: **Ministry of Natural Resources**
Point of Contact: **Greg Chapman, District Manager, Fort Frances District**
Comments received: **June 15, 2012**

MNR did not review this table, as it was provided too late.

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Overall there needs to be more detail in the ToR to adequately present how the Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared. Specifically for the components of the ToR such as: the project description, the description and evaluation of alternatives, the baseline data, the assessment and evaluation, the criteria, indicators and methods and the commitments and monitoring. The following comments provide details of where the ToR requires amendments, corrections of further detail.	The function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process. Additional information will be provided in the Proposed ToR as described below and consistent with the *MOE Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario*. Further detail will be provided in the EA document on various aspects as appropriate, including those identified by the MNR. It is intended that the EA will also include complete versions of environmental baseline studies completed to that date, including those related to biophysical and human environment aspects.	See below	See below
The Terms of Reference needs to identify the boundaries of the project footprint will be clearly identified on a map in the EA report.	The Project footprint is shown in Figure 2 of the Draft ToR as a preliminary site plan conceptual layout as discussed with the MOE and CEA Agency. This preliminary site plan schematic shows all of the major Project components and their relative location, recognizing that these components will be refined as a result of further planning, engineering and consultation with stakeholders. The Proposed ToR will indicate that an updated and more detailed site and infrastructure plan will be provided in the EA document; and that the updated site plan will reflect additional planning and engineering inputs, as well as input from the various stakeholders, where appropriate.	4.1 Figure 2	Complete
While it is recognized that the study areas have not yet been firmly defined, a number of alternative routings for the 230 kV transmission line have been determined. The transmission line to be constructed across 15.7 km – 19.2 km, some of which is Crown land, should have been included as part of the preliminary study area with alternative routes presented on a map.	The alternative transmission line routings that have been considered thus far will be included in the Proposed ToR as suggested, and will also be included in the EA.	5.4.11 Figure 3	Complete; to be considered in the EA as applicable

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The ToR should have a brief description of the project life cycle including intentions of the site at closure such as identifying the long term plan for the open pit workings (ie flooding or filling), above ground infrastructure, tailings management facilities and sites etc.	The Proposed ToR will include a discussion of alternative means of mine closure.	5.4.13	Complete
There needs to be additional explanation to this section of the report. It is not understood if the alternatives selected for this ToR have been screened as per the framework identified in section 5.1 of the ToR. A summary of information that was collected during the screening for these alternatives should be presented in the ToR and further details provided in the supporting documentation. It is expected that the supporting documentation will include details such as: • The method to determine the relative desirability of alternatives from an environmental perspective should be detailed and based, at least in part, on an evaluation of indicators. This evaluation should reflect the degree to which alternatives are expected to conflict with the intention of relevant laws, regulations and policies while considering proposed mitigation measures. For environmental components or processes that may not be specifically protected by laws, regulations and policies (e.g. many invertebrates, reduction in bird abundance due to habitat loss or conversion), expert judgment will be required to 1) predict the relative impacts of different alternatives and 2) determine whether any individual alternative is likely to cause significant adverse effects to the natural environment that cannot reasonably be mitigated (unacceptable) (ToR, pg. 17) and therefore inconsistent with the purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act.	The alternatives section of the Proposed ToR will be revised to more clearly identify the alternatives that will be carried forward into the EA for a more detailed evaluation in EA. Applicable laws, regulations and government policies will be fully considered during the selection of a preferred alternative, as suggested by MNR and per industry practice. Where such instruments are not available, such as in the case of adverse effects to general wildlife habitat and species, best professional judgement and the input of stakeholders will apply. The assessment of alternatives at this level of detail will be carried out in the EA.	5	Complete
• Section 5.2.3 states it may be that one or two performance objectives are more important and override all other objectives…. Effects (adverse) to the natural and human environments and amenability to reclamation are relatively more important performance objectives. This valuation should be stated explicitly in the ToR and future environmental assessment.	As described in the assessment methodology (Section 5.2) all of the performance objectives are considered essential to the selection of a preferred alternative. The relative importance of the each performance objective will differ with the Project component being assessed. As such it would be premature to state that a subset of performance objectives, such as adverse effects to natural and human environments, is always more important than other performance objectives for every component. Also, different stakeholders will have different perspectives on the evaluations. The balanced approach proposed to the assessment considers all of the important factors and will be utilized in the EA evaluations.	5.2	Complete

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Table 1 (and in general the ToR) does not adequately explain or provide reasons for the alternatives. The title of Table 1 indicates these are the alternatives that will be considered in the EA, but the column *'to be considered in the EA'* identifies some alternatives that are not being considered. If alternatives have been identified as not meeting the proponent's criteria (ie are not within the scope of RRG to implement) they should not be identified as alternatives.	As indicated by the title, Table 1 provides a summary of the alternatives that will be considered in the EA document and was provided to facilitate public review. Table 1 will be revised in the Proposed ToR to more accurately and clearly identify options, such as development of an onsite hazardous waste management system, which do not meet the RRR criteria and as a result, are not acceptable to RRR and will not be considered in the Project design / EA evaluation step.	Table 1	Complete
The report needs to contain a better description of the following alternatives: • Mining Alternatives that include re-routing of the Pinewood River. The text and map in the ToR does not clearly show the re-routing. As well, the safety concerns need to be explained (ie berm stability and breakage etc.)	Geotechnical and hydrogeological assessment work is ongoing to determine whether or not it would be necessary to re-route a portion of the Pinewood River further from the open pit, in order to develop a safe and economically viable operation. This alternative is identified in Table 1 and will be carried forward in the EA. Additional text will be added to the Proposed ToR to explain the possible need for re-routing a section of the river. Further detail will be provided in the EA.	5.4.2	Complete
• Tailings Management – there is only one tailings management option presented (Figure 2). The other alternative needs to be defined on a map and better described with more detail. Tailings management areas are important components of mine development.	The Proposed ToR will indicate that a comprehensive assessment of mineral waste management alternatives will be provided in the EA, consistent with the alternatives assessment requirements associated with the Federal Metal Mining Effluent Regulations and in accordance with the *Guidelines for the Assessment of Alternatives for Mine Waste Disposal* (Environment Canada 2011). The EA (and associated technical documents if applicable) will include drawings showing other tailings management options.	5.4.6	Complete
• Highway 600 re-alignment. The current alternatives are associated with a mine, or no mine, but there are no other alternatives presented. The alternatives should include the alternatives plans for the road re-routing for the project (mine development) and presented on a map.	A map of alternative Highway 600 routings will be provided in the Proposed ToR showing routing alternatives to be addressed in the EA.	5.4.12	Complete
• Power supply: The ToR identifies two power supply alternatives but not an alternative that considers a combination of energy sources.	The Proposed ToR will consider the combination of energy source alternatives.	5.4.11	Complete
• The map that was provided to MNR separate from the ToR shows 4 alternatives for a transmission line to link to the existing power line. This map needs to be provided as part of the ToR.	A map of alternative transmission line routings will be provided in the Proposed ToR showing routing alternatives to be addressed in the EA.	Figure 3	Complete

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• Hazardous waste: the offsite licensed landfill alternative should be assessed in this ToR before the EA. Existing landfills vary in their capacity and desire to accept this kind of waste. A site should be identified as soon as possible, specifically since the development of an onsite landfill is not an option.	Only a limited quantity of hazardous waste is expected to be produced by the Project. There are a number of licenced facilities in Canada that can accept the types of hazardous wastes expected to be produced by the RRGP. RRR will commit to utilizing this approach in the Proposed ToR and EA. Development of permanent hazardous waste storage or treatment facility on the RRGP site does not meet RRR criteria and will not be considered. Detail regarding hazardous waste management will be provided in the EA.	5.4.10	Complete
• Aggregates alternatives – the alternatives are not clearly identified. The definition of dedicated and commercial pits needs to be explained. The Fort Frances district of the Ministry of Natural Resources is not designated under the *Aggregates Resources Act*. Meaning that aggregate operations on private land are not subject to the act, but operations on Crown land are subject and a permit is required.	The terminology used will be clarified in the Proposed ToR. The identification of Project aggregate needs and sources is still under investigation and may include Crown resources. Aggregate alternatives will be evaluated in the EA document.	5.4.9	Complete
• Fresh water supply alternatives – the alternatives require more detail. For example, the area lakes and ponds being referenced need to be shown. The proponent has likely identified candidate sources; they should be included in the ToR. A description on the how groundwater will be accessed is needed, ie number of existing wells, required new wells, locations etc. It needs to be identified in the Terms of Reference that a complete description of water supply alternatives will be provided in the EA. The details will need to identify predicted volumes of water needs and uses such as the amount of water anticipated to be recycled, discharged and needed from fresh water sources. There should also be an additional alternative to address surface water shortfalls ie if the Pinewood River cannot provide enough water. An alternative showing a combination of sources including the purchasing of fresh water should likely be included. It also would be expected that a hydrology baseline study would be an asset in evaluation the alternatives.	The wording of the Proposed ToR will be expanded upon to more clearly identify water supply alternatives that will be considered in the EA. A preliminary water balance will be presented in the EA.	5.4.7	Complete

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• More details of the Alternative Mine Rock Storage Plan needs to be identified.	The Proposed ToR will indicate that a comprehensive assessment of mineral waste management alternatives will be provided in the EA, consistent with the alternatives assessment requirements associated with the Federal Metal Mining Effluent Regulations and in accordance with the *Guidelines for the Assessment of Alternatives for Mine Waste Disposal* (Environment Canada 2011). The EA (and associated technical documents if applicable) will include drawings showing other mine rock storage options.	5.4.4	Complete
• More details of the Alternative Overburden Storage Plan needs to be identified.	The Proposed ToR will indicate that a comprehensive assessment of mineral waste management alternatives will be provided in the EA, inclusive of overburden storage, re-use during reclamation and other alternatives as appropriate.	5.4.4	Complete
The section that addresses Alternatives Evaluation Methodology (section 5.2) requires better explanation. The descriptions and content of this section is confusing. The purpose and how it is applied to the EA is not clear. This section needs to be amended to address these issues. [see comments below]	The methodology of alternatives assessment defined in the draft ToR has been used successfully by AMEC for several mining and mining-related EAs within the Province of Ontario. AMEC and RRR can provide these references accordingly on request. See also responses below.	5.2	Complete
In order to evaluate the alternatives to the project and alternative methods, the criteria, indicators and methods must be developed in the ToR. At minimum, the ToR should provide information on how these criteria, indicators and methods will be developed. Currently, the ToR lacks many of these details.	The criteria and method of alternatives assessment defined in the Proposed ToR will be revised to be more consistent with the *MOE Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario*. Further detail will be provided in the EA.	5.1 5.2	Complete; to be considered in the EA as applicable
As indicated for air quality, noise and water quality in Table 6, more specifics can and should be provided at this point concerning relevant legislation, regulation and policy that set limits to impacts on fisheries and aquatic resources, aquatic habitat, terrestrial habitat, wildlife, migratory birds and species at risk. As an example, the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act*, 1997, conserves terrestrial habitat, wildlife and some migratory birds by prohibiting destruction of beaver dams, furbearer dens, black bear dens and bird nests and eggs.	As required by the *MOE Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario* and as identified in Section 7, Table 6 provides a preliminary listing of potential evaluation criteria associated with the assessment of effects of the proposed undertaking (ie. preferred alternative). These will be defined in greater detail in the EA.	5.1 5.2	Complete; to be considered in the EA as applicable
It should be identified in the Terms of Reference there will be a commitment to prepare a study plan with agencies such as MNR, DFO, and Environment Canada for the Environmental Assessment. The proponent will need to work with these agencies in identifying the required studies prior to undertaking them. Fish Habitat Accounting procedures and a No Net Loss plan may need to be developed in consultation with DFO and MNR.	The Draft ToR and Proposed ToR present the study plan for the EA consistent with the *MOE Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario*. Baseline, engineering and other studies for the RRGP are well advanced. MNR has been provided with copies of the baseline studies completed to date. It is intended that the EA will also include complete versions of	N/A	To be considered in the EA as applicable, or during other future activities

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	environmental baseline studies completed to that date, including those related to biophysical and human environment aspects. From an EA perspective, these studies have been directed at developing an information base which is sufficient to evaluate alternatives, and to determine environment affects associated with the undertaking, as well as to develop mitigating measures and strategies consistent with reducing environmental effects to acceptable levels. RRR will be presenting information on the RRGP to the regulatory authorities (provincial and federal) at various stages in the execution of the EA, to obtain their input into Project planning and decision making. It is important that all information be considered in an integrated manner. Details relating to specific permits and approvals will be discussed with the appropriate agencies once Project details become more firm as a result of ongoing engineering and consultation activities.		
The ToR also must describe indicators and/or explain how indicators will be developed. Environmental components (e.g. aquatic invertebrate richness, snapping turtle abundance) predicted to be impacted by each alternative may be used as indicators. Indicators must be measurable in a rigorous qualitative (few, many) or quantitative (numerical) manner and be comparable to a pre-determined baseline, standard or target value.	Indicators selected for effects analysis will generally be those which can be applied at the system level of function, rather than selecting individual elements or species or species groups, as all biological organism are ultimately dependant on aspects of habitat availability, quality and access. Consequently and as examples: • Air quality and water quality will be compared against applicable provincial standards; • Aquatic habitat will be assessed on the basis of water quality, flow volumes and riparian habitat; and • Terrestrial habitat will be assessed against physical displacement and nuisance effects such as dust and noise. Table 6 provides a preliminary listing of potential evaluation criteria associated with the assessment of effects of the proposed undertaking (ie. preferred alternative) as required by the *MOE Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario* and as identified in Section 7. These will be defined in greater detail in the EA.	Table 15	Complete; to be considered in the EA as applicable

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The proponent should also state the potential data sources for the criteria and indicators. It is understood that some of these data sources are listed in Table 3. However, this necessary statement should be made explicitly in the ToR.	The Proposed ToR will described the evaluation criteria and performance objective for the alternatives evaluation.	5.2	Complete; to be considered in the EA as applicable
The ToR refers to extensive baseline studies conducted to date that were completed using standing standard field protocol and scientific methodology. It is important to note that MNR has not been involved in the collection of this baseline data (with exception of known species at risk), the protocol or methodology. The lack of detail regarding extent and boundaries of the study area and unknown content of a number of environmental studies currently in progress makes commenting on the adequacy of environmental studies conducted by Rainy River Resources difficult.	Local and Regional Study Areas will be defined in the Proposed ToR as committed to in the Draft ToR. Existing and developing baseline study information will continue to be shared with the regulatory authorities. RRR has held an intergovernmental meeting to update regulatory agencies on work completed to date.	6.1	Complete
MNR and the proponent have been working together in addressing the identified species of Whip-poor-will and Bobolink that are known to be present within the study area and are listed as threatened under the *Endangered Species Act*. The following list of species has been identified through a screening by MNR as possible Species at Risk within the study area: Monarch, Least Bittern, Eastern Meadowlark, Black Tern, Yellow Rail, American Badger, Grey Fox	The environmental summary provided in the Draft ToR was intended to provide a framework consistent with the *MOE Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario* and was not intended to be comprehensive description of the natural environment. Further information will be provided in the Proposed ToR. A detailed description of the environment and associated baseline studies will be provided in the EA.	6.6.4	Complete
The Terms of Reference needs to provide more detail on the commitment of environmental effects and monitoring. This is an important section and it is expected the Environmental Assessment will have an Environmental Monitoring Plan,... The Terms of Reference should identify that an Environmental Effects Monitoring Plan will be prepared in the EA and approved by all applicable agencies.	Section 8 of the Draft ToR commits to the development of a monitoring framework within the EA for the post-EA phase (ie. design, construction, operations and decommissioning) including compliance and effects monitoring as well as follow-up programs. Detailed monitoring requirements will be defined as conditions in environmental permits and approvals issued by the Federal and Provincial Governments for the construction, operation and closure of the RRGP, including those issued by the MOE, MNR and DFO, and defined within the Closure Plan pursuant to the *Mining Act*.	8	Complete
The section of the ToR (Section 10) that identifies to accommodate new circumstances is too broad. The intent of building flexibility into the ToR is not to completely change the scope of the study at the EA stage, but to allow adjustments of aspects of the proposal. The ToR is already currently written in a very non-committal manner, leaving most of the specifics to be developed in the EA report.	The text presented in Section 10 of the draft ToR is consistent with the requirements of the *MOE Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario*. The Proposed ToR is intended to guide the EA and obtain early feedback, with the specifics presented in the EA.	10	Complete

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There should be a separate Record of Consultation for the public and First Nations.	A separate Record of Consultation document was issued with the Draft ToR in accordance with the *MOE Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario*. The Record of Consultation will be revised to reflect ongoing consultation activities with all stakeholders and Aboriginal Groups, and will be re-issued with the Proposed ToR.	Record of Consultation, Discussions and Meetings	Complete
Use of the term 'criteria' is not consistent throughout the ToR, (ie evaluation criteria in Section 5.2.1, referring to a reasoned judgement or decision, and selection criteria in Section 5.4.4, 5.4.6 referring to desired status or condition and preliminary criteria in Table 6, referring to predicted effects of an action/alternative). The variety of uses of this term presents challenges to understanding and interpreting the ToR. It is suggested the term be used in reference to predicted effects of an action/alternative which is more consistent with the MOE Code of Practise.	The use of the term criteria within the Draft ToR has been reviewed and will be clarified or revised in the Proposed ToR to be consistent with the *MOE Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario.*	5	Complete
It should be clearly stated the road alignment of Hwy 600 is proposed and included as part of this EA. The term existing road alignment needs to be identified. The ToR should identify that the movement of the road is first and foremost a requirement to mine development. If there are existing safety issues for the current road and the current use, then it should be identified how this was determined (ie confirmation from MTO, statistics of accidents etc) and how it has been handled in the interim. The ToR should at least identify the possible alternatives that were presented earlier with the understanding they may change for the EA. Highway 600 is classed as a Secondary Highway (not Tertiary).	The Project component list in Section 4.1 of the ToR clearly includes the Highway 600 re-alignment as part of the Project which will be assessed as part of the EA. Highway 600 has been re-classified and is officially classified as a minor secondary highway. The Proposed ToR will be revised accordingly.	4.1	Complete
Table 7: Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) needs to be included as an approving agency.	MTO will be included in Table 7 of the Proposed ToR.	Table 19	Complete
The recently prepared draft Official Plans for the local municipalities state that it is assumed 90% of Rainy River Resources mine jobs will be occupied by local residents. A rationale for a construction camp of offsite residence is suggested.	RRR has every intent of hiring locally as practical in order that the employment benefits remain in the region. Alternatives for accommodation have been identified in the Draft ToR for further assessment in the EA. Rationale for the preferred alternative will be provided in the EA.	5.4.8	Complete
The Conservation Reserves are incomplete in Figure 3 (ie Rainy Lake Islands, Pipestone are missing) and Seine River First Nation is identified incorrectly as a Conservation Reserve.	Figure 3 will be revised in the Proposed ToR.	Figures 5 and 6	Complete
The creek names Loslow, Jones and Clarke are not official names.	Noted. The naming of local minor creeks utilized in the figures was based on local knowledge.	N/A	Complete

ATTACHMENT 2
COPY OF MNDMF MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2010 MEETING REGARDING THE RRGP

[included below exactly as provided to RRR on December 4, 2012; Please note that to RRR's knowledge, these minutes have not been reviewed / approved by the attendees at the meeting]

Rainy River Resources
Inter-Agency Meeting
Tuesday July 13, 2010
Ministry of Natural Resources, Fort Frances District Boardroom

Jim McKever, MTO
David Laverdiére, EnvCan
Drew Stajkowski, MOE
Garett MacDonald, Rainy River Resources
Kyle Stanfield, Rainy River REsources
Stacey Jack, Pwi-dii-ghoo-zhing Advisory Services
Debra Lamache, Klone Crippen Berger
Lee-anne Hollingsworth, Klone Crippen Berger
John Jemmett, Klone Crippen Berger
Tony Elders, MNR
Melissa Mosley, MNR
Jeff Wiume, MNR
Rachel Hill, MNR
John Vandenbroeck, MNR
Matt Meyers, MNR
Barb Ellis, MNR
Peter Hinz, MNDMF
Mike Grant, MNDMF

Start time: 09:15h CST

Peter – Welcome & introduction of the meeting goals.

All – round-table introductions.

Rainy River Resources – Garett – presentation of company/project overview

- RRR has spent >$1M on baseline environmental studies to date
- ~320,000 metres of drilling to date from 1994 in ~ 740 holes
- ~100,000 metres of drilling planed for 2010

- +5M oz of gold current resource
- Gold primary commodity, minor silver, zinc
- Current exploration down to 500 metre depth

Q. Tony – What is VMS?
A. Garett – Volcanogenic Massive Sulphides

Q. Melissa – Is the two year timeline for the advanced exploration program to build the ramp or to do the sampling program or both?
A. Garett – Both

Klone Crippen Berger – Debra – presentation on Environmental Baseline Study & Permitting

Q. Rachel H. – Where are the study areas?
A. Debra L. – The current slide (#5) shows the 2009 study areas. KCB are using a 5 kilometre radius from the deposit for the study
A. Kyle S. – The study has been expanded beyond the 5 kilometre with the last few months.

Q. Lyndon K. – Are encounter transects used for species other than birds?
A. Lee-ann H. – Pair with songbird and forest bird monitoring program, essentially walk transects through the bush and observe wildlife, songbirds and record incidental observations.

Q. John V. – Do you run a K analysis for flushing distances to estimate densities?
A. Lee-ann – Haven't yet, we've just tied up the last of the surveys. In the midst of doing that analysis.
Q. John V. – Do you have a list of targeted Endangered Species?
A. Lee-ann H. – Yes, KCB can provide MNR with their list, some include: the Whipporwill, Common Nighthawk, Red-headed woodpeckers to name a few.

Q. Jeff W. – If you have identified a number of species at risk how has that influenced your planning? Or is it currently only documentation?
A. Kyle S. – Company is considering the data in their planning. They are communicating with John V. to ensure their operations are not impacting the areas in question. RRR wants to be co-ordinating with MNR and respecting those sites. If a follow-up meeting with MNR concerning the environmental baseline studies & endangered species is needed the Company would be interested.

Q. John V. – Does the Company have a reasonable inventory of where the targeted species are within the 5 km radius? How might that information influence your work?
A. Kyle S. – The database has grown significantly in the last six months. Currently in the midst of scoping facility design, want to able to design a facility commensurate with key habitat. RRR wants to work with all the agencies to design a project that respects all the new science available.
A. Lee-ann – It is an advantage to have engineering in-house so that new data accumulated during baseline environmental studies can be utilized in the development of the project.

Q. Lyndon – Where was electro-fishing undertaken?
A. John – The very head waters of West Creek above Rowan Road.

Kyle – northern pike have only found been found in the Pinewood River, none in the tributaries or Pinewood Lake.
Q. Lyndon K. – How deep is Pinewood Lake?
A. John – Told by locals it is 40 feet in the middle, used to be able to catch pike in the lake but none were encountered during this study.

Q. John V. – Has any aquatic invertebrate sampling been done? If so, has there been any consideration of correlating the new data with that of the program run by Rainy River FN in their 1997 survey?
A. John M. – KCB did invertebrate sampling last year and will be doing sampling this year, do not recall if the data has been compared with the 1997 data. KCB willing to do so if MNR feel it would be useful.
A. Lee-Ann – Believe that KCB has the 1997 data as part of their database.

Q. John. V. – All the sampling that has been done has been within the Pinewood River headwaters, has there been any consideration of setting up a control site?
A. John M. – Yes, sampling in the Lake of the Woods watershed including Muskrat Lake and a number of creeks and beaver ponds have been sampled and will continue to be sampled.

Q. Melissa – How many sample sites are below/downstream from the project area?
A. Lee-Ann & Kyle – There are three.

Q. David L. – Where is the deposit in relation to the local watercourses? What is the scale of the image?
A. Debra – The deposit is in the centre of the study area. The circle is a 5km radius.

Q. John V. – Is all of the activity anticipated south and west of Highway 600?
A. Kyle – There is the potential for interest slightly north of the Highway but not a lot. It's good to have MTO as part of the group just incase there is a need to discuss re-alignment. The need is being assessed at this time. There have been discussions with MTO concerning the replacement of undersized culverts at various points on Highway 600.

Q. John V. – In regards to terrestrial studies, how far to the north beyond the identified study area (5 km circle) has KCB been looking, how far did you go?
A. Lee-Ann – Have concentrated studies within the 5km study area but have expanded out up to 20km from the project area. KCB has also looked at the watershed as a whole and have ground truthed areas.

Q. John V. – From a Species at Risk perspective you have a larger area of interest, within the 5km circle did you find any species at risk that have been targeted?
A. Lee-Ann – Yes, have found Whippor-will, Common Nighthawk, eagle stick nest, Canada Warbler, Olive-sided Flycatcher and Peregrine Falcon. The last three are migrants.

Q. John V. – When did you become aware of the Species at Risk in the area?
A. Lee-Ann – Starting from the beginning, became aware of the Whippor-will last year, did targeted studies this year, combined with Common Nighthawk survey this year. Covered the area quite extensively, concentrated surveys in the local study area and wanted to put it into context with the whole watershed.

Q. Kyle – Has John V. completed his survey of Whippor-wills?
A. John V. – The survey has been completed but not yet written up.

Q. John V. – Was the Whipporwill observation within the 5km study area in the area of impact?
A. Lee-Ann – It was within the 5km study area as well as outside.

Q. Kyle – Clarification, are you referring to mine infrastructure potential?
A. John – Yes, is there a value on the ground that is being implicated?

A. Kyle – With respect to mine development the answer is No, because RRR is in the planning phase, plans are pretty fluid at this time. Able to manage around specific areas, need to co-ordinate with MNR, KCB and Northern Bioscience concerning specific areas to nail down the fluidity. Drilling program, not currently drilling in those areas. For mine development purposes RRR wants to co-ordinate with MNR to ensure they are identifying the same areas.

Q. Jeff – What about the advanced exploration program.
A. Kyle – The advanced exploration program is also pretty fluid. Garett is working on the engineering side with SRK Engineering to select a site that makes the most engineering sense but also takes into consideration the baseline study results in order to minimize impact. Need to firm up SAR habitat concerns with respect to mine design, make sure we are co-ordinating properly so areas of concern are being identified so that RRR can design a project that is permitable.

Matt – Some of John V.'s data is considered sensitive, it would be worthwhile to develop some sort of a data-sharing agreement in order to facilitate an exchange of information.

Q. Drew S. – Has KCB done any noise assessment in the winter months when there is less foliage?
A. Debra – Haven't done this yet but will be doing a more fulsome noise assessment this year and will include the winter months.

Q. Rachel – Has KCB included any other economic sectors in their socio-economic assessment, such as baitfishers?
A. Debra – It will include any other economic sectors in the area, including baitfishers.
A. Lee-Ann – Yes, KCB has been working with the baitfishers in the area and have had them collecting samples.
Q. Matt – Would it be the same for trapping?
A. Lee-Ann – Yes, it is the same for trappers, using their data for small mammal study. KCB have been in close contact with Ken Angus, he is working on beaver management.
Jeff – A word of advice on BMAs and hunters as they bait bears and attract them into the area. It could be a health and safety issue, good to know where they are baiting.

Q. Peter – Has KCB or RRR been in contact with either the Rainy River Valley Field Naturalists or Rainy Lake Conservancy? They conduct natural science surveys and may be able to provide data to KCB.
A. Debra/Kyle – Not to date.

Matt – MNR supports a local Stewardship Council, they are interested the RRR project and have been asking questions. It would be worthwhile to communicate with them, they have monthly meetings.

Kyle – RRR feels its important to engage the local communities (aboriginal and non-aboriginal) to circumvent the rumour mill. Having the local office in Emo will be very important, it will allow local people an opportunity to drop in to chat and learn about the Company and the project.

Q. Melissa – Who will be working in the Emo office?
A. Kyle – Stacey and one other person will be located there working with the public on a regular basis and will be there to answer questions. Want RRR to be seen to be communicating with the public and open.

Q. Rachel – What prompted this meeting?
A. Kyle – As a follow-up to a teleconference call in May, MNR asked to engage through the One Window process. This meeting is primarily to exchange information and get feedback from the various agencies.

Debra – KCB can prepare a summary document of the baseline studies done to date and a listing of the surveys done and methodologies used to provide to MNR.

Q. John V. – Has RRR thought about the international context in regards to the water quality in the Rainy River and what level of level of consultation will be required for an international body of water?
A. Kyle – Yes, I have direct experience in this and have worked with the US Department of Homeland Security and the Alaskan Department of Fish and Wildlife on the Galore Creek project in northern British Columbia. Will work with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to address cross-border issues and will engage stakeholders south of the border. The Trans-boundary Water Agreement will also come into play, the Company has a fiduciary duty to consult.

End of Presentation/Q&A

Round-table

MOT – Jim McKever

- Legislation requires certain permits for activities access to a provincial highway or activities adjacent to it
- Interested in a site plan, phasing of development, where entrances may occur, if drainage will be re-routed that may affect a highway, may require a traffic impact study, hydro location permits for certain hydro access.
- Can provide outline of permits that may be required and details in a letter to the proponent
- Interested in the possible re-routing of Highway 600.
- Kenora staff will issue the permits and review, Debbie Fairfield, Corridor Management Officer, should be included in project development meetings in future

EnvCan – David Laverdiére

- With regards to AE program, when would RRR be in a position to submit a project plan to MNDMF?
    - Kyle, anticipate NPS in the next 6-8 weeks.
- What type of EAs does RRR anticipate?
    - Kyle, certainly a Class EA on the MNR & possibly MOE side. The CP being submitted to MNDMF for the mine development, RRR would be looking to harmonize with the Federal EA as best as possible so that the Company would be looking at a single submission EA. Depending on how the Company proceeds with facilities in respect to MMER may have DFO as the lead on the Federal side in particular related to facilities, tailings and waste management. The Company is hoping to avoid Schedule 2 under the Fisheries Act, looking at engineering to move this way.
- Suggest RRR pay close attention to Marathon PGM and Detour projects and their developments in regards to the waste rock stockpile issue. They may require their own Schedule 2 and/or Federal EA.
- All activities of exploration are subject to the Fisheries Act, as the project develops it may become under the MMER. Recommend examining the Environmental Code of Practice for Metal Mining in detail and consider it during project planning. May assist in developing a social licence to mine.
    - John Vandenbroek, could David provide information on SARA?
- A bit out of David's expertise but should be considered.

MOE – Drew Stajkowski

- MOE has been doing tributary monitoring off the Pinewood and Rainy rivers closely focussed on phosphorous, report water quality to the International Joint Commission.
    - Mike G. - Are samples analysed for broad spectrum or for a narrow range of elements?
- Samples are primarily analysed for nutrients and metals, field measurements for dissolved oxygen and conductivity.
- For permitting, Drew is OW for MOE, any questions regarding water quality science talk to staff (Hydrogeologist, Surface Water Specialist) in Thunder Bay.
- Water permits go through regional office, any other permits (*OWRA*, Section 53, sewage works) go through Toronto.
- Permitting requirements for the project Permit To Take Water, for the handling of mine water, *OWRA* Section 53 permits may be required.

DFO – Lyndon Kivi

- Where do you see the ramp being set? How much waste rock could be generated?
    - Garett, ~100,000 tons of waste rock. Showed on the map where a possible location may be. Discussion followed.
- Project now looking like an underground operation instead of an open pit?
    - Garett, results are getting better as the Company drills deeper, difficult to say for sure right now. The economics for an underground operation are looking better.
- In regards to the fisheries studies they look good, have covered the area pretty well. Would KCB consider doing bathymetry on Pinewood Lake?
    - John J. would consider doing it if DFO requested.

- Does RRR have beaver management activities going on?
    - Kyle. Yes, working with Tony Elders (MNR)
- Was there an engineering survey of West Creek?
    - Yes, a survey down West Creek and part of the Pinewood was done last year, have put a hold on that pending revised project development plans

MNR – Jeff Wiume, Tony Elders, John Vandenbroeck

- Jeff Wiume
- MNR legislation that will likely have application *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act, Public Lands Act, Crown Forest Sustainability Act, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act* and *Endangered Species Act,*
- Most likely permitting requirements under some of these acts
- Tony Elders
- Since there is a lot of water on the site if there is the need for drainage and diversions RRR will need to consult early as the Regional Engineers will need to be involved.
    - Lyndon, DFO would be involved as well through the *Fisheries Act*, authorizations and compensations would be required. Scheduling process would be triggered if tailings will be deposited in fish habitat.
- John Vandenbroeck
- Two acts involved, *SARA* – Federal, *ESA* – Provincial, *ESA* covers all lands in Ontario.
- The *ESA* is very specific in its protection for species and habitat.
- Whipporwill has received automatic habitat protection.
- All permits issued by the Minister, two types, assisting recovery & overall benefit (17C).
- One red flag, that RRR is aware of a value that is protected by the *ESA*, have to be pretty confident that you have measures in place to protect the value.
- Another red flag, there is a whippoorwill cluster, RRR's property is within one of these clusters. Very interested in the noise studies.
- Need to categorize species based on the Federal and Provincial acts.
    - Leanne, has there been any consideration as to noise regulations around the Whippoorwill?
- Not at this time, regulations are still being developed.
    - Kyle, are there any precedents related to forest management planning in regards to the *ESA*?
    - Melissa, because forestry activities and mining are two completely different industries with mining being much longer-lived we shouldn't be looking to forestry for guidance
    - Kyle, because ESA is evolving and a very important piece of environmental management, RRR wants to be sure they are coordinating correctly with MNR.
- No rules on what a habitat regulation looks like, this is evolving. Regs will be updated as science and policy evolves.
- John V. sees a spatial context to the developing the Habitat Reg for the Whippoorwill.
    - Kyle, has there been any thought of recommending certain studies (to industry) linked to specific species in order to facilitate the permitting process?
- Can't really answer that question, but funding projects is not considered providing "an overall benefit", the overall benefit has to be "realized" from a habitat perspective.
    - Kyle, the six-month permitting process is purely an administrative timeline.
    - Jeff, the six-month timeline is linked to the level of detail and completeness of the submission. If the submission is complete then it will take six-month.
    - Kyle, the key point is that if we don't have proper communications to ensure all studies the necessary studies are included in the submission. Without proper co-ordination this could be a fatal flaw in the process.
- The 17C permits will need to go through public consultation and the EBR posting process.
    - Drew, any permits from MOE like PTTW will be circulated to First Nations for comment.
    - Jeff, should identify Rachel Hill as MNR point person for this project, also need to finalize a data sharing agreement in order to share data from both sides.
    - Mike, MNDMF will send a letter to the partner agencies asking them to identify their point person for the OWCP.
- Kyle, as for work permits, RRR can continue to work through District Contacts for operational permits not linked to Advanced Exploration.

MNDMF – Mike Grant

- pleased to see that RRR has engaged a wide-range of aboriginal communities and that RRR has hired an aboriginal liaison.
- Would like to see co-ordination amongst the Ministries as to aboriginal consultation.
- If the project moves to production CEAA has a similar approach.
- MNDMF has a new Sr. Aboriginal Liaison Office starting shortly, Melanie Mathieson.

End of Meeting – 12:25h CST (?)

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Stakeholder: **Ministry of Environment**
Point of Contact: **Pierre Godbout, Senior Noise Engineer**
Comments Dated: **November 19, 2012**

#	COMMENT	RESPONSE
1	The following noise and vibration study items should be considered when preparing Environmental Assessment studies for mining activities undertaken by Rainy River Resources Ltd. Noise Limits: shall comply with the MOE noise limits in: a) Publication NPC-205, "Sound Level Limits for Stationary Sources in Class 1 & 2 Areas (Urban)", October, 1995 as amended; or b) Publication NPC-232, "Sound Level Limits for Stationary Sources in Class 3 Areas (Rural)", October, 1995 as amended; as applicable.	Noted. These items will be considered. AMEC's team is very familiar with the MOE requirements in regards to sound / noise aspects and will ensure that these needs are met in future documentation.
2	Noise Screening: shall be prepared in accordance with: a) Primary Noise Screening Process For S.9 Applications Supplement To Application For Approval b) Secondary Noise Screening Process For S.9 Applications Supplement To Application For Approval	Noted. These guidance documents will be followed as applicable.
3	Noise Reports: shall be prepared in accordance with: a) Publication NPC-233, "Information to be Submitted for Approval of Stationary Sources of Sound", October, 1995 as amended b) Supporting Information for the Preparation of an Acoustic Assessment Report	Noted. These guidance documents will be followed as applicable.
4	Vibration Limits: shall comply with the MOE vibration limits in: a) Publication NPC-207, "Impulse Vibration in Residential Buildings", November, 1983 as amended b) Publication NPC-119, "Blasting", Model Municipal Noise Control By-Law, Final Report, August 1978	Noted. These limits will be complied with.
5	Vibration Reports: shall be prepared in accordance with: a) Publication NPC-233, "Information to be Submitted for Approval of Stationary Sources of Sound", October, 1995 as amended	Noted. This guidance document will be followed as applicable.

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Stakeholder: **Ministry of the Environment**
Point of Contact: **Sushant Agarwal, Senior Air Engineer**
Comments Dated: **November 23, 2012**

#	COMMENT	RESPONSE (REVISED)
1	The ToR Document should provide a description of the following: Identification of potential sources of air emissions and/or proposed criteria to identify these sources.	Noted. The Proposed ToR includes a list of preliminary environmental effects as was deemed appropriate based on the Code of Practice (MOE 2009), and does list air quality degradation as a potential effect. Further detail will be provided in the EA Report including identification of potential sources of air emissions. AMEC fully expects based on our extensive environmental approvals experience in Ontario, that a detailed air emissions assessment will be part of the ECA(Air) approvals application / approvals process. In general, the primary sources of air emissions will be as follows: • Fugitive sources: dust from stockpiles, gravel road traffic, blasting in open pit, heavy equipment operations and general construction activities. • Point sources: may include, crusher, baghouse, underground ventilation, processing plant vents. The sources will be identified in the EA based on our experience working with the MOE on industrial air approvals.
2	Proposed methodology to estimate air emissions from the identified sources.	The methodology used will be described in the EA Report as applicable. The methodology for estimating air emissions will follow all the required methods and requirements provided in guidance from the MOE (“Procedure for Preparing an Emission Summary and Dispersion Modelling Report Version 3.0” PIBS 3614e03). This proposed methodology has been included in the Amended Proposed ToR (Section 7.2.2).

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3	Proposed methodology for predicting atmospheric effects of the air emissions.	The methodology used will be described in the EA Report as applicable. Modelling (most recent version of the U.S.EPA AERMOD model) will be used to predict air quality impacts. The modelling will be done using the methods and requirements provided in the Ministry publication "Air Dispersion Modelling Guideline for Ontario" PIBS 5165e02 (ADMGO). Results of the modelling will be combined with baseline air quality data to provide predicted total ambient air quality. The ambient air quality will be compared against MOE ambient air quality criteria. This proposed methodology has been included in the Amended Proposed ToR (Section 7.2.2).
4	Criteria to be used for evaluating effects for the identified project alternatives.	The criteria used will be described in the effects assessment section of the EA Report as applicable. The alternatives assessment methodology has been revised per guidance from the MOE EA branch. With respect to air quality effects, the criteria has been changed "Effect on air quality and climate", with indicators of "Attainment or maintenance of air quality point of impingement standards, or scientifically defensible alternatives" and "Emission rates of greenhouse gases".
5	Intended references for obtaining data needed for the above assessment emissions/effects assessment.	The appropriate references will be cited in the EA Report.

Reference:

MOE 2009. Code of Practice: Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario.

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Stakeholder: **Ministry of the Environment**
Point of Contact: **Sandra Ausma, Air Quality Analyst**
Comments Dated: **November 26, 2012**

#	COMMENT	RESPONSE
1	Section 6.2.2 Air Quality discusses background air quality data that were collected by RRR to estimate background concentrations of particulate in proximity to the RRGP site. If the expectation is that RRR use the collected data as part of their air quality baseline within their Environmental Assessment (EA), the proponent should be engaging the ministry to ensure that any air quality monitoring meets the minimum requirements laid out in the Operations Manual for Air Quality Monitoring in Ontario (PIBS 6687e) (Manual) including approval of the air quality monitoring plan, review of sites, and audits of the equipment and monitoring stations. The purpose of this is to ensure that any collected data is scientifically sound and will meet the requirements of the ministry with respect to EA baseline estimation and discussions and other regulatory uses for which RRR may wish to use the data. Recommended modification: That Section 6.2.2 include discussion on how on-going air quality monitoring activities will meet the requirements of the Manual and ensure that the data is scientifically sound.	The air quality baseline work to date was discussed at an interagency meeting in Thunder Bay on July 18, with no concerns noted at that time. Ongoing and future air quality monitoring activities will be based on discussions with the MOE as requested and will follow the requirements in the Manual as applicable. The Manual has been reviewed and air monitoring requirements addressed in the EA Report.
2	Section 8.0 Commitments and Monitoring briefly mentions that a monitoring framework will be developed for the post-EA phase to address all stages of the proposed undertaking including compliance and effects monitoring if appropriate. The section does not indicate which environmental matrices will be monitored for effects. Recommended modification: That Section 8.0 be revised to include reference to ministry guidance documents for monitoring such as the Manual to ensure that any monitoring conducted will meet minimum requirements for data quality and ministry requirements.	Noted. The EA Report will make reference to applicable guidance documents for monitoring and will provide further detail as identified in the Proposed ToR.
3	Table 14 which is the preliminary summary of potential environmental effects only lists dust and products of petroleum hydrocarbon combustion as compounds that could be released and which impact human, plant and animal health. Since this is a metal mine site with a processing plant as well as explosive manufacturing and storage facilities, other compounds will be released that could have an impact. This includes metals, ore processing chemicals and by-products of explosives manufacturing. Recommended modification: That Table 14 be expanded to include other compounds that will be emitted from the RRGP site including metals, airborne emissions from any processing chemicals and by-products of explosives manufacturing.	Noted. Table 14 was intended only as a preliminary listing. It is anticipated that through the EA process and subsequent ECA approvals the effects from additional potential compounds will be assessed. Table 14 has now been revised per direction from the MOE EA Branch. Your information is appreciated and will be fully considered in the EA.

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Stakeholder: **Ministry of the Environment**
Point of Contact: **Lynda Mulcahy, Senior Review Engineer (waste)**
Comments Dated: **November 22, 2012**

#	COMMENT	RESPONSE
1	Waste management is discussed in Section 5.4.10. The draft TOR appropriately evaluates solid waste management alternatives. Liquid wastes are not mentioned – these should be included, if required. Liquid hazardous wastes are subject wastes- requiring registration/manifesting for transport.	Liquid wastes will be discussed in the EA Report as applicable. Registration / manifesting requirements for liquid hazardous wastes are noted and will be followed during the environmental approvals stage.
2	If the Township of Chapple landfill cannot accommodate wastes from the project, and other off-site, approved disposal sites are not available, then it is strongly recommended that the establishment of an onsite licenced landfill be considered. Part V approval under the Environmental Protection Act will be required for any new onsite landfill. Depending on the proposed volume, separate environmental assessment requirements may be triggered. Rainy River is currently evaluating this option and alternative locations. Financial Assurance (FA) for the landfill should be included with the overall site FA that is provided to Ministry of Northern Development and Mines.	Noted and this additional information is appreciated. Alternatives for disposal of solid waste from the RRGP will be evaluated in the EA Report. Potential approval requirements are noted.
3	The draft TOR discusses hazardous wastes – what types of hazardous wastes are expected? It is understood that off-site transport and disposal is considered the best option for these – have potential disposal or treatment sites been identified- that are within reasonable distance to the site?	Types of hazardous wastes will be discussed in the EA Report as appropriate, as will the quantities and selection of suitable licenced disposal facilities. In general, the wastes produced are typical of a large industrial / construction facility, with the primary industrial wastes being waste oil, waste lubricants and waste glycol. Special management wastes at the site are expected to include: waste petroleum products and packaging, waste glycol, petroleum contaminated soil, waste explosives and possibly small amounts of biomedical waste. All special management wastes will be stored in sealed containers in lined, bermed areas (or other means of secondary containment as appropriate), under appropriate environmental approvals / licensing. Off-specification petroleum products (and potentially waste oil) may be used as fuel for the diesel generators (if present and pending approvals) or heat generation, or transported off site. The quantities of used lubricating oils and other lubricants created on site will be minimized to the extent practical. Used glycol, lubricants and associated materials will be stored in tanks with secondary containment and shipped off site by a licensed disposal company. Small quantities of other spent or contaminated fluids, such as cleaning solvents and degreasing agents and waste paint, will be classified by type and either treated onsite if appropriate or stored and transported offsite to licensed processing facilities, according to applicable regulations and best management practices.

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		Although every reasonable effort will be made to reduce the potential for spills to the environment, it is recognized that minor spills associated with heavy equipment usage (dominantly petroleum hydrocarbons and glycol) are likely to occur occasionally. Contaminated overburden and other materials, associated with any such spills, will be excavated and treated in an onsite remediation area, or transported off site to a licensed facility for disposal. Explosive waste will be destroyed according to an approved methodology by the explosives contractor or licensed personnel. Only very small quantities of biomedical waste are likely to be created on the site associated with first aid. Biomedical waste and other similar items, such as sharps and used needles, will be transported offsite to a licensed facility for proper disposal. During the construction phase, there may also be waste paint and similar substances. Potential disposal or treatment sites have not been fully identified as yet, but this is not expected to be of concern given the nature and quantities to be produced based on other similar Ontario mining operations. All storage, transportation and disposal will be fully compliant with MOE and other jurisdictions requirements.
4	Interim storage will likely be required for these wastes – The storage area(s) should be identified and shown on site plans. Chemical storage facilities should meet the requirements of the Ministry's "Guidelines for Environmental Protection Measures at Chemical and Waste Storage Facilities" 2007.	Noted and understood.
5	It is noted that petroleum- hydrocarbon contaminated soils would not likely be considered hazardous (under the definition in O.Reg. 347), unless they are leach-toxic under O.Reg. 347 Schedule 4. These could likely be included under non-hazardous wastes. Please note that any on-site treatment process for these soils (wastes) would require Ministry approval.	Noted. This topic will be discussed in the EA Report if applicable, and handled through the appropriate approvals process. AMEC has experience with on-site treatment processes and the approvals required.
6	The proposed mine decommissioning and Closure Activities are discussed in section 5.4.13. The Closure plan should include waste management activities, closure and any post-closure activities for the onsite landfill, if it is established.	Noted. These aspects will be included as part of the Closure Plan.

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Stakeholder: **Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport**
Point of Contact: **Paula Kulpa, Team Lead – Heritage Land Use Planning**
Comments Dated: **November 27, 2012**

Red: AMEC/RR revised response to MTCS' comments
Green: MOE responds to AMEC revised response
Blue: MTCS responds to AMEC revised response
Purple: MTCS responds to AMEC' most recent response

#	COMMENT	RESPONSE	MOE/MTCS RESPONSE	ADDITIONAL RRR RESPONSE / MTCS COMMENT	FOLLOW UP RRR RESPONSE
1	Please note that the ministry's full-name and short form are incorrect in the Glossary included on Page v.	This error will be corrected in our stakeholder database and in the EA Report.	MOE: Because the ToR is being amended, this correction should be made in the ToR.	This correction has been made in the Amended Proposed ToR.	None required.
2	The ToR mentions that while most of the project will be located on privately owned land, it also indicates that the project could involve property that is or will be controlled by the Crown. This would include: • The realignment of provincial Highway 600, which will be fully funded by the proponent, but will adhere to the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) design standards and processes and will be assumed by MTO following an inspection and approval of the works undertaken by Rainy River. • The disposition of Crown lands for the purposing of constructing or operating the project, which is usually under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).	Noted. RRR is aware of these Standards & Guidelines and it understood that these apply on land owned or controlled by the Province.	MTCS: The ToR should include an acknowledgement of the proponent is aware of the Standards and Guidelines and that they could apply.	This acknowledgement has been made in the Amended Proposed ToR.	None required.

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	Please note that the Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties (Standards & Guidelines), prepared pursuant to Section 25.2 of the Ontario Heritage Act, came into effect on July 1, 2010. The Standards & Guidelines apply should a property of cultural heritage value or interest be located on land owned or controlled by the Province.				
3	Table 2 within [Section 6.0] provides a summary of environmental components to be profiled. "Heritage and cultural resources" are included as a component under Socio-cultural Aspects, but are otherwise not discussed within subsection 6.7 Human Environment. Furthermore, the further detail provided in Table 2 only mentions archaeology and Traditional Knowledge studies and does not make reference to built heritage resources or cultural heritage landscapes. Table 3, which provides a summary of potential environmental data sources, lists the *Stage 1 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment of the Rainy River Resources Advanced Exploration Project, northwest of Fort Frances, Rainy River District, Ontario (in*	Built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes will be assessed in the EA Report as appropriate. The Amended Proposed ToR has been modified to more clearly state this aspect.	MTCS: The ToR should indicate that these types of resources will be considered during the EA, both in terms of describing the existing environment and in terms of evaluating project impacts on cultural heritage resources and providing mitigation strategies. MOE: AMEC does not provide a response to MTCS' recommendation that additional data be collected and technical studies be undertaken. MTCS also asks whether any of the buildings are over 40; however, AMEC does not provide a response to this question.	Table 2 of the Amended Proposed ToR has been modified accordingly. A Stage 2 Assessment has been conducted at the RRGP site and does include built heritage aspects. The scope of the assessment was defined in association with the MTCS. There are structures and buildings over 40 years old. To date there is no information that there are buildings that may be of potential cultural heritage value or interest, but the Stage 2 report remains in preparation. This information will be available to support the EA. MTCS – Built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes are not addressed as part of an archaeological assessment. Therefore it is inappropriate to rely on these studies to determine if	With apologies for our lack of clarity, we do understand the differences. The Amended Proposed ToR includes a commitment to conduct a specialized built heritage / cultural heritage assessment, with the results to be included in the EA report and utilized in assessing Project Alternatives.

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	progress). Archaeological assessments do not address known or potential built heritage resources or cultural heritage landscapes. It is recommended that additional data be collected and technical studies undertaken to identify these types of cultural heritage resources. For example, the ministry notes that in Figure 2 which shows the preliminary site plan conceptual layout, that there are a number of buildings (both residential as well as those where the use is unknown) within the area. Are any of these building over 40 years old, or is there are information available indicating that they may be of potential cultural heritage value or interest?			any these potential resources exist. Any advice that MTCS gave with respect to the Stage 2 assessment would have been specific to addressing archaeology and not other cultural heritage resources. The proponent acknowledges that there are structures over 40 years old, but then states that "to date there is no information that there are buildings that may be of potential cultural heritage value or interest." A 40 year old threshold is commonly used as an indicator of potential when conducting a preliminary survey for identification of cultural heritage resources. While the presence of a built feature that is 40 or more years old does not automatically signify cultural heritage value, it does make it more likely that the property could have cultural heritage value or interest. MTCS has included a checklist that helps identify other potential resources. **These need to be addressed as part of the EA report and the ToR should include a commitment to undertake the necessary studies for all areas of the project (including the transmission corridors and highway alternatives).**	

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4	On page 67 of the ToR it lists expected criteria for selecting Valued Socio-Economic Components. The second item listed is “Heritage or cultural resources (archaeology)”. Cultural heritage resources include archaeological resources, built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes. Each of these categories of the cultural environment need to be considered when identifying environmental components and considering effects. Additionally, it is not clear what analysis supports the conclusion in Table 14 Preliminary Summary of Potential Environmental Effects that there is expected to be to effects to physical and cultural heritage or identified structures of sites, the latter of which is meant to refer to “Structures or sites of historical, archaeological, paleontological or architectural significance.” Furthermore, it would appear that there is overlap between these two categories of components. It is suggested that they be combined into a single category that looks at cultural heritage resources, meaning specifically archaeological resources, built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes.	Noted. The Proposed ToR included only draft categories. The categories will be re-assessed in the EA Report as appropriate and have been revised in the Amended Proposed ToR (including Table 2 and Section 7.2.1). Your guidance is appreciated. In regards to Table 14, the ToR guide indicates that the "proponent may wish to include,... a preliminary list of the potential environmental effects,... actual determination,... will be required for the environmental assessment". RRR included a preliminary assessment of effects after mitigation, per the suggestion of the MOE. Table 14 was not intended to be comprehensive or provide a full explanation / substantiation of comments. The table has been revised based on subsequent guidance provided by the MOE. RRR is committed to assessment of the effects on cultural heritage resources in the EA.	MTCS: The definition of “environment” under the *Environmental Assessment Act* includes the cultural environment. Cultural heritage resources (archaeological resources, built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes) must be considered as part of the EA, both in terms of describing the existing environment and in terms of evaluating project impacts on cultural heritage resources and providing mitigation strategies. The ToR should make a commitment to undertake this work.	This clarification has been made in the Amended Proposed ToR.	None required.

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5	On page 91 of the ToR it indicates that the proponent is: "seeking information that Aboriginal people may have with respect to current populations of fish, wildlife and plants in the area to incorporate traditional knowledge into biological and physical studies for the area." It is suggested that traditional knowledge should also be sought regarding cultural heritage resources and incorporated into related technical studies.	Noted and this information is also being requested, although it was not stated explicitly in the Proposed ToR.	MTCS: The ToR should acknowledge that this information is being sought with respect to cultural heritage resources.	This has been included in the Amended Proposed ToR.	None required.
6	Neither [Appendix B nor Appendix C] includes a discussion of cultural heritage resources when considering effects on the human environment, which includes the cultural environment.	Noted. Cultural heritage resources as defined by MTCS will be considered in the EA Report. The work that went into the preparation of Appendix B and C did consider these aspects; however, the baseline documentation was not available to reference as it remains in progress. The routing assessment in the EA will include assessment of cultural heritage resources.	MTCS: The ToR should indicate that these types of resources will be considered during the EA, both in terms of describing the existing environment and in terms of evaluating project impacts on cultural heritage resources and providing mitigation strategies.	This is indicated in the Amended Proposed ToR. MTCS: It is not clear how impacts to cultural heritage resources could have been considered if there was not baseline documentation available. A preferred option was put forward in both appendices. It seems inappropriate to determine even a preliminary preferred option without having first gathered all the necessary baseline data. **The ToR should include a commitment that will consider impacts to cultural heritage resources for all of the project components (i.e. transmission corridor and highway alternatives).**	Amended Proposed ToR includes a commitment to conduct a specialized built heritage / cultural heritage assessment, with the results to be included in the EA report and utilized in assessing Project Alternatives. The preliminary assessment of transmission line and road routes in the Proposed ToR purposefully avoided all structures and none of the routes were expected to require demolition of any built structures (no matter the age). The preliminary routings will be re-assessed based on the results of the built heritage / cultural heritage resources investigation.

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7	We would also appreciate being kept informed regarding the manner in which MTCS' input has been considered, and wish to remain on the circulation list for this project.	Noted. RRR will ensure that MTCS' input is fully considered and they will be kept informed going forward. RRR has been in contact with Andrew Hinshelwood, Archaeology Review Officer in regards to the archaeological assessment.	MTCS: All other documentation and correspondence regarding this project should be sent to: Paula Kulpa Team Lead – Heritage Land Use Planning Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport Culture Division, Programs and Services Branch Culture Services Unit 401 Bay Street, Suite 1700 Toronto ON M7A 0A7 Paula.kulpa@ontario.ca	Please confirm if this is a change to our existing GRT contact Laura Hatcher, or in addition. MTCS – This is a change. Please remove Laura Hatcher from the GRT for this project.	Thank-you for your information. Ms Hatcher has been removed from the GRT list going forward.

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Stakeholder: **Individual**
Point of Contact: **Jeffrey Leon**
Comments Dated: **December 6, 2012**

#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE
1	As an Ontarian conscious of the wide-ranging benefits and pitfalls of large-scale mining, I am strongly in favour of the Rainy River Gold Project (RRGP) for its optimistic direction and bounty of economic benefits. Nonetheless, Rainy River Resources (RRR) must not lose focus on the potential environmental impacts that could burden the surrounding communities and natural habitat.	RRR appreciates your support, and agree that the potential environmental impacts should be considered in the EA Report as identified in the Proposed ToR, including in Section 7.2.
2	I was initially concerned about the possibility of tailings chemicals migrating through the regional watershed into the pristine wetlands of Lake Superior. A detailed look at the layout of neighbouring basins identifies more localized, westward flow of surface and groundwater, which should eliminate any detriment to the high quality water of this Great Lake.	The flow of surface water and groundwater as noted by Mr. Leon is indeed westward, as shown in part on Figure 2 of the Proposed ToR. Section 7.2.1 of the Proposed ToR indicates that the EA document will address potential impacts to surface water and groundwater.
3	Multiple stakeholders questioned the escape of cyanide and other toxic byproducts of mine/mill throughput at the public meeting held on September 1, 2012, since it could compromise the integrity of regional water sources. Representatives of RRR answered to these individuals with consistently vague replies, simply stating they have consultants assessing the potential risk.	For clarification, there were no public meetings held on September 1, 2012 (the Saturday of Labour Day weekend). RRR and its representatives always attempt to provide complete replies during all public meetings and attendees are encouraged to follow-up with RRR for more information / detail, if they feel they have been unable to obtain a satisfactory response (such as due to the number of people attending). RRR recognizes that the Environmental Assessment Report will need to demonstrate proper management of all reagents used at the mine processing facility to ensure environmental protection. Further information regarding potential environmental impacts is provided in Table 14 of the Proposed ToR (and as revised in the Amended Proposed ToR). Section 7.2.1 of the Proposed ToR indicates that the EA document will address potential impacts to surface water and groundwater.
4	I am concerned about proper regulation of local water resources due to these nondeterministic remarks combined with a lack of specific tailings management strategies in the project documentation. Will the entire tailings impoundment be lined with an impermeable material to prohibit the escape of toxins? I firmly believe that by conceding to this worthwhile investment, RRR can drastically reduce the concentration of local water-borne contaminants in the operation and decommissioning phases of monitoring the mine.	The function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process. The description of the undertaking as required by the Guide and as provided in Section 4.1 of the Proposed ToR is a "preliminary description (below is) provided in order to assist in the ToR review process, and should not be considered finalized." It is purposefully not definitive in regards to the tailings management area location. RRR proposes to use pre-treatment of effluent and tailings as its primary means of mitigation potential impacts from the tailings management area. The RRGP is very fortunate to be located within an area with vast resources of very low

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		permeability clays. These materials will be utilized within the TMA to enhance containment of all tailings materials. Lining of the entire tailings management area with an impermeable geo-synthetic material is not an industry standard mitigation measures and would be economically prohibitive for the RRGP.
5	Additional public concern has been raised regarding water quality relating to the impacts on groundwater wells. I would like to expand on my previous statement by calling into question if RRR has created a directive to manage the effect of their tailings pond on the local watershed in response to flooding or heavy rainfall events. How is the proponent ensuring these potential risks will not degrade the surrounding aqueous environments that nearby communities are dependent on for a freshwater supply?	Thank-you for your comment, however as stated above, the function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process. The description of the undertaking as required by the Guide and as provided in Section 4.1 of the Proposed ToR is a "preliminary description,... provided in order to assist in the ToR review process, and should not be considered finalized." It is purposefully not definitive in regards to the tailings management area design in order that alternatives can be consulted upon, although the aspects raised by Mr. Leon are always considered seriously during the engineering process. The TMA is being designed for full containment – including for the maximum probable storm event. Further detail will be provided in the EA Report regarding the tailings management area design features to manage flooding / heavy rainfall events, if any. Section 7.2.1 of the Proposed ToR indicates that the EA document will address potential impacts to surface water and groundwater.
6	An additive impact of the RRGP's massive physical presence on the natural environment is that the open pit mine, waste stockpile, processing plants, tailings management areas, transmission lines, and new road network all directly encroach on the habitat of thirteen Species at Risk (SAR). The smaller tributaries in closer contact with the project area link up to the Pinewood River, a home to large-bodied fish with integral ecosystem importance. The forest and wetlands nearby are home to a variety of avian, mammal, amphibian and reptile species as well. Knowing that three of these species are classified as threatened, I would highly recommend obtaining the Provincial Species at Risk Permit to exercise environmental responsibility in anticipation that this project will likely harm these animals.	For clarity, the Proposed ToR does not indicate that the RRGP will directly encroach on the habitat of thirteen SAR, rather that there are thirteen SAR known to be present in the RRGP environs (Table 13). RRR is working closely with both the Ministry of Natural Resources and Trent University to study Species at Risk in support of mine development. Table 19 of the Proposed ToR indicates that a Species at Risk Screening is anticipated to be required related to management of activities associated with SAR. Through consultation with the local Ministry of Natural Resources, we understand that a Species at Risk Permit(s) are required.

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7	The project motives are impressive for their negligible effect on human recreational activity and protected land infringement. The heritage centers, museums, campground and Rainy River boating ventures characteristic to the township of Chapple and the surrounding district appear to be unaffected by the mining operations. The pursuit RRR undertook in gaining insightful opinions from regional First Nations communities identifies the company as a dignified party serious about accounting for public views in their EA process.	Your acknowledgement of the considerable efforts made by RRR is appreciated. RRR will continue to work with all local and regional stakeholders to ensure project development supports long-term community sustainability.
8	While I stand in strong accord with the RRGP, the proponent must remain vigilant in protecting the local water quality and engage in more rigorous mitigation tactics to prevent a decline in SAR and threatened wildlife.	RRR appreciates your support, and agree that the aspects identified are important and will be fully considered in the EA Report as identified in the Proposed ToR, including in Section 7.2.

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Stakeholder: **International Joint Commission**
Point of Contact: **David Fay**
Comments Dated: **October 29, 2012**

#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE
1	Thank you for sending your memo of October 19,2012 and the enclosed documents regarding the proposed terms of reference for the Rainy River Gold Project to the attention of Mr. Bernard Beckhoff of the International Joint Commission. Mr. Beckhoff, the Commission's Public Affairs Advisor, has forwarded the documents to me for response. The International Joint Commission was established under the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 to help the United States and Canada prevent and resolve disputes over the use of the waters the two countries share. Its responsibilities include considering applications for projects that affect the natural levels and flows of boundary waters. The Commission will not be commenting on the Terms of Reference for this environmental assessment, however the proposed project within the Rainy River drainage basin may be of interest to the Commission and we would appreciate being kept informed of the progress of this EA.	Thank-you for your comments. RRR will continue to keep the IJC informed regarding the RRGP. Kyle Stanfield will be contacting Mr. Fay to provide him with a summary of the consultation activities RRR has completed with the IJC to date.

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Stakeholder: **Métis Nation of Ontario**
Point of Contact: **Brian Tucker, Acting Director, Lands, Resources, Consultations Branch**
Comments Dated: **January 8, 2013**

#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE COMMENTS	REVISED RRR RESPONSE
1	Firstly, I would like to note that the term "Aboriginal" includes First Nation, Métis and Inuit people. In the context of this Project, "Aboriginal" should be taken to mean both First Nation and Métis people. This term should be defined/clarified somewhere in the TOR.	Thank-you for your comment. This is the manner in which the term Aboriginal has been used in the Proposed ToR. The Glossary of the Amended Proposed ToR has been revised to clarify the definition of the term Aboriginal accordingly.	Once amended ToR has been submitted, MOE can at that point, confirm that this has been done.	Response acknowledged with thanks.
2	AppD-6: It is stated that RRR "has negotiated or is in the process of negotiating various agreements with local First Nations and Métis groups to facilitate community involvement...". However, despite the MNO tabling an MOU for discussion in 2010 that would provide support for consultation activities, including a traditional knowledge and land use study, RRR has not engaged in discussions regarding this proposed agreement. Although the discussions at a second meeting on November 30, 2012 seem somewhat encouraging toward the initiation of a consultation process, this occurred after the TOR was released. We would ask that RRR clarify its statements to reflect this lack of meaningful discussion/negotiation with the Métis community.	Rainy River Resources was pleased to attend a formal meeting with the MNO Region 1 Consultation Committee on November 30, 2012 in Kenora. Rainy River Resources was informed by the MNO during the meeting that a new proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) including a revised request for funding would be forthcoming as part of a revised MOU to be shared with Rainy River Resources in the near future. The Company looks forward to receiving the revised proposed MOU and working towards a mutually agreeable document.	Q to RRR: What consultation occurred between 2010 and formal submission of the ToR, if any with MNO (Sunset County), including sending out project notices, invites to PICs. . . . . Why did RRR only meet with MNO on November 30, 2012 after formal submission of the ToR? A record of consultation that has transpired after formal submission of the ToR should be provided to the ministry for the project file.	Prior to the meeting in November 2012, RRR has had numerous communications (telephone and e-mail) to try and secure a mutually agreeable meeting time to discuss the RRGP and the ToR. RRR also sent notices as well as a copy of the Draft Terms of Reference to the MNO on May 16, 2012. As per direction from the Ministry subsequently in May 2012, RRR sent project notices to the Sunset Country Métis informing them of the commencement and submission of the proposed TOR. RRR has also extended invitation to the MNO Region 1 Consultation Committee to participate in ceremonial events held at the RRGP site. RRR has been in contact with the Sunset Country Métis as the local representative of the Métis. The local community consultation group has not directed RRR to the MNO for further representation. We can provide a copy of the November 30, 2012 meeting notes for your records on request.

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3	p. AppD-8 – Aboriginal Treaty Rights Related to RRGP: This section discusses potential impacts on First Nations people, but it excludes potential impacts to the Métis community. RRR has not consulted the Métis community, has not provided capacity for a traditional knowledge and land use study, and has not requested information on potential impacts. Given this, this section of the TOR almost completely excludes the Métis people and is primarily relevant to First Nations communities. Further, it should also be noted that there are Métis in the region with treaty rights as a result of the Half-Breed Adhesion to Treaty #3, and there are also Métis in the region with Aboriginal rights. This is absent from the TOR as well.	Rainy River Resources is working with the MNO to understand how the Company can avoid project impacts to the Métis way of life. Rainy River Resources expects to address capacity for a Traditional Knowledge and Land Use study through MOU discussions. Appendix D of the Proposed ToR provides additional information specific to Métis people. As per Section 3.3 of Appendix D of the Proposed ToR, RRR has requested information from "First Nations and Métis on potential impacts, as well as current collection and consumption information on country foods and products from hunting, fishing and trapping. To date, community and band discussions have revealed little traditional use of the area and low reliance on hunting fishing and trapping within the Project area as a significant part of household consumption or economic reliance." Section 3.3 of Appendix D of the Proposed ToR, identifies Métis as part of Treaty #3 by means of an adhesion, and lists that Treaty #3 rights afforded to local First Nations and "half-breeds of Rainy River and Lake" included: • Fishing and hunting throughout the tract; • Supplies to continue agricultural practices; • Harvesting rice and other plants; and • Entitlement to education, annual financial disbursements, clothing, lands and title to these granted lands.	Please confirm if RRR did consult with the MNO (Sunset County) during the development of the ToR and refer to appropriate sections of the ToR/Record of Consultation. RRR may want to consider saying that it continues to consider capacity of TK and land use studies with communities. When does RRR plan on meeting with MNO again? Is there a date set for the next meeting?	As described in the RoCDM, RRR provided a copy of the Notice of Commencement and Submission of the Proposed ToR to the Sunset Country Métis. RRR did not receive requests for further information or comments from the Sunset Country Métis on the draft TOR. RRR will consider TK/TLU information provided from communities and will consider providing capacity to communities as the need arises (as noted above).The discussions on the MOU and gathering information on the Métis way of life will continue when the Métis advise RRR.

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#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE COMMENTS	REVISED RRR RESPONSE
4	The proponent should be required to integrate Aboriginal and public consultation outcomes into the consideration and mitigation of environmental effects.	Understood. This is part of the environmental assessment process. Section 5.3 indicates that the evaluation of alternatives will be undertaken in consideration of comments received and the results of consultation and discussions with the general public, Aboriginal communities and government reviewers. Further, Appendix B, Section 5.1.2 and 5.2.2, indicates that objectives specific to Aboriginal Groups are to: • Ensure Aboriginal groups have had an adequate opportunity to understand the RRGP and identify potential impacts to Aboriginal or Treaty rights and interests; • Demonstrate how the RRGP (or components of the RRGP) has been modified to reduce or avoid those impacts; • Provide an explanation of why the RRGP (or components of the project) cannot be modified to reduce or avoid the impacts; and • Provide an explanation of how the communities have been either accommodated or compensated for remaining impacts that cannot be avoided.	MOE is satisfied with response.	Response acknowledged with thanks.

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5	The proponent should be required to work with Aboriginal communities to acquire traditional knowledge for consideration in the project.	Rainy River Resources has been working with local First Nation communities to understand traditional knowledge for project consideration. Rainy River Resources is looking forward to understanding how the Company can avoid project impacts to the Métis way of life. Per communications to date, we would appreciate the opportunity to further our discussions regarding this aspect.	As per section ??? and appendices ??? of the ToR, RRR has been working with local FN communities to understand TK for project consideration. RRR continues to work with local communities to address capacity for a TK study? Is there a commitment in the ToR that states that RRR is committed to working with local communities on address capacity to undertake a TK and land use study?	As per Section 3.3 of Appendix D of the Proposed ToR, RRR has requested information from "First Nations and Métis on potential impacts, as well as current collection and consumption information on country foods and products from hunting, fishing and trapping." Rainy River Resources is working with the MNO to understand how the Company can avoid project impacts to the Métis way of life. Rainy River Resources expects to address capacity for a Traditional Knowledge and Land Use study through MOU discussions.
6	The proponent should be required to take an approach that considers both scientific and traditional knowledge in the decisions related to the project. The Métis community must be included in such knowledge collection efforts as part of meaningful consultation.	Rainy River Resources welcomes additional discussions with the Métis community to ensure that Métis traditional knowledge can be integrated with the traditional knowledge study underway with several nearby First Nations communities. As per Section 3.3 of Appendix D of the Proposed ToR, community and band discussions have revealed little traditional use of the area and low reliance on hunting fishing and trapping within the Project area as a significant part of household consumption or economic reliance. Nonetheless, it is a standard protocol to consider traditional knowledge in both decisions related to the project as well as the assessment of project effects in the EA Report itself. The Amended Proposed ToR includes this commitment (in revised Table 3).	MOE is satisfied with response.	Response acknowledged with thanks.

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7	Species being included in the VECs must include those of importance to health and socio-economic conditions, cultural heritage and the current use of land and resources for traditional purposes by Aboriginal persons, including the Métis community. It is essential that the species chosen for inclusion in the VECs include those that are important to Métis people. These species can only be identified through appropriate consultation with the Métis community.	The Proposed ToR identifies VECs and VSECs as Valued Ecosystem (VECs) and Socio-Economic Components (VSECs) are those aspects of the natural and human environment that are particularly notable or valued because of their ecological, scientific, resource, socio-economic, cultural, health, aesthetic, or spiritual importance, and which have a potential to be adversely affected by Project development. Section 7.2.1 of the Amended Proposed ToR includes a stated (rather than as just implied in the Proposed ToR), commitment to consider aspects identified through TK or other means, and components valued by Aboriginal groups (including Métis) in the identification of VECs and VSECs.	MOE is satisfied with response.	Response acknowledged with thanks.
8	It is essential to ensure that the TOR contributes to an understanding of how the project might affect the Métis community.	The function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potentially affected stakeholders and Aboriginal groups can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process. The EA process will include a commitments listing that will ensure any potential effects to Métis Community members that are identified are mitigated appropriately.	A commitment in the ToR, along with the EA would be acceptable to the MOE.	Rainy River Resources is working with the MNO to understand how the Company can avoid project impacts to the Métis way of life. Rainy River Resources expects to address capacity for a Traditional Knowledge and Land Use study through MOU discussions. This commitment will be made in the ToR.

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9	The Métis community's perception of the adverse impacts (from the community's perspective, what are the potential impacts, how likely are they, how will it affect the community currently and in the future) should be included in the TOR. Such information would have to be collected by meaningful consultation with potentially affected Métis community.	Thank-you for your comment. As identified above, the function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potentially affected stakeholders and Aboriginal groups can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process. Nonetheless, the Proposed ToR does include a preliminary assessment of potential impacts in Table 14. This table has been expanded upon in the Amended Proposed ToR.	ToR is also supposed to list potential impacts that will be considered, assessed and mitigated in the EA. This is the answer to the concern, include the potential impacts listed in Table 14 that are specific for impacts on local Metis and First Nation communities.	RRR has not been provided any information from the Métis community in regards to specific potential impacts. Table 14 of the Amended Proposed ToR indicates impacts specific to local Métis and First Nations in regards to traditional land use etc.
10	We feel that it is important that the proponent write out specific commitments to Aboriginal concerns.	The EA process will include a commitments listing that will ensure any potential effects to Aboriginal Community members that are identified are mitigated appropriately. Section 8.0 of the Proposed ToR includes the following: "The EA will also include a comprehensive record of any commitments made through the public consultation process. These commitments may relate to the construction, operation or decommissioning phases of the RRGP and any of its constituent components."	ToR should also include commitments specific to Aboriginal concerns that will be addressed in the EA.	The Amended Proposed ToR will include commitments to address specific Aboriginal concerns expressed to date in the EA

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11	The TOR should clearly contain a clause requiring the identification of potential mitigation measures for impacts to Aboriginal communities in the case where a potential Aboriginal impact cannot be addressed by the mitigation of an environmental impact.	Appendix B, Section 5.1.2 and 5.2.2 of the Proposed ToR, indicates that objectives specific to Aboriginal Groups are to: • Demonstrate how the RRGP (or components of the RRGP) has been modified to reduce or avoid those impacts; • Provide an explanation of why the RRGP (or components of the project) cannot be modified to reduce or avoid the impacts; and • Provide an explanation of how the communities have been either accommodated or compensated for remaining impacts that cannot be avoided.	MOE is satisfied with response.	Response acknowledged with thanks.
12	I must stress the importance of a follow-up program as it relates to the Métis community. It is essential that there is required follow-up on the implementation of mitigation and accommodation resulting from consultation with the Métis community.	Rainy River Resources will work with the Métis community during mine operations to ensure mitigation programs are reasonable. Section 8.0 of the Proposed ToR includes the following: "During the EA, a monitoring framework will be developed for the post-EA phase, to address all stages of the proposed undertaking (design, construction, operation and decommissioning). It will include compliance and effects monitoring if appropriate, as well as any follow-up programs."	Mitigation programs need to be determined in the EA. Additional language should be added there that a monitoring framework will be developed in consideration of comments raised by Aboriginal communities, public, stakeholders and government agencies.	The Amended Proposed ToR will include a similar statement as suggested.

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13	The TOR should explicitly require the inclusion of Aboriginal communities in the study of cumulative environmental effects.	Cumulative effects analyses are conducted in standard manner across Canada. Section 7.2.3 of the Proposed ToR provides a description of the methodology proposed, which is consistent with the requirements of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. The text has been clarified in the Amended Proposed ToR as follows: "The cumulative effects analysis presented in the EA will therefore be restricted to the analysis of cumulative effects on the existing environmental baseline related to identified projects and activities that "will be carried out"; and to those projects of significance within the broader regional context, which may overlap the undertaking in regards to type of effect, time and space. The cumulative effects analysis may extend to projects located beyond the physical boundaries of the LSA and the RSA, if the there is a potential for the effects to overlap with the RRGP." RRR would welcome information from the Métis to identify project and activities that will be carried out and that may overlap with the RRGP, and should therefore be considered in the cumulative effects analysis.	A commitment should be added in the ToR that the cumulative effects analyses will seek input from Aboriginal communities.	The Amended Proposed ToR will include a similar statement as suggested.

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Stakeholder: **Ministry of Northern Development and Mines**
Point of Contact: **Julie McFarling, Lands Technician**
Comments Dated: **November 20, 2012**

Red: RRR's revised response to MNDM's comment
Green: MOE's revised response to AMEC
Blue: MNDM's revised response to AMEC

#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE/MNDM Response	RRR REVISED RESPONSE
1	Comments for the Rainy River Resources Ltd ToR: • Area of interest appears to be within several claims. These claims are held by Rainy River Resources. • Area of interest may extend into claims that are not held by Rainy River Resources. It's difficult to tell from Figure 2 -Preliminary Site Plan Conceptual Layout. If they do, a surface rights compensation agreement with the claimholder would be needed. To make the determination of an exact location, a shape file or list of coordinates would be required. It's not possible for me to be exactly sure where the areas of interest are from the coordinates provided with Figure 2. • Most of the area of interest falls within Mining and Surface Rights Patents and/or Mining Rights Leases, Surface Rights Patents ("private land"). Ownership information could be obtained from the Land Registry Office.	Noted. This information is appreciated. RRR has a comprehensive lands database and other information to track land ownership aspects, including claims held by others, gathered in part from the Land Registry Office.	MOE: Will AMEC revised Figure 2 to better identify the area of interest? **MNDM: Satisfied with response regarding obtaining ownership information. Will AMEC be providing shape file or better identification of area of interest?**	Figure 2 in the Proposed ToR shows the area of interest by the placement of the facilities on the figure. As previously discussed with and agreed upon by the MOE and the CEA Agency, there are a number of potential land transactions that are currently sensitive which does not allow RRR to provide greater detail at this time. We appreciate the offer of assistance from MNDM. Once land ownership aspects are better progressed, this information can be provided to MNDM, per their request, such that MNDM can provide better guidance in regards to compensation agreements etc. if needed, at a later date.

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Stakeholder: **Ministry of Northern Development and Mines**
Point of Contact: **Jane Gillon, Northern Development Officer**
Comments received: **November 19, 2012**

#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE/MNDM Response	RRR REVISED RESPONSE
1	I have reviewed the socio economic areas of the "Proposed Terms of Reference" and offer the following: • The economy of the Rainy River District is in decline. • The largest employer in the region Resolute Forest Products has had some market issues and has been shut down for market related reasons a few times over the past few years however is still in full operation and employs approximately 550 workers. The financial crisis of a few years ago saw US housing starts falter and Canadian exports to the US have slowed and this has impacted the economy of the area. • Any diversification of the economy of the Rainy River District is positive and complements the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario and the mandated responsibilities of the Northern Development Division of MNDM.	Noted. This information will be used during preparation of the EA Report as appropriate.	MOE: Satisfied with response.	Acknowledged with appreciation.
2	The jobs that will come as a result of the Rainy River Resources gold mine and the mine construction will on the whole be welcomed by the Rainy River District residents; however the following information is suggested for inclusion in the EA. The socio economic impact of the project on the Municipality of Chapple where the gold project resides should be detailed specifically. Chapple is a stand alone municipality under the Municipal Act and will	Noted. These aspects will be addressed in the EA. Based on the source information which is available and meetings with various organizations including your Northern Development Office, RRR believes that the socio-economic impact of the project will be overwhelmingly positive for the District.	MOE and MNDM are satisfied with response.	Acknowledged with appreciation.

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	be the first to feel any impacts and/or potential benefits. The socio economic impact of the project on the municipalities and First Nation communities of Rainy River District also should also be detailed collectively, these items should be discussed: • The number and distribution of people who could be affected • The social and economic impacts of the gold mine on the area, including • Local employment and training • Local procurement • Population changes • Demands on local services and infrastructure • Regional and provincial benefits • Trapping, hunting, fishing, agriculture, tourism, forestry and manufacturing			
3	• Impacts of the potential project on local/area utilities, transportation and communication networks. • The economic impacts of the project on the Rainy River District and on Northwestern Ontario, having regard for capital, labour and other costs. In addition, discuss Rainy River Resource's policies and programs respecting the use of local, Ontario and Canadian goods and services. Provide an estimated breakdown of Ontario, other Canadian and non-Canadian industrial benefits from Project management/engineering, equipment and materials, construction labour and operations. Also provide a breakdown of the type of materials and services that will need to be acquired in the	Noted. These impacts will be assessed and/or provided in the EA.	MOE and MNDM are satisfied with response.	Acknowledged with appreciation.

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	construction and operation of the mine and the opportunity that may exist for the local/regional procurement of these items. • The employment and business development opportunities the Project that may be created for First Nations, Métis, local communities and the region. Provide a breakdown of the type of employment and number of employees with respect to construction and operational workforces. Identify the source of labour for the project. Impacts of the project on potential shortages of skilled labour in the region. Identify and discuss plans to address these impacts. • Impacts of the project on potential shortages of affordable housing and the social ramifications. Identify and discuss the mitigation plans to address these impacts. Provide a summary of any discussions that have taken place with local municipalities. • A process is needed that provides a coordinated and effective channel through which regional and cumulative socio economic impacts can be addressed in a meaningful and demonstrable way. A system to adequately monitor and verify predictions with regard to socio economic and health issues. • Reliable source information that strategic decisions can be made is especially important in the socio economic area, given the expected growth the District could experience.			

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#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE/MNDM Response	RRR REVISED RESPONSE
4	The last paragraph on Page 48 of the proposed ToR indicates that the Township of Emo has a water treatment plant with capacity. Emo has approached Ontario seeking funding for a new or expanded water treatment plant because they are at capacity.	Noted. This information is appreciated.	MOE: Will AMEC make appropriate revisions in the amended ToR given that information is incorrect?	This information has been removed from the Amended Proposed ToR (Section 7.8.3).
5	The second paragraph on Page 49 of the proposed ToR indicates that three dams and a generating station are owned and operated by Resolute Forest Products. The dams and generating stations were set up as a separate company some time ago. H2O power LP is the successor company to AbitibiBowater's ACH LP Operations. H2O Power LP was established in May 2011 on completion of the sale by AbitibiBowater LP of the ACH LP assets. The assets, among others, included the Fort Frances Generating Station on the Rainy River, the Squirrel Falls/Kettle Falls Control Dam at the outlet of Namakan Lake and the Calm Lake and Surgeon Falls Generating Station on the Seine River.	Noted. This information is appreciated.	MOE: Will AMEC make appropriate revisions in the amended ToR given that the information is incorrect?	The ownership of the facilities has been removed from the Amended Proposed ToR (Section 7.8.3).

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Stakeholder: **Ministry of Northern Development and Mines**
Point of Contact: **Neal Bennett, Mineral Exploration and Development Consultant**
Comments Dated: **November 27, 2012**

#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE/MNDM RESPONSE	RRR REVISED RESPONSE
1	The proponent should describe the anticipated power needs of the project in ToR or say they will describe the anticipated power needs of the project in the EA. The power requirements for the project are usually described for each phase of the project (i.e.construction, operation).The information would support the need for the 230 kV transmission line connection (comment submitted on behalf of Cisca McInnis from ENERGY)	Preliminary engineering completed to the time of the Proposed ToR submission indicates that a 230 kV transmission line is required and as described in the document. Further information regarding the RRGP power needs will be provided in the EA Report (and will be detailed in submissions to the Ontario Energy Board). The mine has a planned power requirement of 54 megawatts (MW) when in full production. About three quarters of the power requirement is for the processing plant, with the balance required by the mine itself, along with ancillary needs such as dewatering, administration, etc. The choice of a 230 kV connection is driven by a combination of the level of anticipated demand, supply reliability and technical requirements associated with the drives for the large mill motors. During construction, electrical power demand is expected to be relatively low, at around 2 to 3 MW or less for most of the construction period, rising to around 5 MW prior to commissioning of the processing plant. The current schedule anticipates the 230 kV connection will be in service for the later stages of construction.	MOE to AMEC: As described in the ToR? If so, please specify section of the ToR.	Sections 3.1, 5.1, 5.2.1, 5.2.3, 6.3.12 and Table 1 indicate that the currently preferred option is the development of a 230 kV connection to the existing Ontario electrical grid. Section 6.3.12 of the Amended Proposed ToR has been revised to include the information provided in the original RRR Response.

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2	On page 7 of the Record of Consultation document there is a list of the First Nation Communities and Métis identified to receive information on the project. On page 17 of the same document Rainy River Resources (RRR) lists who they distributed the ToR to. These lists do not match. The ToR should be distributed to all communities identified by the Crown. This ensures that the document is in a format that is accessible by the community and would ensure that they have had a sufficient amount of time to understand and comment on the document. These are commitments made by RRR throughout the draft ToR document.	Table 2 of the Record of Consultation, Discussions and Meetings contains the list of First Nation or Métis Group which RRR was instructed to consult or notify per direction of MNDM on May 17, 2012. The communities identified for consultation all received copies of the Proposed ToR. Those identified for notification were notified of the availability of the Proposed ToR and were provided with copies of the Notice of Submission (with links to where they can find the ToR?) (If so, AMEC please make this clear in your response.) The listing on Page 17 refers to those communities that received copies of the draft ToR. The draft ToR was issued prior to receiving this guidance from MNDM.	MNDM to AMEC: MNDM maintains that after RRR received the updated consultation/notification list (May 17, 2012) that all subsequent documents or information on where documents can be found. AMEC – please confirm this?	A summary of the proposed consultation on and issuance of the Proposed ToR is provided in Consultation and Engagement Plan (Appendix D) of the Proposed ToR. RRR/AMEC provided documentation to the MOE confirming the issuance of the Proposed ToR / RoCDM and Notice of Submission after completion of the issuances and can provide again on request.
3	RRR must ensure that all comments/concerns/meeting requests to talk about the project are documented. In a cursory review of the consultation record MNDM did notice that not all correspondences/comments/requests have been included. An example noted is within Appendix F-14, there should be a record that reflects the meeting requests from Nigigoonsiminikaaning made outside of the Fort Frances Chief Secretariat (FFCS).The purpose was to discuss their individual community concerns with the project and agreement process with RRR. The record should also reflect the company's response and action. The Consultation Record must be all inclusive and after cursory review by MNDM it does not seem to accurately represent this.	All of the comments provided prior to the cut-off date stated in the Proposed ToR (September 1, 2012), including those received from the MNDM on the Draft ToR, were fully considered in the preparation of the Proposed ToR. MNDM comments were abbreviated, as were all comments received. There has been no intent to scribe comments and responses incorrectly. For transparency purposes, RRR has issued the entire comment / response table related to MNDM's comments on the Draft ToR with this response table and have modified the ROCs accordingly for inclusion in the Amended Proposed ToR and EA Report. In regards to the Nigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, there are records that reflect discussions and meetings; however, these activities occurred after September 1, 2012 (the cut-off date for the Proposed ToR as	**MOE to AMEC: Based on our previous discussions, I believe the September 1, 2012 cut-off date has now been changed to include any comments and consultation on the ToR, including the PICs held in November? Please clarify.** **The consultation record is to document, at minimum the consultation efforts undertaken by the proponent during the development of the ToR.** MOE to AMEC: To be clear, these records will now be added to the amended ToR and revised Record of Consultation?	Yes, the new records include everything that was done up to November 9, 2012 including the November 7 and 8, 2012 open houses.

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		identified on the title page of Appendix F). The follow up is presented in records contained in the Amended Proposed ToR. Rainy River Resources has been meeting with this First Nation subsequent to the September 1, 2012cutoff. The consultation record for the EA Report will reflect these activities.		

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ATTACHMENT 1
DETAILED MNDM COMMENTS AND RESPONSES ON DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

Stakeholder: **Ministry of Northern Development and Mines**
Point of Contact: **Neal Bennett, Mineral Exploration and Development Consultant, Mineral Development and Lands Branch**
Comments received: **June 15, 2012**

General comment: It's not clear to MOE why MNDM's comments on the draft ToR are included as part of the comments received on the final proposed ToR? Please explain.
The table below was specifically referenced in the MNDM comments / RRR responses above (the table below was provided in the Proposed ToR as well) and was provided for ease of review.

COMMENT #	COMMENT (as provided)	RESPONSE/ REVISED TEXT	PROPOSED ToR REFERENCE	STATUS
1	The Aboriginal Consultation and Engagement Plan (ACEP) should show that the Provincial government[i] has delegated the procedural aspects of consultation to Rainy River Resources Ltd (RRR). It should explain what the procedural aspects are and how the Crown will be providing oversight to the process. It is important that this is stated overtly in the ToR but also cite MOE ToR guidance document.	Noted and will be revised in the Proposed ToR.	9.5.1 AppD, Section 3.1	Complete
2	The ACEP must document that the Crown has verified that a duty to consult has been triggered and who is owed the duty. It should also note that the scope of consultation is determined by the Crown and that it is assessed on an on-going basis throughout the EA and permitting/approval process. The updated Consultation list provided to RRR should be reflected in the ToR.	Noted and will be revised in the Proposed ToR.	9.5.1 9 AppD, Section 3.1	Complete
3	Assessment and oversight by the Crown is currently be provide on other mine development projects through the bi-weekly meetings between the proponent-CEAA-MOE-MNDM and documented through meeting notes. RRR should consider this approach. I suggest meeting with the relevant agencies to discuss.	RRR would welcome bi-weekly approaches to ensure alignment of all regulatory agencies and have requested regular meetings previously.	NA	Not established as yet
4	If community specific communications strategies are going to be used then that commitment should also be in the ACEP.	Noted and will be revised in the Proposed ToR if appropriate.	9.5.5 AppD	Complete
5	It should be noted that although organized bodies such as the Fort Frances Chief Secretariat (FFCS) exist the duty to consult lies with the individual communities.	Noted.	Table 18 Table AppD-1 RoCDM, Table 2	Complete

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6	There should be a cross reference to the EIS guidelines and the Federal aboriginal consultation work plan and/or a confirmation that the commitments made in the ToR are in addition to any of the oRRRations contained in those documents.	Noted. EIS Guidelines were not available as of the preparation of the Draft ToR. The Draft ToR indicates that consultation efforts will be coordinated with those of the federal EA if possible. If the Guidelines are available as of the time of the preparation of the Proposed ToR and cross reference table will be provided.	NA	NA; EA Report will include concordance and commitment tables as appropriate
7	During consultation on other mine development projects in the regions the Crown repeatedly heard from communities that they would like the opportunity to verify that the proponent has accurately recorded their comments and concerns. For this reason RRR should include commitments to provide meeting notes so each community has the opportunity to verify for accuracy before they are finalized (10 day review period before they are finalized). The Crown should be cc'd on this correspondence. This process should continue throughout the EA. It is particularly important to do this for any issues related to concerns, options and potential mitigation measures contemplate during the next stage of the EA process.	Notes from meetings prepared of all relevant meetings. Where an identified individual is available to accept the draft notes, they will be provided with an opportunity to review a draft prior to finalization. RRR requires that the individual representing the Crown to be copied on this correspondence be identified.	AppD Section 5.1.3	Complete
8	Comments and concerns have been raised by the Aboriginal communities to date should be documented. The ToR should also establish a clear link between those comments and concerns and the commitments that will address them.	Further detail will be provided in the Proposed ToR.	AppF	Complete
9	MNDM recommends that RRR use the attached consultation /issues tracking table to aid the Crown in assessing the adequacy of consultation and impacts to rights.	A similar table will be provided with the Proposed ToR.	AppF	Complete
10	There should be a clear commitment in the ToR (ACEP) that when the EA report is prepared it will clearly document the following: • That the Aboriginal communities have had an adequate opportunity to understand the project and identify potential impacts • How the project (or components of the project) has been modified to reduce or avoid those impacts • An explanation of why the project (or components of the project) cannot be modified to reduce or avoid the impacts. • An explanation of how the communities have been either	Meetings with both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal groups will be documented as will commitments that may become necessary as a result of consultation and discussions.	AppE AppF	Complete

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	accommodated or compensated for remaining impacts that cannot be avoided.			
11	It is recommended that both the Provincial and Federal representatives review the consultation record prior to the final submission of the ToR.	A revised Record of Consultation record will be provided in the Proposed ToR.	AppF RoCDM	Complete
12	Other proponents currently undertaking EA's are planning to include a Draft CP as part of their EA documentation. RRR can make a commitment in the ToR if this is going to be pursued.	Noted.	5.4.13	Complete; to be considered in the EA as applicable
13	Baseline studies should consider the requirements outlined in Ontario Regulation 240/00 of the Mining Act.	Noted. Requirements outlined in Ontario Regulation 240/00 of the *Mining Act* were considered in the design and implementation of baseline studies for the RRGP.	NA; 6.2 to 6.7	Complete
14	For Closure Planning purposes, an important potential environmental impact that our Ministry will be interested in having quantified is the potential for waste rock and tailings to produce acid rock drainage (ARD) and/or metal leaching (ML). We will also want to know the mitigation techniques that might be employed to address any ARD/ML concerns. It would be helpful if the ToR specifically mentions this and describes in more detail the EA work that is planned to study ARD/ML potential.	Noted. Further details will be provided in the Proposed ToR and EA as applicable.	6.3.3	Complete
15	Another specific Closure Planning-related item that should be addressed through the EA is the final status of the pit lake that can be expected to develop after close-out. Key questions that should be answered include the expected time frame for the pit to fill with water (this can be done through the development of the groundwater flow model), the likely location(s) of overflow, and a prediction of possible pit lake water quality concerns (ARD/ML-related).	The Proposed ToR will be revised to include closure alternatives. Further details regarding closure and potential environmental impacts will be presented in the EA (and subsequent Closure Plan prepared pursuant to the *Mining Act*).	5.4.13	Complete; to be considered in the EA as applicable
16	I suggest that meeting be arranged between MOE, MNDM and RRR to discuss decommissioning/closure planning components of the EA before formally submitting the ToR.	Baseline inter-agency meetings underway. Additional pre-EA meetings will be scheduled in the future to discuss such issues.	NA	On-going
17	Explain that the ToR is in addition to the requirements of the EIS guidelines.	The function of the ToR is to define how the Provincial EA will be carried out and what will be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process. The Proposed ToR will be revised to clarify that the EA will also be intended to fulfill the EIS Guidelines, should a Federal EA be required.	Preface 2	Complete

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18	More detail on land tenure could be needed for Provincial Ministries to fully understand and identify their potential permitting and approval roles. For example, does RRR own the right to aggregate, timber, etc… on all parcels of land to be developed?	Noted. This information will be provided during the environmental approvals process as needed.	NA	To be provided during environmental approvals processes

[i]This has been jointly done by the Provincial ministries with a permitting or approval role. Includes; MNDM, MNR, and MOE. MAA provided input and advice to these ministries. These ministries worked with CEAA to ensure consistency with the Federal government (to the extent possible).

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Stakeholder: **Individual**
Point of Contact: **Glenda Weir**
Comments Dated: **November 14, 2012**

#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE RESPONSE	ADDITIONAL RRR RESPONSE
1	I am for this project going through as this area needs diversification in its industry.	Noted.	MOE ok with response.	Thank-you for your comments.
2	However, as a resident who read the initial environmental assessment, I was concerned that the spring water aquifers we use for residential and farm use were not mentioned. We are lucky enough to have spring fed water that is a consistent 4 degree Celsius in summer or winter, is delicious tasting and of consistent flow rates. Water not used in our home, fills our pond and eventually flows into the Rainy River through tap ditches.	The EA Report will be made available for public comment in the spring of 2013 and will address both surface and groundwater uses.	Refer to specific sections in the ToR that states that potential impacts to both surface water and groundwater will be addressed in the EA.	The function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process. Section 7.2.1 of the Proposed ToR indicates that the EA document will address potential impacts to surface water and groundwater.
3	Prior to getting a mortgage on the property, the water was tested. I would like to be ensured that the water flow or quality will not be impacted by this project. I would like to know if we should start testing water samples to ensure we are not exposed to any contaminants and what testing should be done. I would like to know that there will be no leaching into the ground water from tailings piles for years to come.	The EA Report will include an assessment of both surface and groundwater.	Please respond to the question about whether or not the resident should begin testing water samples and concern about leaching into the groundwater.	RRR does not feel it is appropriate to direct whether or not the land owner should test their water supply. They may do so if they wish, but there is no technical reason related to the RRGP for the testing to occur. Section 7.2.1 of the Proposed ToR indicates that the EA will address potential impacts to groundwater, which will include seepage from the tailings management area. Until the technical work and modelling is completed as part of the EA report preparation, RRR is not able to fully answer the question regarding leaching from the TMA. RRR will ensure that his comment is addressed in the EA report. Table 14 of the Amended Proposed ToR, has identified that RRR acknowledges there is the potential for impacts to water quality from release of effluent and seepage from the TMA which will be assessed in the EA report.

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Stakeholder: **Individual**
Point of Contact: **Rick Neilson**
Comments Dated: **November 26, 2012**

#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE RESPONSE	ADDITIONAL RRR RESPONSE
1	I will start by saying that, from conversation with Kyle Stanfield at the open house in Emo, Ontario, I understand that the Preliminary Site Plan Conceptual Layout on page 10 of the document needs work with regard to the Tailings Management Area. I was disheartened to see that the TMA had moved from touching the corner of our property in the draft ToR to actually bordering our property along ~ 700 metres. Upon reading the document, I took false comfort in my understanding that there was to be a 1km buffer around the whole of the project. I am sorry that I cannot find the reference to the buffer now but from my conversation with David Simms from AMEC, at the Emo open-house, I understand that there is no buffer in this particular area.	Noted. As discussed at your home on December 5, 2012, we will continue to work with you concerning buffers.	Not responding to concern about the TMA being closer to the resident's property. Has the TMA moved from its location? Why or why did it not move? Is there a 1km buffer and if not why? How will this concern be addressed in the EA? Is this concern documented in the ToR?	Thank-you for your comments. The function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process. In addition, to the meeting on December 5, 2012, RRR has committed to meeting with Mr. Neilson again during the EA process RRR has not made a commitment to ensure a 1 km buffer around the RRGP site and it is unfortunate that there is a misunderstanding in this regard. The TMA location is consistent with all information provided to the public to date, and is generally smaller than what was initially envisaged. The location of the TMA has been modified over time to avoid Species at Risk habitat as practical and per the strong preference of the Ministry of Natural Resources. Nonetheless, RRR is cognizant of the concerns of our nearby neighbour and have committed to work diligently to mitigate impacts from the TMA as practical. These mitigation measures proposed and the means by which this preferred location will be provided in the EA document as committed to in Sections 5.4.6 and 7.2.2 of the Proposed ToR.

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2	My house, which is mistakenly marked as "Building – Unknown Use" is less than 1 km from the TMA. Furthermore, my wilderness cabin, not marked on the plan, is no more than 100 metres from the TMA. Both of these buildings should be marked "Residence – House" on the plan. The guest cabin is occasionally used as lodging for longer and shorter term guests and was built for that purpose.	Our files will be updated.	This correction should be made in the ToR.	Figure 2 has been revised to modify the data source file from the Ministry of Natural Resources and included in the Amended Proposed ToR. In relation to the assessment of environmental impacts in the EA reports, such as those related to air quality, sound etc., RRR will ensure that the buildings are appropriately identified. For that reason, we greatly appreciate that Mr. Neilson has identified his buildings as to their purpose for us, given his close proximity.
3	Sec 5.4.6 of the Proposed ToR suggests "Selection of a site immediately Northwest of the open pit." and puts that forth as the preferred site. Further, Table 1: Summary of alternatives to be considered in the EA, top of Page 28, in Tailings Management alternatives says "Surface TMA located proximal to the open pit (northwest of the open pit preferred). It should be noted that the Preliminary Site Plan locates the TMA 2 km northwest of the open pit – neither immediately Northwest or proximal to the open pit. Immediately to the Northwest of the pit is proposed as overburden and mine rock.	Noted.	Please confirm if this observation is correct and what will be down to correct it? Revision to the ToR required?	Section 5.4.6 of the Amended Proposed ToR has been revised as a result of this observation. In relation to a mineral development, development of a TMA within a few kilometres of an open pit / processing plant would be considered reasonably proximal although it might not seem so to a member of the general public. It is indeed not immediately to the northwest as this area was not preferred by the Ministry of Natural Resource due to the presence of Species at Risk habitat.
4	Sec 5.4.6 (top of pg 21) also speaks of "the need to capture a sufficient area of upstream watershed to be able to maintain a water cover on the deposited tailings..." but as proposed, the TMA is at the top of the Loslo creek watershed and in fact takes in some of the McCallum Creek* watershed. Drainage across Hwy 600 near Jones Rd (Southwest of large pond) is not shown on the Preliminary Site Plan but is visible on Google Earth. The northern limit of the TMA	The TMA will not absorb any part of the McCallum Creek watershed. Dam structure locations will be detailed in the EA Report.	The TMA will be designed to absorb water from another watershed? Please provide a more fulsome response to the commentator.	Extensive mapping has been completed by qualified hydrologists of the watersheds utilized in the project design. In addition, a detailed LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) survey was conducted to determine precise local topography to allow identification of surface water flow paths. As indicated in our original response, the TMA will not absorb any part of the McCallum Creek watershed.

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	is no more than 1 km from the north end of McCallum Creek with the ground sloping to the north from the TMA. *local name for Jones Creek.			Mr. Neilson is correct that the TMA is located near the top of the watershed. Modelling however, indicates that a water cover post-operations, is attainable in part (and as per the proposed preferred closure design approach being proposed for comment). Section 5.4.6 of the Amended Proposed ToR has been revised to more clearly state this objective. Further detail will be provided in the EA Report as appropriate regarding the maintenance of a longterm partial cover over the TMA, and particularly in relation to the Closure Plan.
5	Table 1: Summary of alternatives to be considered in the EA, top of Page 28, in Tailings Management Alternatives: "Alternative tailings management methods, such as thickened tailings or tailings co-deposited with mine rock". I would like to see that alternative seriously considered, immediately Northwest of the open pit for the following reason: This project is from beginning to end is being driven by high gold prices which have very little to do with gold as a commodity. The demand is being driven by uncertainty about the global economy and, as such, is subject to unpredictability. Throughout the life of the mine, there is the distinct possibility that gold prices could fall or costs rise and the project become uneconomic to continue. It seems most likely that if operations are suspended, the first reaction would be to wait for more favourable economics and hope to resume operations.	Noted.	Is AMEC considering another TMA method? Not clear. If AMEC is committing to consider and assess another alternative in the EA this commitment needs to be documented in the revised ToR. Please respond comment regarding operations being suspended as a result of fall or rise of gold costs.	Table 1 of the Proposed ToR indicates a commitment to consider alternative tailings management methods consistent with Mr. Neilson's request. This commitment remains in the Amended Proposed ToR. Like any industrial establishment, should project economics change for whatever reason, there is the potential that an industrial establishment could close temporarily or permanently. That is certainly been shown to be the case for the forestry industry in northwestern Ontario. RRR has based its approach to development of the RRGP deposit on industry-standard, longterm gold price estimation. The accuracy of metal prices including gold prices cannot be guaranteed; nor can it be guaranteed that a suspension of the RRGP at sometime due to metal prices will not occur.

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				Taxpayers in Ontario are uniquely protected from the inherent volatility in mineral industry and in regards to mine development, as mining companies must post cash, bond or another form of financial surety deemed acceptable to the Minister of Finance, for the reclamation of the mining project, before construction starts / the environmental impact occurs. This is a non-negotiable, legal requirement of the *Mining Act*. Similarly, the Closure Plan for the Project which is required before construction starts must identify actions to be taken in the circumstance of Project suspension (such as due to a significant metal price change).
6	The problem with that is that while everyone is waiting for more favourable conditions, the waste rock will be exposed to the elements and generating contaminants. Assuming that the clay is quite impervious, as seems to be generally agreed, it should be possible to suspend operations at low cost with a relatively easy restart, by encasing the mine rock/tailings in clay. If, on the other hand, all goes as planned and the mine continues for its expected life, or beyond, that is all well and good and Richardson Township will have a lake and a mountain or two.	Noted.	Please provide a fulsome response to the comment.	Please see the response above. Mining companies are not allowed to abrogate their responsibilities in regards to environmental management during periods of suspension (if any), and environmental compliance for any environmental approvals must continue to be achieved. There are a number of reasons why a mine could go into suspension, some of which are quite temporary (days to weeks) and others that are longer term. Information available to date, and as will be provided in the EA Report, indicates that a suspension of tens of years will be required until mine rock could pose an environmental concern - which could be readily mitigated by placing a low permeability cover over the material should a longer term suspension of operations be envisaged. As indicated above the *Mining Act* requires

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				that the Closure Plan provide information regarding environmental protection during periods of Mine Suspension.
7	Final Point: I feel very strongly that it is important to preserve some of the area adjacent to the project so that: Nature can creep back into the site post-closure.	Noted.	How is AMEC preserving the area adjacent to the project during the lifespan of the project?	RRR has been in discussion with Mr. Neilson regarding his suggestion. It should be noted that the entire footprint of the RRR-held lands will not be impacted directly or indirectly by the mine development. These peripheral lands could be the source of the "nature creep" suggested. It should be noted that the majority of the lands adjacent to the RRGP are in private hands and are not within the control of RRR. For that reason, it is not possible to immediately resolve this comment although RRR will continue to work with Mr. Neilson on this aspect.
8	McCallum Creek is relatively unspoiled and protecting this watershed will in some ways mitigate loss of the other waterways. RRR can be seen as caring for the land and can use that fact to promote goodwill within the area and their industry.	Noted.	What is RRR doing to preserve the McCallum Creek during the lifespan of the project?	The region surrounding the RRGP site land is heavily impacted by historic and ongoing farming operations. A portion of the farmlands are returning to scrub and successional forest communities, including in some cases small, desegregated wetlands; however, in RRR's opinion, the area cannot reasonably be considered unspoiled. Nonetheless per Figure 2, RRR is committed to maintaining a compact footprint, and there are currently no facilities proposed in the McCallum Creek watershed (which is located dominantly west of Highway 600 / Pine River Road).

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Stakeholder: **Individual**
Point of Contact: **Bob Olson**
Comments Dated: **November 3, 2012**

#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE Response	ADDITIONAL RRR RESPONSE
1	I spent my entire working life in the mining industry, first in Atikokan then in the Kamloops BC area. Different mineral types, using different reagents, but almost always the two things that stood out for me was this. Safety for the workforce itself was number one, followed closely by environmental concerns. Ground water is the arteries of the earth, keep it safe by close monitoring and the earth and environment will take care of itself. Thank you!! This area needs the economic boost just do it with the necessary safeguards in place. I live in Bergland and would love to see an operating mine in the area.	Noted. RRR believes that safety for the workforce is critical to the project success. RRR also believes that the RRGP will be designed, construction, operation and closed in a manner that will continue to earn your support.	What is RRR doing to protect, mitigate and minimize impacts to the groundwater during the lifespan of the project?	Thank-you for your comments. The function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process. Section 7.2.1 and Section 7.2.2 of the Proposed ToR indicates that the EA document will address potential impacts to groundwater. Section 7.2.1 and Section 7.2.2 of the Proposed ToR indicates that the EA document will identify proposed mitigation measures for identified potential impacts to groundwater.

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Stakeholder: **Individual**
Point of Contact: **Donelda DeLaRonde**
Comments Dated: **November 19, 2012**

General comment from MOE: Stating that 'this information will be provided in the EA report is not a response to the comment being made. More specific responses are required. If AMEC is committing to doing something in the EA that is not already committed to in the TOR, the ToR needs to be amended to include this new commitment.

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1	More meaningful consultation should have been done with property owns that are located near the proposed mine site.	Noted. Additional discussions are underway.	What consultation was done with the property owners during the development of the ToR? What additional consultation will be done during the development of the EA? Provide more details here.	Thank-you for your comments. Notices of all public open house meetings were given through the local newspapers and letters to the RRGP area landowners. Details of notification and distribution are summarized in Appendix E of the Record of Consultation, Discussions and Meetings. Rainy River Resources has had extensive discussions with area land owners within and immediately adjacent to the project footprint over the past 3 years and particularly within the past 6 months. The discussions have led to the company purchasing the land of property owners within and immediately adjacent to the project footprint. Such landowners with residences are in the process of moving to newly purchased properties elsewhere. The company is also in discussions with additional property owners with residences proximal to the proposed project in pursuit of additional real estate transactions. We would expect to close such additional real estate transactions during the course of the EA process.

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2	Pg 5 – please provide additional information regarding "*conventional whole ore cyanidation for gold recovery*" including process description, potential environmental and health impacts (including impacts of consuming wildlife), reasoning for using this method, alternatives	This information will be provided in the EA Report.	Explain how the ToR describes the potential impacts that will be assessed in the EA, methods and alternatives. Refer to appropriate section of the ToR.	The function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process. Conventional whole ore cyanidation for gold recovery is as stated, a standard (ie. "conventional") means of whole ore processing and is an industry standard, processing method for gold ore. The description of the undertaking as required by the Guide and as provided in Section 4.1 of the Proposed ToR is a "preliminary description (below is) provided in order to assist in the ToR review process, and should not be considered finalized." Section 4.1 of the Amended Proposed ToR has been revised to indicate that a comprehensive description of the proposed undertaking will be provided in the EA Report. This will include further details regarding ore processing. Section 5.3.5 of the Amended Proposed ToR has also been revised to include assessment of alternative gold ore processing methods, which will address the aspects requested.
3	What volume of water is anticipated to be needed during mining operations? What is the water source? After recycling, etc., what volume of water will be returned? What will be the condition of the water? (i.e. looking for an answer that describes the condition rather than stating it falls within acceptable limits)	This information will be provided in the EA Report.	I believe some of this information is available in the ToR, please provide a response and specify where in the TOR this information can be found.	The function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process. The description of the undertaking as

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				required by the Guide and as provided in Section 4.1 of the Proposed ToR is a "preliminary description (below is) provided in order to assist in the ToR review process, and should not be considered finalized." Section 4.1 of the Amended Proposed ToR has been revised to indicate that a comprehensive description of the proposed undertaking will be provided in the EA Report. This will include those aspects requested in this comment. Section 5.4.7 of Proposed ToR provides the general approach to water management.
4	How much power will be required to run the mining operation? Will this have an impact on power for residents?	This information will be provided in the EA Report. There is no impact on residential power foreseen.	I believe some of this information is available in the ToR, please provide a response and specify where in the TOR this information can be found.	The description of the undertaking as required by the Guide and as provided in Section 4.1 of the Proposed ToR is a "preliminary description (below is) provided in order to assist in the ToR review process, and should not be considered finalized." Nonetheless, the mine has a planned power requirement of 54 megawatts when in full production. Section 5.3.11 of the Amended Proposed ToR provides information regarding the anticipated power requirement. There will be no impact on power to local residents and a dedicated transmission line is the preferred alternative (as per Section 5.4.11 of the Proposed ToR).

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5	Existing road access – will this change and if so, how? Please provide a description of proposed road changes e.g. Highway 600	This information will be provided in the EA Report.	Answer the comment. Discuss the proposed alternatives road alternatives that will be assessed in the EA and reference where in the ToR it describes this.	Section 5.3.12 of the Proposed ToR indicates that a number of alternative routings for Highway 600 will be assessed in the EA report. These are shown in Figure 3 and Appendix C. Section 5.4.12 of the Proposed ToR indicates that "access will be retained or otherwise provided to the limited number of properties directly affected by this re-alignment, including properties on Marr Road, north of the RRGP site." At a number of locations in the Proposed ToR, it is indicated that the Highway 600 re-alignment will be a gravel-surfaced road. Table 1 of the Amended Proposed ToR has been revised to indicate that the design must comply with Ministry of Transportation standards.
6	What testing has been done on local wells/ water supplies and how will this be monitored to ensure wells are not contaminated?	An extensive groundwater assessment program is underway. Further information will be provided in the EA Report.	Did AMEC/RRR not do some testing already, if so, please summarize the results and reference appropriate section in the ToR?	The function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process. It is not intended to provide detailed baseline environmental data. Baseline data will be provided in EA report for groundwater aspects, as it will be provided for all other environmental aspects. Section 6.1 of the Proposed ToR provides a commitment by RRR to provide copies of the baseline studies which inform the EA document with the EA

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7	How will it affect the ground water table and the flowing ground water?	This information will be provided in the EA Report.	More detailed response is required.	As part of maintaining a safe working environment dewatering is required of the overburden and bedrock at the proposed mine, which will temporarily lower the groundwater table and could affect groundwater flow paths. Section 6.5.2 of the Proposed ToR indicates that groundwater modelling is underway to assess potential environmental impacts. Section 7.2.1 of the Proposed ToR indicates that the EA will address potential impacts to groundwater.
8	How will the diversions of this water system affect the ground water table and the flowing ground water?	This information will be provided in the EA Report.	More detailed response is required.	Please see responses above. Section 7.2.1 of the Proposed ToR indicates that the EA will address potential impacts to groundwater.
9	What a cumulative effects will there be on the wetlands, and the Species at Risk animals, plants, fish etc.	This information will be provided in the EA Report.	More detailed response is required.	Section 7.2.1 of the Proposed ToR indicates that the EA will address potential impacts to the natural environment, and this will include wetlands, Species at Risk animal, plants, fish and other components of the terrestrial and aquatic environment. Until the environmental assessment is prepared it is not possible to fully answer this question, but these aspects will be addressed in the EA Report.
10	To what extent is diesel fuel usage anticipated?	This information will be provided in the EA Report.	More detailed response is required.	The description of the undertaking as required by the Guide and as provided in Section 4.1 of the Proposed ToR is a "preliminary description (below is) provided in order to assist in the ToR review process, and should not be considered finalized." Section 4.1 of the Amended Proposed ToR has been revised to indicate that a comprehensive description of the proposed

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				undertaking will be provided in the EA Report. This comprehensive description will include fuel and other chemical usage.
11	Data appears to be focused on Barwick area – where does Finland fit into all this?	This information will be provided in the EA Report.	More detailed response is required.	Section 6.1 of the proposed ToR and Amended Proposed ToR provides a description of the local and regional study areas (natural and human environment). Finland and Barwick are both located within study areas for the RRGP. There is no additional detail provided in the comment other than what is provided in the table, including what data is being referred to. Respectfully, it is therefore not possible to provide a more fulsome response than that given above.
12	Pg 35 – it is noted that a zoning bylaw amendment may be required – more detail please	This information will be provided in the EA Report.	More detailed response is required.	Section 11.1 of the Proposed ToR indicates under Municipal Approvals that a zoning amendment may or may not be required. Per Section 11.1 of the Proposed ToR, the Township is currently revising the Official Plan and Zoning By-law, and as a result, it is not possible to provide more definition than already in the Proposed ToR: "In 2011 the Township of Chapple initiated a legislated review of the Official Plan and Zoning By law, and released a draft version of the revised plan in February 2012 (Township of Chapple 1998, 1997, 2012). The 1997 Official Plan and Zoning By-law; however, remains in place and designates the RRGP area as rural, with some conservation - environmental protection area and industrial sites. The RRGP site and infrastructure corridors generally have a rural designation; however, the TMA and open pit overlap with rural and conservation-environmental protection

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				areas. RRGP has received very strong Municipal government, as well as First Nations support to date. Municipal approvals / request for a variation to the Township of Chapple official plan, may or may not be required. If possible, additional detail will be provided in the EA Report.
13	Noise and air pollution	This information will be provided in the EA Report.	More detailed response is required.	Table 14 of the Proposed ToR (and Table 14 of the Amended Proposed ToR), has identified that RRR acknowledges there is the potential for noise and air quality effects related to the RRGP, which will be assessed in the EA report. There is no additional detail provided in the comment other than what is provided in the table. It therefore not possible to provide a more fulsome response.
14	Production of gold doré bars containing minor silver content. Will silver bars be processed at the plant, and what chemicals will be used in this process?	This information will be provided in the EA Report.	More detailed response is required.	There will be no silver bars processed / produced in the plant (and hence there are no related chemicals).

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Stakeholder: **Individual**
Point of Contact: **George Emes**
Comments Dated: **November 2, 2012**

#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE RESPONSE	ADDITIONAL RRR RESPONSE
1	I would like to emphasize the importance of this project to our Rainy River District and that there is wide spread support for the program to advance, from the members if the community. While, I, in no way, wish to lessen the value of the Environmental studies as they are imperative to the well being of our area, I would ask that all due consideration be given to helping this project to completion	Comments appreciated and noted.	MOE is satisfied with response	Thank-you for your comments.

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Comments Received from the Public and RRGP Responses

Stakeholder: **Individual**
Point of Contact: **George Gallinger**
Comments Dated: **November 12, 2012**

#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE RESPONSE	ADDITIONAL RRR RESPONSE
1	How can my name be used as supporting the project, as it was at a local meeting in Nester Falls, when I haven't even be consulted about the project by anyone from Rainy River Resources. I just got to see a copy of the report now one that my sister received.	Noted.	Please respond by apologizing for using the person's name as supporting the project falsely. Please state that the ToR is being amended to include this correction.	With apologies, but we have do not have a record of your name being used to support the Project. If that was the case at a local meeting, we do apologize, but believe it was an honest mistake. We have not indicated in the Proposed ToR or any other documentation to our knowledge that Mr. Gallinger is in support of the Project.
2	My property is ½ east mile from the mine rock stock pile site. • How high will this rock stock pile be • What kind of dust will there be blowing over and onto my property • What contaminates • What type of chemicals • How far will this dust carry • Will it affect vegetation • What will the noise level be from the crusher, the mining activity and the trucks dumping the overburden and rocks at this site? • What type of emissions will be coming out of the smelter? • Type of toxins? • Chemicals? • Water consumption? • How much water will they be using in their mining process? • Where are they getting this water from? • What chemicals will be in the water in the holding ponds? • Where will the water treatment plant be?	Details of the project design and environmental safety mitigations will be provided in the EA Report.	Some of these questions can only be responded to once project design is determined; however, some of the questions can be addressed in the ToR process. Please respond to those questions where AMEC has an answer for, for instance, where is RRR getting their water from. Refer the ToR where possible. And further discuss how the EA will consider the potential impacts and assess the potential impacts in detail and an opportunity to comment on that assessment will be made available to the public.	The function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process. The description of the undertaking as required by the Guide and as provided in Section 4.1 of the Proposed ToR is a "preliminary description (below is) provided in order to assist in the ToR review process, and should not be considered finalized." Section 4.1 of the Amended Proposed ToR has been revised to indicate that a comprehensive description of the proposed undertaking will be provided in the EA Report. The comprehensive description will include the aspects requested. Table 14 of the Proposed ToR (and as revised in the Amended Proposed ToR), preliminary the potential environmental impacts of the RRGP.

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	• How will this affect wild life that drinks this water? • How are the ponds going to be protected from over flow during extreme rain storms? • How will this affect the water table and wells in the area? I have a flowing well on my property. • Has the area been checked out for endangered species, animals, plants and birds? • The Bobolink, Whippoorwill, eastern cougar, turtles, • The trillium, lady slipper? • If so by whom, when and what are their qualifications? • Did they actually go onto the land and check?			Section 6 of the Proposed ToR provides a summary of the animals, plants, birds and including Species at Risk. Section 6.1 of the Proposed ToR provides a commitment by RRR to provide copies of the baseline studies which inform the EA document with the EA All of these environmental baseline studies have been completed by qualified professionals of reputable consulting firms. Per Section 6.1 of the Proposed ToR: "Studies to date have been completed using standard field protocol and scientific methodology, to accurately document areal and temporal variability". The specific methodology of the studies is provided in the baseline studies that will be included with the EA report; but yes, there have been a large number of in-field investigations over a period of five years, supplemented as appropriate by published reports and desktop studies.
3	I have been hunting on my property for over fifty years. It is a tradition for my son (whom I taught to hunt on that property) myself and other members of my family and friends go hunting there every year. I now have grand children who I was looking forward to being able to teach them to hunt there as well. My family has been in the Finland area for over 100 years, and now Rainy River Resources will be changing the face of the landscape forever. Therefore I am very concerned about how this mining project is going to affect my property. I was also considering building my retirement home on my property, but now with the rock pile that will	Noted. RRR will continue on-going discussions with you and your family.	Answer concerns about visual aesthetic and how impacts to his property will be minimized through. . . Discuss further consultations that will be taking place with affected property owners during the development of the EA.	RRR will continue on-going direct discussions with you and your family such as the real estate discussions that have been occurring. It is not possible to develop the RRGP without changes to the local topography and the development of mineral waste stockpiles. In order to reduce the footprint of the Project, stockpiles will of necessity be higher than the local topography and will affect the current views. The Proposed ToR has been amended (Section 5.2.2 of the Amended Proposed

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	be visible from my property, the noise, the dust from all the mining activity the quiet country life free of noise and stress will most likely not be an option on the property that has belonged to my family for over 60 years.			ToR) to include and assessment of potential effects on local residents during the assessment of alternatives, including: • Maintenance of property values • Maintenance or improvement of income opportunities • Maintenance or provision of local access • Attainment of noise by-law guidelines, and /or background sound levels if already above the guidelines • Non-interference with water well supply systems • Potential for general disturbance and adverse affects on aesthetics • Potential for adverse health and safety effects

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Comments Received from the Public and RRGP Responses

Stakeholder: **Individual**
Point of Contact: **Alessandra Massaro**
Comments Dated: **November 23, 2012**

#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE RESPONSE	ADDITIONAL RRR RESPONSE
1	I am worried about the cyanide that will be used in the ore-refining process as well as the two tailing waste management facilities: the potentially acid generating (PAG) and the non-acid generating (NAG) containment dams. In theory only the PAG dam would be completely cut off from the environment to prevent acid rain and other forms of pollution, while the NAG dam would be open to the atmosphere with a protective lining to prevent leaching. The guidelines must specify that monitoring pH levels on the NAG dam is necessary, with a temporary closure available if pH levels get too low. This would help to ensure the safety of our water and air quality. Leaching is another problem seen in other mine tailing containment areas and a monitoring program should be required by guidelines to ensure that the containment dam lining is adequate and will prevent possible leaks.	Thanks for your follow-up comments from your November 23, 2012 e-mail. New mines are the subject of very stringent environmental and safety compliance laws. The EA Report will contain an assessment of residual project effects.	Reference the appropriate section that states that these potential impacts will be assessed further in the EA.	Thank-you for providing your comments. The function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process. Alternative ore processing methods, including non-cyanide recovery methods, will be considered in the EA report, per Section 5.3.5 of the Amended Proposed ToR. There are very strict legislative requirements in Ontario which govern the use of cyanide in the ore, design of tailings management areas, as well as approval of mining projects where acid generating materials may be of concern. Table 14 of the Proposed ToR (and as revised in the Amended Proposed ToR), does identify the potential issues suggested by Ms Massaro which will be addressed in the EA Report.
2	In a technical report compiled by SRK Consulting, it was mentioned that some of tailings waste water would not be treated (other than cyanide removal) before being released back into the environment [3]. As the nearby streams and rivers are not classified as fishing waters, this action is deemed acceptable. I believe that the duty	Noted.	Please respond to the comment. Confirm or deny what the commentator is saying about some of the wastewater not being treated. What is RRR doing in the EA that will assess these potential impacts, mitigate and monitor. Reference the appropriate section in the ToR that speaks these potential impacts and what work will be done in the	The SRK technical report was an early engineering report for the RRGP that was not prepared from an environmental perspective / for an environmental audience per se. This document is not part of the Proposed ToR, nor is it intended to inform the EA report as the information contained that is out of date.

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	of the EIS guidelines is to ensure the environmental safety of all our habitats and precious freshwater and so these effluent waters should be monitor for toxic substances.		EA.	All effluent released to the environment, including from the tailings management area, must meet the strict effluent quality requirements in Ontario. Section 11 identifies the other environmental approvals required for construction, operation and reclamation of the proposed mine. Table 14 of the Proposed ToR (and as revised in the Amended Proposed ToR), does identify the potential issues suggested by Ms Massaro, which will be addressed in the EA Report.
3	The EIS guidelines entail proponents to include a viable alternative to creating these “Tailings Impoundment Areas” in natural bodies of water [1], I believe that this is extremely important and would only add that the guidelines include that the proponents must propose alternatives that are also economically feasible.	Noted.	Please respond to comment. Not sure if noted means that RRR will include this alternative in the EA?	The Federal EIS Guidelines were not available as of the time of the Proposed ToR preparation. The EIS Guidelines are prepared by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the proponent does not propose the Guidelines, nor have the ability to alter the guidelines. Ms. Massaro is correct that the assessment of viable alternatives for Tailings Impoundment Area per the Metal Mining Effluent Regulations must propose alternatives that are economically feasible (and as consistent with the proposed methodology described in Section 5.1 of the Proposed ToR.) RRR has indicated that the assessment of mineral waste alternatives will be compliant with the Metal Mining Effluent Regulations (Section 5.3.4 and 5.3.6).
4	Kyle Stanfield P. Eng., Vice President of Environment & Sustainability at Rainy River Resources, assures that the Rainy River Gold Project is designed to have full environmental closure, which ensures that site restoration funds are provided to the	Noted.	Please provide a complete response to the comment being made.	As indicated by Ms. Massaro, RRR has committed to having funds provided up front for reclamation before construction, to address the cost of reclamation. This is a legal requirement in Ontario and industry best practice.

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	government of Canada upfront before any project construction begins. I hope that any added costs that were not initially forecasted would still be required to be covered by Rainy River Resources, and that a penalty or fine would be administered if this cost isn't covered and the site isn't restored to its full potential.			The *Mining Act* requires that these funds are held by the Minister of Finance until such time as reclamation is completed to the satisfaction of the government as represented by the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines. In addition, there is a legal requirement that the Closure Plan be maintained as an accurate, living document. The amount of funds held the government is revised during any Closure Plan Amendment and "topped up" if deemed appropriate, periodically during the mine life. Hence, the scenario suggested is not possible in Ontario.
5	One extremely important guideline that I had not seen included in this EIS guideline summary is a detailed requirement of "follow-up". There needs to be plans outlined in the EIS guidelines for follow-up reports entailing that estimations of environmental effects were accurate, or if they were not, how they should be mitigated due to new measurements. If results of these measurements confirm new environmental effects that were not initially predicted, there should be procedures that must be followed which should also be outlined in the EIS guidelines. Guidelines should ensure that non-compliance is not an option. The government should be prepared to administer penalties or fines in the case that procedures and follow-up outlined in the EIS guidelines.	Noted. Please know that permits for various project components have a strong monitoring and reporting component.	Is RRR amending the guidelines to add the follow-up requirement? It's not clear in current response?	The Federal EIS Guidelines were not available as of the time of the Proposed ToR preparation. The Guidelines are prepared and issued by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, and not RRR. RRR is not able to alter the content of the Guidelines. The need for follow-up plans is a standard requirement of the Federal EA process, but details of the follow-up plans are determined through the EA process is conjunction with the Federal agencies, rather than developed in advance by the Proponent.

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Stakeholder: **Individual**
Point of Contact: **Phillip and Cindy Haggberg, Angler's Pro Shop**
Comments Dated: **November 19, 2012**

#	COMMENT	RRR RESPONSE	MOE RESPONSE	ADDITIONAL RRR RESPONSE
1	Good morning, i would like to put on record my greavences towards the mining project of RRR. Our family have lived on the Gallinger road in Finland for 12yrs. We have enjoyed it immensely. The quite lifestyle, the hunting and farming. Our life is about to change for the worse. As we are in the path of destruction with overburden being dumped in our backyard. As close as in the next 1/4 section west of our house. RRR says they have a buffer zone. That is not much of a buffer! It would not stop the dust and debreie from being blown around in our clean air.	Noted. The EA Report will contain an assessment of project effects and mitigations.	Has AMEC/RRR consulted with this property owner regarding the project during the development of the ToR? Refer to the ToR where RRR has committed to addressing concerns regarding proximity of the project site to nearby residents in the EA.	Thank you for provided your comments. The function of the ToR is to define how the EA will be conducted and the content to be included in the EA, such that potential stakeholders can judge their interest in the undertaking, and raise any additional items that should be included in the EA process. Rainy River has met with this property owner and company Legal services are currently discussing a potential real estate transaction. The Proposed ToR has been amended (Section 5.2.2 of the Amended Proposed ToR) to include and assessment of potential effects on local residents during the assessment of alternatives, including: • Maintenance of property values • Maintenance or improvement of income opportunities • Maintenance or provision of local access • Attainment of noise by-law guidelines, and /or background sound levels if already above the guidelines • Non-interference with water well supply systems • Potential for general disturbance and adverse affects on aesthetics • Potential for adverse health and safety effects

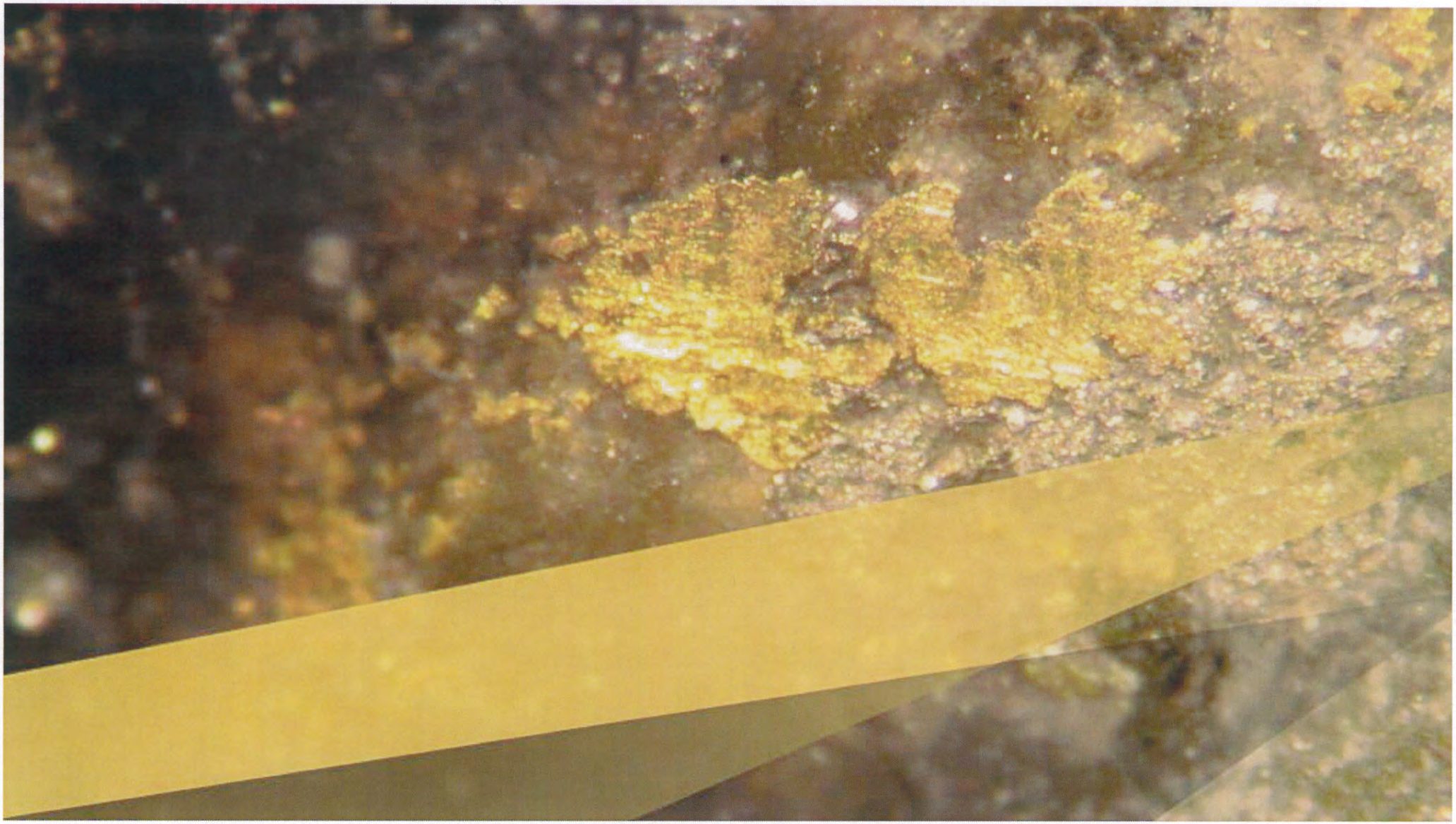
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2	And the thought of having such strong chemicals in our air is very scary. Our worry is the quality of our life is being treated with no concern on their part. We talked at meetings and they are more concerned with the animals then the humans. But really they are hurting all of us!!	The use of regulated industrial chemicals will be limited to permitted industrial uses at the RRGP. The EA Report will contain an assessment of project effects and mitigations.	Same as above.	The potential for impact to the human environment, including people will be considered in the EA Report, as identified in Section 7.2.1 of the Proposed ToR.
3	And we are also concerned about our drinking water. the drilling and explosives etc... can effect our water and the supply of it. Proven fact!! Please help us in this fight to have a our great lifestyle back. To leave us here would here would not be good. Mentally or physically.	The EA Report will contain an assessment of project effects and mitigations.	Same as above.	Table 14 of the Proposed ToR (and as revised in the Amended Proposed ToR), does identify the potential issues suggested by Mr. and Ms Haggberg which will be addressed in the EA Report.

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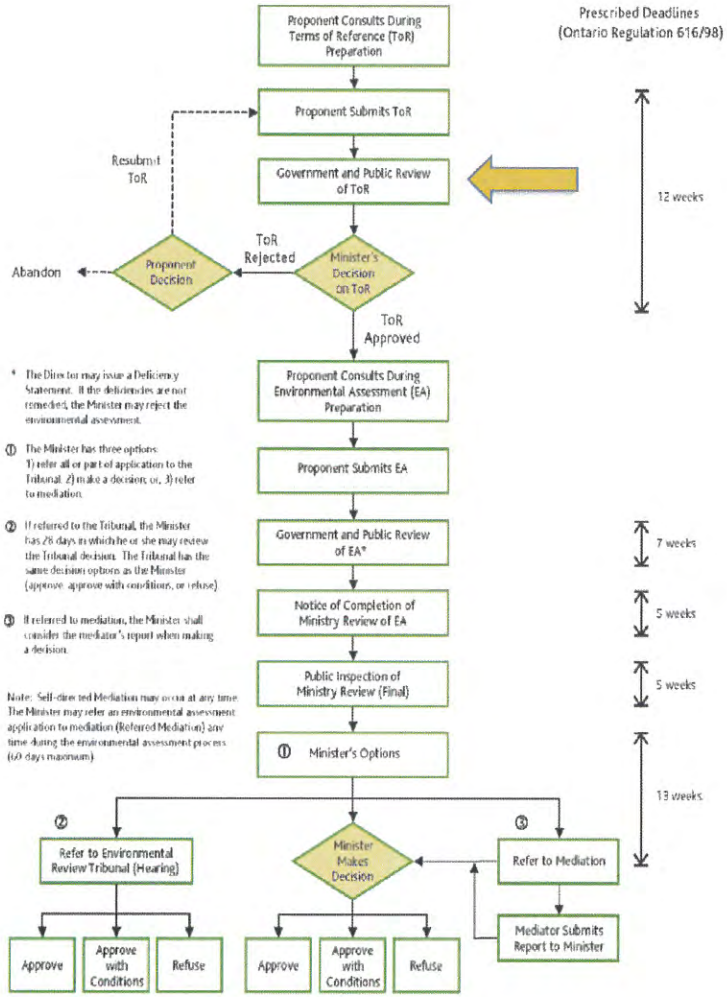
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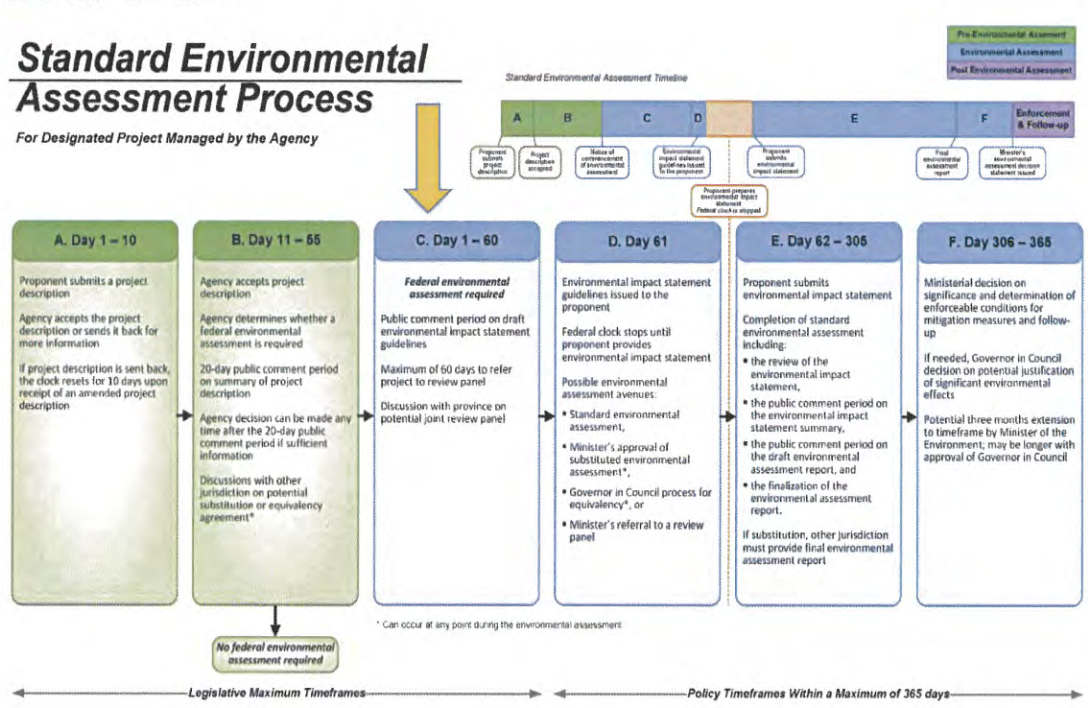
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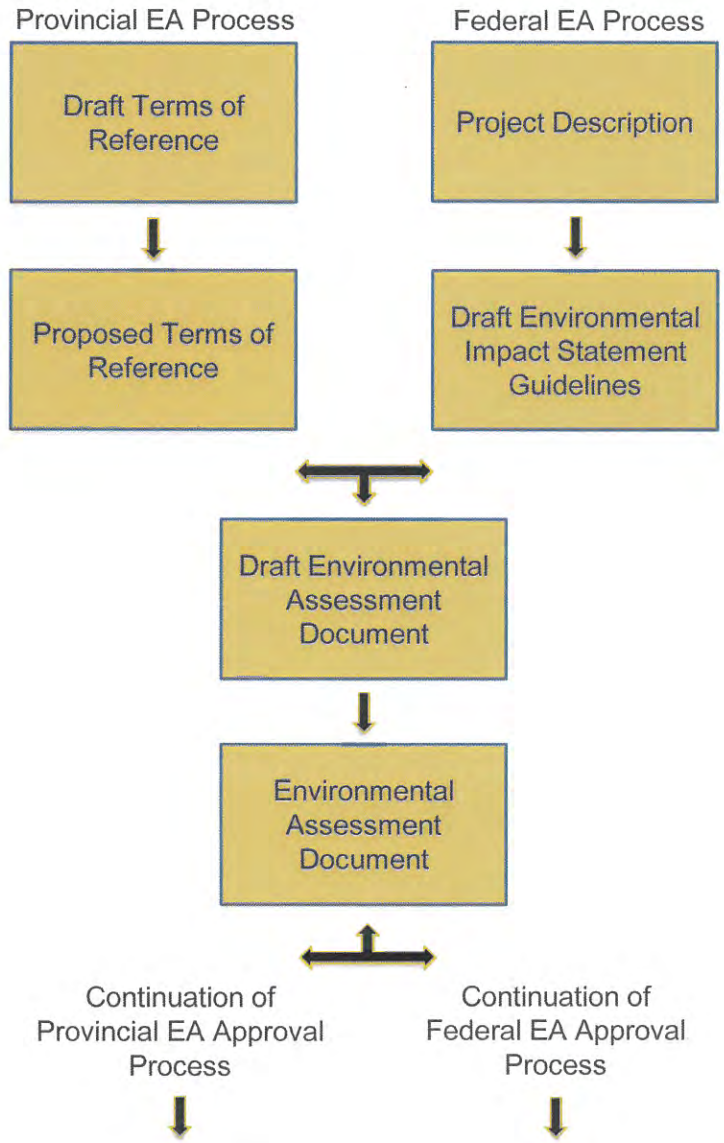


Where we are in the process

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Environmental Assessment (EA)

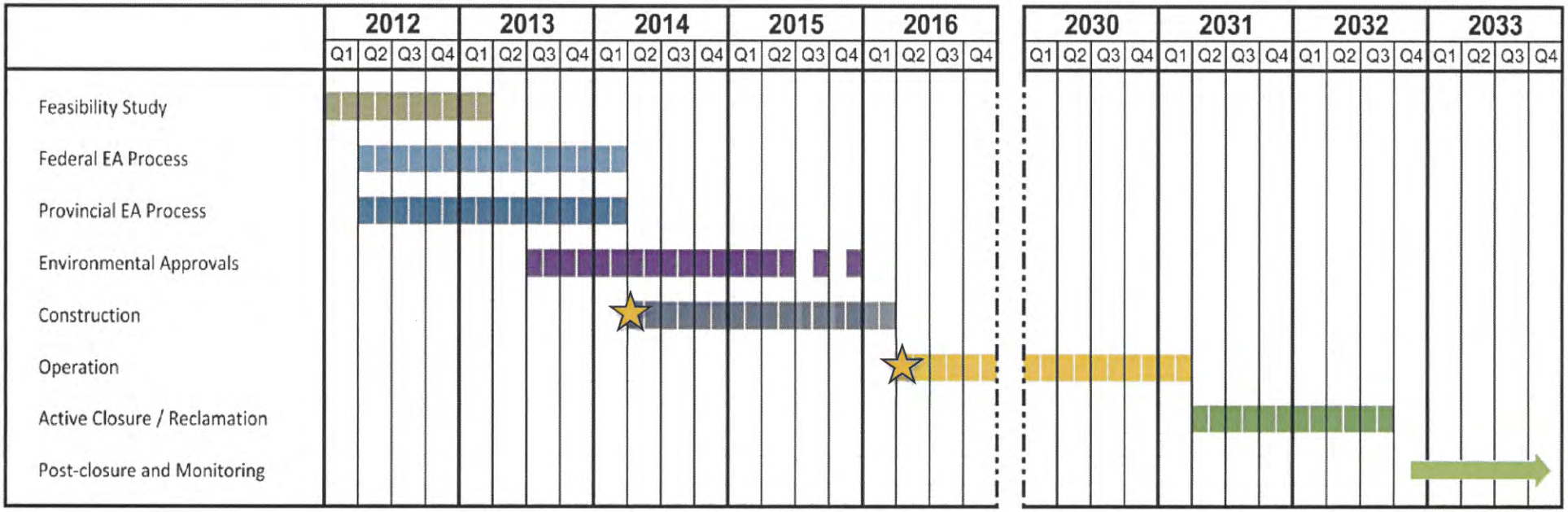
- The EA is required so that environmental approvals can be issued:
  - **Individual Environmental Assessment:** Rainy River Resources has entered into a Voluntary Agreement with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to conduct an EA for the Project in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*
  - **Federal Environmental Assessment:** Under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*, a Standard Level EA is expected to be required
- The EA will be coordinated, so that only one EA document will be prepared to meet the requirements



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Climate, Air Quality and Noise – Key Findings

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- Climate station at site has operated since 2010
- Air quality is influenced primarily by natural sources, rather than urban / industrial
- Site meets ambient particulate matter requirements
- Sound baseline studies from 2009 to 2012 (partially with Trent University)
- Most sound stations influenced by traffic or the natural environment (RRGP station influenced by exploration drilling)



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Surface and Groundwater – Key Findings

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- Flows in the Pinewood River and local creeks can be quite low at some times of the year, generally late / summer early fall or late winter
- Water quality generally meets Provincial and Federal criteria for protection of aquatic life (excluding aluminum, iron and phosphorus)
- Groundwater model being prepared based on extensive field data (geology, local water well levels, specific site investigations) to be able to asses potential environmental impacts
- Groundwater quality is generally good, although a few metals were found elevated (consistent with a mineralized area)







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Terrestrial Resources – Key Findings

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- Wildlife (mammals, amphibian, reptiles, invertebrates, birds), plants and Species at Risk surveys conducted
- 22 mammal species have been identified (with other small mammals likely to be present)
- Relatively high bird species diversity present, including, forest birds, breeding birds, owls, marsh birds and waterfowl, and nocturnal avian species
- 8 frog and 3 reptile species identified
- RRR is currently funding a 2-year study coordinated with the MNR and Trent University to study Whip-poor-will in the RRGP area in support of both species conservation and mine approval requirements. Aerial surveys conducted by AMEC have determined that Whip-poor-will habitat is prevalent and expansive immediately adjacent to the mine footprint (to the north and northeast) and elsewhere in the region.







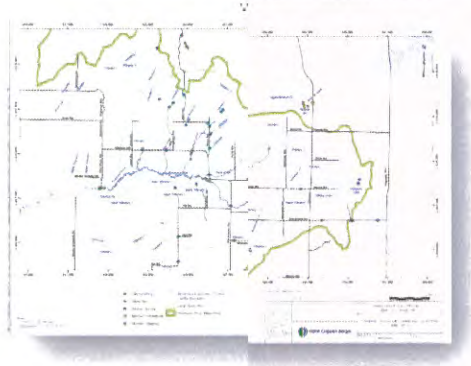
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Aquatic Resources – Key Findings

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- Pinewood River has a coolwater / warmwater fish community habitat
  - The only sport fish species captured is Northern Pike
  - Non-sport Fish Species captured included Brown Bullhead, Mimic Shiner, Common Shiner and Brook Stickleback (minnows)
- Local creeks represent warmwater fish community habitat (no sport fish captured)
  - non-sport fish species captured included Shiners, Darter, Dace and Minnows
- There is localized ponding from beaver activity
- No aquatic Species at Risk are present locally





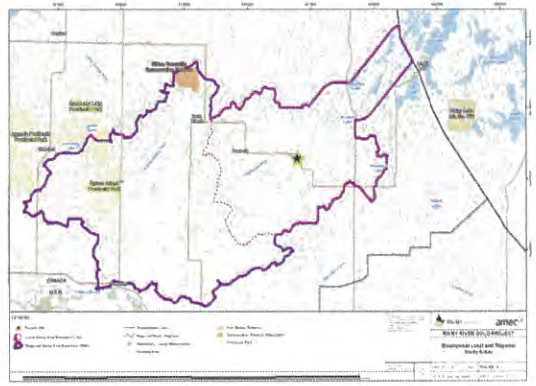


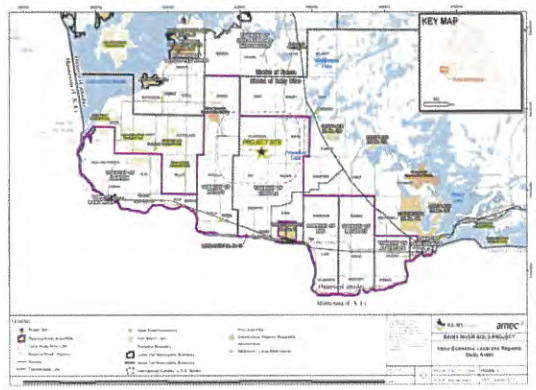
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Environmental Baseline Studies

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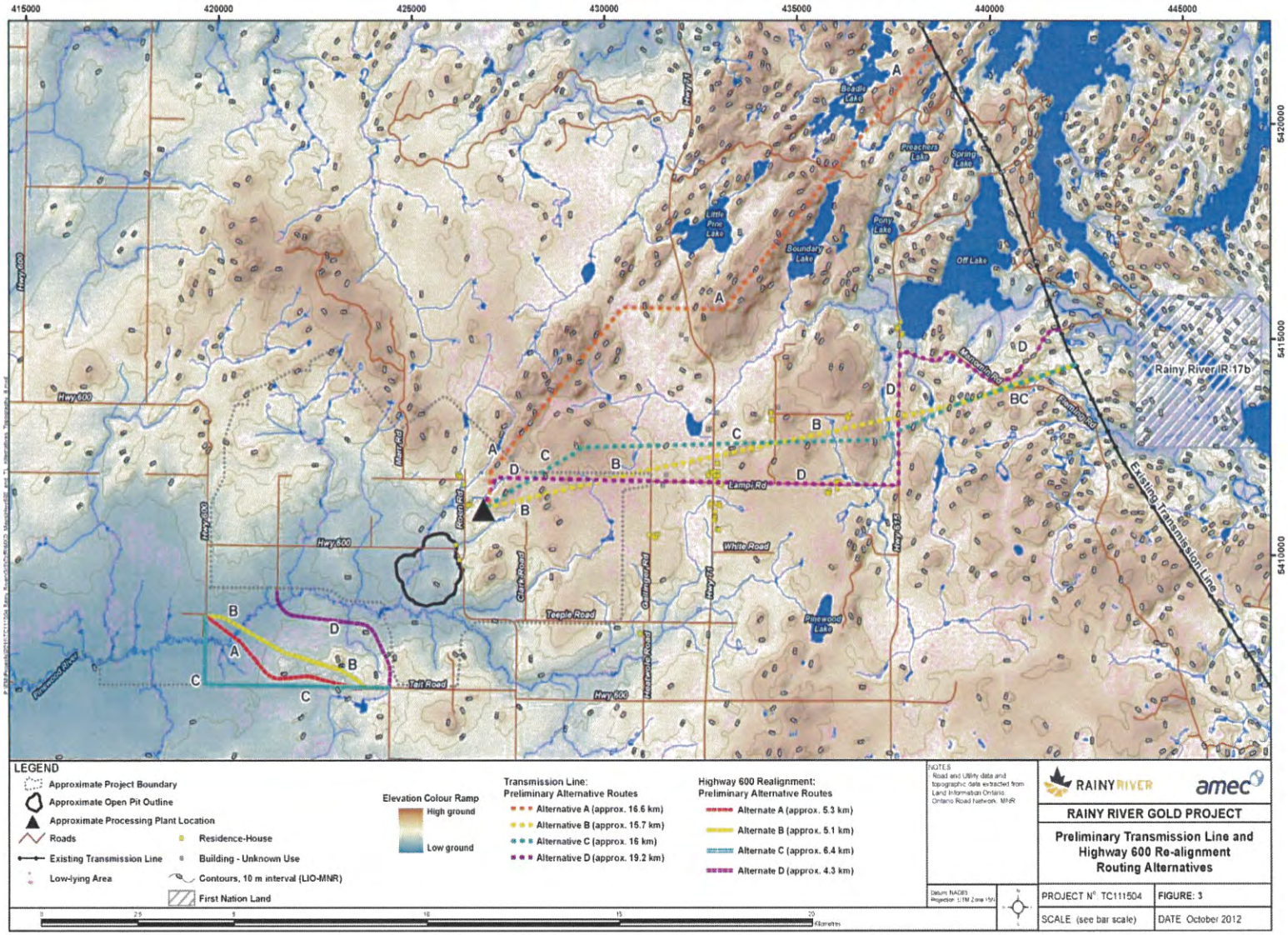
- Baseline studies are completed prior to development to understand the current conditions of the surrounding environment. The proposed Project activities after mitigation will be compared to the baseline conditions to determine the changes that may occur from the Project
- Five years of studies (for certain aspects over several years) are available to assist with Project design
- Field investigations laboratory studies have completed for:
  - Aquatic resources including fish and fish habitat, benthos (water bugs), and sediment and water quality
  - Terrestrial resources including plants, animals and birds, and Species at Risk (SAR)
  - Surface waterbodies and groundwater
  - Overburden and rock geochemistry
  - Climate and sound
  - Aboriginal traditional knowledge / traditional land uses
  - Socio-economic
  - Archaeology





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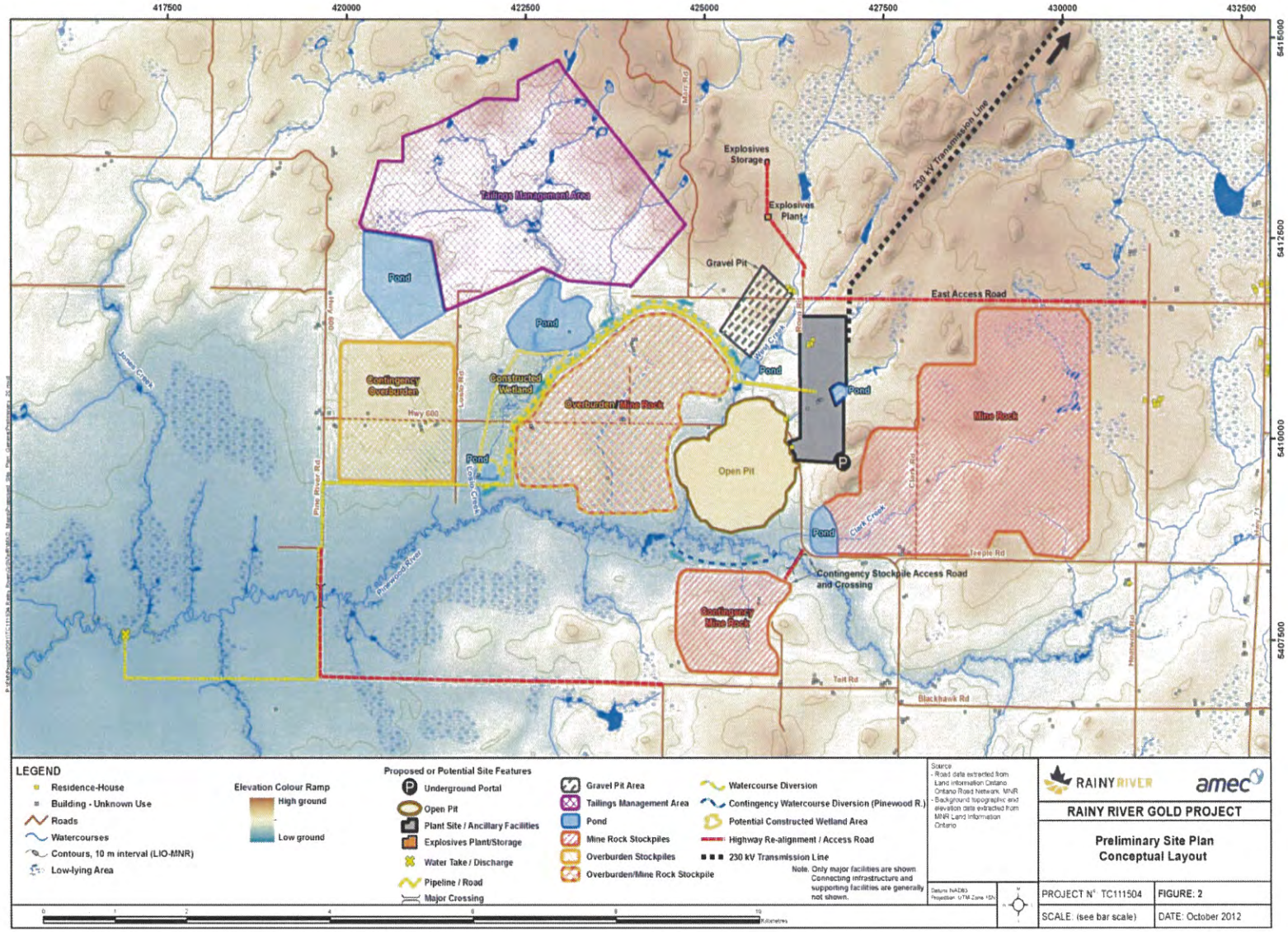
Alternative Highway and Power Connections



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Updated Site Plan

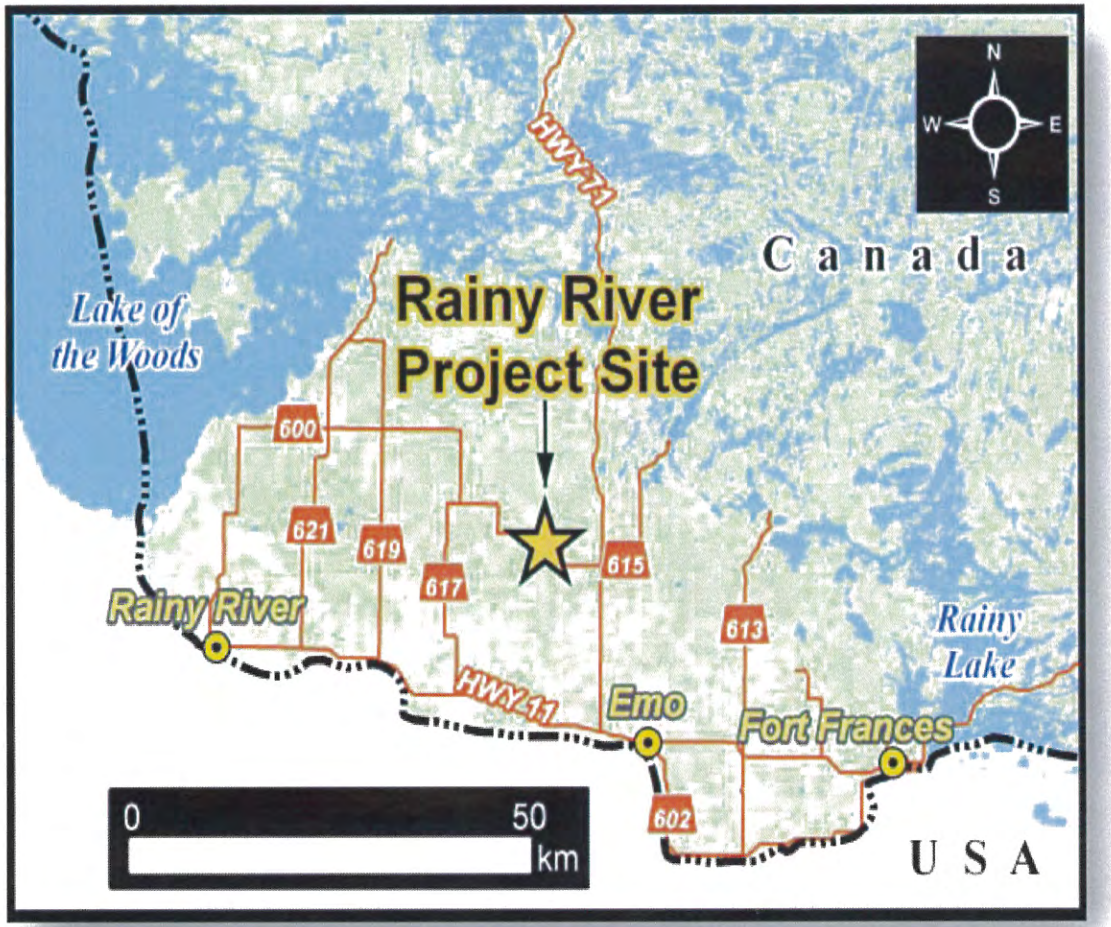
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Location

- Located in theTownship of Chapple, 65 km (by road) northwest of Fort Frances, Ontario





Proposed Open Pit Location



Pinewood River (upstream)



Clark Creek

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Rainy River Gold Project

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- Project will be designed to modern environmental management standards, including water management, fuel storage, chemical handling and storage etc.
- Requires re-routing a section of the gravel-surfaced Highway 600
- Access will be maintained for all residents, at all times
- Requires a connection (a 230 kV transmission line) to the existing Provincial electrical grid
- Preferred transmission line route is longer but avoids residences
- Requires environmental approvals from the Provincial and Federal government prior to construction (after EA process is complete)





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- Proposed open pit and underground gold mine
- Processing facilities and infrastructure to be located at the mine site
- Will contribute significantly to the local and regional economies
- Will provide approximately 600 job opportunities (construction and peak production)
- Requires EA and environmental approvals from the Provincial and Federal governments







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- Rainy River Resources Ltd. is advancing its flagship asset, the Rainy River Gold Project toward development
- Offices in Toronto, Thunder Bay and Emo, Ontario
- Publicly traded company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange
- Rainy River Resources is committed to sustainable development of the Rainy River region
- Consultation initiated by Rainy River Resources Ltd. in 2010
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Traditional Land Use / Traditional Knowledge

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- RRR are in the process of collecting information on traditional knowledge and traditional activities that may be affected by the project.
- The information collected will be used to inform the EA and to help determine mitigation measures needed, but will remain confidential
- Rainy River Resources welcomes your input - for example are plants or animals harvested from the project area? or, was the area used for other activities?

- Please contact: **Lincoln Dunn** (First Nation Engagement Specialist) or **Stacey Jack** (Community Coordinator) at 807-482-2501



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APPENDIX D-4

COMMENT FORMS
NOVEMBER 2012

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COMMENT FORM

Rainy River Gold Project - Community Open House
Environmental Assessment

Your comments on the proposed Rainy River Gold Project and environmental assessment are important to us and will be used in the planning and development of this Project. Please use the back of this page if more space is needed.

1. Which Community Open House did you attend?

   Location: Seine River FN
   Date: November 13, 2012

2. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the Rainy River Gold Project in general?

   Very supportive - good for the economy and great FN benefits.

3. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the proposed Terms of Reference for the Provincial Environmental Assessment for the Rainy River Gold Project?

   Sooner rather than later.

4. How did you hear about the Community Meeting?

   - ☐ Newspaper advertisement
   - ☐ Website
   - ☑ From a neighbour / friend
   - ☐ Mail Notice
   - ☐ E-mail
   - ☐ Other: _____

5. How would you rate the following about this Open House (circle number)?

	Poor ← → Excellent					Comments
Location of the Open House	1	2	3	4	(5)	
Time of day it was held	1	2	3	4	(5)	
Length of the session	1	2	3	4	(5)	
Information provided	1	2	3	4	(5)	
Your opportunity to comment/be heard	1	2	3	4	(5)	
Your opportunity to have your questions answered	1	2	3	4	(5)	

Suggestions for improvement:

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6. Do you have any additional questions or comments?

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7. Do you want to be added to our mailing list for future information about the Rainy River Gold Project?

Name: _____

Organization or Affiliation (if applicable):_____

Street Address: _____

Municipality:_____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email:_____

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Thank you for your input!

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1. Which Community Open House did you attend?

   Location: Manitou Rapids F.N.
   Date: Nov. 20 2012

2. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the Rainy River Gold Project in general?

   The land should be left the way it is.
   You can't eat, go drink gold, need to think of future generations
   short term work can destroy our planet

3. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the proposed Terms of Reference for the Provincial Environmental Assessment for the Rainy River Gold Project?

   I am concerned about the void that is gonna be created,
   also am worried about water supply, is it gonna be contaminated

4. How did you hear about the Community Meeting?

   - ☐ Newspaper advertisement
   - ☐ Website
   - ☐ From a neighbour / friend
   - ☐ Mail Notice
   - ☐ E-mail
   - ☐ Other: Community board member

5. How would you rate the following about this Open House (circle number)?

	Poor ← → Excellent					Comments
Location of the Open House	1	2	3	(4)	5	
Time of day it was held	1	2	3	4	(5)	
Length of the session	1	2	3	(4)	5	
Information provided	1	2	(3)	4	5	
Your opportunity to comment/be heard	1	2	3	(4)	5	
Your opportunity to have your questions answered	1	2	(3)	4	5	

Suggestions for improvement:

6. Do you have any additional questions or comments?
How much of F.N involvement is there

7. Do you want to be added to our mailing list for future information about the Rainy River Gold Project?

Name: _____
Organization or Affiliation (if applicable): _____
Street Address: _____
Municipality: _____
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1. Which Community Open House did you attend?

   Location: MITAANJIGAMIING F.N
   Date: NOV. 20, 2017

2. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the Rainy River Gold Project in general?

   - TRADITIONAL PROTOCOLS FOR PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINES AND ROADS PRIOR TO DISTURBING THE LAND, ANIMALS

3. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the proposed Terms of Reference for the Provincial Environmental Assessment for the Rainy River Gold Project?

4. How did you hear about the Community Meeting?

   - ☐ Newspaper advertisement
   - ☐ Website
   - ☐ From a neighbour / friend
   - ☐ Mail Notice
   - ☑ E-mail
   - ☑ Other: NEWSLETTER

5. How would you rate the following about this Open House (circle number)?

	Poor ⟷ Excellent					Comments
Location of the Open House	1	2	3	(4)	5	
Time of day it was held	1	2	3	(4)	5	
Length of the session	1	2	3	(4)	5	
Information provided	1	2	3	(4)	5	
Your opportunity to comment/be heard	1	2	3	(4)	5	
Your opportunity to have your questions answered	1	2	3	(4)	5	

Suggestions for improvement:

6. Do you have any additional questions or comments?

- THERE SHOULD BE HONORARIA AND MILEAGE FOR PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

7. Do you want to be added to our mailing list for future information about the Rainy River Gold Project?

Name: _____
Organization or Affiliation (if applicable): _____
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1. Which Community Open House did you attend?

   Location: Mitaanjigamiing First Nation
   Date: Nov. 20, 2013

2. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the Rainy River Gold Project in general?

   I just wanted to comment on that i'm really impressed on the fact That the Rainy River Resources is interested in protecting the environment as well as employing local people in the area.

3. Do you have any comments, interests or suggestions related to the proposed Terms of Reference for the Provincial Environmental Assessment for the Rainy River Gold Project?

   No Comment.

4. How did you hear about the Community Meeting?

   - ☐ Newspaper advertisement
   - ☐ Website
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   - ☐ Mail Notice
   - ☐ E-mail
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5. How would you rate the following about this Open House (circle number)?

	Poor ← → Excellent					Comments
Location of the Open House	1	2	3	4	(5)	
Time of day it was held	1	2	3	(4)	5	
Length of the session	1	2	3	(4)	5	
Information provided	1	2	3	4	(5)	
Your opportunity to comment/be heard	1	2	3	4	(5)	
Your opportunity to have your questions answered	1	2	3	4	(5)	

Suggestions for improvement:

NA

6. Do you have any additional questions or comments?

7. Do you want to be added to our mailing list for future information about the Rainy River Gold Project?

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APPENDIX D-5

STAKEHOLDERS AND ABORIGINAL RECORDS NOVEMBER 10, 2012 TO FEBRUARY 15, 2013

Table D5-1: Municipal Government Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
445	Meeting	12/05/2012	RRR gave a presentation to the Township of Chapple on the RRGP and held discussions on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). Topics focused on overall municipal planning, including the timing and process for accepting and amending the new Official Plan and zoning by-law amendments, and on the proposed Highway 600 relocation and East Access Road.	Peggy Johnson (Township of Chapple), Peter Van Heyst (Township of Chapple), Geoff Gillon (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Rilla Race (Township of Chapple), James Gibson (Township of Chapple), R. Both (Individual - GP), Rick Neilson (Township of Chapple)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
462	Survey	12/12/2012	RRR and AMEC conducted a socio-economic interview with the Township of Emo. Discussions focused on economic development, employment opportunities, and community building.	Brenda Cooke (Town of Emo), Vincent Sheppard (Town of Emo)	Caroline Burgess (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
427	E-mail	01/07/2013	A socio-economic questionnaire was sent to the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls. RRR received the completed questionnaire on 13-01-16.	Jeffrey Port (Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
447	Letter	01/24/2013	Township of Chapple sent a letter to RRR noting interest in meeting to discuss the Highway 600 re-alignment, the potential for Project-related financial impacts and the Township's interest in a negotiated agreement.	Peggy Johnson (Township of Chapple)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
492	Letter	02/04/2013	RRR sent a letter to the Township of Chapple on 13-02-04 containing comments on the Draft Official Plan and Draft Zoning By-law. The Township of Chapple responded to RRR on 13-02-22.	Peggy Johnson (Township of Chapple)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
507	Meeting	02/05/2013	RRR attended the Township of Chapple Official Plan Statutory Public Meeting. RRR had submitted comments on the Official Plan the previous day and attended the meeting to answer any questions that may arise as a result of the comments. No questions were asked regarding RRR's comments on the Township of Chapple's Official Plan.	Andrea Bourrie (Andrea Bourrie Consulting (ABC))	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
493	Meeting	02/06/2013	RRR and a municipal planner consultant met with the Township of Chapple. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the municipal planner's scope of work with RRR.	Peggy Johnson (Township of Chapple), Geoff Gillon (Rainy River Future Development Corp), Ken Wilson (Township of Chapple), Peter VanHeyst (Township of Chapple), Andrea Bourrie (Andrea Bourrie Consulting (ABC))	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
504	Meeting	02/11/2013	RRR met with the Township of Chapple to discuss options for construction of new homes for RRR employees. Information gathered included vacant or potential lots and zoning considerations.	Peggy Johnson (Township of Chapple)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
505	Meeting	02/12/2013	RRR met with the Town of Fort Frances to discuss options for construction of new homes for RRR employees. Information gathered included vacant or potential lots and zoning considerations.	Faye Flatt (Town of Fort Frances)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
506	Meeting	02/13/2013	RRR met with the Township of Emo to discuss options for construction of new homes for RRR employees. Information gathered included vacant or potential lots and zoning considerations.	Brenda Cooke (Town of Emo)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-1: Municipal Government Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
469	Letter	02/14/2013	RRR informed the Township of Chapple about the proposed use of watershed restoration techniques as a method of offsetting the effects of the RRGP development on fish habitat. RRR requested written confirmation of support from the Township of Chapple confirming that this approach is acceptable.	Peggy Johnson (Township of Chapple)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
490	Letter	02/15/2013	The Township of Chapple sent letters of support regarding the RRGP to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) and the Ministry of Environment (MOE).	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Peggy Johnson (Township of Chapple), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Jim Bradley (Ministry of Environment)	

Table D5-2: Provincial Government Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
389	Letter	11/12/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from an individual on the RRPG Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments received were related to general chemical, biophysical, and human environment impacts in relation to RRGP operations, negative impacts on hunting activities and visual aesthetics. A response was provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.	Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment), George Gallinger (Individual - GP)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
360	E-mail	11/13/2012	Ministry of Environment (MOE) asked for copies of the poster boards and handouts used at the 12-11-07 and 12-11-08 open houses. A weblink was provided by RRR on 12-11-16.	Charlene Cressman (Ontario Ministry of the Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
393	E-mail	11/14/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from an individual on the RRPG Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments were in favour of the RRGP and included concerns related to water quality. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.	Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Glenda Weir (Individual - GP)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
467	Meeting	11/15/2012	RRR met with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) where AMEC gave a presentation on RRGP considerations for compensation package for Whip-poor-will ESA permitting.	Rachel Hill (Ministry of Natural Resources), Matt Myers (Ministry of Natural Resources), John Vandenbroeck (Ministry of Natural Resources), Greg Rand (Trent University), Hilary Gignac (Ministry of Natural Resources)	David Simms (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Matt Evans (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
399	Letter	11/16/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided comments on the RRGP Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments received were related to noise and vibration impacts. A response was provided to the MOE on 12-12-20.	Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Pierre Godbout (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
382	Letter	11/19/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from an individual on the RRPG Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments were related to public consultation, cyanide use and effects, water use, operational electrical needs, road access, water quality, biophysical and human impacts, Species at Risk, and zoning bylaws. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.	Donelda DeLaRonde (Individual - GP), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
384	Letter	11/19/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from two individuals on the RRPG Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments received were related to air quality and noise pollution. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.	Phillip & Cindy Haggberg (Individual - GP), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
392	Letter	11/19/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) on the RRGP Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments received were related to socio-economics. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.	Jane Gillon (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
381	E-mail	11/20/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) on the RRGP Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments were related to land claims, the site plan and socio-economic impacts. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.	Julia McFarling (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
411	Letter	11/22/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments on the RRGP Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) related to waste management. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-25.	Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Lynda Mulchay (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
390	E-mail	11/23/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from an individual on the RRPG Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments were related to cyanide use, tailings waste management and alternatives, and environmental closure. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.	Alessandra Massaro (Individual - GP), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
409	Letter	11/23/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided comments on the RRGP Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comment received were related to air quality and air emission alternatives. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-15.	Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Sushant Agarwal (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
385	Letter	11/26/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from the Ministry of Economic Development and Innovation (MEDI) on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments received approved the RRGP ToR content and commitments. Responses were provided to the MOE on 12-12-06.	Michael Helfinger (Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Innovation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
394	Letter	11/26/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided comments from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) on the RRGP Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments were related to proposed alternatives, performance objectives, regulatory requirements, land tenure options, and species at risk. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-28.	Greg Chapman (Ministry of Natural Resources), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
410	Letter	11/26/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided comments on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments received related to air quality, commitments and monitoring and potential environmental effects. Responses were provide to the MOE on 12-12-06.	Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Sandra Ausma (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
413	Letter	11/26/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from an individual on the RRGP Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments received were related to the proximity of Tailings Management Area (TMA) to home property, alternatives related to the TMA and environmental contamination. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.	Rick Neilson (Township of Chapple), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
386	Letter	11/27/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments received were related to anticipated power needs for the RRGP, First Nation engagement, and record of consultation practices. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.	Neal Bennett (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
391	Letter	11/27/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from Ministry of Energy on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments received were related to anticipated power needs of the RRGP. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-07.	Andrea Stoiko (Ontario Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
412	Letter	11/27/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments from Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) on the RRPG Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments received were related to archaeological resources, built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-25.	Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Paula Kulpa (Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
435	E-mail	12/06/2012	An individual from Hamilton, Ontario sent an email to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) containing comments on the RRR Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). Comments received related to protecting the local water quality and mitigation tactics to prevent a decline in species at risk (SAR) and threatened wildlife. The individual expressed support for the RRGP. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.	Charlene Cressman (Ontario Ministry of the Environment), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Jeffrey Leon (Hamilton)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
498	Letter	12/18/2012	The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) provided RRR with comments on the RRGP Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). The comments were related to the requirements of the Codes of Practice, record of consultation, and general comments on the RRGP. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-01-22.	Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)

Table D5-2: Provincial Government Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
475	Letter	12/21/2012	RRR advised the Ministry of Environment (MOE) of their intent to amend the RRGP Terms of Reference (ToR) and noted that AMEC would be submitting the Amended ToR for review.	Agatha Garcia-Wright (Ministry of Environment)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
540	Meeting	41283	A meeting occurred between RRR, AMEC and various government agencies to discuss RRGP's Closure Plan. Revised meeting notes were distributed to participants on 13-03-28.	Mark O'Brien (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Fadi Haddad (Natural Resources Canada), Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Kathleen Cavallaro (Environmental Assessment), Rachel Hill (Ministry of Natural Resources), Neal Bennett (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), James McKever (Ministry of Transportation), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment), Matt Myers (Ministry of Natural Resources), Anita Li (Environment Canada), Alisdair Brown (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Chris Martin (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources), Dan McDonell (Environment Canada), Rosanna Massimi (Environment Canada), Cindy Brown (Ministry of Transportation), Rob Purdon (Ministry of Northern Development & Mines), Mary Duda (Ministry of the Environment), Dan Fox (Ministry of Natural Resources)	David Simms (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Steve Sibbick (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Heather Lindsay (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
426	E-mail	01/15/2013	The Ministry of Environment (MOE) responded to the letter of support for the RRGP Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) sent by Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 13-01-14. The MOE indicated that the letter of support will form part of the Project file and will be considered by the Minister of the Environment when making a decision to approve the ToR.	Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	
428	Phone Call	01/16/2013	A conference call to discuss comments on proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) took place on 2012-12-13. Discussions continued by email between RRR and MOE and on 13-01-30, AMEC provided the MOE with a copy of the Amended Proposed Terms of Reference.	Ross Lashbrook (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-2: Provincial Government Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
495	E-mail	02/12/2013	RRR proposed a meeting agenda for a scheduled Federal / Provincial EA coordination meeting on 13-02-22.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-3: Federal Government Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
442	Site Visit	11/15/2012	RRR hosted a site visit for four Environment Canada (EC) employees.	Rob Dobos (Environment Canada), Dan McDonell (Environment Canada), Wesley Plant (Environment Canada), Jeanette Goulet (Environment Canada)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
398	E-mail	11/27/2012	Environment Canada (EC) requested an unlocked copy of the RRGP Interim Geochemistry Report. RRR provided a copy of the unlocked report.	Dan McDonell (Environment Canada)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
397	Letter	12/18/2012	RRR sent comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines issued by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency).	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
540	Meeting	41283	A meeting occurred between RRR, AMEC and various government agencies to discuss RRGP's Closure Plan. Revised meeting notes were distributed to participants on 13-03-28.	Mark O'Brien (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), Fadi Haddad (Natural Resources Canada), Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Kathleen Cavallaro (Environmental Assessment), Rachel Hill (Ministry of Natural Resources), Neal Bennett (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), James McKever (Ministry of Transportation), Drew Stajkowski (Ministry of Environment), Matt Myers (Ministry of Natural Resources), Anita Li (Environment Canada), Alisdair Brown (Ontario Ministry of Environment), Chris Martin (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources), Dan McDonell (Environment Canada), Rosanna Massimi (Environment Canada), Cindy Brown (Ministry of Transportation), Rob Purdon (Ministry of Northern Development & Mines), Mary Duda (Ministry of the Environment), Dan Fox (Ministry of Natural Resources)	David Simms (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Steve Sibbick (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Heather Lindsay (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)

Table D5-3: Federal Government Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
495	E-mail	02/12/2013	RRR proposed a meeting agenda for a scheduled Federal / Provincial EA coordination meeting on 13-02-22.	Stephanie Davis (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-4: Public and Stakeholder Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
362	E-mail	11/13/2012	Individual inquired about the Tailings Management Area (TMA) and the processes involved in managing tailings.	Alessandra Massaro (Individual - GP)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
358	Phone Call	11/15/2012	Individual interested in employment for locals and expressed concern that the EA process and open house focused too much on Whip-poor-will birds than the human aspect.	Unknown Unknown (Town of Emo)	Indi Gopinathan (Rainy River Resources)
364	Phone Call	11/20/2012	Individual asked for a map of the Pinewood River diversion.	Louise Neilson (Individual - GP)	Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources)
359	E-mail	11/26/2012	Rainy River Future Development Corp (RRFDC) sent comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding business opportunities and community development.	Geoff Gillon (Rainy River Future Development Corp)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
376	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	11/28/2012	Individual asked to look at and have a copy of Preliminary Site Plan Conceptual Layout.	Ray Maki (Individual - GP)	Andrea Curtis (Rainy River Resources)
396	Other	11/28/2012	RRR submitted a comment form regarding the Rainy River District Stewardship's (RRDS) Watershed Restoration Workshop.	David May (Rainy River District Stewardship)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
443	Presentation	12/05/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP to the Rainy River District Cattlemen's Association.	Murray McDonald (Rainy River Cattlemen's Association), Joey Sletmoen (Rainy River Cattlemen's Association), Corrie Govier (Rainy River Cattlemen's Association), Steve Lowshaw (Rainy River Cattlemen's Association), Phillip Krahn (Rainy River Cattlemen's Association)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-4: Public and Stakeholder Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
468	Meeting	12/10/2012	RRR held a meeting with hotel/resort owners within the Rainy River District to share RRR's plans for housing construction crews beginning in 2014.	Robert Tolen (Tolen's Pelican Landing), Dan Lecuyer (Lecuyer's Lodge), Don Lee (Adventure Inn), Brian Johnston (Adventure Inn), Monique Gall (WallaWalla Inn), Paul Noonan (La Place Rendez-Vous), Len Smart (Tom Jones Corporation), Percy Champagne (Roseberry Runway Bed and Breakfast), Pat and Wayne Howard (Ross' Camp), Jolene Woolsey (La Place Rendez-Vous), Darryl and Brenda Dutka (Larsson's Camp), Bryce Campbell (WallaWalla Inn), Sheila Campbell (WallaWalla Inn), Dorothy and Ed Bates (Unknown Individual), Aaron Bisson (Emo Inn), Marvin Smith (Tom Jones Corporation), Cheryl Gauthier (Harris Hill Resort)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Mitchell Stice (Rainy River Resources)
379	Letter	12/10/2012	RRR emailed a letter the Director of Education for the Rainy River District School Board regarding the Sturgeon Creek Accommodation Review.	Heather Campbell (Rainy River School District)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
459	Survey	12/11/2012	A socio-economic interview took place between RRR, AMEC and the Treaty 3 Police Services.	Larry Indian (Treaty 3 Police Services), Mark Bruyere (Treaty 3 Police Services)	Caroline Burgess (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
460	Survey	12/11/2012	A socio-economic interview took place between RRR, AMEC and the Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation (RLTDC). Discussions focused on policy and process for contracting opportunities.	Richard Bruyere (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services), Peter Moen (Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation)	Caroline Burgess (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-4: Public and Stakeholder Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
416	Phone Call	12/13/2012	RRR contacted the United Native Friendship Centre (UNFC) to describe the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. A follow-up meeting was planned to learn more about UNFC.	Sheila McMahon (United Native Friendship Centre (UNFC))	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
482	E-mail	01/10/2013	Northwatch requested that all future Project-related communications be provided electronically, to which RRR agreed.	Brennain Lloyd (Northwatch)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
449	Survey	01/14/2013	AMEC and RRR conducted a socio-economic interview with Riverside Health Care and the Canadian Mental Health Association.	Allan Katz (Riverside Health Care Facilities), Sheila Shaw (Canadian Mental Health Association), Jon Thompson (Riverside Health Care Facilities), Lori Maki (Riverside Health Care Facilities)	Caroline Burgess (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Don Charette (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
453	Survey	01/14/2013	A socio-economic interview took place between RRR, AMEC and the United Native Friendship Centre (UNFC).	Sheila McMahon (United Native Friendship Centre (UNFC))	Caroline Burgess (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Don Charette (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
451	Letter	01/30/2013	RRR provided a letter of support to the Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC) on behalf of an individual in support of his application for funding for an accommodation business.	Angela Halvorsen (Rainy River Future Development Corp)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
474	Meeting	02/05/2013	RRR provided information to Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation (RLTDC) on potential RRGP-related opportunities that would be available in the next 8-12 months. RRR committed to offer RLTDC the opportunity to respond to future Request for Proposals / Request for Quotes (RFP/RFQ) documents noting that each RFP/RFQ will have an Aboriginal participation or partnership component.	Richard Bruyere (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services), Peter Moen (Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources), Mitchell Stice (Rainy River Resources)
508	Meeting	02/11/2013	RRR met with representatives from the Anishnaabe Maamwaye Aki Kiigayewin (AMAK) Institute who presented information on the sustainable mine reclamation work they are doing in Timmins, Ontario and shared their holistic, intercultural approach to foster respect between First Nations and industry.	Roseanne Councillor (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Harry Windigo (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Martin Millen (Anishnaabe Maamwaye Aki Kiigayewin (AMAK))	
470	Phone Call	02/15/2013	RRR discussed RRGP's preferred transmission line route and provided an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.	Ross Anderson (Individual - GP)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-5: Mishkosiimiiniiziibing First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
425	E-mail	01/14/2013	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation emailed the Ministry of Environment (MOE) indicating that the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) have been reviewed by the First Nation members and NRF Consultation Advisor. The email demonstrated the current satisfaction with the Draft ToR and support for working with the MOE to expedite the approvals required toward the implementation of the Environmental Assessment (EA).	Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	
426	E-mail	01/15/2013	The Ministry of Environment (MOE) responded to the letter of support for the RRGP Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) sent by Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation on 13-01-14. The MOE indicated that the letter of support will form part of the Project file and will be considered by the Minister of the Environment when making a decision to approve the ToR.	Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	
441	Letter	01/22/2013	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation sent a signed copy of the Data Sharing Protocol for participation in a Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Traditional Land Use (TEK/TLU) study for the RRGP.	Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-5: Mishkosiimiiniiziibing First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
448	Meeting	01/22/2013	RRR attended the Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders meeting. During the meeting a Data Sharing Agreement was signed along with informed consent forms for Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Traditional Land Use (TEK/TLU) for 2013. The elders agreed to share TEK/TLU information compiled in 2012 regarding the RRGP. This information was provided to RRR on 13-01-24. The draft Participation Agreement was also discussed.	Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Melvina Copenace (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Bessie Tom (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Marlene Indian (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Robert Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Leonard Morrison (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Patsy Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Geraldine Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Daryl Archie (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Bill Morrison (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Bella Andy (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Joe Andy (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Victoria Gibbins (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

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ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
446	E-mail	01/23/2013	RRR emailed various First Nation communities and organizations to advise them of funding for a collective, independent review of the Environmental Assessment (EA).	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
454	E-mail	01/29/2013	RRR sent out a job posting to various First Nations for a Site Environmental Manager.	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-5: Mishkosiimiiniiziibing First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
476	E-mail	02/12/2013	RRR sent a reminder noting that funding applications for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) Participant Funding Program to facilitate First Nation participation in the RRGP Environmental Assessment (EA) process must be received by the CEA Agency no later than 13-02-15.	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
491	E-mail	02/12/2013	RRR sent out a job description for a summer student position.	James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), James Comegan (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation), Connie Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Patrick Morriseau (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-6: Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
444	Presentation	12/07/2012	RRR gave a presentation to representatives of Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, and Big Island First Nation on archaeological work conducted to date at the RRGP and anticipated future field work. Big Grassy First Nation was also invited to attend but was unable to send a representative.	Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Albert Handorgan (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Dorothy Medicine (Rainy River First Nations)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
455	Meeting	12/18/2012	Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation met with RRR and discussed an overview of an archaeological presentation given by RRR on 12-12-07 in Emo. A potential community presentation on the RRGP was decided upon and subsequently postponed.	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Albert Handorgan (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
446	E-mail	01/23/2013	RRR emailed various First Nation communities and organizations to advise them of funding for a collective, independent review of the Environmental Assessment (EA).	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
456	Letter	01/25/2013	RRR expressed interest in understanding Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation's current and traditional land use within the RRGP area as part of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-6: Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
454	E-mail	01/29/2013	RRR sent out a job posting to various First Nations for a Site Environmental Manager.	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
476	E-mail	02/12/2013	RRR sent a reminder noting that funding applications for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) Participant Funding Program to facilitate First Nation participation in the RRGP Environmental Assessment (EA) process must be received by the CEA Agency no later than 13-02-15.	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-7: Buffalo Point First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
446	E-mail	01/23/2013	RRR emailed various First Nation communities and organizations to advise them of funding for a collective, independent review of the Environmental Assessment (EA).	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
478	Letter	02/07/2013	RRR expressed interest in understanding Buffalo Point First Nation's current and traditional land use within the RRGP area as part of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.	John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
476	E-mail	02/12/2013	RRR sent a reminder noting that funding applications for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) Participant Funding Program to facilitate First Nation participation in the RRGP Environmental Assessment (EA) process must be received by the CEA Agency no later than 13-02-15.	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-8: Couchiching First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
368	Meeting	11/23/2012	Signed the data sharing protocol and discussed which elders will be interviewed for the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)
440	Meeting	12/06/2012	RRR met with an individual from the Couchiching First Nation to discuss possible Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Traditional Land Use (TEK/TLU) information that he may have to share about the RRGP area. Confidential TEK/TLU information discussed.	Unknown Unknown (Couchiching First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)
439	Meeting	12/13/2012	RRR met with two individuals from Couchiching First Nation to discuss possible Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Traditional Land Use (TEK/TLU) information that they may have to share about the RRGP area. Confidential TEK/TLU information was discussed. Review of the TEK/TLU discussion was confirmed on 13-02-13.	Joan Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Shirley M Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
430	Phone Call	12/18/2012	Couchiching First Nation asked if any work had been done or contracts awarded for blasting and rock removal at the RRGP site.	Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-8: Couchiching First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
446	E-mail	01/23/2013	RRR emailed various First Nation communities and organizations to advise them of funding for a collective, independent review of the Environmental Assessment (EA).	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
485	E-mail	01/24/2013	RRR emailed a job posting for a Site Environmental Manager position.	Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)
480	Other	02/04/2013	RRR conducted an interview regarding Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Traditional Land Use (TEK/TLU).	Richard Bruyere (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services), Joan Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation), Ralph Bruyere (Couchiching First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
473	Meeting	02/05/2013	Quarterly meeting of the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) to discuss issues and updates related to the RRGP.	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources),Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources), Mitchell Stice (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-8: Couchiching First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
476	E-mail	02/12/2013	RRR sent a reminder noting that funding applications for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) Participant Funding Program to facilitate First Nation participation in the RRGP Environmental Assessment (EA) process must be received by the CEA Agency no later than 13-02-15.	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
491	E-mail	02/12/2013	RRR sent out a job description for a summer student position.	James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), James Comegan (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation), Connie Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Patrick Morriseau (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-8: Couchiching First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
486	E-mail	02/13/2013	RRR forwarded a reminder to the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) members and consultation coordinators noting that funding applications for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) Participant Funding Program to facilitate First Nation participation in the RRGP Environmental Assessment (EA) process must be received by the CEA Agency no later than 13-02-15.	Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-9: Lac La Croix First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
357	Meeting	11/19/2012	RRR had a meeting with the Fort Frances First Nations Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC).	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Candace Bagacki (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)
446	E-mail	01/23/2013	RRR emailed various First Nation communities and organizations to advise them of funding for a collective, independent review of the Environmental Assessment (EA).	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
485	E-mail	01/24/2013	RRR emailed a job posting for a Site Environmental Manager position.	Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-9: Lac La Croix First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
473	Meeting	02/05/2013	Quarterly meeting of the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) to discuss issues and updates related to the RRGP.	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources), Mitchell Stice (Rainy River Resources)
476	E-mail	02/12/2013	RRR sent a reminder noting that funding applications for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) Participant Funding Program to facilitate First Nation participation in the RRGP Environmental Assessment (EA) process must be received by the CEA Agency no later than 13-02-15.	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
486	E-mail	02/13/2013	RRR forwarded a reminder to the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) members and consultation coordinators noting that funding applications for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) Participant Funding Program to facilitate First Nation participation in the RRGP Environmental Assessment (EA) process must be received by the CEA Agency no later than 13-02-15.	Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-10: Mitaanjigamiing First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
365	Open House	11/20/2012	RRR hosted an open house for Mitaanjigamiing First Nation. Ten people participated.	Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Ed Morrison (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), James G. Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Bill Wayash (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Hilda Boy (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Joe Cochrane (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Ed Natawance (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), John Yerxa (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Brad Fyfe (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), James A. Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Alana Fyfe (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Unknown Unknown (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Lorna Cochrane (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
431	E-mail	01/16/2013	RRR contacted Mitaanjigamiing First Nation about setting up a time to host a Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Traditional Land Use (TEK/TLU) session with community elders. Mitaanjigamiing First Nation indicated that a TEK/TLU session would be looked at in	Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-10: Mitaanjigamiing First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
446	E-mail	01/23/2013	RRR emailed various First Nation communities and organizations to advise them of funding for a collective, independent review of the Environmental Assessment (EA).	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
485	E-mail	01/24/2013	RRR emailed a job posting for a Site Environmental Manager position.	Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources)
473	Meeting	02/05/2013	Quarterly meeting of the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) to discuss issues and updates related to the RRGP.	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Rainy River Resources), Mitchell Stice (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-10: Mitaanjigamiing First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
476	E-mail	02/12/2013	RRR sent a reminder noting that funding applications for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) Participant Funding Program to facilitate First Nation participation in the RRGP Environmental Assessment (EA) process must be received by the CEA Agency no later than 13-02-15.	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
491	E-mail	02/12/2013	RRR sent out a job description for a summer student position.	James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), James Comegan (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation), Connie Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Patrick Morriseau (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-10: Mitaanjigamiing First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
486	E-mail	02/13/2013	RRR forwarded a reminder to the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) members and consultation coordinators noting that funding applications for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) Participant Funding Program to facilitate First Nation participation in the RRGP Environmental Assessment (EA) process must be received by the CEA Agency no later than 13-02-15.	Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-11: Naicatchewenin First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
370	E-mail	11/19/2012	RRR emailed to coordinate an open house for Naicatchewenin First Nation.	Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)
369	Phone Call	11/21/2012	Discussed Traditional Land Use (TLU) in the Project area.	Gary Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)
444	Presentation	12/07/2012	RRR gave a presentation to representatives of Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, and Big Island First Nation on archaeological work conducted to date at the RRGP and anticipated future field work. Big Grassy First Nation was also invited to attend but was unable to send a representative.	Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Albert Handorgan (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Dorothy Medicine (Rainy River First Nations)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
461	Survey	12/11/2012	A socio-economic interview took place between RRR, AMEC and the Naicatchewenin Development Corporation. Discussions focused on employment opportunities and local business expansion.	Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Caroline Burgess (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
541	Letter	01/22/2013	The Chiefs of Naicatchewenin First Nation and Rainy River First Nations sent a joint letter of support for the RRGP to the Ministry of Environment (MOE) and requested that the MOE approve the RRGP Terms of Reference (ToR). The letter was incorrectly dated 12-01-22.	Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), James Leonard II (Rainy River First Nations), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	

Table D5-11: Naicatchewenin First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

446	E-mail	01/23/2013	RRR emailed various First Nation communities and organizations to advise them of funding for a collective, independent review of the Environmental Assessment (EA).	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
485	E-mail	01/24/2013	RRR emailed a job posting for a Site Environmental Manager position.	Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)
473	Meeting	02/05/2013	Quarterly meeting of the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) to discuss issues and updates related to the RRGP.	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources), Mitchell Stice (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-11: Naicatchewenin First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

476	E-mail	02/12/2013	RRR sent a reminder noting that funding applications for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) Participant Funding Program to facilitate First Nation participation in the RRGP Environmental Assessment (EA) process must be received by the CEA Agency no later than 13-02-15.	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
486	E-mail	02/13/2013	RRR forwarded a reminder to the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) members and consultation coordinators noting that funding applications for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) Participant Funding Program to facilitate First Nation participation in the RRGP Environmental Assessment (EA) process must be received by the CEA Agency no later than 13-02-15.	Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)
471	Letter	02/14/2013	RRR informed Naicatchewenin First Nation about the proposed use of watershed restoration techniques as a method of offsetting the effects of the RRGP development on fish habitat. RRR requested written confirmation of support from the Naicatchewenin First Nation confirming that this approach is acceptable.	Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-12: Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
424	Presentation	12/06/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP to Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation. RRR presented a draft Participation Agreement to councillors for further consideration.	Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Rene White (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Melanie Copenace (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Ryan White (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
424	Presentation	12/06/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP to Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation. RRR presented a draft Participation Agreement to councillors for further consideration.	Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Rene White (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Melanie Copenace (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Ryan White (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
446	E-mail	01/23/2013	RRR emailed various First Nation communities and organizations to advise them of funding for a collective, independent review of the Environmental Assessment (EA).	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
457	Letter	01/25/2013	RRR expressed interest in understanding Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation's current and traditional land use within the RRGP area as part of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.	Joyce White (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-12: Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
454	E-mail	01/29/2013	RRR sent out a job posting to various First Nations for a Site Environmental Manager.	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-13: Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
372	E-mail	11/13/2012	RRR sent a plain language version of the Participation Agreement in response to a previous request.	Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)
401	Meeting	11/13/2012	RRR met with Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation Chief and Council to discuss the Participation Agreement.	Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
373	E-mail	11/16/2012	RRR sent a copy of the plain language Participation Agreement. Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation reminded RRR that they wish to have a letter indicating the opportunity to enter into the Participation Agreement at any point in the process as previously discussed on 12-11-13.	Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)
363	Meeting	11/20/2012	RRR met with Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation to discuss Project-related business opportunities. Discussed joining the existing Participation Agreement.	Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Don Jones (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Marvin Pelletier (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
402	Meeting	11/20/2012	RRR met with Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation Chief and Councilor to discuss the Participation Agreement.	Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
446	E-mail	01/23/2013	RRR emailed various First Nation communities and organizations to advise them of funding for a collective, independent review of the Environmental Assessment (EA).	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-13: Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
485	E-mail	01/24/2013	RRR emailed a job posting for a Site Environmental Manager position.	Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)
476	E-mail	02/12/2013	RRR sent a reminder noting that funding applications for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) Participant Funding Program to facilitate First Nation participation in the RRGP Environmental Assessment (EA) process must be received by the CEA Agency no later than 13-02-15.	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
491	E-mail	02/12/2013	RRR sent out a job description for a summer student position.	James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), James Comegan (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation), Connie Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Patrick Morriseau (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-13: Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
486	E-mail	02/13/2013	RRR forwarded a reminder to the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) members and consultation coordinators noting that funding applications for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) Participant Funding Program to facilitate First Nation participation in the RRGP Environmental Assessment (EA) process must be received by the CEA Agency no later than 13-02-15.	Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-14: Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
423	Presentation	12/06/2012	RRR gave a presentation to the Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation on the RRGP and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. RRR presented a draft Participation Agreement to the Chief for consideration.	Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Gus Copenace (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Clifford Bob (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Norman Copenace (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Fred Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
446	E-mail	01/23/2013	RRR emailed various First Nation communities and organizations to advise them of funding for a collective, independent review of the Environmental Assessment (EA).	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
458	Letter	01/25/2013	RRR expressed interest in understanding Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation's current and traditional land use within the RRGP area as part of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.	Norman Copenace (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
454	E-mail	01/29/2013	RRR sent out a job posting to various First Nations for a Site Environmental Manager.	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Romeo Duguay (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-14: Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
476	E-mail	02/12/2013	RRR sent a reminder noting that funding applications for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) Participant Funding Program to facilitate First Nation participation in the RRGP Environmental Assessment (EA) process must be received by the CEA Agency no later than 13-02-15.	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-15: Rainy River First Nations Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
375	E-mail	11/15/2012	RRR requested potential dates for an open house for Rainy River First Nations.	Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)
444	Presentation	12/07/2012	RRR gave a presentation to representatives of Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, and Big Island First Nation on archaeological work conducted to date at the RRGP and anticipated future field work. Big Grassy First Nation was also invited to attend but was unable to send a representative.	Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Albert Handorgan (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Dorothy Medicine (Rainy River First Nations)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
429	Phone Call	12/12/2012	Rainy River First Nations asked if RRR received comment from the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) regarding a letter to the Fort Frances Times. Rainy River First Nations requested that any comments RRR receives from MNDM in regards to Rainy River First Nations be shared with Rainy River First Nations.	Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)
541	Letter	01/22/2013	The Chiefs of Naicatchewenin First Nation and Rainy River First Nations sent a joint letter of support for the RRGP to the Ministry of Environment (MOE) and requested that the MOE approve the RRGP Terms of Reference (ToR). The letter was incorrectly dated 12-01-22.	Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), James Leonard II (Rainy River First Nations), Cindy Batista (Ontario Ministry of Environment)	
485	E-mail	01/24/2013	RRR emailed a job posting for a Site Environmental Manager position.	Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-15: Rainy River First Nations Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
450	Phone Call	01/31/2013	RRR asked Rainy River First Nations about the status of the commercial sturgeon fishery license that the band previously acquired. Rainy River First Nations stated that they still have the license, but have imposed a moratorium for at least a decade with no intention in the near future to end the moratorium because of the sturgeon's status as a species at risk.	Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)
473	Meeting	02/05/2013	Quarterly meeting of the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) to discuss issues and updates related to the RRGP.	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources), Mitchell Stice (Rainy River Resources)
476	E-mail	02/12/2013	RRR sent a reminder noting that funding applications for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) Participant Funding Program to facilitate First Nation participation in the RRGP Environmental Assessment (EA) process must be received by the CEA Agency no later than 13-02-15.	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-15: Rainy River First Nations Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
491	E-mail	02/12/2013	RRR sent out a job description for a summer student position.	James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), James Comegan (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation), Connie Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Patrick Morriseau (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)
486	E-mail	02/13/2013	RRR forwarded a reminder to the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) members and consultation coordinators noting that funding applications for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) Participant Funding Program to facilitate First Nation participation in the RRGP Environmental Assessment (EA) process must be received by the CEA Agency no later than 13-02-15.	Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-16: Seine River First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
378	Open House	11/13/2012	RRR hosted an open house for Seine River First Nation. RRR responded to questions about Project timelines and jobs. Approximately 10 people attended.	Unknown Unknown (Individual - GP), Garett Jim (Seine River First Nation), Nora Logan (Seine River First Nation), Darcy Whitecrew (Seine River First Nation), Unknown Unknown (Seine River First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources), Alyson Bisson (Rainy River Resources)
446	E-mail	01/23/2013	RRR emailed various First Nation communities and organizations to advise them of funding for a collective, independent review of the Environmental Assessment (EA).	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Tammy Ryll (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
485	E-mail	01/24/2013	RRR emailed a job posting for a Site Environmental Manager position.	Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Michael Ottertail (Lac La Croix First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)
473	Meeting	02/05/2013	Quarterly meeting of the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) to discuss issues and updates related to the RRGP.	Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources), Mitchell Stice (Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-16: Seine River First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
476	E-mail	02/12/2013	RRR sent a reminder noting that funding applications for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) Participant Funding Program to facilitate First Nation participation in the RRGP Environmental Assessment (EA) process must be received by the CEA Agency no later than 13-02-15.	Wesley Big George (Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation), Chuck McPherson (Couchiching First Nation), Norman Jordan (Lac La Croix First Nation), Janice Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Wayne Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Jim Leonard (Rainy River First Nations), Earl Klyne (Seine River First Nation), Daniel Kelly (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation), Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation), Carl Tuesday (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Gary Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), John Thunder (Buffalo Point First Nation)	Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
491	E-mail	02/12/2013	RRR sent out a job description for a summer student position.	James Mainville (Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), James Comegan (Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation), Connie Smith (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Patrick Morriseau (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-16: Seine River First Nation Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
486	E-mail	02/13/2013	RRR forwarded a reminder to the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) members and consultation coordinators noting that funding applications for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) Participant Funding Program to facilitate First Nation participation in the RRGP Environmental Assessment (EA) process must be received by the CEA Agency no later than 13-02-15.	Sara Mainville (Couchiching First Nation), Tony Marinaro (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Allan Yerxa (Couchiching First Nation), Carrie Johnson (Naicatchewenin First Nation), Dean Wilson (Rainy River First Nations), Chris Henderson (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation), Tyrone Tenniscoe (Seine River First Nation), Ron Allen (Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation), Leon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation)	Lincoln Dunn (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources)

Table D5-17: Métis Nation of Ontario Contact Records from November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Stakeholders	Team
500	E-mail	11/27/2012	The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) provided a meeting agenda to RRR for the 12-11-30 scheduled meeting.	Theresa Stenlund (Métis Nation of Ontario), Alvina Cimon (Métis Nation of Ontario), Joel Henley (Métis Nation of Ontario), Dean McMahon (Métis Nation of Ontario), Marlene Davidson (Métis Nation of Ontario), Clint Calder (Métis Nation of Ontario)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
395	Meeting	11/30/2012	RRR gave a presentation and update on the RRGP and discussed environmental baseline studies and environmental assessment schedule.	Theresa Stenlund (Métis Nation of Ontario), Alvina Cimon (Métis Nation of Ontario), Joel Henley (Métis Nation of Ontario), Clint Calder (Métis Nation of Ontario)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources), Stacey Jack (Rainy River Resources)
437	Letter	01/08/2013	The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) sent a letter to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) on the Draft RRGP Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). Comments were related to consultation efforts with the Métis. Responses were provided to the MOE on 13-02-05.	Brian Tucker (Sunset Country Métis), Charlene Cressman (Ontario Ministry of the Environment)	Sheila Daniel (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure)
501	E-mail	01/14/2013	Follow-up discussion by email to the meeting held 12-11-30. Correspondence related to the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between RRR and the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO).	Theresa Stenlund (Métis Nation of Ontario), Alvina Cimon (Métis Nation of Ontario), Joel Henley (Métis Nation of Ontario), Dean McMahon (Métis Nation of Ontario), Marlene Davidson (Métis Nation of Ontario), Clint Calder (Métis Nation of Ontario)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)
502	E-mail	01/23/2013	MNO confirmed interest in learning about the results of the archaeological assessments completed for the RRGP. MNO also indicated their preference for completing a Métis TEK/TLU study to determine potential RRGP impacts to Métis communities / citizens throughout Region One.	Dean McMahon (Métis Nation of Ontario), Theresa Stenlund (Métis Nation of Ontario), Joel Henley (Métis Nation of Ontario), Marlene Davidson (Métis Nation of Ontario), Clint Calder (Métis Nation of Ontario)	Kyle Stanfield (Rainy River Resources)

APPENDIX D-6

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES
NOVEMBER 10, 2012 TO FEBRUARY 15, 2013

Table D6-1: Comments and Responses - Federal Government Agencies, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Methodology and Process							
Regulatory	397	Letter	12/18/2012	RRR sent comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines issued by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency).	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR asked for clarification and gave comments on CEA Agency Draft Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines. Comments included whether a Draft EA is required by the CEA Agency; whether cumulative effects could reference the environmental effects section of the EIS (in the event that there are no cumulative effects); suggestions on wording of qualifying statements and sentences.	

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Biophysical Environment							
Wildlife	467	Meeting	11/15/2012	RRR met with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) where AMEC gave a presentation on RRGP considerations for compensation package for Whip-poor-will ESA permitting.	Ministry of Natural Resources, Trent University, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) MNR provided feedback on the RRGP considerations for compensation package for Whip-poor-will ESA permitting. There was general agreement that RRR was making progress on an approach to a SAR permit, but that there were still a number of aspects to sort out. MNR stated that the RRR proposal was a good start and conceptually aligns with previous discussions.	

Table D6-3: Comments and Responses - Municipal Government Agencies, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Biophysical Environment							
Wildlife	358	Phone Call	11/15/2012	Individual interested in employment for locals and expressed concern that the EA process and open house focused too much on Whip-poor-will birds than the human aspect.	Town of Emo, Rainy River Resources	1) Individual interested in employment for locals and expressed concern that the EA process and open house focused too much on Whip-poor-will birds than the human aspect.	
Water Resources	469	Letter	02/14/2013	RRR informed the Township of Chapple about the proposed use of watershed restoration techniques as a method of offsetting the effects of the RRGP development on fish habitat. RRR requested written confirmation of support from the Township of Chapple confirming that this approach is acceptable.	Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR informed the Township of Chapple about the proposed use of watershed restoration techniques as a method of offsetting the effects of the RRGP development on fish habitat. RRR requested written confirmation of support from the Township of Chapple confirming that this approach is acceptable.	
Human Environment							
Land and Resource Use	445	Meeting	12/05/2012	RRR gave a presentation to the Township of Chapple on the RRGP and held discussions on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). Topics focused on overall municipal planning, including the timing and process for accepting and amending the new Official Plan and zoning by-law amendments, and on the proposed Highway 600 relocation and East Access Road.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Future Development Corp, Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) The Township expressed appreciation to RRR for its contribution towards roads and for cost sharing a landfill study.	

Table D6-3: Comments and Responses - Municipal Government Agencies, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Socio-Economic	358	Phone Call	11/15/2012	Individual interested in employment for locals and expressed concern that the EA process and open house focused too much on Whip-poor-will birds than the human aspect.	Town of Emo, Rainy River Resources	1) Individual interested in employment for locals and expressed concern that the EA process and open house focused too much on Whip-poor-will birds than the human aspect.	
	447	Letter	01/24/2013	Township of Chapple sent a letter to RRR noting interest in meeting to discuss the Highway 600 re-alignment, the potential for Project-related financial impacts and the Township's interest in a negotiated agreement.	Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) Concern was expressed that the RRGP could result in increased municipal costs. The Council requested clarity around what RRR is willing to do, financially, to assist the community.	Information will be considered and incorporated into the EA report as appropriate. Further meetings will be scheduled with the Township of Chapple to continue discussions.
Socio-Economic	459	Survey	12/11/2012	A socio-economic interview took place between RRR, AMEC and the Treaty 3 Police Services.	Treaty 3 Police Services, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) It is believed that the Project will have a positive effect because of the increased employment.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.
	462	Survey	12/12/2012	RRR and AMEC conducted a socio-economic interview with the Township of Emo. Discussions focused on economic development, employment opportunities, and community building.	Town of Emo, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussions focused on economic development, employment opportunities, and community building. It was noted that the RRGP is seen as a positive opportunity for the community and its residents and the Town of Emo is pleased to have an RRR office located there.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.

Table D6-3: Comments and Responses - Municipal Government Agencies, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
	427	E-mail	01/07/2013	A socio-economic questionnaire was sent to the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls. RRR received the completed questionnaire on 13-01-16.	Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR received the completed information from the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls socio-economic questionnaire. The Township also provided a copy of their Community Improvement Plan, Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Number 279.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.
	504	Meeting	02/11/2013	RRR met with the Township of Chapple to discuss options for construction of new homes for RRR employees. Information gathered included vacant or potential lots and zoning considerations.	Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussions focused on options for construction of new homes for RRR employees, vacant or potential lots and zoning considerations.	Information will be considered and incorporated into the EA report as appropriate.
	505	Meeting	02/12/2013	RRR met with the Town of Fort Frances to discuss options for construction of new homes for RRR employees. Information gathered included vacant or potential lots and zoning considerations.	Town of Fort Frances, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussions focused on options for construction of new homes for RRR employees, vacant or potential lots and zoning considerations.	Information will be considered and incorporated into the EA report as appropriate.
	506	Meeting	02/13/2013	RRR met with the Township of Emo to discuss options for construction of new homes for RRR employees. Information gathered included vacant or potential lots and zoning considerations.	Town of Emo, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussions focused on options for construction of new homes for RRR employees, vacant or potential lots and zoning considerations.	Information will be considered and incorporated into the EA report as appropriate.

Table D6-3: Comments and Responses - Municipal Government Agencies, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Methodology and Process							
Environmental Assessment	358	Phone Call	11/15/2012	Individual interested in employment for locals and expressed concern that the EA process and open house focused too much on Whip-poor-will birds than the human aspect.	Town of Emo, Rainy River Resources	1) Individual interested in employment for locals and expressed concern that the EA process and open house focused too much on Whip-poor-will birds than the human aspect.	
	492	Letter	02/04/2013	RRR sent a letter to the Township of Chapple on 13-02-04 containing comments on the Draft Official Plan and Draft Zoning By-law. The Township of Chapple responded to RRR on 13-02-22.	Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources		
	469	Letter	02/14/2013	RRR informed the Township of Chapple about the proposed use of watershed restoration techniques as a method of offsetting the effects of the RRGP development on fish habitat. RRR requested written confirmation of support from the Township of Chapple confirming that this approach is acceptable.	Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR informed the Township of Chapple about the proposed use of watershed restoration techniques as a method of offsetting the effects of the RRGP development on fish habitat. RRR requested written confirmation of support from the Township of Chapple confirming that this approach is acceptable.	
	493	Meeting	02/06/2013	RRR and a municipal planner consultant met with the Township of Chapple. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the municipal planner's scope of work with RRR.	Andrea Bourrie Consulting (ABC) , Rainy River Future Development Corp, Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR and a municipal planner consultant met with the Township of Chapple. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the municipal planner's scope of work with RRR.	

Table D6-3: Comments and Responses - Municipal Government Agencies, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Mining							
Transport (Road, Barge, etc.)	447	Letter	01/24/2013	Township of Chapple sent a letter to RRR noting interest in meeting to discuss the Highway 600 re-alignment, the potential for Project-related financial impacts and the Township's interest in a negotiated agreement.	Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) It was noted that the Chapple Municipal Council is supportive of the re-routing of Highway 600 as it is Council's belief that this will increase the chance of the mine development.	Information will be considered and incorporated into the EA report as appropriate. Further meetings will be scheduled with the Township of Chapple to continue discussions.
	459	Survey	12/11/2012	A socio-economic interview took place between RRR, AMEC and the Treaty 3 Police Services.	Treaty 3 Police Services, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Traffic could be a concern. The highway through Rainy River First Nations will have bigger trucks on it. Reduced speed limits are in effect and the highway is patrolled by Treaty 3 Police. Deer strikes are common on these highways.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.
	445	Meeting	12/05/2012	RRR gave a presentation to the Township of Chapple on the RRGP and held discussions on the Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). Topics focused on overall municipal planning, including the timing and process for accepting and amending the new Official Plan and zoning by-law amendments, and on the proposed Highway 600 relocation and East Access Road.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Future Development Corp, Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) The Township stated that they would prefer the Highway 600 relocation to advance before mine construction in order to ease safety concerns related to traffic volumes and asked whether the Township could become the Highway re-alignment proponent in order to advance this component in an expedited manner.	RRR would support this approach.

Table D6-3: Comments and Responses - Municipal Government Agencies, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Risks and Mitigation							
Environmental Management	469	Letter	02/14/2013	RRR informed the Township of Chapple about the proposed use of watershed restoration techniques as a method of offsetting the effects of the RRGP development on fish habitat. RRR requested written confirmation of support from the Township of Chapple confirming that this approach is acceptable.	Township of Chapple, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR informed the Township of Chapple about the proposed use of watershed restoration techniques as a method of offsetting the effects of the RRGP development on fish habitat. RRR requested written confirmation of support from the Township of Chapple confirming that this approach is acceptable.	

Table D6-4: Comments and Responses - General Public and Stakeholders, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Biophysical Environment							
Air Quality / Climate	443	Presenta-tion	12/05/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP to the Rainy River District Cattlemen's Association.	Rainy River Cattlemen's Association, Rainy River Resources	1) The Cattlemen's Association enquired if RRR would be considering air quality.	RRR explained that air quality would be considered as part of the environmental assessment (EA).
Water Resources	443	Presenta-tion	12/05/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP to the Rainy River District Cattlemen's Association.	Rainy River Cattlemen's Association, Rainy River Resources	1) The Cattlemen's Association enquired if there would be any water quality problems downstream.	RRR will meet very stringent water quality standards that that are fully compatible with the downstream environment. Water quality will be monitored and compliant with permits that RRR will need to obtain.
Human Environment							
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	508	Meeting	02/11/2013	RRR met with representatives from the Anishnaabe Maamwaye Aki Kiigayewin (AMAK) Institute who presented information on the sustainable mine reclamation work they are doing in Timmins, Ontario and shared their holistic, intercultural approach to foster respect between First Nations and industry.	Anishnaabe Maamwaye Aki Kiigayewin (AMAK), Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) The AMAK Institute presented information on the sustainable mine reclamation work they are doing in Timmins, Ontario and shared their holistic, intercultural approach to foster respect between First Nations and industry.	RRR thanked participants for the information, which will be shared with Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) members.

Table D6-4: Comments and Responses - General Public and Stakeholders, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Socio-Economic	453	Survey	01/14/2013	A socio-economic interview took place between RRR, AMEC and the United Native Friendship Centre (UNFC).	United Native Friendship Centre (UNFC), AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) The UNFC noted a growing demand on all programs, especially in education and employment. 2) UNFC anticipates more demand for the employment and homelessness programs and expects to see a greater number of working poor who need support in paying rent and food. It is unknown how long the demands will remain high as a result of the recent mill shutdown. It was noted that Fort Frances does not have enough jobs to support the demand.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.
Socio-Economic	453	Survey	01/14/2013	A socio-economic interview took place between RRR, AMEC and the United Native Friendship Centre (UNFC).	United Native Friendship Centre (UNFC), AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Fort Frances is a violent town and drug use is prominent. This is attributed to lack of employment opportunities. Other issues noted include racism, homelessness, and affordable childcare.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.
	449	Survey	01/14/2013	AMEC and RRR conducted a socio-economic interview with Riverside Health Care and the Canadian Mental Health Association.	Canadian Mental Health Association , Riverside Health Care Facilities, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) The timing of the RRGP does not suggest an overwhelming demand on health services. 2) There has been an increase in demand in all program areas. Higher demands for mental health services is believed to be attributed to increased awareness (media) and reduced stigma associated mental health issues.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.

Table D6-4: Comments and Responses - General Public and Stakeholders, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
	449	Survey	01/14/2013	AMEC and RRR conducted a socio-economic interview with Riverside Health Care and the Canadian Mental Health Association.	Canadian Mental Health Association , Riverside Health Care Facilities, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Challenges facing Riverside Health Care and the Canadian Mental Health Association include maintaining available skill sets and sustaining a clinical HR program to handle employment vacancies.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.
	449	Survey	01/14/2013	AMEC and RRR conducted a socio-economic interview with Riverside Health Care and the Canadian Mental Health Association.	Canadian Mental Health Association , Riverside Health Care Facilities, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) The rate of drug addiction in this region is the highest in Ontario on all indicators including highest risk due to consumption rates. 2) We don't have the resources to deal with the demand. We expect that there will be more demands on Emo once the mine enters construction and operations. It will take time and resources (physical, human and fiscal (operating and capital)) before the Emo Health Centre can return to having an Emergency Department.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.
	449	Survey	01/14/2013	AMEC and RRR conducted a socio-economic interview with Riverside Health Care and the Canadian Mental Health Association.	Canadian Mental Health Association , Riverside Health Care Facilities, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Suggested broadening the discussion to include Fort Frances and other stakeholders.	RRR accepted this idea.

Table D6-4: Comments and Responses - General Public and Stakeholders, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Socio-Economic	443	Presenta-tion	12/05/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP to the Rainy River District Cattlemen's Association.	Rainy River Cattlemen's Association, Rainy River Resources	1) The Cattlemen's Association provided an update on the abattoir in Emo. They stated that they hope there's an opportunity for RRR or its employees to support the abattoir by shopping locally.	RRR thanked the Association for the discussion and stated that RRR is very supportive of local business.
	359	E-mail	11/26/2012	Rainy River Future Development Corp (RRFDC) sent comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding business opportunities and community development.	Rainy River Future Development Corp, Rainy River Resources	1) Suggest that RRR commit to increasing its level of procurement in the Rainy River District if possible. Along with this, RRFDC would like to see the company provide more information on its procurement processes.	RRR will continue to work hard to maximize the benefits to local people and businesses.
	359	E-mail	11/26/2012	Rainy River Future Development Corp (RRFDC) sent comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding business opportunities and community development.	Rainy River Future Development Corp, Rainy River Resources	1) Suggested RRR work with the RRFDC to review the procurement needs of the mine from the initial construction period through operating life of the mine. This would greatly assist the RRFDC in encouraging local businesses to expand or in attracting companies from across Canada to locate within the region to service the mine. RRFDC would like RRR to work with the RRFDC to maximize the economic benefits of the project for the District.	RRR will continue to work hard to maximize the benefits to local people and businesses. We would like to continue to work with you and organizations such as yours to ensure these points you listed and similar goals are reasonably met. A meeting was arranged to discuss some related points.

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
	359	E-mail	11/26/2012	Rainy River Future Development Corp (RRFDC) sent comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding business opportunities and community development.	Rainy River Future Development Corp, Rainy River Resources	1) Suggested a report on what the expected impacts and demands will be on local infrastructure. Would also like to have RRR develop a mechanism for providing reliable information to the region's municipalities so municipalities can make strategic decisions for such infrastructure as housing, sewer and water, roads, land fill etc.	Effects on local infrastructure will be included in the EA Report. We would like to continue to work with you and organizations such as yours to ensure these points you listed and similar goals are reasonably met.
Socio-Economic	359	E-mail	11/26/2012	Rainy River Future Development Corp (RRFDC) sent comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding business opportunities and community development.	Rainy River Future Development Corp, Rainy River Resources	1) Suggested that RRR develop a Legacy Fund for the future development of the region. For example, so many dollars per ounce towards the fund for the life of the mine.	Noted and will be considered as part of the mitigation / enhancement strategies presented in the EA report.
	359	E-mail	11/26/2012	Rainy River Future Development Corp (RRFDC) sent comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding business opportunities and community development.	Rainy River Future Development Corp, Rainy River Resources	1) Suggested RRR support the development of a process, in conjunction with local and senior governments, to transition some of the Resolute Forest Products employees recently laid off to potential mine employees.	Noted.

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
	434	Survey	12/13/2012	RRR conducted a socio-economic interview with Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC). Data was collected on existing mining services, local business capacity, workforce demographics, and RRFDC's vision for the community.	Rainy River Future Development Corp, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure	1) RRFDC shared information on existing mining services in the area and the potential for these businesses to provide goods and services to RRGP. Local business expansion capacity was discussed as well as ways to structure procurement policies and process to facilitate local contract opportunities. Workforce demographics, including expected outcomes of the Resolute Forest Products' mill closure on employment and local economy were shared. RRFDC requested an information session in Fort Frances and noted that the Town of Fort Frances is hopeful that the RRGP will be realized and will continue to provide support to assure that outcome.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.
Socio-Economic	468	Meeting	12/10/2012	RRR held a meeting with hotel/resort owners within the Rainy River District to share RRR's plans for housing construction crews beginning in 2014.	Adventure Inn, Emo Inn, Harris Hill Resort, La Place Rendez-Vous, Larsson's Camp, Lecuyer's Lodge, Roseberry Runway Bed and Breakfast, Ross' Camp, Tolen's Pelican Landing , Tom Jones Corporation, Unknown Individual, WallaWalla Inn, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR held a meeting with hotel/resort owners within the Rainy River District to share RRR's plans for housing construction crews beginning in 2014. Hotel / resort owners were receptive to RRR accommodation plans and appreciative that the company was supporting local business.	RRR will continue to provide information to local accommodation providers as appropriate.

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Land and Resource Use	443	Presentation	12/05/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP to the Rainy River District Cattlemen's Association.	Rainy River Cattlemen's Association, Rainy River Resources	1) There was general discussion about the property that RRR had purchased. The Cattlemen's Association stated they were very happy with recent discussions surrounding the Community Pasture property and the more readily available pasture that RRR will be providing to District cattle ranchers.	
Methodology and Process							
Stakeholder Engagement	474	Meeting	02/05/2013	RRR provided information to Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation (RLTDC) on potential RRGP-related opportunities that would be available in the next 8-12 months. RRR committed to offer RLTDC the opportunity to respond to future Request for Proposals / Request for Quotes (RFP/RFQ) documents noting that each RFP/RFQ will have an Aboriginal participation or partnership component.	Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR provided information to RLTDC on potential RRGP-related opportunities that would be available in the next 8-12 months. RRR committed to offer RLTDC the opportunity to respond to future RFP/RFQ documents noting that each RFP/RFQ will have an Aboriginal participation or partnership component.	

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Mining							
Tailing Impoundment	362	E-mail	11/13/2012	Individual inquired about the Tailings Management Area (TMA) and the processes involved in managing tailings.	Individual - GP, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired about TMA and tailings process. Asked how the Project would ensure proper management of tailings.	RRR is currently in the EA process. Mines are designed today to be closed in an environmentally responsible manner. Mining is the only industry that provides closure funds up front to the government to pay for the site restoration before any Project construction begins. RRR is confident that when the Mine EA report is issued for public comment in early 2013, that the mitigation and engineering plans will meet with long-term sustainability objectives.

Table D6-5: Comments and Responses - Anishinabeg of Naogashiing First Nation, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Human Environment							
Archaeology and Heritage	444	Presentation	12/07/2012	RRR gave a presentation to representatives of Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, and Big Island First Nation on archaeological work conducted to date at the RRGP and anticipated future field work. Big Grassy First Nation was also invited to attend but was unable to send a representative.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) Interest was expressed in having any archaeological artifacts returned to the area and a ceremony be held upon their return. A recommendation was made to transfer artifacts to Rainy River First Nations on behalf of the three communities that attended the meeting. 2) The First Nations would like a presentation on the technique of locating these ancient sites to use for educational purposes. The participants were very interested in the use of LIDAR technology to identify the ancient shorelines and viewed it as a very valuable tool for locating sites throughout the district.	RRR will continue to engage First Nations communities on archaeological work conducted for the RRGP.

Table D6-5: Comments and Responses - Anishinabeg of Naogashiing First Nation, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Archaeology and Heritage	455	Meeting	12/18/2012	Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation met with RRR and discussed an overview of an archaeological presentation given by RRR on 12-12-07 in Emo. A potential community presentation on the RRGP was decided upon and subsequently postponed.	Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation met with RRR and discussed an overview of an archaeological presentation given by RRR on 12-12-07 in Emo. A potential community presentation on the RRGP was decided upon and subsequently postponed.	
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	456	Letter	01/25/2013	RRR expressed interest in understanding Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation's current and traditional land use within the RRGP area as part of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.	Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR expressed interest in understanding Anishinabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation's current and traditional land use within the RRGP area as part of the EA process.	

Table D6-6: Comments and Responses - Buffalo Point First Nation, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Human Environment							
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	478	Letter	02/07/2013	RRR expressed interest in understanding Buffalo Point First Nation's current and traditional land use within the RRGP area as part of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.	Buffalo Point First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR expressed interest in understanding Buffalo Point First Nation's current and traditional land use within the RRGP area as part of the EA process.	

Table D6-7: Comments and Responses - Couchiching First Nation, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Human Environment							
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	368	Meeting	11/23/2012	Signed the data sharing protocol and discussed which elders will be interviewed for the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study.	Couchiching First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Signed the data sharing protocol and discussed which elders will be interviewed for the TEK/TLU study.	
	439	Meeting	12/13/2012	RRR met with two individuals from Couchiching First Nation to discuss possible Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Traditional Land Use (TEK/TLU) information that they may have to share about the RRGP area. Confidential TEK/TLU information was discussed. Review of the TEK/TLU discussion was confirmed on 13-02-13.	Couchiching First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR met with two individuals from Couchiching First Nation to discuss possible TEK/TLU information that they may have to share about the RRGP area. Confidential TEK/TLU information was discussed.	
	440	Meeting	12/06/2012	RRR met with an individual from the Couchiching First Nation to discuss possible Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Traditional Land Use (TEK/TLU) information that he may have to share about the RRGP area. Confidential TEK/TLU information discussed.	Couchiching First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR met with an individual from the Couchiching First Nation to discuss possible TEK/TLU information that he may have to share about the RRGP area. Confidential TEK/TLU information discussed.	
	480	Other	02/04/2013	RRR conducted an interview regarding Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Traditional Land Use (TEK/TLU).	Couchiching First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR conducted a TEK/TLU interview during which no information relevant to the RRGP area was expressed.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.

Table D6-7: Comments and Responses - Couchiching First Nation, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Methodology and Process							
Baseline Studies	368	Meeting	11/23/2012	Signed the data sharing protocol and discussed which elders will be interviewed for the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) study.	Couchiching First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Signed the data sharing protocol and discussed which elders will be interviewed for the TEK/TLU study.	
Stakeholder Engagement	473	Meeting	02/05/2013	Quarterly meeting of the Participation Agreement Advisory Committee (PAAC) to discuss issues and updates related to the RRGP.	Couchiching First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Quarterly meeting of the PAAC to discuss issues and updates related to the RRGP.	

Table D6-8: Comments and Responses - Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Human Environment							
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	458	Letter	01/25/2013	RRR expressed interest in understanding Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation's current and traditional land use within the RRGP area as part of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR expressed interest in understanding Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation's current and traditional land use within the RRGP area as part of the EA process.	
Methodology and Process							
Stakeholder Engagement	423	Presentation	12/06/2012	RRR gave a presentation to the Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation on the RRGP and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. RRR presented a draft Participation Agreement to the Chief for consideration.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Onigaming First Nation stated that it is not against development, but wanted to ensure First Nations were involved so that projects proceed in an acceptable manner.	RRR agreed that First Nation participation is necessary.
Risks and Mitigation							
Environmental Management	423	Presentation	12/06/2012	RRR gave a presentation to the Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation on the RRGP and the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. RRR presented a draft Participation Agreement to the Chief for consideration.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation asked how chemicals would be managed at the site.	RRR stated that all chemicals used at industrial facilities including mines are subject to strict laws and regulations. All chemicals would be managed to ensure health, safety and the environment are protected at all times.

Table D6-9: Comments and Responses - Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Human Environment							
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	448	Meeting	01/22/2013	RRR attended the Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders meeting. During the meeting a Data Sharing Agreement was signed along with informed consent forms for Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Traditional Land Use (TEK/TLU) for 2013. The elders agreed to share TEK/TLU information compiled in 2012 regarding the RRGP. This information was provided to RRR on 13-01-24. The draft Participation Agreement was also discussed.	Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR attended the Mishkosiimiiniiziibing (Big Grassy River) First Nation elders meeting. During the meeting a Data Sharing Agreement was signed along with informed consent forms for TEK/TLU for 2013. The elders agreed to share TEK/TLU information compiled in 2012 regarding the RRGP. This information was provided to RRR on 13-01-24. The draft Participation Agreement was also discussed.	

Table D6-10: Comments and Responses - Métis Nation of Ontario, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Biophysical Environment							
Noise and Vibration	395	Meeting	11/30/2012	RRR gave a presentation and update on the RRGP and discussed environmental baseline studies and environmental assessment schedule.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked about whether people had mentioned noise as a concern.	People have asked about noise from blasting and trucks. The effects will be assessed in the EA and will be mitigated.
Water Resources	395	Meeting	11/30/2012	RRR gave a presentation and update on the RRGP and discussed environmental baseline studies and environmental assessment schedule.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired about the effects on waterways including the creeks upstream of the TMA and the Pinewood River. Also asked about effects on groundwater wells.	Effects to surface and groundwater resources have been (and will continue to be) studied and will be addressed during the Environmental Assessment as engineering results inform the EA process. We do not anticipate effects on creeks or groundwater wells. The Project will potentially divert the Pinewood and other creeks north of the TMA. RRR engineers are working on solutions so that the RRGP would avoid, if possible, any diversion of the Pinewood River.
	395	Meeting	11/30/2012	RRR gave a presentation and update on the RRGP and discussed environmental baseline studies and environmental assessment schedule.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked about the size of intake and discharge structure that would be used.	At this point, the intake/discharge is still being designed.

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Human Environment							
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	502	E-mail	01/23/2013	MNO confirmed interest in learning about the results of the archaeological assessments completed for the RRGP. MNO also indicated their preference for completing a Métis TEK/TLU study to determine potential RRGP impacts to Métis communities / citizens throughout Region One.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Rainy River Resources	MNO confirmed interest in learning about the results of the archaeological assessments completed for the RRGP. MNO also indicated their preference for completing a Métis TEK/TLU study to determine potential RRGP impacts to Métis communities / citizens throughout Region One.	
Land and Resource Use	395	Meeting	11/30/2012	RRR gave a presentation and update on the RRGP and discussed environmental baseline studies and environmental assessment schedule.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Rainy River Resources	1) MNO asked if RRR had been working with local landowners to purchase land for the RRGP as well as if RRR had been in contact with other resource users.	Yes, RRR is actively working with landowners and other resource users.
Socio-Economic	395	Meeting	11/30/2012	RRR gave a presentation and update on the RRGP and discussed environmental baseline studies and environmental assessment schedule.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Rainy River Resources	1) There were questions about the construction and operation schedule and if there would be a work camp on site. There was general support for having no work camp so that there would be benefits to local hotel/camp operators.	An overview of the project schedule was given. RRR stated that there will not likely be a work camp on site so that benefits would be dispersed to accommodation businesses in the region.
	395	Meeting	11/30/2012	RRR gave a presentation and update on the RRGP and discussed environmental baseline studies and environmental assessment schedule.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Rainy River Resources	1) MNO had questions about labour availability and minimum standards for accessing employment.	RRR indicated that labour would be sourced as much as possible from the region and that RRR would discuss minimum standards further with MNO to assist them with resources planning.
Methodology and Process							

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Stakeholder Engagement	501	E-mail	01/14/2013	Follow-up discussion by email to the meeting held 12-11-30. Correspondence related to the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between RRR and the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO).	Métis Nation of Ontario, Rainy River Resources	1) Follow-up discussion to the meeting held 12-11-30. Correspondence related to the proposed MOU between RRR and the MNO.	
Mining							
Employee Accommodations/ Camp	395	Meeting	11/30/2012	RRR gave a presentation and update on the RRGP and discussed environmental baseline studies and environmental assessment schedule.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Rainy River Resources	1) There were questions about the construction and operation schedule and if there would be a work camp on site. There was general support for having no work camp so that there would be benefits to local hotel/camp operators.	An overview of the project schedule was given. RRR stated that there will not likely be a work camp on site so that benefits would be dispersed to accommodation businesses in the region.
Process (Leaching, etc.)	395	Meeting	11/30/2012	RRR gave a presentation and update on the RRGP and discussed environmental baseline studies and environmental assessment schedule.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Rainy River Resources	1) MNO asked if the silver would be processed separately from the gold.	The gold will be processed with the silver in it.

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Water Sources	395	Meeting	11/30/2012	RRR gave a presentation and update on the RRGP and discussed environmental baseline studies and environmental assessment schedule.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired about the effects on waterways including the creeks upstream of the TMA and the Pinewood River. Also asked about effects on groundwater wells.	Effects to surface and groundwater resources have been (and will continue to be) studied and will be addressed during the Environmental Assessment as engineering results inform the EA process. We do not anticipate effects on creeks or groundwater wells. The Project will potentially divert the Pinewood and other creeks north of the TMA. RRR engineers are working on solutions so that the RRGP would avoid, if possible, any diversion of the Pinewood River.
	395	Meeting	11/30/2012	RRR gave a presentation and update on the RRGP and discussed environmental baseline studies and environmental assessment schedule.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked about the size of intake and discharge structure that would be used.	At this point, the intake/discharge is still being designed.
Water Sources	395	Meeting	11/30/2012	RRR gave a presentation and update on the RRGP and discussed environmental baseline studies and environmental assessment schedule.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Rainy River Resources	1) MNO asked how employee water and sewer would be managed on the mine site.	Water sources are currently being determined. Systems used to manage domestic sewage will be determined, but likely managed on site by an appropriately sized packaged sewage treatment system. RRR has been in discussions with Chapple Township about appropriate means to manage solid wastes.

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Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Project Phase							
Design	395	Meeting	11/30/2012	RRR gave a presentation and update on the RRGP and discussed environmental baseline studies and environmental assessment schedule.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Rainy River Resources	1) Asked about the size of intake and discharge structure that would be used.	At this point, the intake/discharge is still being designed.
Risks and Mitigation							
Environmental Management	395	Meeting	11/30/2012	RRR gave a presentation and update on the RRGP and discussed environmental baseline studies and environmental assessment schedule.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Rainy River Resources	1) MNO asked how employee water and sewer would be managed on the mine site.	Water sources are currently being determined. Systems used to manage domestic sewage will be determined, but likely managed on site by an appropriately sized packaged sewage treatment system. RRR has been in discussions with Chapple Township about appropriate means to manage solid wastes.

Table D6-11: Comments and Responses - Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Biophysical Environment							
Water Resources	365	Open House	11/20/2012	RRR hosted an open house for Mitaanjigamiing First Nation. Ten people participated.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned about the impact on the land and feels the land should be left the way it is for future generations. 2) Concerned about contamination of water supply.	Noted. Both land and water effects will be addressed in the EA Report.
Human Environment							
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	365	Open House	11/20/2012	RRR hosted an open house for Mitaanjigamiing First Nation. Ten people participated.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR should make sure and ask people where the old things are.	Explained TEK/TLU studies and that a date for discussion with Mitaanjigamiing First Nation was forth coming.
	365	Open House	11/20/2012	RRR hosted an open house for Mitaanjigamiing First Nation. Ten people participated.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Indicated on comment form that traditional protocols should be in place for proposed transmission line(s) and road(s) prior to disturbing the land and animals.	Noted. This will be considered and discussed further with the community representatives.
Land and Resource Use	365	Open House	11/20/2012	RRR hosted an open house for Mitaanjigamiing First Nation. Ten people participated.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Concerned about the impact on the land and feels the land should be left the way it is for future generations. 2) Concerned about contamination of water supply.	Noted. Both land and water effects will be addressed in the EA Report.
Socio-Economic	365	Open House	11/20/2012	RRR hosted an open house for Mitaanjigamiing First Nation. Ten people participated.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR should consider employee transportation to and from Mitaanjigamiing for the construction and operation phase.	Suggestion is noted. At this point, RRR has not made any decisions about employee transportation.

Table D6-12: Comments and Responses - Naicatchewenin First Nation, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Biophysical Environment							
Water Resources	471	Letter	02/14/2013	RRR informed Naicatchewenin First Nation about the proposed use of watershed restoration techniques as a method of offsetting the effects of the RRGP development on fish habitat. RRR requested written confirmation of support from the Naicatchewenin First Nation confirming that this approach is acceptable.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR informed Naicatchewenin First Nation about the proposed use of watershed restoration techniques as a method of offsetting the effects of the RRGP development on fish habitat. RRR requested written confirmation of support from the Naicatchewenin First Nation confirming that this approach is acceptable.	
Human Environment							
Archaeology and Heritage	444	Presentation	12/18/2012	RRR gave a presentation to representatives of Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, and Big Island First Nation on archaeological work conducted to date at the RRGP and anticipated future field work. Big Grassy First Nation was also invited to attend but was unable to send a representative.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) Interest was expressed in having any archaeological artifacts returned to the area and a ceremony be held upon their return. A recommendation was made to transfer artifacts to Rainy River First Nations on behalf of the three communities that attended the meeting. 2) The First Nations would like a presentation on the technique of locating these ancient sites to use for educational purposes. The participants were very interested in the use of LIDAR technology to identify the ancient shorelines and viewed it as a very valuable tool for locating sites throughout the district.	RRR will continue to engage First Nations communities on archaeological work conducted for the RRGP.

Table D6-12: Comments and Responses - Naicatchewenin First Nation, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	369	Phone Call	11/21/2012	Discussed Traditional Land Use (TLU) in the Project area.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussed TLU. Indicated how individual and others used and continue to use land in the area. Area near Split Rock Road in Mathieu Township is used to hunt deer and moose as well as gather firewood. Meat from successful hunts are shared with the community. Individual provided the name of another individual who would be able to talk about hunting activities in the area.	
	503	Meeting	14/02/2013	RRR met with Naicatchewenin First Nation to discuss the community's participation in the Environmental Assessment (EA) technical review process and to verify information provided in the Traditional Ecological Knowledge / Traditional Land Use (TEK/TLU) study.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River Resources	RRR met with Naicatchewenin First Nation to discuss the community's participation in the EA technical review process and to verify information provided in the TEK/TLU study.	
Socio-Economic	461	Survey	12/11/2012	A socio-economic interview took place between RRR, AMEC and the Naicatchewenin Development Corporation. Discussions focused on employment opportunities and local business expansion.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) Discussions focused on employment opportunities and local business expansion. Naicatchewenin Development Corporation sees the RRGP as an opportunity to engage First Nations in the local economy.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.

Table D6-12: Comments and Responses - Naicatchewenin First Nation, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Methodology and Process							
Stakeholder Engagement	471	Letter	02/14/2013	RRR informed Naicatchewenin First Nation about the proposed use of watershed restoration techniques as a method of offsetting the effects of the RRGP development on fish habitat. RRR requested written confirmation of support from the Naicatchewenin First Nation confirming that this approach is acceptable.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR informed Naicatchewenin First Nation about the proposed use of watershed restoration techniques as a method of offsetting the effects of the RRGP development on fish habitat. RRR requested written confirmation of support from the Naicatchewenin First Nation confirming that this approach is acceptable.	
Project Phase							
Environmental Management	471	Letter	02/14/2013	RRR informed Naicatchewenin First Nation about the proposed use of watershed restoration techniques as a method of offsetting the effects of the RRGP development on fish habitat. RRR requested written confirmation of support from the Naicatchewenin First Nation confirming that this approach is acceptable.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR informed Naicatchewenin First Nation about the proposed use of watershed restoration techniques as a method of offsetting the effects of the RRGP development on fish habitat. RRR requested written confirmation of support from the Naicatchewenin First Nation confirming that this approach is acceptable.	

Table D6-13: Comments and Responses - Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Human Environment							
Land and Resource Use	424	Presentation	12/06/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP to Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation. RRR presented a draft Participation Agreement to councillors for further consideration.	Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) There was discussion about potential farm or agricultural uses of the tailings area upon closure.	RRR stated that local agricultural and crop organizations will be consulted as part of development of the Mine Closure Plan.
Indigenous Traditional Knowledge	457	Letter	01/25/2013	RRR expressed interest in understanding Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation's current and traditional land use within the RRGP area as part of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.	Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR expressed interest in understanding Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation's current and traditional land use within the RRGP area as part of the EA process.	
Mining							
Tailing Impoundment	424	Presentation	12/06/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP to Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation. RRR presented a draft Participation Agreement to councillors for further consideration.	Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) There was discussion about potential farm or agricultural uses of the tailings area upon closure.	RRR stated that local agricultural and crop organizations will be consulted as part of development of the Mine Closure Plan.
Project Phase							
Closure	424	Presentation	12/06/2012	RRR gave a presentation on the RRGP to Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation. RRR presented a draft Participation Agreement to councillors for further consideration.	Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) There was discussion about potential farm or agricultural uses of the tailings area upon closure.	RRR stated that local agricultural and crop organizations will be consulted as part of development of the Mine Closure Plan.

Table D6-14: Comments and Responses - Rainy River First Nations, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Biophysical Environment							
Water Resources	472	Letter	02/14/2013	RRR informed Rainy River First Nations about the proposed use of watershed restoration techniques as a method of offsetting the effects of the RRGP development on fish habitat. RRR requested written confirmation of support from the Rainy River First Nations confirming that this approach is acceptable.	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR informed Rainy River First Nations about the proposed use of watershed restoration techniques as a method of offsetting the effects of the RRGP development on fish habitat. RRR requested written confirmation of support from the Rainy River First Nations confirming that this approach is acceptable.	
Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	450	Phone Call	01/31/2013	RRR asked Rainy River First Nations about the status of the commercial sturgeon fishery license that the band previously acquired. Rainy River First Nations stated that they still have the license, but have imposed a moratorium for at least a decade with no intention in the near future to end the moratorium because of the sturgeon's status as a species at risk.	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR asked Rainy River First Nations about the status of the commercial sturgeon fishery license that the band previously had acquired. Rainy River First Nations stated that they still have the license, but have imposed a moratorium for at least a decade with no intention in the near future to end the moratorium because of the sturgeon's status as a species at risk.	

Table D6-14: Comments and Responses - Rainy River First Nations, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Human Environment							
Archaeology and Heritage	444	Presentation	12/18/2012	RRR gave a presentation to representatives of Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, and Big Island First Nation on archaeological work conducted to date at the RRGP and anticipated future field work. Big Grassy First Nation was also invited to attend but was unable to send a representative.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services / Rainy River Resources, Rainy River Resources	1) Interest was expressed in having any archaeological artifacts returned to the area and a ceremony be held upon their return. A recommendation was made to transfer artifacts to Rainy River First Nations on behalf of the three communities that attended the meeting. 2) The First Nations would like a presentation on the technique of locating these ancient sites to use for educational purposes. The participants were very interested in the use of LIDAR technology to identify the ancient shorelines and viewed it as a very valuable tool for locating sites throughout the district.	RRR will continue to engage First Nations communities on archaeological work conducted for the RRGP.

Table D6-14: Comments and Responses - Rainy River First Nations, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Methodology and Process							
Stakeholder Engagement	472	Letter	02/14/2013	RRR informed Rainy River First Nations about the proposed use of watershed restoration techniques as a method of offsetting the effects of the RRGP development on fish habitat. RRR requested written confirmation of support from the Rainy River First Nations confirming that this approach is acceptable.	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR informed Rainy River First Nations about the proposed use of watershed restoration techniques as a method of offsetting the effects of the RRGP development on fish habitat. RRR requested written confirmation of support from the Rainy River First Nations confirming that this approach is acceptable.	
Risks and Mitigation							
Environmental Management	472	Letter	02/14/2013	RRR informed Rainy River First Nations about the proposed use of watershed restoration techniques as a method of offsetting the effects of the RRGP development on fish habitat. RRR requested written confirmation of support from the Rainy River First Nations confirming that this approach is acceptable.	Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Resources	1) RRR informed Rainy River First Nations about the proposed use of watershed restoration techniques as a method of offsetting the effects of the RRGP development on fish habitat. RRR requested written confirmation of support from the Rainy River First Nations confirming that this approach is acceptable.	

Table D6-15: Comments and Responses - Seine River First Nation, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Human Environment							
Socio-Economic	378	Open House	11/13/2012	RRR hosted an open house for Seine River First Nation. RRR responded to questions about Project timelines and jobs. Approximately 10 people attended.	Individual - GP, Seine River First Nation, Rainy River Resources	1) Inquired what kind of school/training should be undertaken.	RRR gave examples of the types of jobs available in exploration and mining industries and the types of education required. RRR encouraged post-secondary education.

Table D6-16: Comments and Responses - Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation, November 10, 2012 to February 15, 2013

Topic	ROC	Event Type	Date	Event Summary	Participating Organizations	Comments	Official Response
Human Environment							
Socio-Economic	460	Survey	12/11/2012	A socio-economic interview took place between RRR, AMEC and the Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation (RLTDC). Discussions focused on policy and process for contracting opportunities.	Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) A socio-economic interview took place between RRR, AMEC and the RLTDC. Discussions focused on policy and process for contracting opportunities.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.
	460	Survey	12/11/2012	A socio-economic interview took place between RRR, AMEC and the Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation (RLTDC). Discussions focused on policy and process for contracting opportunities.	Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Rainy River Resources	1) The need for training was noted.	Information obtained will be used in the baseline reporting and for effects assessment and management planning.

APPENDIX D-7

CORRESPONDENCE DOCUMENTS
NOVEMBER 10, 2012 TO FEBRUARY 15, 2013

(INCLUDES LETTERS OF SUPPORT RECEIVED BETWEEN FEBRUARY 16, 2013 AND MAY 15, 2013)

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November 13, 2012

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
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Toronto, Ontario
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Re: Rainy River Gold Project, Draft EIS Guidelines comments from Rainy River Resources

Dear Stephanie:

Rainy River Resources Ltd. (RRR) has taken the opportunity to review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines issued for the Rainy River Gold Project on October 19, 2012.

We would respectfully provide the following comments for consideration by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) in finalization of the Guidelines:

- Section 2.2 "*The Act requires that the Agency provides the public,… opportunity to comment on the draft EA report.*"

  Please clarify whether a draft EA is required by the Act to be issued for public comment. RRR has committed to providing a draft EA for government and Aboriginal group review.

- Section 3.5 "*should contain the following information,… title of the document, including the term environmental impact statement"*

  As the CEA Agency is aware, there may be a potential conflict between the regulatory requirement of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and the draft EIS Guidelines with respect to the title of the document. Based on the discussions that RRR has held with Federal and Provincial government representatives to date, we suggest that the document be titled Environmental Assessment Report.

- Section 3.5 "*The exception to this preference is cumulative effects assessment, which should be provided in a stand-alone section as described in section 12.1.12*."

  Without prejudging the content of the EIS, it is likely that all natural environment effects of the Project could be confined to lands defined by the Pinewood River watershed, and the transmission line corridor boundary; and that there will be no other identified new or planned projects for this area, or that would affect ecosystem components in this area. In such an instance, the Project environmental effects and the cumulative environmental effects for the natural environment could be one and the same, as existing land uses and stresses would be considered within the discussion of Project effects. If this were to be the case, then for the cumulative effects discussion we would want

to refer to the Project environmental effects section of the EIS, and not duplicated those considerable materials in the cumulative effects section.

- Section 3.5 "*Detailed studies,… shall be provided in separate appendices and shall be referenced by appendix, section and page in the text of the main document of the EIS.*"

  Respectfully, the requirement to list page number is a very onerous request and we would request the following alternative wording: ,… and shall be referenced by appendix (and section or page number where appropriate).

- Section 5.1 "*The EIS shall include expanded descriptions,…. included detailed descriptions of the activities to be carried out during each phase,… detailed schedule,…*"

  While the Proponent agrees this information should be provided in the EIS, we believe it is better suited in the appropriate detailed sections later in the EIS and not in the summary section. We respectfully suggest that a slight re-wording be considered to remove the reference to "detailed" and "expanded".

- Section 5.2 "*More specifically identify:,… policies and guidelines of Aboriginal groups being consulted that are pertinent to the project and/or EA and discuss their implications; any treaty or self government agreements with Aboriginal groups that are pertinent to the project and/or EA;*"

  The Proponent requests that a qualifying statement be made after "More specifically identify", such as "where known and reasonably available".

- Section 7.1.2 "*the worst case scenarios and the effects of these scenarios*".

  RRR suggest that the CEA Agency consider a slight re-wording as follows, "the worst case scenarios plausible, and the effects of these scenarios". This wording suggestion is to allow that the worst case scenario may not have the potential to realistically occur.

- Section 9.1.1 "*The Proponent shall summarize all pertinent historical information on the size and geographic extent of relevant animal populations as well as density, based on best available information. Where little or no information is available, specific studies shall be designed to gather further information on species populations and densities.*"

  We respectfully suggest a re-wording of these sentences from their current text, to reflect that specific studies should be completed if pertinent to the project design or EIS conclusions where little or no information is available, and that the studies should focus on the aspects relevant, which may or may not include population and density information. Note: The details of populations and densities are usually not required to assess Project effects, except in very specific circumstances, and the acquisition of such data is very onerous, especially when used without further qualifiers.

- Section 9.2 "*,… making key EA summary documents (baseline studies, draft/Final EIS and key findings) accessible and making plain language summaries of these documents available in English, French, and Ojibwe.*"

  RRR has made considerable efforts to ensure Aboriginal groups previously identified by the Agency are aware of the Rainy River Gold Project and engaged in the public review process. To date there

have been no requests for accommodation from local Aboriginal groups by the provision of documents in languages other than English, including Ojibwe or French. We propose to translate the Executive Summary of the EIS into French as requested by the CEA Agency. Translation of other documents into French or Ojibwe is extremely costly and time-consuming, and we believe, unwarranted for a Project in this locale.

- Section 9.2 "*As a minimum,…. a map of the group's traditional territory,…*"

  The Proponent respectfully requests, that a qualifying statement "where publicly available" be added to the first bullet regarding the requirement for a map of each group's traditional territory.

- 10.1.1 "*predicting/evaluating the likely effects on identified valued components*"

  Please clarify that the terminology environmental components (EC) has been used in CEAA, 2012, and if yes, this reference to valued components appears to be a typographic mistake.

- 10.1.1 "*develop contingency plans that explicitly address accidents and malfunctions*"

  RRR intends to prepare contingency plans a part of the site Emergency Response Plan and will provide this framework within the EA.

- 12.1.1 "*The residual effects, even if very small or deemed insignificant should be described.*"

  We would appreciate if this statement could be clarified, as the current wording could be viewed as extremely onerous and requiring an extensive documentation.

We respectfully request that the CEA Agency consider the comment herein prior to finalization of the EIS Guidelines for the Rainy River Gold Project.

Sincerely,



Kyle L. Stanfield P.Eng.
Vice President, Environment & Sustainability

From: Cressman, Charlene (ENE)
Sent: November 27, 2012 8:44 AM
To: Batista, Cindy (ENE)
Subject: FW: Consideration for Environmental Assessment

Thanks,

Charlene

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From: Weir, Glenda [mailto:Glenda.Weir@ainsworth.ca]
Sent: November-27-12 7:49 AM
To: Cressman, Charlene (ENE)
Subject: FW: Consideration for Environmental Assessment

Hi Charlene,
Could you please read my comments below? Thanks, Glenda

From: RainyRiver [CEAA] [mailto:RainyRiver@ceaa-acee.gc.ca]
Sent: Friday, November 23, 2012 3:59 PM
To: RainyRiver [CEAA]; Weir, Glenda
Subject: RE: Consideration for Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Weir,

Further to my last email, I also recommend you forward your comments on to Charlene Cressman at the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

There is both a federal and an provincial environmental assessment for this project. At the moment, there is a public consultation underway on the provincial Terms of Reference document.

If you forward your comments on to the province they will be summarized and provided to the proponent for a response. Note: The proponent won't respond directly to you. They will respond to the province and it will be on the public record.

Charlene's details are below.

Kind Regards,
Stephanie

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From: RainyRiver [CEAA]
Sent: November 22, 2012 9:43 AM
To: 'Weir, Glenda'
Subject: RE: Consideration for Environmental Assessment

Thank you for contacting the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency. Your comments on the proposed Rainy River Gold Project have been received and added to the project file for consideration.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Davis
Project Manager

From: Weir, Glenda [mailto:Glenda.Weir@ainsworth.ca]
Sent: November 14, 2012 5:13 PM
To: RainyRiver [CEAA]
Subject: Consideration for Environmental Assessment

Hello,

I am for this project going through as this area needs diversification in its industry.
However, as a resident who read the initial environmental assessment, I was concerned that the spring water aquifers we use for residential and farm use were not mentioned. We are lucky enough to have spring fed water that is a consistent 4 degree Celsius in summer or winter, is delicious tasting and of consistent flow rates. Water not used in our home, fills our pond and eventually flows into the Rainy River through tap ditches. Prior to getting a mortgage on the property, the water was tested.

I would like to be ensured that the water flow or quality will not be impacted by this project. I would like to know if we should start testing water samples to ensure we are not exposed to any contaminants and what testing should be done. I would like to know that there will be no leaching into the ground water from tailings piles for years to come.

Please consider this aspect in the planned environmental assessment. (I think I just needed to respond by email. If there was a form or another process, please let me know). Thanks very much, Glenda

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date/Time:	November 15, 2012 (1:00 – 4:00 PM)	**File No.:**	
Location:	MNR Office, Fort Frances	**Written by:**	Matt Evans and Dave Simms
Subject:	Whip-poor-will ESA Permit Strategies		
Project Title:	Rainy River Gold Project	**Date Issued:**	December 6, 2012

Present:	Matt Evans, Dave Simms (AMEC) Kyle Stanfield, Stacey Jack (RRR) Matt Myers, John Van den Broeck, Hilary Gignac, Rachel Hill (MNR)
Call In:	Hilary Gignac (MNR), Greg Rand (Trent U.)
Other Distribution:	Sheila Daniel (AMEC)

	Items Discussed/Actions	Action By	Due Date

1.	Matt Evans gave a presentation on RRGP considerations for compensation package for Whip-poor-will ESA permitting. His presentation included a review of large scale maps showing bird territories and possible areas within which habitats / bird territories could possibly be selected as part of a compensation package. Key points of the presentation included the following: - Project adjustments have been made to optimize avoidance; - Mitigation will involve i) maintaining forest buffers where feasible, ii) managing dust through dust suppression activities, iii) managing site lighting as appropriate, vi) adjusting construction activities to avoid adverse impacts during the breeding season, v) environmental training of project personal, including SAR identification and sensitivities, adherence to posted speed limits, knowledge of permit conditions; - Monitoring of mitigation strategies; - Overall Benefits (OB) activities conducted to date by RRR, including Collaborative Research Agreement (CRA) funding, baseline surveys and in-kind assistance from RRR and AMEC which total an estimated $600,000. Matt Myers stated that the MNR appreciates the efforts of the proponent to conduct work in partnership with MNR and Trent University that has contributed to a better understanding of the baseline conditions related to the species. He stated that he hopes that the MNR have been clear that these efforts, (although they may set the stage for future research that may contribute to OB), should not, in themselves, be considered as contributions to OB; - Habitat compensation (habitat acquisition/securement and protection/enhancement). Unavoidable whip-poor-will loss within the project area is approximately 184 ha. RRR is proposing 1:1 compensation plus restoring habitat in the footprint through progressive restoration during operations and at closure. Matt Myers stated that the MNR feels that 1:1 area compensation of “what looks like whip-poor-will habitat” does not contribute to OB and that securement and protection of more territories then are displaced will be required (discussed again in point #7 below); - Site restoration during operations and closure could include development of forest patches on mine rock and overburden stockpiles and development of mine rock patches within existing dense forest; - External research opportunities, including funding various universities.	Note to File	---

2.	John V. - commented that MNR does not agree that Whip-poor-will prefer rocky sites for nest sites, but instead seem to prefer nesting on leaf litter in more open forested areas (the one nest found at the edge of the gravel pit was in this type of habitat). Matt E. responded that some literature supports nesting on rocky substrates and it is likely that variable substrates are selected for nest sites, and the site specific research proposed as part of the Overall Benefits permit components could provide further insight into this aspect.	Note to File	---
3.	Matt M. – as part of SAR permit application and EA, RRR will need to document alternatives considered (e.g., why the mill building is positioned where it is, and why it can't reasonably be moved).	Note to File	---
4.	Matt M. – as part of the SAR permit we will not only have to account for directly displaced habitat but also the "harm and harass" aspect, which is likely more difficult to quantify. Hillary G. also emphasized this point.	Note to File	---
5.	Matt M. – the question was raised as to whether the aerial imagery used for the presentation was 2010 MNR data or more recent RRR data. Matt E. thought is was 2011 data that RRR obtained independently but would need to verify this with the GIS team. If the mapping is from more recent RRR mapping, then MNR would be interested in obtaining access to this updated mapping.	AMEC to verify source of mapping.	---
6.	Matt M. – habitat acquisition as part of compensation is part of the program, but this presents MNR with a conundrum in that habitats to be acquired, even if on private land, would already be afforded some level of protection under the ESA. This requires further thought on how to address this aspect.	Note to File	---
7.	Matt M. – relative to habitat acquisition, MNR would like to see better than a 1:1 compensation, with such habitat compensation to be focused on known Whip-poor-will territories rather than on what appears to be suitable habitat, but where birds may or may not be present.	Note to File	---
8.	Hilary G. - stressed the importance of identifying land that had the same attributes as the habitat that was identified through research. More focus needs to be placed on harm and harass. Matt Myers stated that harm and harass needed to be considered from two levels: construction and then operation. Dave stated that this was not easily accomplished as some construction, such as for the tailings dams, was long term.	Note to File	---
9.	Matt M. – for the SAR permit, RRR/AMEC need to document existing baseline conditions and what is the expected degree of impact, including documentation of avoidance measures to reduce impact (e.g., alternatives considered).	Note to File	---

10.	John V. - pointed out that in the 184 ha of habitat loss, the Hwy 600 realignment was not considered and needs to be added. All agreed but Dave S. added that the road could be considered habitat enhancement as Whip-poor-will prefer road right of ways. RRR and MNR need to agree on a number for habitat loss. MNR should provide RRR/AMEC with a number they are comfortable with.	Note to File	---
11.	Matt E. - requested that MNR look at the maps that were presented for potential land acquisition and circle areas that they thought might be suitable for Whip-poor-will habitat.	Note to File	---
12.	Matt M. - asked what the requirements were for mine waste rock stockpile reclamation at closure beyond SAR considerations. Dave replied that that each site is specific, but typically re-vegetation at some level was required. Kyle stated that the waste rock must be chemically stable and that RRR would be working with Kim-Jo Bliss at the experimental farm and local First Nations to determine suitable vegetative cover.	Note to File	---
13.	Dave S. – stated that RRR plans to submit the draft EA document in March 2013, and would like to submit the draft SAR permit document in April 2013.	Note to File	---
14.	Matt M. – indicated that we can begin submitting information for the draft SAR permit in stages, and advised RRR/AMEC not to wait until April to submit the entire package. All agreed that this was a good approach which would allow advanced discussion on aspects submitted earlier, which would help to guide the entire process.	Note to File	---
15.	John V. - indicated that site scale and landscape scale habitat utilization by the birds required further consideration.	Note to File	---
16.	John V. and Matt M. – stated that long-term monitoring as would be required by the SAR permit and research activities are separate entities.	Note to File	---
17.	John V. and Greg R. - reiterated that the cluster of birds in the Roen Road area appears to be a likely source population, as it has been present for several years, and the population appear to consist mainly of adult birds, whereas the controlled site exhibited a larger number of younger birds. AMEC responded that sample sizes for younger birds are very small and that any such interpretations are still open to question. It was nevertheless agreed by AMEC that the Roen Road cluster of birds is an important local population.	Note to File	---
18.	There was general agreement that we were making progress on an approach to a SAR permit, but there are still a number of aspects to sort out. Matt Myers stated that the RRR proposal was a good start and conceptually aligns with the Thunder Bay discussions on October 2.	Note to File	---

19.	Kyle S. - stated that Mike Willick has been contracted by RRR to assist AMEC with Whip-poor-will permitting. Mike will likely attend the next meeting.	Note to File	---
20.	Next Steps: - RRR to submit information on what is there (i.e., baseline condition territories) and the expected degree of impact (Step 1) and measures taken / proposed to limit the degree of impact (avoidance measures – Step 2); this data is to be submitted before the end of the year if possible, or early in the new year; - MNR to provide comment on expected impacts and territorial losses, based on review of data presented at the Nov 15 meeting; - Trent (Joe and Greg) to complete kernel analysis prior to Christmas to define bird territories, as opposed to home ranges. Compensation is to be based on territories and not home ranges; - Trent (Greg) to look into the availability of longer lasting battery packs for transmitters to facilitate the monitoring of displaced birds from the site (i.e. where do tagged birds settle when they return the following spring); - Dave Simms suggested a separate phone call between Matt E., John V. and Greg R. to discuss recommendations from Greg's research and to start discussing future research; - Sooner rather than later, the group can begin to further flush out possible research programs as part of the overall compensation plan. These would build on earlier ideas tabled at the Oct 2 meeting. Trent U. to flush out some research options prior to Christmas; - The next meeting should be held in mid January following a further exchange of data, as per the above.	Note to File	---

From: Bennett, Neal (MNDM)
Sent: November 19, 2012 8:53 AM
To: Davis,Stephanie [CEAA]; Cressman, Charlene (ENE)
Cc: anglersproshop@hotmail.com
Subject: FW: statement of greavences towards RRR
Phillip/Cindy

Thank you very much for submitting your comments/concerns on the RRR project. I have Cc'd both the Federal and Provincial contacts for the Environmental Assessment to ensure that your comments are added to the list of comments received during the review periods. These concerns will have to be addressed by Rainy River Resources as part of the Environmental Assessment process.

Best Regards,

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Subject: statement of greavences towards RRR

goodmorning, i would like to put on record my greavences towards the mining project of RRR. Our family have lived on the Gallinger road in Finland for 12yrs. We have enjoyed it emencely. The quite lifestyle, the hunting and farming. Our life is about to change for the worse. As we are in the path of destruction with overburden being dumped in our backyard. As close as in the next 1/4 section west of our house. RRR says they have a buffer zone. That is not much of a buffer! It would not stop the dust and debreie from being blown around in our clean air. And the thought of having such strong chemicals in our air is very scary. Our worry is the quality of our life is being treated with no concern on their part. We talked at meetings and they are more concerned with the animals then the humans. But really they are hurting all of us!!
And we are also concerned about our drinking water. the drilling and eplosives etc... can effect our water and the supply of it. Proven fact!! Please help us in this fight to have a our great lifestyle back. To leave us here would here would not be good. Mentally or physically.
We would like a responce back. As we do not know what to do. We where told you could help us with this problem. Either way please let us know something.
Thank you,
Phillip and Cindy haggberg

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From: Bennett, Neal (MNDM)
Sent: November 23, 2012 11:00 AM
To: Cressman, Charlene (ENE); Batista, Cindy (ENE)
Subject: FW: Rainy River Gold Project - Proposed Terms of Reference - Comments for inclusion referencing section 6.7 Human Environment
Cindy/Charlene

Please include the ToR comments below from our northern development branch which looks at the socio economic impacts. I will be putting together some comments on consultation. However, due to the announcement about the idling of the Resolute Forest Products kraft mill and paper machine number 5 in Fort Frances please do not include the item related to skills shortages in the comment on the proposed ToR.

Cheers,

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To: Bennett, Neal (MNDM)
Cc: Hansen, Christine (MNDM); Kilpatrick, Carol (MNDM)
Subject: RE: Rainy River Gold Project - Proposed Terms of Reference - Comments for inclusion referencing section 6.7 Human Environment

Hi Neal

I have reviewed the socio economic areas of the “Proposed Terms of Reference” and offer the following:

- The economy of the Rainy River District is in decline.
- The largest employer in the region Resolute Forest Products has had some market issues and has been shut down for market related reasons a few times over the past few years however is still in full operation and employs approximately 550 workers. The financial crisis of a few years ago saw US housing starts falter and Canadian exports to the US have slowed and this has impacted the economy of the area.
- Any diversification of the economy of the Rainy River District is positive and complements the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario and the mandated responsibilities of the Northern Development Division of MNDM.

The jobs that will come as a result of the Rainy River Resources gold mine and the mine construction will on the whole be welcomed by the Rainy River District residents; however the

following information is suggested for inclusion in the EA.

- The socio economic impact of the project on the Municipality of Chapple where the gold project resides should be detailed specifically. Chapple is a stand alone municipality under the Municipal Act and will be the first to feel any impacts and/or potential benefits. The socio economic impact of the project on the municipalities and First Nation communities of Rainy River District also should also be detailed collectively, these items should be discussed:
  - The number and distribution of people who could be affected
  - The social and economic impacts of the gold mine on the area, including
    - Local employment and training
    - Local procurement
    - Population changes
    - Demands on local services and infrastructure
    - Regional and provincial benefits
    - Trapping, hunting, fishing, agriculture, tourism, forestry and manufacturing

- Impacts of the potential project on local/area utilities, transportation and communication networks.

- The economic impacts of the project on the Rainy River District and on Northwestern Ontario, having regard for capital, labour and other costs. In addition, discuss Rainy River Resource's policies and programs respecting the use of local, Ontario and Canadian goods and services. Provide an estimated breakdown of Ontario, other Canadian and non-Canadian industrial benefits from Project management/engineering, equipment and materials, construction labour and operations. Also provide a breakdown of the type of materials and services that will need to be acquired in the construction and operation of the mine and the opportunity that may exist for the local/regional procurement of these items.

- The employment and business development opportunities the Project that may be created for First Nations, Metis, local communities and the region. Provide a breakdown of the type of employment and number of employees with respect to construction and operational workforces. Identify the source of labour for the project. Impacts of the project on potential shortages of skilled labour in the region. Identify and discuss plans to address these impacts.

- Impacts of the project on potential shortages of affordable housing and the social ramifications. Identify and discuss the mitigation plans to address these impacts. Provide a summary of any discussions that have taken place with local municipalities.

- A process is needed that provides a coordinated and effective channel through which regional and cumulative socio economic impacts can be addressed in a meaningful and demonstrable way. A system to adequately monitor and verify predictions with regard to socio economic and health issues.

- Reliable source information that strategic decisions can be made is especially important in the socio economic area, given the expected growth the District could experience.

Note:

The last paragraph on Page 48 of the proposed ToR indicates that the Township of Emo has a water treatment plant with capacity. Emo has approached Ontario seeking funding for a new or expanded water treatment plant because they are at capacity.

The second paragraph on Page 49 of the proposed ToR indicates that three dams and a generating station are owned and operated by Resolute Forest Products. The dams and generating stations were set up as a separate company some time ago.

- H2O power LP is the successor company to AbitibiBowater's ACH LP Operations. H2O Power LP was established in May 2011 on completion of the sale by AbitibiBowater LP of the ACH LP assets. The assets, among others, included the Fort Frances Generating Station on the Rainy River, the Squirrel Falls/Kettle Falls Control Dam at the outlet of Namakan Lake and the Calm Lake and Surgeon Falls Generating Station on the Seine River.

Call me if you have any questions.

Jane

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I am not always at my desk as I am often meeting with clients. I check my email often and will get back to you as soon as I can.

If your matter requires my immediate attention, please try me on my cell phone at (807) 276-4290. Thanks and have a great day.

From: Bennett, Neal (MNDM)
Sent: Friday November 2, 2012 10:41 AM
To: Gillon, Jane (MNDM)
Cc: Hill, Rachel (MNR)
Subject: Rainy River - Terms of Reference

Jane,

I don't believe we have met yet but I am currently the MNDM lead on the Rainy River Gold Project. They have recently distributed a draft Terms of Reference. I was wondering if you would be able to review this document to provide comments based on the socio economic impacts of the project. Rachel Hill who I believe is in the same office as you would have a copy of this document. I have been given 2 hard copies and am reviewing one copy while Melanie Mathieson is currently reviewing the second copy. Rachel, would you be able to allow Jane to review your copy at some point?

Cheers,

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Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch

November 19, 2012

TO: Charlene Cressman
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RE: Noise and Vibration Impacts Review Comments
Review of Proposed Terms of Reference
Rainy River Gold Project
EA FILE No.: 05-09-02
Noise EA File No.: E-0012-12

This office was requested to review the noise and vibration aspects of the document entitled "Rainy River Gold Project Proposed Terms of Reference" prepared by AMEC and dated October 2012.

The following noise and vibration study items should be considered when preparing Environmental Assessment studies for mining activities undertaken by Rainy River Resources Ltd.

Noise Impacts

(1) Noise Limits: shall comply with the MOE noise limits in:

a) Publication NPC-205, "Sound Level Limits for Stationary Sources in Class 1 & 2 Areas (Urban)", October, 1995 as amended; or
b) Publication NPC-232, "Sound Level Limits for Stationary Sources in Class 3 Areas (Rural)", October, 1995 as amended; as applicable

(2) Noise Screening: shall be prepared in accordance with:

a) Primary Noise Screening Process For S.9 Applications Supplement To Application For Approval
b) Secondary Noise Screening Process For S.9 Applications Supplement To Application For Approval

(3) Noise Reports: shall be prepared in accordance with:

a) Publication NPC-233, "Information to be Submitted for Approval of Stationary Sources of Sound", October, 1995 as amended
b) Supporting Information for the Preparation of an Acoustic Assessment Report

Vibration Impacts

(1) Vibration Limits: shall comply with the MOE vibration limits in:

a) Publication NPC-207, "Impulse Vibration in Residential Buildings", November, 1983 as amended
b) Publication NPC-119, "Blasting", Model Municipal Noise Control By-Law, Final Report, August 1978

(2) Vibration Reports: shall be prepared in accordance with:

a) Publication NPC-233, "Information to be Submitted for Approval of Stationary Sources of Sound", October, 1995 as amended

We trust the above would be of assistance to you.

If you have any questions, please contact Pierre Godbout, P.Eng. at 416-212-4205.

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From: Bennett, Neal (MNDM)
Sent: November 23, 2012 11:02 AM
To: Cressman, Charlene (ENE); Batista, Cindy (ENE)
Subject: FW: Please reponsd by Nov 22: Rainy River Resources Ltd ToR
Cindy\Charlene,

More comments below from other branches of MNDM on the proposed ToR.

Regards,

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To: Bennett, Neal (MNDM)
Cc: Lillie-Paetz, Jennifer (MNDM); Cousineau, Scott (MNDM)
Subject: RE: Please reponsd by Nov 22: Rainy River Resources Ltd ToR

Hi Neal,
Comments for the Rainy River Resources Ltd ToR:

- Area of interest appears to be within several claims. These claims are held by Rainy River Resources.
- Area of interest **may** extend into claims that are not held by Rainy River Resources. It's difficult to tell from Figure 2 -Preliminary Site Plan Conceptual Layout. If they do, a surface rights compensation agreement with the claimholder would be needed. To make the determination of an exact location, a shapefile or list of coordinates would be required. It's not possible for me to be exactly sure where the areas of interest are from the coordinates provided with Figure 2.
- Most of the area of interest falls within Mining and Surface Rights Patents and/or Mining Rights Leases, Surface Rights Patents ("private land"). Ownership information could be obtained from the Land Registry Office.

Please call or email me if you have any further questions,
Julie

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Sent: November 15, 2012 5:00 PM
To: Cousineau, Scott (MNDM); Debicki, Ruth (MNDM); McFarling, Julie (MNDM)
Cc: Lo, Grace (MNDM); Bennett, Neal (MNDM); Lillie-Paetz, Jennifer (MNDM)
Subject: R: Please reponsd by Nov 22: Rainy River Resources Ltd ToR

Hi Scott, Julie, Ruth,

Attached is the Notice of Proposed Terms of Reference for the Rainy River Gold Project. Neal Bennett is our "One Window" contact for this project. Please send Neal any comments or concerns by Thursday November 22. (sorry about the shorter turnaround than usual).

I have a hard copy of the Proposed ToR and the Record of Consultation at my desk.

Thanks!

Jenn Lillie-Paetz

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To: Lillie-Paetz, Jennifer (MNDM)
Subject: Rainy River Resources Ltd ToR

Hi Jenn

Can you distribute for comment.
The deadline's Nov. 26.

I'm also sending you a hard copy of the proposed Terms of Reference and the Record of Consultation, Meetings and discussion in case anyone wants to review.

Also – will keep you posted on the MOE application for Review.
It is still under consideration at MOE. Their deadline for sending a response back to the applicant is Dec. 22, 2012-11-07

Hope all is well!!!

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November 22, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cindy Batista, Project Officer

FROM: Lynda Mulcahy, P.Eng.
Senior Review Engineer (waste)
Environmental Approvals Branch

RE: Rainy River Gold Project, Proposed Terms of Reference
EA FILE NO. EA-05-09-02

The draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for the above- noted project was reviewed for waste-related issues only. The following comments are provided:

The proposed Rainy River gold project involves an open pit and underground gold mine.

Although waste rock/rock tailings are exempted from part V approval in O.Reg. 347, other wastes are expected to be produced from this project.

Waste management is discussed in Section 5.4.10. The draft TOR appropriately evaluates solid waste management alternatives. Liquid wastes are not mentioned – these should be included, if required. Liquid hazardous wastes are subject wastes- requiring registration/manifesting for transport.

If the Township of Chapple landfill cannot accommodate wastes from the project, and other off-site, approved disposal sites are not available, then it is strongly recommended that the establishment of an onsite licenced landfill be considered. Part V approval under the Environmental Protection Act will be required for any new onsite landfill. Depending on the proposed volume, separate environmental assessment requirements may be triggered. Rainy River is currently evaluating this option and alternative locations. Financial Assurance (FA) for the landfill should be included with the overall site FA that is provided to Ministry of Northern Development and Mines.

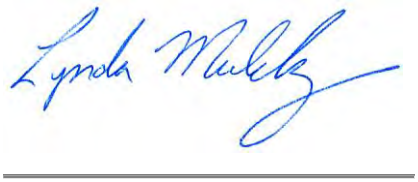
The draft TOR discusses hazardous wastes – what types of hazardous wastes are expected? It is understood that off-site transport and disposal is considered the best option for these – have potential disposal or treatment sites been identified- that are within reasonable distance to the

site? Interim storage will likely be required for these wastes – The storage area(s) should be identified and shown on site plans. Chemical storage facilities should meet the requirements of the Ministry's "Guidelines for Environmental Protection Measures at Chemical and Waste Storage Facilities" 2007. It is noted that petroleum- hydrocarbon contaminated soils would not likely be considered hazardous (under the definition in O.Reg. 347), unless they are leach-toxic under O.Reg. 347 Schedule 4. These could likely be included under non-hazardous wastes. Please note that any on-site treatment process for these soils (wastes) would require Ministry approval.

The proposed mine decommissioning and Closure Activities are discussed in section 5.4.13. The Closure plan should include waste management activities, closure and any post-closure activities for the onsite landfill, if it is established.

If there are any questions regarding the above comments, please contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Lynda Mulcahy, P.Eng.
Senior Review Engineer,
EAB

LJM/

From: Alessandra Massaro, Maria [mari.ale.massaro@gmail.com]
Sent: November 23, 2012 5:18 PM
To: Cressman, Charlene (ENE)
Subject: Rainy River Gold Project: EIS Guidelines
Hello Ms. Charlene Cressman,

I was advised to forward my comments to you on the Rainy River Gold Project to ensure both federal and provincial EIS/EA committees could respond. Please see message below.

Thank you,
Alessandra Massaro

From: Alessandra Maria Massaro <mari.ale.massaro@gmail.com>
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Subject: Rainy River Gold Project: EIS Guidelines

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November 19, 2012

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing today to comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) guidelines prepared by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) for the Rainy River Gold Project. In this letter I have amendments to these guidelines which I feel are necessary additions in order to ensure that the EIS produced by the proponents includes all necessary elements. I understand that Federal EIS's generally cover mineral waste management [1] which is my main concern in this project. There must be stringent guidelines for the monitoring, mitigation and post-EIS monitoring and mitigation of the tailings waste management procedures. Proper action plans must be outlined within the EIS guidelines to ensure these are included in the Environmental Assessment (EA) along with penalties and fines put in place in the case these practices are not followed.

Tailings from ore refinement processes have long been known for their adverse environmental and health effects. The people of Nova Scotia are still suffering the impact of the gold mine tailings waste sites, contaminated with arsenic and mercury [2]. Specific to the proposed Rainy River Gold Mine, I am worried about the cyanide that will be used in the ore-refining process as well as the two tailing waste management facilities: the potentially acid generating (PAG) and the non-acid generating (NAG) containment dams.

In theory only the PAG dam would be completely cut off from the environment to prevent acid rain and other forms of pollution, while the NAG dam would be open to the atmosphere with a protective lining to prevent leaching. The guidelines must specify that monitoring pH levels on the NAG dam is necessary, with a temporary closure available if pH levels get too low. This would help to ensure the safety of our water and air quality. Leaching is another problem seen in other mine tailing containment areas and a monitoring program should be required by guidelines to ensure that the containment dam lining is adequate and will prevent possible leaks.

In a technical report compiled by SRK Consulting, it was mentioned that some of tailings waste water would not be treated (other than cyanide removal) before being released back into the environment [3]. As the nearby streams and rivers are not classified as fishing waters, this action is deemed acceptable. I believe that the duty of the EIS guidelines is to ensure the environmental safety of all our habitats and precious freshwater and so these effluent waters should be monitor for toxic substances. These rivers and streams may not be used today, but they most certainly may serve another purpose tomorrow. It is vital that we do not harm this freshwater ecosystem. The EIS guidelines entail proponents to include a viable alternative to creating these “Tailings Impoundment Areas” in natural bodies of water [1], I believe that this is extremely important and would only add that the guidelines include that the proponents must propose alternatives that are also economically feasible.

Kyle Stanfield P. Eng, Vice President of Environment & Sustainability at Rainy River Resources, assures that the Rainy River Gold Project is designed to have full environmental closure, which ensures that site restoration funds are provided to the government of Canada upfront before any project construction begins. I hope that any added costs that were not initially forecasted would still be required to be covered by Rainy River Resources, and that a penalty or fine would be administered if this cost isn’t covered and the site isn’t restored to its full potential.

One extremely important guideline that I had not seen included in this EIS guideline summary is a detailed requirement of “follow-up”. There needs to be plans outlined in the EIS guidelines for follow-up reports entailing that estimations of environmental effects were accurate, or if they were not, how they should be mitigated due to new measurements. If results of these measurements confirm new environmental effects that were not initially predicted, there should be procedures that must be followed which should also be outlined in the EIS guidelines. Guidelines should ensure that non-compliance is not an option. The government should be prepared to administer penalties or fines in the case that procedures and follow-up outlined in the EIS guidelines.

Thank you for taking the time to consider public opinion. If you include these amendments to the EIS guidelines, it will ensure that the proponents can comply to proper EA procedure to create an inclusive EIS that will ensure a successful project with a minimal environmental footprint.

Sincerely,

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[1] Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, "Draft EIS Guidelines," Government of Canada, Ottawa, 2012.

[2] Nova Scotia, Canada: Environment, "Historic Gold Mine Tailings," 08 09 2009. [Online]. Available: http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/contaminatedsites/goldmines.asp. [Accessed 06 11 2012].

[3] SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc., "Technical Report for the Rainy River Gold Project, Northwestern Ontario, Canada," SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc., Toronto, 2012.

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TO: Charlene Cressman
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Senior Air Engineer, Approval Services Unit – Team 4
Environmental Approvals Branch

RE: Air Review
Proposed TOR for the Rainy River Gold Project
EA File No. 05-09-02

The Approval Services Unit of the Environmental Approvals Branch was requested by Charlene Cressman to review the air aspects of the above-referenced project. The reports reviewed include the following:

- Rainy River Gold Project, Proposed Terms of Reference, October 2012, (TOR Document).
- Rainy River Gold Project, Record of Consultation, Meetings and Discussions, October 2012.

The above documents were reviewed with respect to expected methods/procedures for the evaluation of air emissions and effects, and the guidelines provided in the Ministry document "Code of Practice - Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario, October 2009" (TOR Code of Practice).

Review Findings:
Section 7.2.2- Effects Analysis of the TOR Document provides a general description of how the environmental effects analysis will be conducted by the proponent. Table 14 and 15 of the TOR document indicates that air emissions such as dust and products of combustion could potentially affect human health and that compliance will be assessed with O.Reg 419 limits.

The description provided in the TOR Document is very high level and is not media specific, with no details on the potential sources of air emissions and the intended methodology for estimation of air emissions and prediction of effects. Section 4.2.7 of the TOR Code of Practice requires

that criteria, indicators and methods must be developed to evaluate the project alternatives as much as possible in the TOR and the methods chosen must be able to produce an assessment that is clear, logical and traceable.

Recommendations:
The TOR Document should provide a description of the following:

1. Identification of potential sources of air emissions and /or proposed criteria to identify these sources.
2. Proposed methodology to estimate air emissions from the identified sources.
3. Proposed methodology for predicting atmospheric effects of the air emissions.
4. Criteria to be used for evaluating effects for the identified project alternatives.
5. Intended references for obtaining data needed for the above assessment emissions/effects assessment.

We trust the above air review comments would be of assistance to you. If you have any questions, please call Sushant Agarwal at (416)314-7281.

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November 26, 2012

Memorandum

To: Charlene Cressman
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Ministry of the Environment

From: Michael Helfinger
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Strategic Policy Branch

Subject: **Comments on Proposed Terms of Reference for Rainy River Gold Project Environmental Assessment**

Thank you for providing the Ministry of Economic Development and Innovation with the opportunity to comment on the proposed Terms of Reference (ToR), prepared by AMEC Environment and Infrastructure, and submitted by Rainy River Resources, for the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Rainy River Gold Project. The proposed ToR encompasses the proposed open pit and underground mine as well as the ore processing plant, site infrastructure and related supply and service facilities.

MEDI is encouraged by the coverage of the mine site, processing facility, infrastructure and supply and service facilities site by a single EA, which should facilitate the timely launch of the Assessment and, ultimately, project approval. Overall, the Terms of Reference appear to commit to a comprehensive assessment of the environmental, social, cultural and economic impacts of the proposed developments. MEDI looks forward to reviewing the completed EA, containing a detailed discussion of the impact of the proposed project on local, regional and provincial economic development.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 416.325.6519.

Thank you,

Michael Helfinger, Senior Policy Advisor

c.c. John Bullen, Manager, Cabinet Office Liaison and Policy Support Unit

November 26, 2012

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Subject: Proposed Terms of Reference – Rainy River Resources Limited

Dear Cindy,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Rainy River Resources (RRR) gold mine project.

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has the following comments and required alterations:

Description and Rationale for Alternatives

There needs to be additional explanation to this section of the report. It is not understood if the alternatives selected for this ToR have been screened as per the framework identified in section 5.1 of the ToR. A summary of information that was collected during the screening for these alternatives should be presented in the ToR and further details provided in the supporting documentation. It is expected that the supporting documentation will include details such as:

- The method to determine the relative desirability of alternatives from an environmental perspective should be detailed and based, at least in part, on an evaluation of indicators. This evaluation should reflect the degree to which alternatives are expected to conflict with the intention of relevant laws, regulations and policies while considering proposed mitigation measures. For environmental components or processes that may not be specifically protected by laws, regulations or policies (e.g. many invertebrates, reduction in bird abundance due to habitat loss or conversion), expert judgement will be required to 1) predict the relative impacts of different alternatives and 2) determine whether any individual alternative is "likely to cause significant adverse effects to the natural environment that cannot reasonably be mitigated (unacceptable)" (ToR, pg. 17) and therefore inconsistent with the purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act.

- Section 5.2.3 states "it may be that one or two performance objectives are more important and override all other objectives ...". Effects (adverse) to the natural and human environments and amenability to reclamation are relatively more important performance objectives. This valuation should be stated explicitly in the ToR and future environmental assessment.

It is expected the EA will provide details of the alternatives to be examined but the ToR should set out a reasonable range of those alternatives that will be examined and how they will be selected for further study. The alternatives identified in 5.4.1 would appear to have the methods identified for each undertaking/element and this would be logical. However, this is not carried through consistently through the rest of the document and lends to some confusion. That is, in Table 1, it should be clearly identified what is the project undertaking, the project elements and the alternative methods of those project elements. Each project element should clearly identify the method (i.e. the element of Highway 600 alignment should identify the 4 alignment options).

The ToR should better describe the screening process used to assess how the alternatives met the criteria identified in the framework. Section 5.2.1 states that alternatives will be evaluated at the EA stage based on the performance objectives and described indicators. However in Appendices B and C the proponent reached their conclusions on the alternative methods for the road alignment and transmission corridor without defining indicators.

The proposed approach described in section 5.2.3 is quite confusing. It is not understood what is meant by *"relying on verbal distinctions inherent in the terminology of the criteria"*. The reference to other projects has limited relevance given the changes in regulatory requirements and differences in the scale and the processes of the projects.

Some of the terms used are inconsistent and the meaning is not clear. That is the term 'natural environment' is used to describe performance objectives in section 5.2.2, but in AppB-4 when describing performance objectives, the term 'biophysical environment' is used. It is not understood if these are to meant the same, or if they are different and if so why. Given the importance of these objectives, the ToR needs to provide definitions.

Regarding sections 5.4.4, 5.4.6 and 5.4.8, while it is recognized that adjusting general locations of these various components will be limited and alternatives to the general locations is not feasible, it is suggested the ToR allow for some flexibility in configuration of these areas and placement of buildings. For example, slight re-configuration of the east mine rock stock pile boundary from that shown in Fig 1, may help avoid negative impacts to Golden-winged Warbler habitat.

It should be clarified that MNR will not engage in discussions around land tenure options (as identified on Pg AppB-1) until a preferred route is confirmed at the environmental assessment approval stage.

MNR has several questions and comments on Table AppB-1 Pg. AppB-9:

- Effects on the Human Environment – a description of why Alternative A is expected to 'provide positive effects' is warranted.
- Could Alternative D be considered 'preferred' under amenability to reclamation?

- Does RRR plan to remove the transmission line following use?
- The broad, 3-level evaluation criteria may mask some finer differences among the alternatives – e.g. effects on the biophysical environment are all ranked as 'acceptable' but some alternatives are likely 'preferable' within this ranking.
- This preliminary assessment of transmission line routing alternatives is of some value, but a much more detailed analysis is expected in the environmental assessment. Currently, the assessment does not suggest that there is very strong economic, social and/or technical rationale to reject alternatives B, C and D. These conditions were needed to justify lack of detailed baseline studies in the area of these alternatives.

The ToR does not identify any potential or candidate alternatives (sites) for hazardous solid waste. It will be expected there will need to be sites identified in the EA.

It is unclear as to what the purpose of Table 15 is. The proponent needs to better describe how the EA will consider, evaluate and assess each criterion. The grouping of environmental components in this table again differs from the framework and from Table 14.

Species At Risk

The summary of Provincial and Federal listings of species at risk (Pg 45) is incomplete. Golden-winged warbler is listed as a threatened species Federally and should therefore be included in the summary. It is suggested the legal status and designations of each species be included in the summary for clarity.

It should be identified that RRR is one of three partners funding the study on Whip-poor-will. These partners are Trent University, MNR and RRR.

In order to properly address the potential issues regarding impacts of the project to Whip-poor-will, MNR feels it is important to provide the public with a shared understanding of the species and its habitat. The ministry and RRG have been meeting to discuss ESA consideration for the file and have not reached consensus on the information presented in the ToR. RRG has proposed that there is abundant habitat surrounding the RRG project site which appears suitable based on an aerial flight around the project area. MNR, however, believes that there are additional factors and site fidelity considerations that are critical to the assessment of habitat suitability. It is apparent from information collected since 2010 that Whip-poor-will occurrences in the west end of Fort Frances District are best described as a 'pocket" distribution, and show a landscape pattern that cannot be fully explained by coarse scale habitat associations, as suggested by RRR. Despite what may appear as suitable habitat at a coarse scale (such as fly by), these areas are in many cases not occupied. Importantly, known sites, such as the RRR site have demonstrated long term occupancy. Land owners have reported Whip-poor-will use of these areas dating back 35 to 70 years. This important context information has been excluded from the Terms of Reference. The ToR instead focuses on coarse scale similarity of the surrounding area even though research discussions have revolved around the uncertainty of factors that are likely responsible for site selection of Whip-poor-will.

Criteria, Indicators and Methods

In order to evaluate the alternatives to the project and alternative methods, the criteria, indicators and methods must be developed and/or it must be explained how indicators will be developed. The proponent's current approach makes it difficult to identify how the proponent plans to address the criteria and indicators as laid out in section 4.2.7 of the Code of Practise. The framework presented and what it is being compared in the ToR to is confusing. In section 7.2.1 the components are evaluated under another set of standards and ratings (different than 5.2.2) which will need to be divided further when evaluation potential environmental effects.

Environmental components (e.g. aquatic invertebrate richness, snapping turtle abundance) predicted to be impacted by each alternative may be used as indicators. Indicators must be measurable in a rigorous qualitative (few, many) or quantitative (numerical) manner and be comparable to a pre-determined baseline, standard or target value.

As indicated for air quality, noise and water quality in Table 6, more specifics can and should be provided at this point concerning relevant legislation, regulation and policy that set limits to impacts on fisheries and aquatic resources, aquatic habitat, terrestrial habitat, wildlife, migratory birds and species at risk. As an example, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, conserves terrestrial habitat, wildlife and some migratory birds by prohibiting destruction of beaver dams, furbearer dens, black bear dens and bird nests and eggs.

The proponent should also state the potential data sources for the criteria and indicators. It is understood that some of these data sources are listed in Table 3. However, this necessary statement should be made explicitly in the ToR.

The approach to restrict analysis of cumulative projects/activities is not supported. Awareness of past projects/activities may be an important consideration in cumulative effects assessment. As one example, recognizing that historical clearing of land and road construction in the study area has fragmented and reduced forest cover, alternatives that will fragment forests further (e.g. transmission corridor alternative A) will contribute to cumulative impacts on forest environments.

In Table 14, the potential of effect described for large predators and furbearers is described as "*limited if any due to lack of presence*". Since large predators and furbearers are notoriously difficult to observe/survey i.e. inactive during day light hours, Table 11 identifies observations of 10 beaver dams, this is not an accurate statement. Effects on mammals may be limited for other reasons, which will need to be provided in the EA.

The ToR needs to have a commitment that the effects analysis evaluation approach chosen will need to be further detailed in the EA and be accepted and approved by all applicable agencies.

Commitments and Monitoring

The Terms of Reference needs to provide more detail on the commitment of environmental effects and monitoring. This is an important section and it is expected the Environmental Assessment will have an Environmental Effects Monitoring Plan that will include:

1. a description of the potential negative environmental effect for each criterion.
2. mitigation and protection measures planned for each criterion and performance measures.
3. how the project will be monitored to ensure that mitigation strategies are meeting performance objectives.
4. a contingency plan to be implemented should monitoring reveal that mitigation measures have failed.
5. a description of frequency and duration of monitoring for each negative impact, for each phase of the project.
6. a non-compliance strategy that will identify a plan of action for out of compliance situations.

The Terms of Reference should identify that an Environmental Effects Monitoring Plan will be prepared in the EA and approved by all applicable agencies.

Consultation

MNR has concerns on how the comments, as identified in the ToR and AppF-1 were addressed.

Section 9.5.3 of the report identifies that the key comments raised by First Nations were focused in relation to employment and business opportunities. But the summary of comments in Appendix F suggests other concerns regarding environmental impacts were important. The ToR should clearly identify that there were many concerns raised by First Nations around contaminants, fish, water quality and protection, wildlife, harvest food, medicines and future appearance of the site.

Some of the questions appeared to be answered very inadequately. Here are some examples of responses to First Nations that are of particular concern:

ROC 73 question 1: how will fuel spills in water will be cleaned up? The response: *the procedure for clean up is the same as at gas stations.*

ROC 73 question 4&5: will there be chemicals that could harm the animals? The response: *RRR indicated there will be no chemicals used on the site.*

MNR has many concerns over Table AppF-1 (Comments and Responses).

- It is confusing as to why RRR identified only selected portions of MNR's comments without adequate summary of the comments we provided. This results in the comment being read out of context and not fully understood (ie ROC 67 comment 1&2), as well as comments being described incorrectly. For example ROC 67, comment 8 was stated incorrectly. The correct comment MNR made

was that the ToR should state an effectiveness monitoring plan will be required in the EA.

- The responses in the table infer that RRR previously provided MNR responses in regard to comments of the review of the draft ToR (see ROC 67 response to comment 5 which suggests they are waiting for a response from MNR). MNR does not have a record of any response from RRR and there is nothing identified in Appendix E that a response was provided.

- The response to ROC 67 (comment 7) regarding MNR wanting a map of the footprint was incorrectly stated. Figure 2 in the draft ToR did not satisfy our concerns. The addition of Figure 4 in the proposed ToR has addressed the comment.

- The table does not consistently present what are comments are and what are responses. Ie ROC 58, (it is not evident the trapper has any issues). And ROC 177&180 are not comments.

- There were an unacceptable number of comments and questions where the proponent did not answer the question: (ROC#58 (comment 18), 71(comment 5&7), 67 (comments 1,2,4,7&8), 60 (comments 3&4), 107 (comment 10), 259 (comment 14), 169 (comment 28&29). Responses provided must be directed to the question as best as possible.

- There are a few questions to the responses around the alternatives versus what is being presented in the body of the report. For example, ROC 91, comment 5, the response does not identify there are any alternatives to the road alignment of Hwy 600 but they are described in the ToR. Contrarily there is no reference to any alternatives to realign a section of the Pinewood River in the ToR but the response to ROC 92, comment 1 suggests there may be.

- ROC 58, comment 18, made a request for a copy of MNR report on Whip-poor-will. The individual should have been directed to MNR.

- ROC 169, comment 36: the proponent responds with incorrect information. There had not been any discussions with MNR regarding baseline studies before the agency meeting held on July 18, 2012. Previous work with the proponent was specific to the collaborative research project on Whip-poor-will. This was clearly described in MNR's letter of response to the draft ToR.

- Regarding ROC 67 comment 5&6, there are no formal names for Loslow, Jones and Clarke creeks. Geographic naming of creeks, rivers and lakes requires a formal process. It is suggested the proponent refer to them in generic reference is Creek A, Creek B, Creek C etc.

<u>Editorials</u>
Pg vii – The rainy river gold project is not a 'gold exploration project'
Pg viii – Reference to MOE (2007) should be MOE (2009).
Figure 1 – Lount Lake should be 'Lac Seul'

Figure 2 – Where will pondwater in the area of the 'Plant Site' needs explanation.
Pg. 11 – Reference to MOE (2009)
Section 5.4.1, pg. 16 – First statement somewhat repetitive with Section 5.1 and may be more appropriate under Section 5.1 (alternatives criteria).
Sec 6.6.2, p. 43 – Suggest mention of AMEC's own effort in surveying rare plants.
Pg. 51 - explain AMEC (2012) Rainy River Gold Project,vs 2011 Terrestrial Resources Baseline Study equivalent to the 2011 Wildlife Baseline Study.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, or require further clarification on any of the comments we have provided, please contact Rachel Hill, District Planner at (807) 274-8605 or Rachel.hill@Ontario.ca

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Trina Rawn
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RE: Air Review of Rainy River Gold Project Terms of Reference EA File No. 05-09-02

Rainy River Resources (RRR) is proposing to construct and develop an open pit and underground gold mine on the Rainy River Gold Project (RRGP) property. The Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the facility were prepared by AMEC and are dated October 2012.

The purpose of the review is to determine whether the Ministry of the Environment's (ministry) mandated responsibilities would be addressed if the EA were to be completed as proposed in the ToR.

This reviewer has examined the air quality aspects of the Proposed ToR and offers the following comments and recommended modifications.

Comments

1) Section 6.2.2 Air Quality discusses background air quality data that were collected by RRR to estimate background concentrations of particulate in proximity to the RRGP site. If the expectation is that RRR use the collected data as part of their air quality baseline within their Environmental Assessment (EA), the proponent should be engaging the ministry to ensure that any air quality monitoring meets the minimum requirements laid out in the *Operations*

Manual for Air Quality Monitoring in Ontario (PIBS 6687e) (Manual) including approval of the air quality monitoring plan, review of sites, and audits of the equipment and monitoring stations. The purpose of this is to ensure that any collected data is scientifically sound and will meet the requirements of the ministry with respect to EA baseline estimation and discussions and other regulatory uses for which RRR may wish to use the data.

Recommended modification: That Section 6.2.2 include discussion on how on-going air quality monitoring activities will meet the requirements of the Manual and ensure that the data is scientifically sound.

2) Section 8.0 Commitments and Monitoring briefly mentions that a monitoring framework will be developed for the post-EA phase to address all stages of the proposed undertaking including compliance and effects monitoring if appropriate. The section does not indicate which environmental matrices will be monitored for effects.

   Recommended modification: That Section 8.0 be revised to include reference to ministry guidance documents for monitoring such as the Manual to ensure that any monitoring conducted will meet minimum requirements for data quality and ministry requirements.

3) Table 14 which is the preliminary summary of potential environmental effects only lists dust and products of petroleum hydrocarbon combustion as compounds that could be released and which impact human, plant and animal health. Since this is a metal mine site with a processing plant as well as explosive manufacturing and storage facilities, other compounds will be released that could have an impact. This includes metals, ore processing chemicals and by-products of explosives manufacturing.

   Recommended modification: That Table 14 be expanded to include other compounds that will be emitted from the RRGP site including metals, airborne emissions from any processing chemicals and by-products of explosives manufacturing.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sandra Ausma, PhD, PEng

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Nov 26, 2012
Rick Neilson
Comments – Rainy River Resources proposed Terms of Reference

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Terms of Reference for the Rainy River Resources Proposed Gold Project. My comments here are further to my comments submitted on the draft Terms of Reference on June 16, 2012, the Fort Frances District Office of the MNR concerning a Minor Amendment Review of timber harvest on Sept 9, 2012 , and to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency on Sept 23, 2012.

I understand that many of the issues facing RRR at this point are "big picture" and as a local landholder, I am focused on details, especially as they impact me, my family and my home in Richardson Township.

I appreciate that RRR has shown a willingness to listen and respond to suggestions.

I will start by saying that, from conversation with Kyle Stanfield at the open house in Emo, Ontario, I understand that the Preliminary Site Plan Conceptual Layout on page 10 of the document needs work with regard to the Tailings Management Area. I was disheartened to see that the TMA had moved from touching the corner of our property in the draft ToR to actually bordering our property along ~ 700 metres. Upon reading the document, I took false comfort in my understanding that there was to be a 1km buffer around the whole of the project. I am sorry that I cannot find the reference to the buffer now but from my conversation with David Simms from AMEC, at the Emo open-house, I understand that there is no buffer in this particular area.

My house, which is mistakenly marked as "Building – Unknown Use" is less than 1 km from the TMA. Furthermore, my wilderness cabin, not marked on the plan, is no more than 100 metres from the TMA. Both of these buildings should be marked "Residence – House" on the plan. The guest cabin is occasionally used as lodging for longer and shorter term guests and was built for that purpose.

Sec 5.4.6 of the Proposed ToR suggests "Selection of a site immediately Northwest of the open pit." and puts that forth as the preferred site. Further, Table 1: Summary of alternatives to be considered in the EA, top of Page 28, in Tailings Management alternatives says "Surface TMA located proximal to the open pit (northwest of the open pit preferred)

It should be noted that the Preliminary Site Plan locates the TMA 2 km northwest of the open pit – neither immediately Northwest or proximal to the open pit. Immediately to

the Northwest of the pit is proposed as overburden and mine rock.

Sec 5.4.6 (top of pg 21) also speaks of "the need to capture a sufficient area of upstream watershed to be able to maintain a water cover on the deposited tailings..." but as proposed, the TMA is at the top of the Loslo creek watershed and in fact takes in some of the McCallum Creek* watershed. Drainage across Hwy 600 near Jones Rd (Southwest of large pond) is not shown on the Preliminary Site Plan but is visible on Google Earth. The northern limit of the TMA is no more than 1 km from the north end of McCallum Creek with the ground sloping to the north from the TMA.
*local name for Jones Creek.

Table 1: Summary of alternatives to be considered in the EA, top of Page 28, in Tailings Management Alternatives: "Alternative tailings management methods, such as thickened tailings or tailings co-deposited with mine rock"

I would like to see that alternative seriously considered, ***immediately*** Northwest of the open pit for the following reason:

This project is from beginning to end is being driven by high gold prices which have very little to do with gold as a commodity. The demand is being driven by uncertainty about the global economy and, as such, is subject to unpredictability. Throughout the life of the mine, there is the distinct possibility that gold prices could fall or costs rise and the project become uneconomic to continue. It seems most likely that if operations are suspended, the first reaction would be to wait for more favourable economics and hope to resume operations.

The problem with that is that while everyone is waiting for more favourable conditions, the waste rock will be exposed to the elements and generating contaminants.

Assuming that the clay is quite impervious, as seems to be generally agreed, it should be possible to suspend operations at low cost with a relatively easy restart, by encasing the mine rock/tailings in clay. If, on the other hand, all goes as planned and the mine continues for its expected life, or beyond, that is all well and good and Richardson Township will have a lake and a mountain or two.

Final Point: I feel very strongly that it is important to preserve some of the area adjacent to the project so that:

Nature can creep back into the site post-closure.

McCallum Creek is relatively unspoiled and protecting this watershed will in some ways mitigate loss of the other waterways.

RRR can be seen as caring for the land and can use that fact to promote goodwill within the area and their industry.

As stated previously, I want to welcome RRR as a neighbour and to have good relations going forward. I am available to discuss my concerns at any time.

Respectfully submitted
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Subject: ENERGY comment - Rainy River Gold Project ToR

Hi Cindy:

Please see the Ministry of Energy's comment below regarding the power requirements for the Rainy River Gold Project Terms of Reference:

The proponent should describe the anticipated power needs of the project in ToR or say they will describe the anticipated power needs of the project in the EA. The power requirements for the project are usually described for each phase of the project (i.e. construction, operation). The information would support the need for the 230 kV transmission line connection.

We may have one additional comment that would be sent your way tomorrow. My apologies for the delay.

Thank you,

Andrea

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November 27, 2012 (BY EMAIL ONLY)

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Subject: Proposed Terms of Reference, Individual Environmental Assessment
Project: Rainy River Gold Project
Location: Township of Chapple, District of Rainy River
Proponent: Rainy River Resources Limited
MTCS File: 60EA039

Dear Ms. Cressman:

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) has received the final Terms of Reference (October 2012) prepared for the Rainy River Gold Project Individual Environmental Assessment. The package also included the final Record of Consultation main report and associated appendices. The ministry's interest in this project relates to our mandate of conserving, protecting and preserving Ontario's heritage including archaeological resources, built heritage resources, and cultural heritage landscapes.

Purpose of the Undertaking and Environmental Assessment

The purpose of the undertaking is to produce gold for sale and provide a return on investment to shareholders of Rainy River Resources Ltd., by constructing and operating an open pit and underground mine (the RRGP). Rather than meeting a series of streamlined provincial Class Environmental Assessments and Environmental Screening processes, the proponent, Rainy River Resources Limited, entered into a Voluntary Agreement with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to conduct an Individual Environmental Assessment for the RRGP that will meet the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The issuance of the proposed Terms of Reference is to provide the framework for completing a Provincial Individual EA in order to allow approvals to be issued for the RRGP and is also intended to facilitate on-going consultation on the RRGP.

MTCS Comments

Please note that the ministry's full-name and short form are incorrect in the Glossary included on Page v.

The ToR mentions that while most of the project will be located on privately owned land, it also indicates that the project could involve property that is or will be controlled by the Crown. This would include:

- the realignment of provincial Highway 600, which will be fully funded by the proponent, but will adhere to the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) design standards and processes and will be assumed by MTO following an inspection and approval of the works undertaken by Rainy River.
- The disposition of Crown lands for the purposing of constructing or operating the project, which is usually under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).

Please note that the *Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties (Standards & Guidelines),* prepared pursuant to Section 25.2 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, came into effect on July 1, 2010.

The *Standards & Guidelines* apply should a property of cultural heritage value or interest be located on land owned or controlled by the Province.

6.0 Description of the environment

Table 2 within this chapter provides a summary of environmental components to be profiled. "Heritage and cultural resources" are included as a component under Socio-cultural Aspects, but are otherwise not discussed within subsection 6.7 Human Environment. Furthermore, the further detail provided in Table 2 only mentions archaeology and Traditional Knowledge studies and does not make reference to built heritage resources or cultural heritage landscapes.

Table 3, which provides a summary of potential environmental data sources, lists the *Stage 1 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment of the Rainy River Resources Advanced Exploration Project, northwest of Fort Frances, Rainy River District, Ontario (in progress)*. Archaeological assessments do not address known or potential built heritage resources or cultural heritage landscapes. It is recommended that additional data be collected and technical studies undertaken to identify these types of cultural heritage resources. For example, the ministry notes that in Figure 2 which shows the preliminary site plan conceptual layout, that there are a number of buildings (both residential as well as those where the use is unknown) within the area. Are any of these building over 40 years old, or is there are information available indicating that they may be of potential cultural heritage value or interest?

7.2 Effects Analysis Methodology

On page 67 of the ToR it lists expected criteria for selecting Valued Socio-Economic Components. The second item listed is "Heritage or cultural resources (archaeology)". Cultural heritage resources include archaeological resources, built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes. Each of these categories of the cultural environment need to be considered when identifying environmental components and considering effects. Additionally, it is not clear what analysis supports the conclusion in Table 14 Preliminary Summary of Potential Environmental Effects that there is expected to be to effects to physical and cultural heritage or identified structures of sites, the latter of which is meant to refer to "Structures or sites of historical, archaeological, paleontological or architectural significance." Furthermore, it would appear that there is overlap between these two categories of components. It is suggested that they be combined into a single category that looks at cultural heritage resources, meaning specifically archaeological resources, built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes.

9.5.4 Current Aboriginal Traditional Land Use

On page 91 of the ToR it indicates that the proponent is: "seeking information that Aboriginal people may have with respect to current populations of fish, wildlife and plants in the area to

incorporate traditional knowledge into biological and physical studies for the area." It is suggested that traditional knowledge should also be sought regarding cultural heritage resources and incorporated into related technical studies.

Appendix B: Preliminary Assessment of Transmission Line Routing Alternatives; and Appendix C: Preliminary Assessment of Highway 600 Re-alignment Routing Alternatives

Neither appendix includes a discussion of cultural heritage resources when considering effects on the human environment, which includes the cultural environment.

These form the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport's comments on the Terms of Reference for the Rainy River Gold Project EA. We would be pleased to discuss any of our comments and/or provide additional information. We would also appreciate being kept informed regarding the manner in which MTCS' input has been considered, and wish to remain on the circulation list for this project.

Regards,

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Meeting Notes – Township of Chapple

Date: December 5, 2012

Purpose of Meeting: Project update /proposed ToR discussion

Location: Chapple Municipal Office

Time: 10:00am – 12:00 pm

RRR Participants: Kyle Stanfield, Stacey Jack

Municipal Participants:

Geoff Gillon (Rainy River Future Development Corporation)	Peggy Johnson, Clerk
Peter Van Heyst (Reeve)	Rick Neilson (Council)
James Gibson (Council)	Rilla Race (Council)
Randy Both (Public Works Superintendent)	

The Township expressed appreciation to RRR for its contribution towards roads and for cost sharing a landfill study.

The Township asked questions related to the proposed ToR including anticipated revenue changes to the Township based on assessments, changes to road ownership and maintenance as the project progresses, landfill impacts and official plan and zoning by-law amendments. KS re-iterated a previous pledge in November 2012 to pay for half of the Municipal landfill study the Township was undertaking. KS agreed that both Chapple and RRR needs to ensure the project area is appropriately zoned and that the Township and RRR understand what changes can be expected for overall municipal planning purposes. KS stated that RRR would hire a municipal planner to thoroughly address the Township's questions. The Township agreed that a municipal planner would be the best avenue for understanding anticipated changes.

The Township provided an update on the timing and process for accepting and amending the new Official Plan and zoning by-law amendments.

KS provided an update on the proposed Highway 600 relocation and the proposed East Access Road. The Township stated that they would prefer the Highway 600 relocation to advance

before mine construction in order to ease safety concerns related to traffic volumes and asked whether the Township could become the Highway re-alignment proponent in order to advance this component in an expedited manner. KS stated that RR would certainly support that approach.

The Township provided an update on the Sturgeon Creek School Accommodation Review. KS stated that RRR would forward a letter to the School Board suggesting that they hold off on making a decision until the RRR Environmental Assessment is complete.

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Please find attached on behalf of Rainy River Resources (RRR), comprehensive tables summarizing the comments regarding the Rainy River Gold Project Proposed ToR and RRR responses in two e-mails. The tables have been provided only in Word, but can be provided as PDF files if preferred.

Tables relating to the MNR, MNDM and recent MOE EA Branch comments are not attached. The tables relating to MNR and MNDM comments are currently under final internal review.

Per our discussion with Ross Lashbrook, we wish to bring to your attention that a considerable number of the comments, RRR fully intends to address in the EA Report, as they believe that the appropriate venue, rather than amending the Proposed ToR. That includes technical comments related to the environmental baseline investigations and comments related to potential environmental impacts.

We would welcome the opportunity to have further discussion with the MOE EA Branch regarding these submissions, or EA Branch comments.

Best regards,

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December 6, 2012

Dear Ms. Cressman,

As an Ontarian conscious of the wide-ranging benefits and pitfalls of large-scale mining, I am strongly in favour of the Rainy River Gold Project (RRGP) for its optimistic direction and bounty of economic benefits. Nonetheless, Rainy River Resources (RRR) must not lose focus on the potential environmental impacts that could burden the surrounding communities and natural habitat.

The chosen mining site, northwest of Fort Frances, is a well-recognized district for mineral exploration. The Rainy River region historically boasts a large quantity of gold ore in its geologic composition, and RRR has determined the presence of abundant reserves through their exploration efforts. As a result, this study area would be an ideal location for mining gold in Ontario compared to other feasible places. In the past seven years of subsurface examination, the continuous growth of the Intrepid Gold-Silver Zone with its high precious metal recovery rates has outlined an impressive template for the future mining process, and appears to be promising for shareholders.

Adverse environmental impacts are typically expected when situating a large-scale mine. In consideration of minimizing ecological harm, the distant 10km radius to lakes and sporadic frequency of creeks in the area label it as an attractive zone for mining gold.

I was initially concerned about the possibility of tailings chemicals migrating through the regional watershed into the pristine wetlands of Lake Superior. A detailed look at the layout of neighbouring basins identifies more localized, westward flow of surface and groundwater, which should eliminate any detriment to the high quality water of this Great Lake.

Multiple stakeholders questioned the escape of cyanide and other toxic byproducts of mine/mill throughput at the public meeting held on September 1, 2012, since it could compromise the integrity of regional water sources. Representatives of RRR answered to these individuals with consistently vague replies, simply stating they have consultants assessing the potential risk.

I am concerned about proper regulation of local water resources due to these nondeterministic remarks combined with a lack of specific tailings management strategies in the

project documentation. Will the *entire* tailings impoundment be lined with an impermeable material to prohibit the escape of toxins? I firmly believe that by conceding to this worthwhile investment, RRR can drastically reduce the concentration of local water-borne contaminants in the operation and decommissioning phases of monitoring the mine.

Additional public concern has been raised regarding water quality relating to the impacts on groundwater wells. I would like to expand on my previous statement by calling into question if RRR has created a directive to manage the effect of their tailings pond on the local watershed in response to flooding or heavy rainfall events. How is the proponent ensuring these potential risks will not degrade the surrounding aqueous environments that nearby communities are dependent on for a freshwater supply?

An additive impact of the RRGP's massive physical presence on the natural environment is that the open pit mine, waste stockpile, processing plants, tailings management areas, transmission lines, and new road network all directly encroach on the habitat of thirteen Species at Risk (SAR). The smaller tributaries in closer contact with the project area link up to the Pinewood River, a home to large-bodied fish with integral ecosystem importance. The forest and wetlands nearby are home to a variety of avian, mammal, amphibian and reptile species as well. Knowing that three of these species are classified as ***threatened***, I would highly recommend obtaining the Provincial Species at Risk Permit to exercise environmental responsibility in anticipation that this project will likely harm these animals.

The project motives are impressive for their negligible effect on human recreational activity and protected land infringement. The heritage centers, museums, campground and Rainy River boating ventures characteristic to the township of Chapple and the surrounding district appear to be unaffected by the mining operations. The pursuit RRR undertook in gaining insightful opinions from regional First Nations communities identifies the company as a dignified party serious about accounting for public views in their EA process.

While I stand in strong accord with the RRGP, the proponent must remain vigilant in protecting the local water quality and engage in more rigorous mitigation tactics to prevent a decline in SAR and threatened wildlife.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Leon

RRGP Socio-economic Interviews December 10 – 13, 2012

Interview Notes – Final

Interviewee: Township of Emo
Representatives: Vince Sheppard – Mayor; Brenda Cooke, CAO/Clerk/Treasurer
RRR/AMEC representatives: Stacey Jack (RRR), Caroline Burgess (AMEC)
Date/Time: December 12, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. Central
Location: Emo Municipal Office

Q1: Is there a long-term economic development strategy for the community?

Yes, an overall economic development strategy for the region exists – provided in interview with Rainy River Futures Development Corporation.

Emo wants to grow with or without the Rainy River Gold Project (RRGP). The following is an overview of the residential and commercial lot developments that are either planned or underway:

- 70 Lot subdivision that has been approved called Echo Lake Estates. Two lots are sold. Zoned R1 and R2 for duplexes or single homes. There are 3 developers interested.
- Meadowlands of Emo (East side of Emo): 24 lots plus a church and a new school. The school is a Protestant faith-based private school (JK – grade 12). It was located at Stratton but it is moving to Emo so the teachers will also be moving. Two lots are left for sale. It includes five commercial lots but is not an approved subdivision.
- There is some apartment developments in Emo (R3 in new Official Plan). There is also an older house that was converted to three apartments. The town needs apartments.
- There is a third subdivision one mile north of Emo. Privately serviced (septic and well) five acre, treed lots (estate lots). Three lots are sold. There are twenty-eight in total; twenty-five left. The subdivision approvals are from MMAH through Thunder Bay.
- There is a fourth vacant lot condo subdivision five miles east. There is a common area with a driveway into the subdivision. There are 14 lots and the lots are privately serviced with septic and wells. It is a "green" development and will use solar power.

Emo conducted a school study. In three years we will be building a school. Currently we have the highest enrollment in the regional schools with students from: Sturgeon Creek, Emo and Crossroads.

Q2: In your opinion what would be the effects of the project on your community?

The effects are positive. We are not going crazy. We are developing housing because there are families coming back partly because of their religious background. We will need assisted living facilities and apartments. There are speculators on the apartment development.

Q3: Are there any barriers or challenges that could impact the ability to achieve community development objectives?

Water and sewer upgrades are costly. It will cost $5.9 million to upgrade the water and sewer. The upgrades would be enough to handle the new subdivision demands. Emo will upgrade whether we get the grants or not because we want a desirable community with basic amenities. We are continuing to apply for grants and have retained an engineer to evaluate the needs. We have completed an EA for the water and sewer upgrades. We have a lagoon expansion scheduled for spring 2013 because it is at maximum capacity. It will fix the distribution lines and there will be better pressure and flows. We have to upgrade or we can't grow.

New homes must have water meters so we are being proactive. The water distribution system is 40 years old – we have lots of water availability (from the Rainy River) but the distribution system was not operating efficiently. We went to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference this year to ask for funding. We were turned down on provincial /federal infrastructure grant for water, sewer, and roads.

The municipal staff is busy. There are only four public works employees. The building inspector and building manager are experienced. Administration is busy. Brenda has been working here for 32 years. She is training new people and we are succession planning. One employee is taking CGA training. We are running tight with financing. We have some money saved but may have been penalized on government grants because we have the money.

Q4: Have you identified ways that the project could help reduce these barriers or challenges (if any)?

We are working with RRR currently and need to know where to fit in with the plans.

Q5: In your opinion, how can the community, RRR and/or other partners best maximize potential positive benefits and minimize potential negative impacts of the RRGP?

They can partner on projects with us. If there is financial assistance, then families can move to Emo.

There shouldn't be any negative impacts from the RRGP. We have good business people and they have prepared by handing down businesses in the family. We have strong work ethics. Young families stay here.

The Province doesn't see the need to upgrade. They will be more likely to give funds if there was a partnership. We need to show that the infrastructure could be maintained and we need maintenance dollars. For example, the arena costs $150,000+ per year to maintain. LaVallee helps pay for 30% of the shortfall and Emo pays the remainder.

Q6: What is your vision for the local economy after the mine has closed?

It is a great place to live for young families and older people. There should be a good workforce because EMO is centrally located in the region.

Q7: How can the project be used to realize that vision?

Surplus houses could attract people. Young people coming back to start businesses, commercial development of new business types.

Q8: Do you have any comments regarding the RRGP?

We are very excited and very privileged to have their office in Emo. Hope to be ready to accommodate some of the workers.

Other comments:

- Few people work out west (Fort McMurray, AB) but still have homes here. Others work in Kenora, and Dryden but live here.

- The housing vacancy rate is very low. If houses are not selling it's because the price is too high. There are only five houses for sale. There is one serviced industrial lot for sale right now.

- The Rainy River District is designated by the World Health Organization as a "Safe Community". As a result of this designation, there is a reduction in WSIB (Workplace Safety and Insurance Board) rates. We don't need to keep reapplying for the designation. We are part of the RR. Freda Carmody is the municipal councilor (LaVallee) who prepares the quarterly report for the RR Valley Safety Coalition. The annual meeting is in January.

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Dec 21, 2012

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RE: Notice of Intent to Amend the Rainy River Gold Project Terms of Reference
EA File No. 05 09 02

Dear Ms Agatha Garcia-Wright:

Pursuant to recent discussions, we would like to advise that we intend to Amend the Rainy River Gold Project Terms of Reference (ToR). Our consultant AMEC Earth and Infrastructure, will be submitting an Amended ToR to your offices in the coming days for review.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kyle L. Stanfield
Vice-President, Environment & Sustainability
Rainy River Resources Ltd.

cc. Cindy Batista, Ross Lashbrook - MOE
Sheila Daniel – AMEC
Howard Hampton - Fasken Martineau

From: Daniel, Sheila E
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2013 1:48 PM
To: Batista, Cindy (ENE)
Cc: TC111504; Kyle Stanfield (kstanfield@rainyriverresources.com); Burgess, Caroline M; Russell, Dan; Simms, David; Stacey Jack
Subject: RE: Rainy River Gold Project - Revised Responses to Comments on the Proposed ToR

Please find attached, tables including the responses to the ToR comments provided this morning by the MOE, on behalf of Rainy River Resources, for completeness.

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Subject: RE: Rainy River Gold Project - Revised Responses to Comments on the Proposed ToR

Also, in regards to the MTCS comment regarding built heritage resources, the Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment report currently in preparation, has now been added to Table 3 of the Amended ToR as a source of information. The scope of the Stage 2 assessment / study has been defined in association with MTCS, and does include the built heritage aspects referenced by Ms Kulpa.

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Subject: RE: Rainy River Gold Project - Revised Responses to Comments on the Proposed ToR

We have received the follow-up comments appended to your e-mail.

In regards to the MTCS comments, we will include the additional information they have requested in the Amended ToR.

In regards to the MOE – Groundwater comments, these comments relate to the groundwater model and its assumptions and will all be fully considered in the technical report.

In regards to ME – "MOE to AMEC: Please specify where in the ToR it states that a 230kV transmission line is required? Please be specific." It is stated on Page 24, Section 5.4.11, Power Supply Alternatives. Additional information will also be provided in the Amended ToR.

Could you please let us know when you expect responses from EC, MNDM, MOE (waste / air) and MNR.

Best regards,

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Subject: FW: Rainy River Gold Project - Revised Responses to Comments on the Proposed ToR
Importance: High

Hello Sheila:

I have reviewed your revised responses to the agency and shared, where necessary, with the appropriate agency. The attached tables include additional comments with respect to AMEC's December 20th revised responses to the following agencies:

- MTCS
- ME
- MOE – Alisdair Brown – additional comments attached regarding the grownwater modelling assumption (technical report – not ToR)

As for AMEC's responses to the following, MOE have no additional comments and is generally satisfied with AMEC's response:

- MEDI
- MOE – Noise (Pierre Godbout) and Air quality analyst (Sandra Ausma)

As for EC, MNDM, MOE (Brown – groundwater, Mulcahy – waste, Sushant – air), and MNR – I am waiting to hear back from these agencies on whether or not they are satisfied on AMEC's revised responses to their initial comments on the proposed ToR.

As for the amended ToR document that was sent to me in December, I would prefer to review it once all of the amendments, including the revised Record of Consultation was complete. As you will see my e-mail sent to you on December 28th, including additional comments attached and remaining comments from the agencies, more revisions may be required to the ToR.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding the above. As for my review on AMEC's response to the public comments, I will send that to you sometime this afternoon.

Thanks,

Cindy

From: Daniel, Sheila E [mailto:sheila.daniel@amec.com]
Sent: December 20, 2012 3:59 PM
To: Batista, Cindy (ENE)
Cc: TC111504; Kyle Stanfield; Burgess, Caroline M; Russell, Dan; Simms, David
Subject: Rainy River Gold Project - Revised Responses to Comments on the Proposed ToR

Please find attached revised responses regarding the comments on the Proposed ToR. The inserted / revised text is shown in red Font for your ease of identification.

Best regards,

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Hi Jeff – Thanks for the phone call today. I appreciate you taking the time to fill out the attached questionnaire on behalf of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls.
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Sincerely,
Stacey

Stacey Jack
Community Coordinator

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January 16, 2013

SOCIO-ECONOMIC DATA COLLECTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for participating in this survey. Your responses to the following questions will help us get a better understanding of your community, land uses and/or organization so that we can assess any potential effects of the Rainy River Gold Project for the Provincial and Federal environmental assessments. Rainy River Resources is committed to working with regional communities to identify and determine appropriate ways to manage any potential negative project effects or enhance any positive effects from the Project.

Organization	Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls
Sent to	Jeff Port jport@snnf.ca
Questionnaire Completed by: Please add names, titles and contact information of all persons who assisted in completing this survey	Jeffrey C. Port, M.Sc. MCIP RPP Director of Planning and Development Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls Sioux Narrows, ON P0X 1N0 Tel: 807-226-5241

Official Community Plan

1. Has the new Official Community Plan/Community improvement plan been approved?

   Official Plan approval: January 2011
   Community Improvement Plan approval: June 2013
   New Comprehensive Zoning By-Law approval: December 2012

2. Are there other relevant plans available that we should take into consideration?

   ☐ Yes
   X No (skip to question 3)
   ☐ Not sure (skip to question 3)

   a. If yes, where can we get a copy/can you supply us with a copy?

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January 16, 2013

Housing and Accommodations

3. Can you comment on the general availability of housing in the community?

   In general, most of the housing that comes available on the market is waterfront residential. Housing prices have stabilized recently, so waterfront living is as affordable as it has been in a long time. There are a few backshore houses and lots available as well. Generally, our community appeals to those people who want to live in a lakefront setting.

4. Are there new residential developments planned to be built within the next five years?

   Most of the residential development over the next 5 years in Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls will likely be resort conversions to condominium units. This is a much more affordable way to buy a waterfront property. The Township has approved one new 10 unit condominium last June, and I have two more application in the system – one for 23 units and another for 7 units.

   I expect we will be dealing with 2 to three new applications per year over the next 5 years.

5. How many lots are available for residential development?

   There are about 15 – 20 vacant lots available in Sioux Narrows and Nestor Falls, most of them on Lake of the Woods. All lots are serviced by private water and sewage systems.

6. How many lots are there for commercial/industrial use?

   We have about 6 to 8 commercial/retail properties available in Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls. Typically they have frontage on Highway 71.

7. Please indicate approximately how many units of each housing type are in your community:

   Apartments: 50

   Townhouses/Duplexes/Multi-family home: 25

   Single Family Homes: 1125

8. Please indicate how many rooms are available in temporary accommodations:

   Hotel/Motel: 100

   B&B: 25

   Short-term apartment/suite rentals: 150 (winterized resort units)

   Other _____

9. What is the vacancy rate for Temporary/short-term accommodation?

   The occupancy rate averages around 60% - lower of course in the winter.

Emergency services

10. How many people (volunteer and paid) work at the fire department?

    We have a complement of about 40 volunteer fire fighters. This includes first response service on Highway 71 for motor vehicle accidents.

11. How many fire incidents are attended to each year?

    Approximately 10.

Recreation and Tourism

12. Are there any plans to change recreation and park facilities in Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls over the next few years?

    x Yes

    ❑ No

    ❑ Not sure

    a. If so, why are these changes being made?

It is expected that the Township will be taking over the operation of Caliper Lake Provincial Park.

13. Where do tourists to Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls mainly come from?

    Predominantly Manitoba and the mid-western United States.

What is the primary attraction to this area?

The primary attraction is the famous Lake of the Woods, and associated lake based activities. Fishing is first and foremost.

14. When is the visitorship the highest?

June 15 to August 15

Transportation

15. Are there any changes being planned to roads in Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls?

❑ Yes
X No (Skip to question 20)
❑ Not sure (Skip to question 20)

a. If so, why are these changes being made?

Utilities

16. What is the remaining lifespan for Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls landfill facilities?

We are working on that right now. It looks like we have a 20 year lifespan, however we are also in the planning stages for a new landfill.

17. Are all residential lots on private well water systems?

Yes.

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January 16, 2013

Project Mailing List

18. Rainy River Resources has established a project mailing list. Would you like to stay informed of about the project by being placed on this list?

    ❑ No, do not place me on the mailing list

    X Yes, put me on the mailing list

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19. Is there anything else you would like us to know that would relevant to the environmental assessment for this project?

20. Do you have other comments or suggestions about how you would want to be involved?

Thank you!

Please return your questionnaire by January 18, 2012 to:

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Cc: Kyle Stanfield (kstanfield@rainyriverresources.com); Batista, Cindy (ENE)
Subject: FW: Comments from the Métis Nation of Ontario on the Adequacy of the Rainy River Gold
Attachments: Rainy_River_Resources_TOR_Draft-MNO_comment - FINAL.pdf

Good afternoon Sheila and Caroline:

The ministry received a letter from the Métis Nation of Ontario who expresses concerns with the ToR. Although the letter was received outside the comment period, it is the ministry's expectation that Rainy River/AMEC will provide a response to the concerns being raised and as part of each response indicate whether revisions to the ToR document are required to address the comment being made by the Métis. Responding in a table format is preferred.

In addition, I have some further comments regarding the Aboriginal consultation record, as a result of speaking to our legal services that should be incorporated into the revised consultation record. The comments are as follows:

- Although you summarize the interests and comments raised by all communities in the body of the consultation record, I am recommending that you describe each community's concerns, when was the concern raised and what did RRR do to address this issue. It is difficult from the running table in appendix G to get a better picture of the consultation. It may be beneficial to summarize the consultation be each group, list the concerns and identify how the concerns were addressed.
- Did RRR hear from Buffalo Point or Onigaming First Nation?

We can discuss this further tomorrow during our call if there are an questions on the above.

Regards,

Cindy

From: Brian Tucker [mailto:BrianT@metisnation.org]
Sent: January-09-13 6:36 PM
To: Cressman, Charlene (ENE)
Cc: TheresaStenlund
Subject: RE: Comments from the Métis Nation of Ontario on the Adequacy of the Rainy River Gold

Hi Charlene,

I have corrected the date at the top of the letter (2012 -> 2013). The rest of the document has remained unchanged.

Kind regards,
Brian

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To: 'Charlene.Cressman@ontario.ca'
Cc: TheresaStenlund; Mark Bowler
Subject: Comments from the Métis Nation of Ontario on the Adequacy of the Rainy River Gold

Hi Charlene,

Please find attached the Métis Nation of Ontario comments on the Rainy River Gold Project Proposed Terms of Reference.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to send me an email or give me a call.

Kind regards,
Brian

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Subject: RE: Review of the Proposed Terms of Reference EA File 05-09-02

Good morning Romeo:

Thank you for your e-mail below and informing the ministry that Big Grassy First Nation supports the Rainy River Gold Project Terms of Reference. Your letter of support will form part of the ministry's project file and considered by the Minister of the Environment when making a decision to approve or not approve the Terms of Reference.

Sincerely,

Cindy

From: Romeo Duguay [mailto:abuscan@sympatico.ca]
Sent: January 14, 2013 1:09 PM
To: Batista, Cindy (ENE)
Cc: Carl Tuesday; Stacey Jack; Kyle Stanfield
Subject: Review of the Proposed Terms of Reference EA File 05-09-02

Good Morning Cindy,
On behalf of Chief Carl Tuesday of the Big Grassy First Nation, I am writing with regard to the current status of the Rainy River Resources EA Terms of Reference approvals. We received copies of the the "Terms" in mid October along with the "Record of the Consultation Meetings and discussions". We have made these documents available for review by our First Nation members. The documents were also reviewed by myself personally. I found them to be substantive and informative in all material respects and quite accurately represented the concerns of our First Nation members with respect to our environmental concerns. I might add that, the Big Grassy First Nation leadership and the Big Grassy Elders Advisory Council have worked very closely with the representatives from the Rainy River Resources office over the past 2 years . We are signatories to an MOU between both parties and recently signed off on a "Data-Sharing Agreement" on (Traditional Ecological Knowledge/Tradition Land Use) with the Company.

The primary purpose of this correspondence is to demonstrate our current satisfaction with the "Terms of Reference" as presented, and how the Big Grassy First Nation can work with the Ministry to expedite the approvals required toward the implementation of the EA.

The Big Grassy First Nation is in close proximity to the proposed mine site and we have a moral and economic stake in its success. Looking forward to your response and direction in this matter.

Joseph R. Duguay
NRF Consultation Advisor/Special Projects Officer
Big Grassy First Nation

From:	Daniel, Sheila E
To:	RRRsiims
Cc:	TC111504; Charette, Donald; Maydew, Krista
Subject:	FW: Rainy River Gold Project - revised responses to comments on proposed ToR
Date:	Wednesday, February 20, 2013 12:24:18 PM
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Subject: Rainy River Gold Project - revised responses to comments on proposed ToR

Please find attached revised responses to the comments provided by the MOE recently on the Rainy River Gold Project, Proposed Terms of Reference. We have included an additional column / coloured font as appropriate with follow-up responses for your ease of review. We have also included a copy of the tracking table we are using for discussion purposes.

We will try and get in touch with you this morning to discuss any outstanding comments / concerns in order that we can finalize the Amended Proposed ToR.

Best regards,

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To: RRRsiims
Subject: FW: Development Agreement
Date: Thursday, January 24, 2013 2:51:00 PM
Attachments: image001.jpg
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The attachment

From: Kyle Stanfield [mailto:kstanfield@rainyriverresources.com]
Sent: January-24-13 12:00 PM
To: Peggy Johnson
Cc: andreabourrie@rogers.com; Julia Robertson Cowan; Burgess, Caroline M; Stacey Jack
Subject: FW: Development Agreement

Hello Peggy – Thanks for the letter and the continued support we receive from the Township in general. As discussed, I will be in touch regarding a potential meeting with the Minister of Transportation to advance the Township as the highway by-pass proponent with RRR funding the development.

I wanted to respond back on the other items raised with an e-mail before writing a formal letter back. As discussed previously, we certainly agree that we need to properly assess the items raised a number of time last year as well as at the Township office meeting last month during our update meeting. As you know, the project Feasibilty Study and Environmental Assessment process is underway with results expected in the coming months for public review. Many details of the project are still to come but in advance of the release of the Environmental Assessment, we need to coordinate further with the Muinicipality on issues such as taxes, zoning, roads, waste management, housing considerations etc.. I did commit to funding half of the landfill study as requested earlier last year and trust this aspect is underway in support of the concerns raised by the Township Council pertaining to capacity.

Andrea Bourrie is a registered Municipal Planner working with Rainy River Resources and I have asked Andrea to start have a closer look at the Municipal planning aspect we have discussed together with to the Township to assist with the Environmental Assessment and the detailed permitting to come over the next 2 years. A specific task that I have asked Andrea to assess is what is the municipal cost burden of the proposed footprint currently (before mine development), road maintenance etc, what is the tax base coming into the municipality and what is the expected tax base once the mine is up and running. This should be the starting point in my mind as discussed last month to properly understand how the mine will support the Township of Chapple financially. I believe Andrea has already been in touch with you to start discussing these aspects further and how this may relate to the Municipal Plan being finalized by your consultant.

I expect to have further information in hand from Andrea in the coming weeks so we can start looking at areas we may need to further coordinate etc. I see this as just the beginning of a very coordinated effort to ensure the Township is properly supported.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cheers, Kyle

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Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 11:25 AM
To: Kyle Stanfield
Subject: Development Agreement

FYI...original mailed today. Peggy
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January 24, 2013

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Attention: Kyle Stanfield, P.Eng.
Vice President, Environment & Sustainability

Dear Kyle:

I am writing to you on behalf of Chapple Municipal Council in regards to our recent request for a meeting pertaining to the re-routing of Highway 600. As you know, Council is very supportive of this initiative as it will further increase the chance of the mine development. Council welcomes the opportunity to discuss this with you.

Council continues to be concerned about the financial challenges Chapple may be facing should the mine become a reality. As you know from our previous meeting, there are numerous issues which Chapple has identified that have the potential to increase municipal costs. While we are sure that these issues will be identified in the EA process, Council requires more clarity around what Rainy River Resources (RRR) is willing to do, financially, to assist the community. In addition to discussing the road, Council would like to discuss the process of developing an agreement with RRR similar to those we see with First Nations. Such an agreement would give both Rainy River Resources and the Chapple the clarity needed to move forward.

Sincerely,

Peggy Johnson

Peggy Johnson, CMO
CAO/Clerk Treasurer

From:	Daniel, Sheila E
To:	RRRsiims
Cc:	TC111504; Charette, Donald; Maydew, Krista
Subject:	FW: RRGP ToR_MTCS_AMEC revised response Jan 25 to MOE.docx
Date:	Wednesday, February 20, 2013 12:23:54 PM
Attachments:	RRGP ToR_MTCS_AMEC revised response Jan 25 to MOE.docx

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Cc: TC111504; 'Kyle Stanfield'; 'Stacey Jack'; Russell, Dan; Simms, David
Subject: RRGP ToR_MTCS_AMEC revised response Jan 25 to MOE.docx

Please find attached a revised response from RRR to the MTCS comments received from the MOE.

Best regards and have a nice weekend.

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From: Daniel, Sheila E
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To: 'Batista, Cindy (ENE)'
Cc: TC111504; 'Kyle Stanfield'; Russell, Dan; Simms, David
Subject: RE: Rainy River Gold Project - responses to outstanding comments - revision as requested

Please see the attached revised response.

We have included a note both in the response table, as well as near the title of Attachment 2 indicating that to RRR's knowledge meeting attendees were not given an opportunity to review the minutes. We trust that is satisfactory.

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Subject: FW: Rainy River Gold Project - responses to outstanding comments

Hello Sheila:

Further to my e-mail below, MNR is satisfied with the revised comments. However, they are asking that as far as the MNDM minutes that were attached (Attachment 2), if these are to be provided as part of the public record, MNR would like to see a statement that the minutes have not been reviewed by any of the agencies other than MNDM.

Please let me know if you have any concerns with the above statement.

Thanks,

Cindy

From: Batista, Cindy (ENE)
Sent: January 28, 2013 12:35 PM

To: 'Daniel, Sheila E'
Cc: Batista, Cindy (ENE)
Subject: RE: Rainy River Gold Project - responses to outstanding comments

Thanks Sheila!

Myself with legal will review AMEC/RRR responses to MNO and let you know if we have any concerns. As for MNR comments, I anticipate that the remaining outstanding concerns have now been addressed.

Thanks,

Cindy

From: Daniel, Sheila E [mailto:sheila.daniel@amec.com]
Sent: January 28, 2013 10:46 AM
To: Batista, Cindy (ENE)
Cc: TC111504; Kyle Stanfield; Simms, David; Russell, Dan; Burgess, Caroline M
Subject: Rainy River Gold Project - responses to outstanding comments

Please find attached revised response from Rainy River Resources to all of the outstanding comments on the Proposed ToR received to date (MNR and MNO; MCTS sent previously), along with an updated tracking table.

The Amended ToR and Revised Record of Consultation, Discussion and Meetings include all of the responses made to date.

We propose to issue the Amended ToR and Revised Record of Consultation, Discussion and Meetings to the Ministry of the Environment tomorrow.

Best regards,

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February 4, 2013

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Dear Ms. Johnson,

Subject: Comments on the Final Draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law (Dec 2012)

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Township of Chapple's (the "Township") final draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law. We appreciate that the Township has included us in prior planning-related discussions and that these planning documents will guide municipal land use and planning decisions for many years to come.

Throughout the Background Report, the Official Plan and Zoning By-law, the Township has recognized the role that effective natural resource management plays in ensuring healthy and sustainable communities. We are proud of the involvement of Rainy River Resources Ltd. ("Rainy River Resources") in the Township and surrounding area to date. We look forward to continuing a positive influence as the Rainy River Gold Project (the "Project" or the "RRGP") evolves through the Environmental Assessment process and ultimately, should the Project receive the required approvals, throughout the development, operational and reclamation phases.

Generally, the Official Plan and the Zoning By-law are well-written and easy to understand. A few minor revisions may help to ensure clarity with respect to our interests and our support of the Township.

We have broken our comments into two sections:

1. General comments with respect to the documents and matters that we want to ensure are properly documented so that all parties have a common understanding of issues that may play out over a period of time; and
2. Specific requests for text/schedule modifications, additions and/or deletions.

As always, we appreciate on-going dialogue with the Township and we would be happy to discuss the content of this letter in more detail, as required.

Part 1 - General Comments

1. The RRGP has been in the exploration stage for well over five years with a Mine Feasibility Study nearing completion and the Environmental Assessment process now underway. A Project Description was accepted by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency ("CEAA") in August of 2012 and a Draft Proposed Terms of Reference was submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Environment. Rainy River Resources voluntarily agreed to undertake a provincial

environmental assessment in April of 2012 with the expectation that a Federal Environmental Assessment would be required also. It is our expectation that the detailed technical work that has gone into the Feasibility Report will result in a positive outcome for the Environmental Assessment. We will be working closely with the Township over the coming months prior to release of the Environmental Assessment report to the regulatory agencies and the general public.

In our view, the "Introduction" Section of the Official Plan does not adequately reflect that the RRGP's Environmental Assessment process is still underway and as such, may mislead readers unfamiliar with the status of the RRGP. Clarification should be made and we have provided suggestions in Part 2 of this letter.

2. Our understanding from on-going discussions is that the Township will remain a key stakeholder as approvals related to the RRGP evolve. Based on the wording in the Official Plan and Zoning By-law we also understand that the Township will respect the outcome of the Environmental Assessment process specifically related to land use, natural environment and community impact. We support this proactive approach as it reflects the very detailed and technical nature of the Environmental Assessment process as well as ensuring efficient and timely public process.

   We want to ensure that it is understood that various land uses, environmental impact/mitigation scenarios, servicing options and community impact issues will be addressed through the Environmental Assessment process. This will include, but may not be limited to: waste management, transportation, location of various operational facilities, type and location of various associated facilities, and land use compatibility standards. The Environmental Assessment report will also assist private home developers to understand the varied development opportunities that exist both within the Township of Chapple as well as the surrounding communities that may address the needs of the RRGP.

   If approved, it our expectation that results of the Environmental Assessment will be fully implemented in the Township's Official Plan and Zoning By-law without the need for further studies or process. We have identified a few policy sections that may benefit from clarification in this regard. Our confirmation requests and/or suggested changes are described in Part 2 of this letter.

3. Schedule A includes a "Mine Site symbol" that we understand is intended to represent the RRGP. It is important to note that the mine site will ultimately be the majority of the area shown previously in both the Project Description and the Proposed Terms of Reference.

4. Schedule A includes a "conceptual realignment of Highway 600" that has been the subject of our on-going discussions. It may be appropriate to indicate that this alignment is the preferred realignment option reviewed by the Township and makes the most use of existing roadway easements and allowances.

5. Implementation of the RRGP is intended to be in accordance with the Zoning By-law, specifically the Mining Mineral Zone (MM) Regulations, although other Zones and Regulations may apply. As presented above, we wish to clarify that it is the Township's intention to implement the details coming from the on-going Environmental Assessment process. As such, a combination regulation may in fact be the most appropriate way to implement the final mine/mine site in order to accommodate operations, land uses and associated facilities. These details will be addressed when the Environmental Assessment is complete.

Part 2 - Specific Requests

A. **Section 1.2 Basis of the Official Plan**
Economy
4th Sentence to be modified to read, "Rainy River Resources has conducted a preliminary economic assessment and is anticipating opening a gold mine in the Township, *subject to completion and approval of an Environmental Assessment and other required permits and approvals*."
5th Sentence to be modified to read, "The underground pre-production is anticipated to start as early as 2015 *subject to completion and approval of the Environmental Assessment."*
6th Sentence to be modified to read, "*Depending on the findings of the final feasibility report*, the project would provide *400 to 675* jobs during construction of the open pit operations."
7th Sentence to be modified to read, "*Depending on the findings of the final feasibility report*, once the mine is open, it is anticipated that between *400 and 600 long-term jobs will be associated with the mine*."

B. **Section 1.2.1 Housing Requirements**
3rd Sentence to be modified to read, "As discussed earlier, Rainy River Resources anticipates that *if* approved, the mine will provide *400 to 600* long-term jobs."

C. **Section 2.14 Portable Asphalt Plants**
Portable asphalt plants and concrete plants are permitted to be used throughout the Township by public road authorities or their agents. The RRGP will require portable plants at least during construction and perhaps at other times over the life of the operation. The Environmental Assessment process will address impacts arising from construction activities. Please confirm that the Township's Official Plan and Zoning By-law requirements will be met should the Environmental Assessment approve these activities.

D. **Section 3.2 Rural Area**
Please confirm our understanding that the Mine Site symbol (Section 3.11) is an overlay (in the Rural Designation) that generally represents the location of the mine development. The underlying Rural Policies apply until such time as the mine receives approval to operate. At that time, the Environmental Assessment details will prevail, as implemented through the Zoning By-law.

E. **Section 3.8 Conservation – Environmental Protection Area and Section 4 Natural Heritage Features**
These designations set aside lands that contain natural environment hazards and or environmental features worthy of conservation and lay out the policy for development in and in close proximity to features.

Please confirm our understanding that the Environmental Assessment process and approval will dictate what can happen in these areas and what mitigation and monitoring is required.

F. **Section 3.9 Waste Disposal Site**
Rainy River Resources intends to use the existing and/or expanded municipal landfill site. That said, the Environmental Assessment process will address waste management in the context of "associated facilities." If the Environmental Assessment process addresses waste disposal, please confirm that the Township's Official Plan and Zoning By-law requirements will be met.

G. Section 3.11 Mine Sites

Please confirm that the Environmental Assessment process will determine the details associated with the Mine Site including boundary, operation, land use compatibility and associated facility details.

In addition, Sub-Section 6 speaks to rehabilitation of the mine site to the satisfaction of the Ministry and the Township. During the process of preparing the Mine Site Plan and Rehabilitation Plan, and prior to approval of such plans, please confirm the Township's criteria for suitable rehabilitation.

H. Section 5 Servicing

The Environmental Assessment process will address servicing as part of the overall project description and impact assessment.

Please confirm that the Township's Official Plan and Zoning By-law servicing requirements will be met, subject to successful completion of the Environmental Assessment.

I. Section 6.2 Provincial Highways

Subsection 6.2.12 acknowledges the conceptual realignment of Highway 600 (the "Highway") and references its depiction on Schedule A. As stated in the Official Plan, an amendment is not required to implement the realignment shown. Please confirm our opinion that if the alignment currently shown is modified, there is still no requirement for an Official Plan Amendment to implement the new Highway, subject to other applicable approvals such as the Environmental Assessment.

J. Zoning By-law Definitions

Mineral Mining Operation is stated to include *"....operational, land and associated facilities".* Please confirm what the Township considers to be included under the heading of "associated facilities"?

Thank you again for the opportunity to be part of the Township's planning process. We will be in attendance at the Statutory Public Meeting on Tuesday February 5, 2013. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Most sincerely,

RAINY RIVER RESOURCES LTD.



Kyle Stanfield, P. Eng
Vice-President – Environment & Sustainability

cc: Andrea Bourrie, MCIP, RPP

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Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 10:49 AM
To: 'Batista, Cindy (ENE)'; Lashbrook, Ross (ENE)
Cc: TC111504; Kyle Stanfield; Stacey Jack; Russell, Dan; Simms, David; Burgess, Caroline M
Subject: MNO Comments on RRGP Proposed ToR / RoCDM - RRR Revised Response

Please find attached a tabular response to MNO comments provided by the MOE last week. Both word and pdf versions have been provided, as the pdf version includes Attachment 1 (the e-mail sent by Mr. Kyle Stanfield, Rainy River Resources to the MOE on January 30, 2013).

Best regards,

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To: Daniel, Sheila E; Lashbrook, Ross (ENE)
Cc: TC111504; Kyle Stanfield; Stacey Jack; Russell, Dan; Simms, David; Burgess, Caroline M; Batista, Cindy (ENE)
Subject: RE: RRGP Amended Proposed ToR and Revised Record of Consultation, Discussions and Meetings

Good afternoon Sheila:

I will let you know when I receive the documents. Please find attached an update response tracking table, as well as a screening checklist for potential impacts on built and cultural landscapes, provided by MTCS. MTCS is satisfied with your revised responses to their comments.

As for comments/concerns raised by MNO, please see the attached table for further clarification/questions.

Thanks,

Cindy

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Subject: RRGP Amended Proposed ToR and Revised Record of Consultation, Discussions and Meetings

Cindy:

A hard copy of each of the RRGP Proposed Terms of Reference - Amended and Revised Record of Consultation, Discussions and Meetings has been direct-couriered to your attention, for review by the Ministry of the Environment. Note per our earlier discussion / your agreement, only a digital copy has been provided of the appendices associated with the Revised Record of Consultation, Discussions and Meetings. Please let us know if you do not receive this package before the end of the day, and if any other documentation (forms etc.) is required for the Amendment review process to start.

Attached to this e-mail for your ease of review is a “compared” version of the Proposed Terms of Reference – Amended against the Proposed Terms of Reference. To the best of our knowledge every edit Rainy River Resources committed to making through the comments / response process has been incorporated into the Terms of Reference - Amended and/or Revised Record of Consultation, Discussion and Meetings as appropriate.

We greatly appreciate your assistance in working through the comments and responses on the Proposed Terms of Reference and Record of Consultation, Discussion and Meetings with the Rainy River Resources team.

Best regards,

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February 14, 2013

Township of Chapple
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Re: Stakeholder Support for Proposed Methods of Fish Habitat Compensation Associated with the Rainy River Gold Project

Dear Ms. Johnson;

As you are aware, the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Rainy River Gold Project (RRGP) is underway with an EA Report to be made available for Public review by mid-2013. An important part of the EA process is understanding how best to support and manage sustainable aquatic ecosystems in the vicinity of the project. While the proposed mine footprint itself does not support a recreational or commercial fishery, there will be some unavoidable losses of certain tributary fish habitat areas within the project footprint that must be properly assessed and compensated for as part of the Mine EA and associated permitting process.

Through consultations with the Rainy River First Nations, Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans regarding fish habitat compensation options for the RRGP, it is Rainy River Resources' understanding that local stakeholders are interested in focusing Project related fish habitat compensation efforts on overall water quality and general habitat improvements to the Pinewood River system as a whole.

As a result of our consultations, Rainy River Resources is proposing the use of watershed restoration techniques directed at water quality and habitat improvement within existing watercourses as a method of offsetting the effects of the RRGP development on fish habitat. The proposed compensation strategy would make every effort to compliment and work with existing local programs and initiatives, such as the Rainy River First Nations Watershed Program and the MNR District Partnership Program. Our intention is to utilize these successful programs to initiate measures such as cattle fencing, off-channel cattle watering sources, and channel and riparian zone restoration. A significant proportion of the Project related fish habitat impacts would be compensated for by improving the existing Pinewood River and its tributaries, with little to no new habitat area developed.

Rainy River Resources believes that this compensation strategy is consistent with the priorities of local stakeholders. As such, I would appreciate written confirmation of support from you that this approach is acceptable with your expectations of the Project.

If you have any questions regarding the information I have provided, or would like to speak with me about this or any other aspect of the Project, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (807) 623-1540.

Sincerely,



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February 15, 2013

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Attention: Stephanie Davis, BEng, LEED AP
Project Manager

Dear Stephanie Davis:

Re: Rainy River Gold Project – Environmental Assessment

As our collective local economy has entered a critical phase in recent years, with many families and Municipalities facing tough choices that have resulted in a reduced quality of life, it is imperative that government agencies demonstrate their commitment to our economy by ensuring the Rainy River Gold Project Environmental Assessment process is efficiently and effectively managed.

We look forward to receiving the Environmental Assessment report in July of 2013 with the expectation that construction will start in the summer of 2014.

Thank you very much for your assistance with this crucial matter.

Sincerely,

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February 15, 2013

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Re: Rainy River Gold Project – Environmental Assessment

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Yours truly,

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Clerk-Treasurer

SS/pm

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Dear Ms. Davis:

Re: Letter of Support for Rainy River Gold Project Environmental Assessment

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Michael Hammond
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February 21, 2013

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February 22, 2013

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RE: Township of Chapple Response to Rainy River Resources (RRR) February 4th Comments on Final Draft Official Plan and Final Draft Zoning By-law (December 2012)

via email : kstanfield@rainyriverresources.com

Dear Mr. Stanfield,

The Township of Chapple has reviewed the comment letter submitted by Rainy River Resources in relation to the Township's Final Draft Official Plan and Final Draft Zoning By-law (December 2012). The Township supports the mineral exploration activities of Rainy River Resources in Chapple, and looks forward to working with the company to facilitate the eventual opening of a mine. Accordingly, the Final Draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law have been drafted in a way to accommodate future mining activity as much as possible. The policies have been written in a way that seeks to avoid the need for further Official Plan amendments, and that will complement the results of the Environmental Assessment process currently underway. The following section of this letter explains the Township's response to the specific concerns raised in the comments submitted on February 4, 2013.

Comment A - Section 1.2: Basis of the Official Plan - Economy

- *4th Sentence to be modified to read, "Rainy River Resources has conducted a preliminary economic assessment and is anticipating opening a gold mine in the Township, subject to completion and approval of an Environmental Assessment and other required permits and approvals."*
- *5th Sentence to be modified to read, "The underground pre-production is anticipated to start as early as 2015 subject to completion and approval of the Environmental Assessment."*
- *6th Sentence to be modified to read, "Depending on the findings of the final feasibility report, the project would provide 400 to 675 jobs during construction of the open pit operations."*
- *7th Sentence to be modified to read, "Depending on the findings of the final feasibility report, once the mine is open, it is anticipated that between 400 and 600 long-term jobs will be associated with the mine."*

Township Response:
Updated as requested.

Comment B - Section 1.2.1: Housing Requirements

- *3rd Sentence to be modified to read, "As discussed earlier, Rainy River Resources anticipates that if approved, the mine will provide 400 to 600 long-term jobs."*

Township Response:
Updated as requested.

Comment C - Section 2.14: Portable Asphalt Plants

- *Portable asphalt plants and concrete plants are permitted to be used throughout the Township by public road authorities or their agents. The RRGP will require portable plants at least during construction and perhaps at other times over the life of the operation. The Environmental Assessment process will address impacts arising from construction activities. Please confirm that the Township's Official Plan and Zoning By-law requirements will be met should the Environmental Assessment approve these activities.*

Township Response:
A policy has been added to clarify that portable asphalt plants and portable concrete plants shall be permitted on Mine Sites. These uses shall be considered as an associated use to the mineral mining operation.

Comment D - Section 3.2: Rural Area

- *Please confirm our understanding that the Mine Site symbol (Section 3.11) is an overlay (in the Rural Designation) that generally represents the location of the mine development. The underlying Rural Policies apply until such time as the mine receives approval to operate. At that time, the Environmental Assessment details will prevail, as implemented through the Zoning By-law.*

Township Response:
The above understanding is correct.

Comment E - Section 3.8: Conservation – Environmental Protection Area and Section 4 Natural Heritage Features

- *These designations set aside lands that contain natural environment hazards and or environmental features worthy of conservation and lay out the policy for development in and in close proximity to features.*
- *Please confirm our understanding that the Environmental Assessment process and approval will dictate what can happen in these areas and what mitigation and monitoring is required.*

Township Response:
The Township's existing Official Plan has set aside lands along the Pinewood River for conservation and environmental protection. This approach has been carried forward in the draft Official Plan with some updates to the policies. It has however been brought to our attention that there are some concerns with the way that these lands are mapped in the draft Official Plan. We are reviewing the accuracy of the mapping and considering some refinements to the policy approach for lands adjacent to watercourses.

In a broader sense, the Environmental Assessment for the mine should be guided by the policies of the Township of Chapple Official Plan and applicable provincial policies. The Environmental Assessment process should discuss alternatives to any works that would have a negative impact on sensitive environmental features. The Environmental Assessment should address the extent of alterations and disruptions to the area, and propose mitigation measures to limit negative impacts.

Comment F - Section 3.9: Waste Disposal Site

- *Rainy River Resources intends to use the existing and/or expanded municipal landfill site. That said, the Environmental Assessment process will address waste management in the context of "associated facilities." If the Environmental Assessment process addresses waste disposal, please confirm that the Township's Official Plan and Zoning By-law requirements will be met.*

Township Response:
The Township of Chapple will require an Official Plan amendment for any new waste disposal site as per Section 3.9(2) of the Final Draft Official Plan. Expansion to an existing waste disposal site that is already identified on Schedule A will require a Zoning By-law amendment as per Section 3.9(4) of the Plan. An Environmental Assessment is required for any new or expanded waste disposal site in accordance with provincial legislation.

Comment G - Section 3.11 Mine Sites

- *Please confirm that the Environmental Assessment process will determine the details associated with the Mine Site including boundary, operation, land use compatibility and associated facility details.*
- *In addition, Sub-Section 6 speaks to rehabilitation of the mine site to the satisfaction of the Ministry and the Township. During the process of preparing the Mine Site Plan and Rehabilitation Plan, and prior to approval af such plans, please confirm the Township's criteria for suitable rehabilitation.*

Township Response:
The Environmental Assessment process should include the above noted information. The boundary of the mineral mining operation will be established through the EA process. This boundary should take into consideration the adjacent land uses. The proponent should refer to the Ministry of Environment D-

series guidelines and to the land use compatibility policies in the Township of Chapple Final Draft Official Plan. The proponent should also clarify with the township the uses that are proposed as 'associated' to the mineral mining operation. Associated uses are intended to be associated industrial uses such as aggregate extraction.

Section 3.11(6) has been changed to delete the requirement that the mine site shall be rehabilitated to the satisfaction of the Township. The updated policy will require that the mine site be rehabilitated according to the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines criteria (e.g. closure plan).

Comment H - Section 5: Servicing

- *The Environmental Assessment process will address servicing as part of the overall project description and impact assessment.*
- *Please confirm that the Township's Official Plan and Zoning By-law servicing requirements will be met, subject to successful completion of the Environmental Assessment.*

Township Response:
The mine site will be subject to Site Plan Control as per Section 7.10 of the Final Draft Official Plan and the Servicing Section of the Plan, in particular section 5.2.2 and 5.3.2. The Site Plan Control policies have been updated to ensure that adequate water and sewage disposal services is provided.

Comment I - Section 6.2: Provincial Highways

- *Subsection 6.2.12 acknowledges the conceptual realignment of Highway 600 (the "Highway") and references its depiction on Schedule A. As stated in the Official Plan, an amendment is not required to implement the realignment shown. Please confirm our opinion that if the alignment currently shown is modified, there is still no requirement for an Official Plan Amendment to implement the new Highway, subject to other applicable approvals such as the Environmental Assessment.*

Township Response:
The realignment of the highway will not require an Official Plan amendment. The policy has been updated to clarify the intent as follows:

Section 6.2(12): A conceptual realignment of the preferred realignment of Highway 600 is shown on Schedule A. The Plan shall be amended at the time of the next statutory review or through a housekeeping Official Plan amendment at Council's discretion to reflect the actuol realignment, consistent with any Environmental Assessment process that may apply.

Comment J - Zoning By-law Definitions

- *Mineral Mining Operation is stated to include "....operational, land and associated facilities". Please confirm what the Township considers to be included under the heading of "associated facilities"?*

Township Response:
Associated uses are generally intended to be industrial uses which support the mineral mining operation.

Thank you for taking the time to thoroughly review the Township of Chapple Final Draft Official Plan and Final Draft Zoning By-law and to submit detailed comments. We trust that the responses in this letter adequately address the concerns raised by Rainy River Resources. It is Council's intent to adopt the revised Official Plan at their meeting on March 12, 2013. I may be reached at 807-487-2354 for any further questions.

Best regards,

Peggy Johnson , CMO
CAO/Clerk Treasurer
Township of Chapple

Cc: Andrea Bourrie, MCIP, RPP
Andrew Sacret, MCIP, RPP, FOTENN Consultants
Mélodie Simard, M. ATDR, FOTENN Consultants

From: Peggy Johnson [mailto:chapple@tbaytel.net]
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2013 3:21 PM
To: Kyle Stanfield
Cc: abourrie@craworld.com; Andrew Sacret; Melodie Simard
Subject: Official Plan and Zoning By-law Review

Good afternoon Kyle....

Please find attached response from Township of Chapple with regards to Rainy River Resources comments on the Final Draft Official Plan and Final Draft Zoning By-law.

In our conversation yesterday you had mentioned that Rainy River Resources may be able to assist with the overage costs associated with accommodating the mine ....removal of CEP designation, develop new policy section with regards to rivers, wetlands, etc , new mapping. I contacted Fotenn for a breakdown of additional costs. They have indicated that, in going through their log records, the overage of $7,000 plus HST can be attributed as follows: $ 5,500.00 plus Hst to mining issues and $1,500.00 plus Hst to PSW and agricultural issues. Thank you very much for your consideration of this matter.

Peggy Johnson, CMO
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February 22, 2013

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
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Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Roy Avis

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Dear Cindy Batista:

Re: Rainy River Gold Project

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Yours truly,

PW Giles

Patrick W Giles
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Clerk-Treasurer

Sandra Whalen - RE: Ltr to RRR, Terms of Reference

From: "Town of Rainy River" <rainyriver@tbaytel.net>
To: "'Sandra Whalen'" <sandra@rrfdc.on.ca>
Date: May 15, 2013 11:28 AM
Subject: RE: Ltr to RRR, Terms of Reference

Is this the correspondence that you are looking for? This was in response to an email received from Glenn Treftlin on behalf of the RRDMA.

From: Town of Rainy River [mailto:rainyriver@tbaytel.net]
Sent: February-27-13 9:41 AM
To: 'Cindy.batista@ontario.ca'; 'minister.moe@ontario.ca'; 'stephanie.davis@ceaa-acee.gc.ca'
Cc: 'gtreftlin@fort-frances.com'
Subject: Support for Rainy River Gold Project EA

Dear Sir or Madam:

RE: Support for Rainy River Gold Project EA

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Sincerely,

Veldron Vogan, AMCT
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Rainy River

VV/er

From: Sandra Whalen [mailto:sandra@rrfdc.on.ca]
Sent: May-15-13 9:08 AM
To: Township Chapple; Township Emo; Town Frances; Township Morley; Township Alberton; Township LaVallee; Township Dawson; Township Woods; Town of Rainy River
Cc: Geoff Gillon
Subject: Ltr to RRR, Terms of Reference

Hello All,
RRFDC is requesting from you a copy of the letter that your municipality sent previously to Rainy River Resources re: Terms of Reference.
Could you kindly forward this to me before noon today, or as soon as possible. Thank you.

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February 25th, 2013

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Project Manager

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Please contact us if you require any further clarification in regards to this matter.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

(Mr.) Gary Gamsby
Reeve

Aboriginal Groups

Note: Does not include correspondence which may be considered confidential.

From: Lincoln Dunn <ldunn@rainyriverresources.com>
Date: Tuesday, 13 November, 2012 10:59 PM
To: Gary Allen <chiefallen@nigig.ca>
Subject: Plain language version - PA

Hi Gary:

As requested, here is the plain language version of the PA agreement. If you could pass this on to Don and/or anyone else who requires it, I would appreciate it — I don't have Don's email address.

Thanks,

Lincoln

Lincoln Dunn
Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services First Nations Engagement Specialist

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Meeting Notes – MNO Region 1 Consultation Committee

Date:	November 30, 2012
Location:	Kenora Métis Council Office
Time:	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
RRR Participants:	Kyle Stanfield, Stacey Jack
MNO Representatives:	Theresa Stenlund, Alvina Cimon, Joel Henley, Clint Calder

MNO Meeting Questions/Comments and Responses

Kyle Stanfield provided a presentation that included an update on project progress as well as the environmental baseline studies and environmental assessment schedule.

Water: MNO representatives asked questions about what the effects would be to various waterways in the region including the creeks upstream of the TMA and the Pinewood River. There were also questions about effects on groundwater wells.
Response: Effects to surface and groundwater resources have been (and will continue to be) studied and will be addressed during the Environmental Assessment as engineering results inform the EA process. We do not anticipate effects on creeks or groundwater wells. The Project will potentially divert the Pinewood and other creeks north of the TMA. RRR engineers are working on solutions so that the RRGP would avoid, if possible, any diversion of the Pinewood River.

Water intake/discharge point: MNO asked about the size of intake and discharge structure that would be used.
Response: At this point, the intake/discharge is still being designed.

On site water management: MNO asked how employee water and sewer would be managed on the mine site.
Response: Water sources are currently being determined. Systems used to manage domestic sewage will be determined, but likely managed on site by an appropriately sized packaged sewage treatment system. RRR has been in discussions with Chapple Township about appropriate means to manage solid wastes.

Landowner/Resource User contacts: MNO asked if RRR had been working with local landowners to purchase land for the RRGP as well as if RRR had been in contact with other resource users.
Response: Yes, RRR is actively working with landowners and other resource users.

Project Schedule: There were questions about the construction and operation schedule and if there would be a work camp on site. There was general support for having no work camp so that there would be benefits to local hotel/camp operators.
Response: An overview of the project schedule was given. RRR stated that there will not likely be a work camp on site so that benefits would be dispersed to accommodation businesses in the region.

Ore processing: MNO asked if the silver would be processed separately from the gold.
Response: The gold will be processed with the silver in it.

Noise: Asked about whether people had mentioned noise as a concern.
Response: People have asked about noise from blasting and trucks. The effects will be assessed in the Environmental Assessment and will be mitigated.

Labour: MNO had questions about labour availability and minimum standards for accessing employment.
Response: RRR indicated that labour would be sourced as much as possible from the region and that RRR would discuss minimum standards further with MNO to assist them with resources planning.

Comment: MNO thanked RRR for the detailed presentation and stated that they were supportive of the project, as they see it as very valuable for the local economy. The MNO does not want to hold up the project and they look forward to future meetings.
Response: Kyle Stanfield indicated that he was very pleased to be able to present to the MNO and looked forward to continued discussion.

Kyle Stanfield provided an electronic copy of the presentation to the MNO on their USB drive.

the Métis Nation of Ontario

January 8, 2013

Charlene Cressman, Special Project Officer
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Charlene.Cressman@ontario.ca

Subject: Comments from the Métis Nation of Ontario on the Adequacy of the Rainy River Gold Project Proposed Terms of Reference

I write regarding the draft Rainy River Gold Project Proposed Terms of Reference as posted on the Rainy River Resources website dated October, 2012.

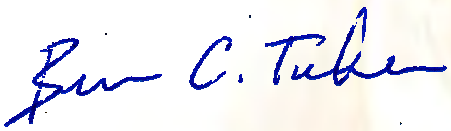
We feel that it is critical that the Métis perspective be included in the environmental assessment process to ensure that potential impacts from the project to Métis rights, way of life and interests are fully understood. I would like to stress the importance of the need for meaningful consultation with the Métis community so that potential impacts from the project can be understood. However, the TOR, as currently worded, is not sufficient to ensure that this takes place. Below I have highlighted issues with the current TOR wording as well as general concerns we feel should be reflected in the EA process:

- Firstly, I would like to note that the term "Aboriginal" includes First Nation, Métis and Inuit people. In the context of this Project, "Aboriginal" should be taken to mean both First Nation and Métis people. This term should be defined/clarified somewhere in the TOR.
- p. AppD-6: It is stated that RRR "has negotiated or is in the process of negotiating various agreements with local First Nations and Métis groups to facilitate community involvement...". However, despite the MNO tabling an MOU for discussion in 2010 that would provide support for consultation activities, including a traditional knowledge and land use study, RRR has not engaged in discussions regarding this proposed agreement. Although the discussions at a second meeting on November 30, 2012 seem somewhat encouraging toward the initiation of a consultation process, this occurred after the TOR was released. We would ask that RRR clarify its statements to reflect this lack of meaningful discussion/negotiation with the Métis community.
- p. AppD-8 – Aboriginal Treaty Rights Related to RRGP: This section discusses potential impacts on First Nations people, but it excludes potential impacts to the Métis community. RRR has not consulted the Métis community, has not provided capacity for a traditional knowledge and land use study, and has not requested information on potential impacts. Given this, this section of the TOR almost completely excludes the Métis people and is primarily relevant to First Nations communities. Further, it should also be noted that there are Métis in the region with treaty rights as a result of the Half-Breed Adhesion to Treaty #3, and there are also Métis in the region with Aboriginal rights. This is absent from the TOR as well.
- The proponent should be required to integrate Aboriginal and public consultation outcomes into the consideration and mitigation of environmental effects.

- The proponent should be required to work with Aboriginal communities to acquire traditional knowledge for consideration in the project.
- The proponent should be required to take an approach that considers both scientific and traditional knowledge in the decisions related to the project. The Métis community must be included in such knowledge collection efforts as part of meaningful consultation.
- Species being included in the VECs must include those of importance to health and socio-economic conditions, cultural heritage and the current use of land and resources for traditional purposes by Aboriginal persons, including the Métis community. It is essential that the species chosen for inclusion in the VECs include those that are important to Métis people. These species can only be identified through appropriate consultation with the Métis community.
- It is essential to ensure that the TOR contributes to an understanding of how the project might affect the Métis community.
- The Métis community's *perception* of the adverse impacts (from the community's perspective, what are the potential impacts, how likely are they, how will it affect the community currently and in the future) should be included in the TOR. Such information would have to be collected by meaningful consultation with potentially affected Métis community.
- We feel that it is important that the proponent write out specific commitments to Aboriginal concerns.
- The TOR should clearly contain a clause requiring the identification of potential mitigation measures for impacts to Aboriginal communities in the case where a potential Aboriginal impact cannot be addressed by the mitigation of an environmental impact.
- I must stress the importance of a follow-up program as it relates to the Métis community. It is essential that there is required follow-up on the implementation of mitigation and accommodation resulting from consultation with the Métis community.
- The TOR should explicitly require the inclusion of Aboriginal communities in the study of cumulative environmental effects.

I would be pleased to discuss these comments with you if you wish.

Sincerely,



Brian Tucker

Acting Director, Lands, Resources, Consultations Branch, MNO

c.c. Treaty #3/Lake of the Woods/Lac Seul/Rainy River/Rainy Lake Consultation Committee

From: Romeo Duguay [mailto:abuscan@sympatico.ca]
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2013 01:08 PM
To: Cindy Batista <Cindy.Batista@ontario.ca>
Cc: Carl Tuesday <zigtuesday@hotmail.com>; Stacey Jack; Kyle Stanfield
Subject: Review of the Proposed Terms of Reference EA File 05-09-02

Good Morning Cindy,
On behalf of Chief Carl Tuesday of the Big Grassy First Nation, I am writing with regard to the current status of the Rainy River Resources EA Terms of Reference approvals. We received copies of the the "Terms" in mid October along with the "Record of the Consultation Meetings and discussions". We have made these documents available for review by our First Nation members. The documents were also reviewed by myself personally. I found them to be substantive and informative in all material respects and quite accurately represented the concerns of our First Nation members with respect to our environmental concerns. I might add that, the Big Grassy First Nation leadership and the Big Grassy Elders Advisory Council have worked very closely with the representatives from the Rainy River Resources office over the past 2 years . We are signatories to an MOU between both parties and recently signed off on a "Data-Sharing Agreement" on (Traditional Ecological Knowledge/Tradition Land Use) with the Company.

The primary purpose of this correspondence is to demonstrate our current satisfaction with the "Terms of Reference" as presented, and how the Big Grassy First Nation can work with the Ministry to expedite the approvals required toward the implementation of the EA.

The Big Grassy First Nation is in close proximity to the proposed mine site and we have a moral and economic stake in its success. Looking forward to your response and direction in this matter.

Joseph R. Duguay
NRF Consultation Advisor/Special Projects Officer
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January 22, 2012

Cindy Batista
Ministry of Environment
Rainy River Gold Project Officer
2 St. Clair Avenue West, 14th Floor
Toronto, ON

VIA: Email

RE: Rainy River Gold Project Letter of Support

Dear Cindy Batista;

We are writing to you at this time to express our relationship and full support for the "Rainy River Gold Project" located approximately 2.5 kilometers from our community. Rainy River Resources (RRR) has consulted with our community extensively for the past few years. Naicatchewenin First Nation is a signatory to the "Memorandum of Understanding" with RRR as well as a signatory to the "Impact Benefit Agreement". This agreement has created a true partnership between Aboriginal People in our area and Rainy River Resources. These agreements and consultation practices of RRR should be viewed as the blue print to negotiating and consulting with First Nations in Ontario. Agreements without maintenance and execution are pointless. RRR is dedicated to ongoing communication, consultation, and living up to the spirit of our agreements.

Our community has benefited greatly from training, employment, and contract opportunities. For hard working people and communities in our area RRR has provided opportunities never before seen by our people. In partnership with Rainy River Resources four band members from Big Grassy, Naicatchewenin, Rainy River, Couchiching Lac La Croix, Mitaanjigaming, Nigigoonsiminikaaning, Seine River and Naongashiing were given the opportunity to take free training onsite as a drillers assistant. Thirty seven of forty two trainees successfully completed this training and were certified and fully accredited through

the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MCTU). Graduates of this program are currently working on drills on the RRR site.

Our dedication to the protection of the water, land, and environment during and after this project is of the utmost importance to our people. Through constant contact and extensive communication with RRR we understand that the protection of the environment is the number one concern of RRR also. It is with these considerations in mind that we ask for your support to approve the "Terms of Reference" for this project so we can continue moving this project forward. We would like to participate in the Environmental Assessment stage of this project and ensure continued benefits of this project are enjoyed by our people and our region.

Sincerely,

Chief Wayne Smith
Naicatchewenin First Nation

Chief James Leonard II
Rainy River First Nations

Cc: The Honorable Michael Gravelle, Minister of Natural Resources
The Honorable Jim Bradley, Minister of the Environment
MPP Sarah Campbell, Kenora - Rainy River
Stephanie Davis, BEng, LEED AP, Project Manager CEAA

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January 25, 2013

Chief Wesley Big George
Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing First Nation
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Re: Rainy River Resources Gold Project – First Nation Knowledge and Land Use

Dear Chief Big George;

As we have discussed together with yourself and some of your Community members, Rainy River Resources Limited is proposing the construction, operation and decommissioning of a gold mine. The proposed mine site is located within the Township of Chapple, Ontario, approximately 35 kilometres southeast of the community of Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing First Nation. Rainy River Resources has been working diligently with area First Nations to understand the potential for effects to Treaty or Aboriginal rights from the Rainy River Gold Project. To this end, Rainy River Resources has been successfully engaging First Nations people in discussions about their current and traditional uses of the Rainy River Gold Project area including the mine site, road ways and power transmission line corridor. We are looking forward to continuing to engage with your community.

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If you have any information you wish to share, please contact Stacey Jack, Community Coordinator at sjack@rainyriverresources.com or (807)482-2501 as soon as possible. Stacey would be very pleased to work with you in ensuring that the information is collected in a respectful manner that you and your community are comfortable with.

Sincerely,



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January 25, 2013

Chief Joyce White
Naotkamegwanning First Nation
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Pawitik, ON P0X 1L0

Re: Rainy River Resources Gold Project – First Nation Knowledge and Land Use

Dear Chief White;

As we have discussed together with some of your Council and band employees, Rainy River Resources Limited is proposing the construction, operation and decommissioning of a gold mine. The proposed mine site is located within the Township of Chapple, Ontario, approximately 80 kilometres south of the main community of Naotkamegwanning First Nation. Rainy River Resources has been working diligently with area First Nations to understand the potential for effects to Treaty or Aboriginal rights from the Rainy River Gold Project. To this end, Rainy River Resources has been successfully engaging First Nations people in discussions about their current and traditional uses of the Rainy River Gold Project area including the mine site, road ways and power transmission line corridor. We are looking forward to continuing to engage with your community.

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January 25, 2013

Chief Norman Copenace
Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation
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Nestor Falls, ON P0X 1K0

Re: Rainy River Resources Gold Project – First Nation Knowledge and Land Use

Dear Chief Copenace;

As we have discussed together with yourself and some of your Community members, Rainy River Resources Limited is proposing the construction, operation and decommissioning of a gold mine. The proposed mine site is located within the Township of Chapple, Ontario, approximately 40 kilometres south of the community of Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation. Rainy River Resources has been working diligently with area First Nations to understand the potential for effects to Treaty or Aboriginal rights from the Rainy River Gold Project. To this end, Rainy River Resources has been successfully engaging First Nations people in discussions about their current and traditional uses of the Rainy River Gold Project area including the mine site, road ways and power transmission line corridor. We are looking forward to continuing to engage with your community.

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Sincerely,



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From: Stacey Jack [mailto:sjack@rainyriverresources.com]
Sent: January-30-13 1:13 PM
To: RRRsiims
Subject: FW: Site Environmental Manager

I sent this job posting via email (bcc) to;

Alex Tom (Naotkamegwanning First Nation)
Chief Wesley Big George (Big Island First Nation)
Daniel Kelly (Onigaming First Nation)
Romeo Duguay (Big Grassy First Nation)

Stacey

From: Stacey Jack
Sent: January-29-13 7:49 AM
To: Stacey Jack
Subject: Site Environmental Manager

Good Morning;
Please find attached a job posting for a Site Environmental Manager. If you know of anyone who has experience in this field, please pass it on to them.
Thanks and have a great day.

Stacey Jack
Community Coordinator

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Rainy River Resources Ltd. is a publicly-traded company that is developing the Rainy River Gold Project in Northwestern Ontario. Initial construction is planned for mid-2014 and we now have an opportunity for an experienced **Site Environmental Manager** to join our team.

Based in our Emo Office and transitioning to the site operation in late 2013, you will report to the Vice President, Environmental and Sustainability. Your primary responsibilities will be to:

- Implement and manage all construction and operation phase permits and authorizations
- Interact and consult with First Nations communities as related to the permitting process
- Develop and mentor junior technical environmental staff
- Travel in and around the RRGP site to FN and Métis communities on behalf of the Company, as required

Desired Skills & Experience:

- University Degree in Environmental Science or Engineering or a related discipline
- Minimum of 5-10 years' related experience working at a mining operation, while overseeing the implementation of adaptive environmental management plans
- Experience working with First Nations and Métis communities within Canada
- Excellent written & verbal communication skills.
- Liaises well with management, staff and all external parties
- Ability to work with minimum supervision and to develop and motivate junior staff
- Self-motivated, flexible, confident and professional
- Computer proficiency with Microsoft Excel, Word, Outlook
- Preference will be given to candidates with direct gold mining experience.

If you are interested in an exciting opportunity to work with our experienced team as we focus on developing the Rainy River Gold Project, please apply in confidence to jobs@rainyriverresources.com

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February 7, 2013

Chief John Thunder
Buffalo Point First Nation
PO Box 1037
Buffalo Point, MB R0A 2W0

Re: Rainy River Resources Gold Project – First Nation Knowledge and Land Use

Dear Chief Thunder;

As we have discussed with you and Councillor Herman Green in October 2012, Rainy River Resources Limited is proposing the construction, operation and decommissioning of a gold mine, located within the Township of Chapple, Ontario. As I mentioned during our meeting, Rainy River Resources has been working diligently with area First Nations to understand the potential for effects to Treaty or Aboriginal rights from the Rainy River Gold Project. To this end, Rainy River Resources has been successfully engaging First Nations people in discussions about their current and traditional uses of the Rainy River Gold Project area including the mine site, road ways and power transmission line corridor.

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Sincerely,



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From: Stacey Jack
Sent: February-12-13 4:39 PM
To: Wesley Big George (keniis@tbaytel.net); Chief Carl Tuesday - Big Grassy First Nation; Chief Wayne Smith - Naicatchewenin First Nation; Alex Tom (naotmineral@gmail.com); 'Chief John Thunder'; Daniel Kelly (danielkelly112@hotmail.com); 'Janice Henderson'; Chuck McPherson (chuckmcp2012@vianet.ca); 'chiefallen@nigig.ca'; Chief Norman Jordan; Chief Jim Leonard; Earl Klyne
Cc: Kyle Stanfield; Lincoln Dunn; Tammy Ryll (tammy@ffcs.ca)
Subject: CEAA Participant Funding Deadline

Good afternoon Chiefs;
As a reminder to the recent announcements you may have seen or received, funding applications for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) Participant Funding Program must be received by CEAA no later than **February 25, 2013.** Funding from this Program provides some financial support to facilitate First Nation participation in the Rainy River Gold Project Environmental Assessment process. Information on the Program can be found at http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/document-eng.cfm?document=85085.

If you would like more information on the Rainy River Gold Project Environmental Assessment, please feel free to contact Kyle Stanfield at kstanfield@rainyriverresources.com.
Sincerely,
Stacey Jack

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From: Lincoln Dunn <ldunn@rainyriverresources.com>
Date: Tuesday, 12 February, 2013 11:32 AM
To: Dana Bridgeman-Cross <dcross@shooniyaa.org>, James Mainville <info@ffcs.ca>, Patrick Morrisseau <reception@advisoryservices.ca>, Tyrone Tenniscoe <bluethunder40@hotmail.com>, Norma Necan <easternpo@shooniyaa.org>, Leon Jourdain <michael.o@llcfn.ca>, Ron Allen <nrf@nigigoonsiminikaaning.ca>, Allan Yerxa <allanyerxa@vianet.ca>, "chris@mitaanjigamiing.ca" <chris@mitaanjigamiing.ca>, Connie Smith <connie.smith@bellnet.ca>, Dean Wilson <d.wilson@bellnet.ca>
Subject: Summer Student Employment Opportunity

Good morning:

Please see the attached job description for a summer student position, for posting as you see fit. Let me know if I can provide any more information.

Thanks,

Lincoln

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Lincoln Dunn
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Summer Environmental Student, Blackhawk Project Site

Rainy River Resources currently has an opening for a environmental summer student to work with the site staff and subcontractors to ensure that various environmental management plans are implemented. This summer position will commence on May 1 and end on August 31, 2013.

Your primary responsibilities are as follows:

- Work with the site Environmental Specialist to complete site monitoring programs,
- Conduct various environmental sampling duties including working with consultants
- Assist with community information programs.

You should have a strong interest in environmental science or engineering with a commitment to fieldwork. The position will report to the Environmental Specialist.

Please submit your resume in confidence detailing your educational background, work and volunteer experience and three (3) references to: jobs@rainyriverresources.com.

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As always, if there is anything I can do to assist, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Thanks,

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February 14, 2013

Chief Wayne Smith
Naicatchewenin First Nation
RR#1,
Devlin, ON P0W 1C0

Re: Stakeholder Support for Proposed Methods of Fish Habitat Compensation Associated with the Rainy River Gold Project

Dear Chief Smith;

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Rainy River Resources believes that this compensation strategy is consistent with the priorities of local stakeholders. As such, I would appreciate written confirmation of support from you that this approach is acceptable with your expectations of the Project.

If you have any questions regarding the information I have provided, or would like to speak with me about this or any other aspect of the Project, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (807) 623-1540.

Sincerely,



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February 14, 2013

Chief Jim Leonard
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February 20. 2013

Kyle Stanfield
Vice President, Environment & Sustainability
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Re: Proposed Methods of Fish Habitat Compensation Associated with the Rainy River Gold Project

Dear Mr. Stanfield:

The Chief and Council of Naicatchewenin First Nation recently received your letter regarding the proposed fish habitat compensation, and would like to confirm our support for the plan as described.

We are supportive of your plans to develop this program in partnership with the Rainy River First Nations Watershed Program and MNR District Partnership Program. Protection and restoration of the existing watershed is important work that has been undertaken by these organizations in the past, and Naicatchewenin First Nation has always been a proponent of these organizations and their programs. Building on their efforts to protect the water quality of the Pinewood River and surrounding watershed is a positive way that we believe Rainy River Resources can compensate for loss of fish habitat within the project footprint.

If there is any way in which our community can offer assistance or expertise as consultations and discussions proceed regarding the implementation strategy for the proposed work, please do not hesitate to contact Chief & Council.

Sincerely,

Chief Wayne Smith
Naicatchewenin First Nation

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Manitou Rapids

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March 20. 2013

Kyle Stanfield
Vice President, Environment & Sustainability
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Re: Fish Habitat Compensation Proposal Associated with the Rainy River Gold Project

Dear Mr. Stanfield:

On behalf of the Chief and Council of Rainy River First Nations, would like to reiterate our support for the proposed fish habitat compensation plan, as described in your letter dated February 14, 2013.

As you know, the Rainy River First Nations Watershed Program and protection of the watershed has been an important part of our traditional stewardship in the past. The proposal to support this work with both Rainy River Resources and the MNR District Partnership Program, renewing efforts to protect the water quality of the Pinewood River and its surrounding watershed, is a compensation plan we support, and look forward to being a part of. We believe this is a positive way that Rainy River Resources can proactively compensate for any fish habitat lost as the Rainy River Gold Project development progresses to becoming a producing mine.

We look forward to the opportunity to be a part of the development and implementation of this compensation plan. As the work moves forward, please coordinate with Kiley Hanson, our Watershed Program Coordinator. If you require any other information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Chief Jim Leonard
Rainy River First Nations

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MITAANJIGAMIING FIRST NATION

The Honourable Michael Gravelle, MPP
Ministry of Northern Development and Mines
Room 5630, 5th Floor
Whitney Block
99 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, ON
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Dear Minister Gravelle:

On behalf of the leadership and community of Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, I would like to offer this letter of support for Rainy River Resources Ltd., and their project in Northwestern Ontario, the Rainy River Gold Project (RRGP).

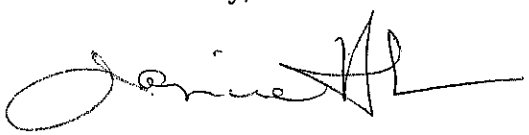
The relationship between the Company and our community began in 2009, with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU served as the basis for further engagement, moving towards the establishment of a Participation Agreement, which was signed in March of 2012.

Recently, our community has been made aware of delays in the evaluation and approval of the Terms of Reference for the RRGP Environmental Assessment. In order for the Company to continue its proactive engagement on the project, we feel it is critical that the Province work closely with Rainy River Resources to facilitate the approval of the Terms of Reference. We are very concerned that a delay in the TOR will impact the amount of time available for the First Nation communities to adequately review the Environmental Assessment, resulting in a project delay. From our perspective, the RRGP is a very important economic driver to the entire region, and if anything, the government should make this project a priority.

It is our belief that our proactive partnership with Rainy River Resources will play an increasingly important role as the project enters the permitting and approvals processes. The signing of our Memorandum of Understanding and Participation Agreement with company are important steps forward in the development of the Project and in furthering the relationship between Rainy River Resources and Lac La Croix First Nation. It is incumbent upon the Province to follow its own protocols, and facilitate sustainable development in the resource industry.

The Rainy River Gold Project is important to the economy, for our members, and really for all of Northwestern Ontario. We look forward to the approval of the Terms of Reference, and the continuation of our positive relationship with Rainy River Resources.

Sincerely,



Chief Janice Henderson
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Public and Stakeholders*

Correspondence documents containing comments from the Public on the Proposed ToR are included within the Government Agencies section of this Appendix.

To: Neal Bennett Monday, November-12-12
Mineral Exploration & Development
Ministry of Northern development and mines

Fr: George Gallinger
Property Owner corner of Teeple and Gallinger Road
Finland Ontario

Concerns and questions about Rainy River Resources open pit mine.

- How can my name be used as supporting the project, as it was at a local meeting in Nester Falls, when I haven't even be consulted about the project by anyone from Rainy River Resources. I just got to see a copy of the report now one that my sister received.
- My property is ½ east mile from the mine rock stock pile site.
- How high will this rock stock pile be?
    - What kind of dust will there be blowing over and onto my property
        - What contaminates
        - What type of chemicals
        - How far will this dust carry
        - Will it affect vegetation
    - What will the noise level be from the crusher, the mining activity and the trucks dumping the overburden and rocks at this site?
- What type of emissions will be coming out of the smelter?
    - Type of toxins?
    - Chemicals?
- Water consumption?
    - How much water will they be using in their mining process?
    - Where are they getting this water from?
        - What chemicals will be in the water in the holding ponds?
        - Where will the water treatment plant be?
        - How will this affect wild life that drinks this water?
        - How are the ponds going to be protected from over flow during extreme rain storms?
    - How will this affect the water table and wells in the area? I have a flowing well on my property.
- Has the area been checked out for endangered species, animals, plants and birds?
    - The Bobolink, Whippoorwill, eastern cougar, turtles,
    - The trillium, lady slipper?
- If so by whom, when and what are their qualifications?
- Did they actually go onto the land and check?

And again I do not like my name used to endorse something that I haven't been consulted about.

I have been hunting on my property for over fifty years. It is a tradition for my son (whom I taught to hunt on that property) myself and other members of my family and friends go hunting there every year. I now have grand children who I was looking forward to being able to teach them to hunt there as well. My family has been in the Finland area for over 100 years, and now Rainy River Resources will be changing the face of the landscape forever. Therefore I am very concerned about how this mining project is going t affect my property. I was also considering building my retirement home on my property, but now with the rock pile that will be visible from my property, the noise, the dust from all the mining activity the quiet country life free of noise and stress will most likely not be an option on the property that has belonged to my family for over 60 years.

Mr. Bennett I hope you see that these concerns of mine are noted with CEAA.
Thank you

George Gallinger

From: Kyle Stanfield
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2012 4:51 PM
To: 'mari.ale.massaro@gmail.com'
Cc: Stacey Jack
Subject: Rainy River Gold Project

Hello Alessandra – Thanks for your comments. As you probably know, we are in the midst of our Environmental Assessment process. You had asked about the tailings management area and how we would ensure the facility is compatible with the natural environment in the long-term. Mines are designed today to be closed in an environmentally responsible manner which is why we are the only industry that provides closure funds up front to the government to pay for the site restoration before any project construction begins.

From my own perspective as well as that of the Company, I am pleased that regulations have become much tougher over the past couple of decades to ensure that any new mines do not become long-term environmental blights on our shared lands. I am confident that when the Mine Environmental Assessment report is issued for public comment in early 2013, that you will see how the mitigation and engineering plans under development currently will meet with the long-term sustainability objectives we all share. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time should you have any further questions.

Sincerely, Kyle

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From: Alessandra Maria Massaro [mailto:mari.ale.massaro@gmail.com]
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Subject: Rainy River Gold Project

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a student at McMaster University in Civil Engineering and am compiling research on the Rainy River Gold Project and i was interested specifically in the Tailings Management Area and the process by which this project will be dealing with tailings from the ore separation process. How is this project ensuring proper management of tailings now and for future generations?

Thank you,
Alessandra Massaro
Civil Engineering & International Studies V
McMaster University
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From: comments
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 12:58 PM
To: 'Geoff Gillon'; comments; Stacey Jack
Subject: RE: EA Comments

Thank you for your very thoughtful and constructive comments Geoff. We do indeed intend to complete the Mine Environmental Assessment process both Federally and Provincially over the coming 15 months or so. We will continue to work very hard to maximize the benefits to local people and businesses as we expand the operation once the Environmental Assessment process is completed. We would like to continue to work with you and organizations such as yours to ensure these points you listed and similar goals are reasonably met. I understand that you have a meeting arranged with Stacey Jack our Community Coordinator to discuss some related points and we are looking forward to understanding further how we can collaborate for the benefit of both the Rainy River Gold Project and the District as a whole.
Sincerely, Kyle

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From: Geoff Gillon [mailto:Geoff@rrfdc.on.ca]
Sent: Friday, November 23, 2012 4:07 PM
To: comments
Subject: EA Comments

Rainy River Resources (RRR) Environmental Assessment Comments

November 23, 2012

I would like to state that I am strongly supportive of the project and would encourage RRR to continue the process and open the mine.

The following are times that I would like to see in your environmental assessment.

(1) I would like to suggest that RRR commit to increasing its level of procurement in the Rainy River District if possible. Along with this, I would like to see the company provide more information on its procurement processes.

(2) I would like to see RRR work with the Rainy River Future Development Corporation to review the procurement needs of the mine from the initial construction period through operating life of the mine. This would greatly assist the RRFDC in encouraging local businesses to expand or in attracting companies from across Canada to locate within the region to service the mine. In short, we would like RRR to work with the RRFDC to maximize the economic benefits of the project for the District.

(3) I would like to see a report on what the expected impacts and demands will be on local infrastructure. I would also like to have RRR develop a mechanism for providing reliable information to the region's municipalities so they can make strategic decisions for such infrastructure as housing, sewer and water, roads, land fill etc.

(4) I would also like to suggest that RRR develop a "Legacy Fund" for the future development of the region. For example, so many dollars per ounce towards the fund for the life of the mine.

(5) Finally, I would suggest that RRR support the development of a process, in conjunction with local and senior governments, to transition some of the Resolute Forest Products employees recently laid off to potential mine employees.

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RRGP Socio-economic Interviews December 10 – 13, 2012

Interview Notes – FINAL

Interviewee: Treaty 3 Police Services
Representatives: Larry Indian, Deputy Chief of Police, South Detachment; Mark Bruyere, Sergeant
RRR/AMEC representatives: Stacey Jack (RRR), Caroline Burgess (AMEC)
Date/Time: December 11, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. Central
Location: Agency One Police Building, Fort Frances

Q1: Tell us about your organization – where do you operate, number of officers, services, partnership with OPP?

We provide a unique police service that is culturally sensitive. We serve the Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat (FFCS) communities (7 First Nations) and the Lake bands (Big Island, Big Grassy River First Nations).

Staff includes 25 people comprised of 18 full time officers plus 6-7 administrative staff and casual staff (guard duties).

We have established service protocols with the OPP. We are called to address policing of Aboriginal people on reserve.

The Treaty 3 Police force is culturally sensitive; we employ local Aboriginal people. They have more commitment and there is less staff turnover. They are more in tune with the community situations. Some communities want to be more involved than others in the full justice process.

We have regular contact with the chiefs and supervisors make regular contact with leaders and members.

There are local policing committees that regularly meet and all discussion is open.

Q2: Are there any specific challenges with capacity of the T3 Police to service these areas?

We serve a geographically large jurisdiction, long distances to travel makes it challenging. It affects response times and presence in communities.

There are two satellite offices for the jurisdiction; one at Big Island First Nation and one at Lac La Croix First Nation, which is 2 hours away. All officers start their shifts in Fort Frances.

We have three female officers.

Q3: Are there plans to expand / contract services to communities?

We can always use more staff. Our funds are 52% federal government and 48% provincial government. We have not had any budget increases since 2007. Fuel costs have gone up. We are not considered an essential service but a program. Since 2003 we have operated as a standalone police service.

We are governed by a Police Services Board which is comprised of 9 members from 23 communities. We don't police in the Town of Fort Frances but we occasionally back up the OPP. If there are offenses in the towns then we will assist with them.

Q4: In your opinion what would be the effects of the project on the communities you serve?

I think the effects will be positive because of the increased employment.

Traffic could be a concern. The highway through RRFNs will have bigger trucks on it. There are no issues now on Highways 71 and 600 from Big Grassy, Big Island. Reduced speed limits are helping with traffic through the RRFNs reserve land. Members of the Treaty 3 Police are out there all the time to patrol. Deer strikes are common on these highways.

Q5: Are there any social issues that could impact the ability of FN members to access employment in the RRGP?

Severe addictions – it affects education and personal lives.

Crimes – there are thefts, drug dealing including prescription drugs, marijuana, cocaine.

Q6: In your opinion, how can the community, RRR and/or other partners best maximize potential positive benefits and minimize potential negative impacts of the RRGP?

It would be good to be proactive. We are mostly reactive now. We could work with the company to be proactive. RRR could support community service officers. They could have drug information presentations, safety and community education. They could support the Community Service Officer with by sponsoring programs and presentations. The mine site is in OPP jurisdiction but we could do things together for mine employees. It would promote the image of the T3 Police Service.

RRR could support mitigations through support of social services.

Q7: What is your vision for the local communities after the mine has closed?

We need to recognize that the life of the mine is not that long so we will need to have training to be able to work. We need a back-up plan. Specialist trades might drive farther for jobs. Lower skilled workers would just move closer. Planning is important.

Other:

Steve Shouldice is the OPP Fort Frances Inspector and Detachment Commander – could follow up with him to gather additional information.

RRGP Socio-economic Interviews December 10 – 13, 2012

Interview Notes – Final

Interviewee: Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation (RLTC)
Representatives: Peter Moen, Coordinator (RLTC); Richard Bruyere, Executive Director Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services
RRR/AMEC representatives: Stacey Jack (RRR), Caroline Burgess (AMEC)
Date/Time: December 11, 2012 at 9 a.m. Central
Location: PDGZNYZ Advisory Services Offices, Fort Frances, ON

Q1: Tell us about your organization – what kinds of services, governance, existing contracts with RRR, etc.

- Tribal Council provides services to First Nations in an advisory capacity; technical services, housing, project advice, project management, etc.
- Fire protection – we procure fire department supplies and provide training.
- We look after the First Nation membership for the seven communities and help them with birth certificates
- Finance – we advise and assist in book keeping
- Economic Development and business development – moving towards investment (partnership with companies)
- Human Resources – no database of skilled members.
- Run the Ge-Da-Gi-Binez Youth Centre funded by the Ministry of Youth and Children's Services. The Youth Centre is a maximum security institution with 12 beds that has been open for 4 years.
- We used to train people to work in the band office – skills like basic accounting but now the bands do this training themselves.
- RB provided study about economic impact of spending on First Nations on the regional economy (by J. Carr, University of Toronto).

The RLTDC has six businesses:

1. Owners interest in Landmark Hotel in Thunder Bay

2. Rainy Lake Tribal Contracting – drilling and grading and road building

3. Rainy Lake Logistics – partnership with Gardewine. Currently have a contract for biomass hauling and could expand services for the mining sector.

4. Insurance company – partnership with Gillon's Insurance. Aboriginal business insurance for Directors and Officers.

5. Rainy Lake First Nations Pharmacy on Couchiching First Nation reserve

6. Resource management company- currently managing the Sapawe forest near Atikokan.

Q2: Does your organization have any plans for expanding to take advantage of higher income/opportunities from mining activity?

We would like to see the project move forward quickly. There are more construction companies knocking on our door to form partnerships. We have lots of ideas but we are being cautious to make sure we are successful.

Q3: What would you like to see in a procurement <u>policy or process</u> for contracting opportunities?

Fair contracting; we would like regular contact. There are lots of contractors. Updates could be given at PAAC meetings to First Nations, but this information needs to filter back to us.

Q4: In your opinion, how can the community, RRR and/or other partners best maximize potential positive benefits and minimize potential negative impacts of the RRGP?

Put employment postings in communities for jobs or training.

We need training. We are not involved in decisions at the front end. Update through PAAC and need direct connection through this venue. Regular updates with Lincoln Dunn, First Nations Engagement Specialist and with contract managers.

RRGP Socio-economic Interviews December 10 – 13, 2012

Interview Notes – Final

Interviewee: Naicatchewenin Development Corporation
Representatives: Tony Marinaro Chief Business Development Officer
RRR/AMEC representatives: Stacey Jack (RRR), Caroline Burgess (AMEC)
Date/Time: December 11/3 p.m. Central
Location: RRR Offices, Emo

Q1: Tell us about your organization – what kinds of services, governance, existing contracts with RRR, etc.
(Tony provided RRR/AMEC with a brochure with NDC businesses.)

We develop partnerships with companies. Most of our employees are not from Naicatchweninin First Nation. We want to create new revenue streams and self sufficiency is the goal.
We have 70 employees for all businesses. We are very successful. We want to diversify into many sectors not just mining.

For RRR we installed the water system at the core shack and we have a drilling contract. We also have a security contract at RRResources, Hammond Reef and Musselwhite project sites. We can participate in many sectors.

We don't rely on government funds but are self sufficient. We don't want a hand out. We provide quality service for a good price. We are always looking for other partnerships to participate.

We are joint owners of most of our businesses but we have succession plan to become 100% owners. We have other ideas for the company and we want to do large contract work.

We provide on the job employee training for Common Core Gold Driller Assistants which the worker would receive Accreditation through MCTU We have trained 52 local First Nation people between May and September 2012 on the RRResources Site. These skills are transferable and now some of these people are working in different areas of the country. We provide module training before the worker goes on site, then they get hands-on training. The training we provide is half the cost of training received through Confederation College.

Q2: What challenges are you facing (if any) to access local/regional contracts in the mining sector?

We would like to run a fuel card-lock company. Barriers we face are with smaller municipalities not having the capacity to deal with interests in development such as this. We may want smaller contracts to start and then grow into larger contracts.

First Nations have never really actively participated in the local economy but with RRR we can. First Nations people are more likely to stay in the region long term (this is their home) so we

believe we are a better investment for training. It creates competition in the non-native communities but competition is good.

We need working role models on reserves. NDC provides these role models. They are buying buildings and paying taxes in Fort Frances. The municipalities aren't as progressive as they could be.

The project may increase the needs for mental health counseling – there is no capacity for new intake. People have to go to Thunder Bay. Also there is a lots of drug use in non-native and native communities. There is an opiate addictions service opening in Thunder Bay.People work hard, play hard. People don't behave when they are away from home. Increasing teen pregnancies are a possible result.

Q3: Does your organization have any plans for expanding to take advantage of higher income/opportunities from mining activity?

We want to ensure we are responsive to the business opportunities which are created through the development of this project and welcome the opportunity to grow with the project. Developing bus transportation to support project sites may be one of many opportunities which may arise as the project moves forward.

We have ongoing communications and a personal relationship with RRR. It is very responsive.

Q4: Do you have any comments regarding the RRGP?

This is the only opportunity to move First Nations forward in centuries. We want to participate en masse. R.R. Resources has been very supportive of First Nation participation and has demonstrated a sincere respect for the aboriginal culture and processes. We have developed a professional business relationship with them and value the mutually respectful relationship.

RRGP Socio-economic Interviews December 13, 2012

Interview Notes

Interviewee: Rainy River Future Development Corporation
Representatives: Tannis Drysdale, RRFDC – Town of Fort Frances EDO
RRR/AMEC representatives: Cheyenne Martin
Date/Time: December 13/ 10:30 a.m. Central
Location: Telephone

QUESTIONS

Initial conversation

- All comments made have to prefaced with the facts that we have not been given figures for employment in either the underground or open pit operations and we have no certainty as to when the underground operations will start relative to the open pit operations or if the underground workforce will be a different employee who may less permanent than the open pit workforce.

Entrepreneurship

1. We understand there is a mining services directory (previously supplied). Do you know of any other small-scale entrepreneurs that are interested in expanding the size of their businesses for this purpose?
    - There are some companies with clients currently in mining services, such as Acklands-Grainger, RLTC or NDC. Many other businesses in the district have an interest.
2. If so, what goods or services are they interested in providing?
    - These could include construction and parts and services. Examples of these could be Peterbuilt, the car dealerships, caterers, office and shop supply companies.
3. What challenges would they face growing to take on larger contracts? Is that something they would be interested in?

- This will depend on the mine's requirements and how they set the bar with regards to specific qualifications (for example safety training). Many local companies have experience with Resolute and their health and safety requirements so it is not as big a barrier as it might be otherwise. This could be strengthened if the procurement policy included a preference for local businesses not just providing preferential treatment to just First Nation businesses.

4. Are there programs operating in the region to encourage entrepreneurship?
    - There is entrepreneurship training but not as much as there could be. Self-employment Benefits (SEB) program from Feds and collect EI while running – loan fund as well with training, Confederate College as well. NCDS is doing employment and retraining training.
5. Do you know if there are there plans for local businesses to expand to take advantage of higher incomes from mining activity?
    - The Town of Fort Frances has reduced the price of its industrial lots in an attempt to capture businesses looking to grow or relocate to provide services to the mine.
    - Until a mine is certain it is unlikely that businesses will expand to meet the needs of a new population.
6. What would you like to see in a procurement <u>policy</u> for contracting opportunities?
    - Local preference component
    - Standards set are realistic and necessary and do not dissuade small businesses from participating
    - All advertised locally
    - Conversation on how to tender – Resolute had longstanding relationship
    - Management must be in the community and not disconnected
    - Encourage suppliers from outside the region to relocate to the district.
7. What would you like to see in a procurement <u>process</u> for contracting opportunities?
    - A transparent process that is explained to local businesses via the company website and information sessions.
    - Create a preferred supply list of local businesses in partnership with the Economic Development Office.
    - Goods and Services tendered should be advertised locally.

8. What do you believe will be the expected outcome of the Resolute mill closure in Fort Frances? What are the expected job losses? What are the expected reductions in local expenditure?

    - The temporary idling is just that temporary. Resolute is seeking new products and they intend to reopen the Fort Frances mill. The new product will need a higher value added and that would entail substantial capital investment in the mill to realize.
    - Layoffs were for over 240 workers and the positions were various skilled trades and management.
    - In the interim consumer spending reductions at retailers will be significant.

9. For the labour force reductions from the Resolute mill, can you comment on the expected age profile of workers losing their jobs? How many are expected to leave the community? Retrain? Retire and stay?

    - Nearly all the workers laid off are 45/50 and under. Generally those with 18 years of seniority remained.

    - Many who remain are close to retirement

    - Those who retire will stay in the area, particularly those with less education and thus less options or life experience outside of the district.

10. To what extent is the work experience of those losing their jobs relevant to work in the mining sector?

    - Some are directly applicable- technicians, trades, engineers and heavy equipment operators.

11. Do those losing their jobs have access to retraining programs?

    - The temporary nature of the closure should not affect access to job retraining dollars. The laid off is a permanent termination and workers can access retraining dollars. There will be access to some labour market adjustment program but it has not been introduced yet – laid off workers final day is in February, right now they are only in their notice.

    - When the mill reopens they too will be seeking retraining help.

12. Do you have classifications of workers losing their jobs? (information would be used to calculate incomes of those laid off)

    - No. They would be a mix of papermakers, middle managers and at the same time forestry workers (loggers) will have lost their contracts.

13. Is there a workforce that is connected to the area (i.e., maintain residences or property) but are working elsewhere? For this workforce, what are the common destinations? What kind of work do they seek?

    - The preference of most is to stay because of, family, lifestyle and the low housing costs will create a difficulty in converting home equity. The pattern I observed in Kenora was that for dual income families there is a multi-year transition. The first year is spent doing casual work – retraining or some type of next entrepreneurship – or living on EI earnings, often then the worker will "work away" and commute, years later without a permanent local income do you see the whole family moving away.

14. Do you have estimates for labour demand of other exploration projects operating in the area?

    - No
    - Skilled mill workers are in demand, however, and we have seen advertising for workers by forestry companies, including from Dryden, trying to hire away workers. There is difficulty securing engineers within the industry and others with specialized skills.
    - Unionization a factor

Future Vision (Post RRGP):

15. What is the RRFDC vision for the local economy after the mine has closed?

    - Remaining industry after the mine – we do not have a vision as a mining community. We have a history of working for diversification. Some success in areas such as health services, drilling and operations relating to mining, value added wood products (for example Norfab, although their manufacturing workforce is down now to 50-60).

Other:

16. Do you have any other comments at this time regarding the RRGP?

    - Would like information session in Fort Frances.
    - As the largest center and the largest contributor to the DSSAB we pay the lions share of all social services costs. Most people who work in the mine will live in Fort Frances and will be left to deal with the workers who lost jobs with the closure of a mine.
    - Simple municipal property taxation will not adequately compensate the communities of the RR District for the costs that will be incurred by a mine. We

should have a revenue sharing program based on the current Provincial taxation of mining operations.

- The Town of Fort Frances is hopeful that RRR will proceed with the opening of a mining operation and will continue to assist in any way it can with RRR to assure that outcome.

From: Stacey Jack
Sent: February-11-13 4:24 PM
To: 'Northwatch'
Cc: Kyle Stanfield
Subject: FW: Requesting electronic communications re. Rainy River Gold Project

Dear Ms. Lloyd;
Thank-you for your request. We have updated the information for Northwatch and will send all future correspondence electronically.
Sincerely,
Stacey Jack

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Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2013 4:21 PM
To: comments
Subject: Requesting electronic communications re. Rainy River Gold Project

Good afternoon,

Thank you for providing us with hard copy documents related to the development of provincial environmental assessment Terms of Reference for the review of the Rainy River Gold Project. We appreciate your including us in your communications.

Due to our limited capacity - including office and filing space - and in the interests of reducing resource use, we are requesting that all future communications be provided electronically, i.e. by email. Should some documents be too large for electronic transmission, we would prefer to receive them on a request basis, and / or in CDs rather than in printed form.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this request.

Regards,

Brennain Lloyd
Northwatch
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RRGP Socio-economic Interviews January 2013

Interview Notes – Final

Interviewee: Riverside Health, Canadian Mental Health
Representatives: Allan Katz (President and CEO, Riverside Health Care), Sheila Shaw (Executive Director, Canadian Mental Health), Jon Thompson (Community Counseling, Riverside Health Care), Lori Maki (Executive Vice President/Chief Nursing Executive, Riverside Health Care)
RRR/AMEC representatives: Stacey Jack (RRR), Caroline Burgess (AMEC), Don Charette (AMEC)
Date/Time: January 14, 10 a.m. Central/11 a.m. Eastern
Location: Teleconference

Q1: RRR/AMEC interviewed another stakeholder in December who indicated that there could be some stresses on the existing mental health counseling services in the region. Can you tell us what mental health services/programs are offered in the district and what the demands are on these services?

Available treatment services (using comprehensive/integrated approach to services) include: trauma, mental illness, violence recovery, addictions.

There is 8 community treatment staff working from Fort Frances. Emo and Rainy River each offer 1 counselor.

Community mental health services complement the community counseling programs. The focus is on populations that are persistently mentally ill.

Canadian Mental Health Association services are provided through:

1. Educators
2. Peer support on life skills, finances, employment
3. 2 housing programs (small programs)
    a. Mentally ill (offering 8 units)
    b. Substance abuse (12 units)
4. Court diversion (using wider criteria for those who can access services)
    a. For anybody with mental illness, handicapped, addiction, etc…
5. 60 year old + individuals

Kenora Rainy River Family and Children Services offer children services and have 7 to 8 councilors working in the region.

There is also the North West Community Care Access Centre (separate from Riverside Health Care with the head office in Thunder Bay. Their Forst Frances office is at the LaVerendrye General Hospital which has been recently funded to deploy mental health nurses in High Schools (not yet deployed). Reason: Provincial priority 10 year mental strategy focuses on youth for the next 2 to 3 years. NW CCAC also has a community case coordinator at the Rainy River Health Centre

Each FN has local community based services (Community Treatment/ Holistic related services) which are federally funded through Fort Frances Tribal Health Authority. Services for Aboriginals not living on reserve are offered through the Gizewaadiziwin Health Access Centre.

The timing of the RRGP does not suggest an overwhelming demand on health services. The effects of the indefinite idling of the kraft mill and one of two paper machines in early November 2012 have not been felt as of yet. Work continued until December 2012 and will continue to get paid until end of February 2013. There is an expected delay resulting in an increase of referrals if no other employmentcomes online in the area.

Q2: Has demand for these services changed in the last few years? If so, what do you attribute this change to?

There has been an increase in demand in all program areas. This is attributed to increased awareness (media) and reduced stigma associated mental health issues. New treatment methods are being used by the system such as reducing hospital admissions with the aim of integrating the client back into the community as soon as possible. Efforts are being made to reducewaiting lists in any services by constant evaluation of service and priorities.

Q3: If demands are not being met in this District, then where do people access these services?

The North West Local Health Integration Network funds 18 health services in Rainy River District - 6 of them are local: Riverside Health Care, CMHA Fort Frances, Atikokan General Hospital, Gizhewaadiziwin Health Access Centre, Fort Frances Tribal Health Authority and Weechi-it-te-win Family Services). Remaining services are found in Thunder Bay or Kenora which require travel.

Efforts are being made to streamline services and send people to the right providers. The challenge is to ensure that we have the resources to do so. For example, now we have a waiting list for mental health services in Fort Frances, which should be temporary. The Family Health team has some mental health capacity but it has not been fully developed as of yet.

Future challenges are to ensure that we maintain the available skill sets and to sustain a clinical HR program to handle vacancies.

Q4: Any sense of how many people are accessing services in other communities?

Not sure although we suspect there are a fairly significant number of people accessing services in other communities depending on what services are taken into account.

We think there are not as many people going out compared to similar areas but there are bewildering arrays of pathways that make this difficult to track.

Q5: Can you comment on the rate of drug or other substance addictions in the District?

The rate of drug addiction in this region is the highest in Ontario on all indicators including highest risk due to consumption rates (additional information can be found on website www.datis.ca)

Q6: What is the capacity of these services to meet demands?

We don't have the resources to deal with the demand. We are not aware of what funding criteria are used by the government. Funding comes from a variety of sources (Federal for FN, mix of Federal and Provincial for other programs).

The total population of Rainy River District represents 10% of regional (NW Ontario) population of 230,000 people. Funding is provided to this larger region and distributed equally in this region. So, although our needs are higher, we don't receive the funds to meet demands. This makes it difficult to make a case for funding requests.

We expect that there will be more demands on Emo once the mine enters construction and operations. It will take time and resources (physical, human and fiscal (operating and capital) before the Emo Health Centre can return to having a Emergency Department.

Q7: What programs are in place to address these issues (if any)?

Programs such as the FN day treatments (RRR should talk to them to learn more about their program), harm reduction vs. abstinence, Alcoholics Anonymous, and Narcotics Anonymous.

Q8: Are there plans for future service offerings?

The existing treatment practice is of institutionalizing patients but the reality is that there is no need for it. What needs to be done is to get the clients back into society. The job is to triage the clients and make a case for the level of care needed. There is no existing balance supporting continuum care.

Q9: Are there other public or mental health issues that are prevalent in the District? What are their causes? What services are being provided to address? What is the capacity of these services to meet demands? Are there plans for future service offerings?

Depression is prevalent but not atypical from other areas. Addiction statistics for fetal alcohol syndrome are high and only diagnosed when children are of school age. This addiction is most prevalent among Aboriginal people however it is not exclusive to the Aboriginal population.

Q10: In your opinion, how can the community, RRR and/or other partners best maximize potential positive benefits and minimize potential negative impacts of the RRGP? What is your vision for community health and well being after the mine has closed?

The project would be successful if it does not leave any environmental impact and does not upset the water table, and has not created any new issues.

When the Project is over that Emo is well positioned with municipal infrastructure and has other opportunities to attract residents (sustainable community) such as ecotourism, recreation, attractions for retirees.

RRR should not create a dependency on any services that they may offer during mine operation that cannot be sustained after the mine is closed. For example, to be corporately responsible, the company should work with local service providers and support long-term capacity within the district. As an example, rather than hiring a third part EAP provider, consider working with our organization, because typically the third party provider refers a client to us, and we're not prepared capacity wise. Dealing directly with us (or whomever in the District) would allow us to develop and plan for appropriate capacity.

Q11: How can the project be used to realize that vision?

It is important for the Project to keep having ongoing dialogue with health services. Quarterly meetings would be ideal.

Investments in leisure activities focused on family (e.g. offering Skype) and other leisure services can be viewed as a preventative tactic to avoiding health and social problems that could be created when workers are off-shifts. These could also alleviate stresses on health and counseling services.

The project could invest capital into local community services like recreational programs to provide leisure opportunities.

RRR could consider giving priority to recruitment of workers whose spouses are healthcare professionals.

Keep us (all health care partners) aware of where the workers are intending to reside to help predict and adjust to new demands on services in each community.

Q12: Do you have any comments regarding the RRGP?

It is important to learn how other mining projects have created sustainable communities. It is essential to create a community in which you want to live in. Having people wanting to stay after the mine is closed is important.

Q13: Do you have any comments about today's discussion?

Suggested expanding the discussion table to Fort Frances and other stakeholders. RRR accepted this idea.

RRGP Socio-economic Interviews January 2013

Interview Notes – Final

Interviewee: United Native Friendship Centre
Representatives: Sheila McMahon, Executive Director
RRR/AMEC representatives: Stacey Jack (RRR), Caroline Burgess (AMEC), Don Charette (AMEC)
Date/Time: January 15, 10 a.m. Eastern/ 9a.m. Central
Location: Teleconference

1- We interviewed another stakeholder in December who indicated that there could be some stresses on the existing counseling services in the region. The UNFC provides a wide range of social/community services. Can you tell us about the demands are on these services?

The demands on drug and alcohol treatment are high and we have 1 counselor on staff. Some patients need to get to other communities where there are treatment centres.

We offer employment programs (for status and non-status FN) focusing on apprenticeships which is a good way to get employed after training. These are limited in what they can offer since they are federally funded. UNFC employment program provides soft services such as resume writing, interview skills, etc. Also offers funding for off-reserve status, non-status and out of province Aboriginal people. The future consideration is partnerships for training, apprenticeships. The UNFC is limited due to the amount of funding received by the federal government.

We've hired a new Community Career Counselor (2-year position) whose role is to meet with companies and understand their employment needs.

The UNFC Homelessness program has a long waiting list for Aboriginal people needing housing, UNFC does not provide direct housing services, future plans are to look at offering housing for the working families in community.

We offer lots of support for family and children and we help non-Aboriginal people as well.

Alternative education programs offer high school programs for mature student's offsite. The Alternative Educations program is a high school program within the UNFC site, it provides opportunities to youth 16-18 years to obtain their grade 12 diploma. It also offers mature students over 18yrs the ability to obtain their grade 12 diploma in three ways, on site instruction, part-time, and off site. The High school has two qualified teachers on site Monday-Friday.

2- Has demand for these services changed in the last few years?

Yes, there is growing demand on all programs, especially in education and employment. We would like to focus on apprenticeships because that's a good way to get a job after training. This is one way but not the only way.

What do you attribute this change to?

We are waiting to see what will happen when the mill shutdown occurs in February (employees laid off in November are being paid until February). We anticipate more demand to the employment and homelessness programs. We expect to see a greater number of working poor who need support in paying rent and food. Not sure how long the demands will be high as a result of this shutdown but job opportunities are getting worse even though there are some major employers in the region like the hospital. Fort Frances doesn't have enough jobs to support the demand.

3- Can you share any information about the rate of homelessness in the region? Are there any initiatives underway to address this issue?

We report homelessness data nationally (Sheila offered to provide some data to RRR).

There is a 10 unit apartment building about to open in Fort Frances (not subsidized) offering 1 bedroom (650$/month) and 2 bedroom (750$/month) apartments. Another 6 unit building is being built. This won't take care of the waiting list because most families come to Fort Frances from Manitoba because they feel it is safer here. This has been happening for the last few years. There are also people moving off reserve and it is hard to know where they are or where they are going. This presents a challenge for program planning.

How much staff has UNFC had within the past years?

We've had a steady number of 40 staff for the past 5 years.

We are really worried about 0-6 yrs children programs (Headstart, prenatal, healthy babies) for fear that they may be cut by the Federal Government as they intend to pass down the responsibility to the province. I'm not sure that the province will pick up the funding slack as it is in debt. There are issues with affordable childcare in the region, costing 40$ a day. We are looking to open an Aboriginal childcare to help support working families.

Are you looking to hire more people in the next few years?

I can't predict that. UNFC is a non-profit and we are looking at ways to decrease our dependence on government funding. We've developed an economic development plan with our local membership and committee (5 year strategic plan). We are looking to hire an economic development officer to help with this contingent upon receiving funding for this position.

What social or community issues are most prevalent in the District? What are their causes? What services are being provided to address?

Racism is the most prevalent issue. We deal with a lot of stereotypes in Fort Frances. Next year is our 40 year anniversary and we have a full year plan to create awareness of UNFC and that we offer services to all Aboriginal people but we do not turn anyone away when they are in need of help.

In your opinion, how can the community, RRR and/or other partners best maximize potential positive benefits and minimize potential negative impacts of the RRGP?

It is important to develop partnerships with everyone that is impacted by the project. Sharing information with UNFC on RRR's employment, training, and educational needs would be useful to help train people for the jobs. The UNFC has a good working relationship with the College.

Also, housing opportunities allow people to stay at home and work (Fort Frances). Most people who leave for work opportunities want to come back because they don't want to leave their families and children.

What is your vision for community health and well being after the mine has closed?

We are currently working in areas of family violence and employment. I see a cycle of financial dependence from generation to generation that I would like to see broken. Having the right treatment services would help us to have a healthy community. Fort Frances is a violent town and drug use is prominent. This is attributed to lack of employment opportunities.

Do you have any comments regarding the RRGP?

Is there a place to get information about the RRGP?

Stacey Jack provided the project website address and indicated that there would be open houses on the draft EA in the future and that we will place Sheila on the project mailing list to get formal invite/notices via email. Stacey also invited Sheila to come on a site tour in the future and drop into the Emo office or contact Stacey at anytime.

APPENDIX D-8

NEWSLETTERS AND UPDATES



RAINY RIVER

The Rainy River Gold Project has entered the engineering design and environmental assessment stage. Rainy River Resources is working closely with various Provincial and Federal regulatory agencies to ensure the project meets the needs of the local communities.

We have heard from District residents including our Aboriginal partners on the issues that matter to them and we are confident that the Mine Environmental Assessment Report under development will help all residents to understand the various opportunities that are coming.



We are planning to have the Mine Environmental Assessment Report completed for Public and Agency submission by mid-2013 and will be holding various Open Houses later this year for you to provide input and to discuss the results of the assessment and how the project will support continued Community infrastructure and economic development, as well as the creation of significant employment opportunities. We will also present the project environmental mitigation plans to further demonstrate the quality of environmental protection this project will showcase.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

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Basic Shares Outstanding	99.9M
FD Shares Outstanding	108.2M
Cash	$107M CAD
Debt	$0 CAD

as of December 3, 2012

Defining Canada's Newest Gold District

Rainy River Resources Ltd. is advancing its flagship asset, the Rainy River Gold Project (RRGP) toward development. The project is located near Fort Frances in north-west Ontario, with accessible power, rail and roads. In June 2005, Rainy River Resources Ltd. acquired a 100% interest in the project from Nuinsco Resources Limited. Today, the Rainy River Gold Project is defining an emerging Canadian Gold District.



PEA II HIGHLIGHTS - August 2012

308,000 oz/yr, first 10 years gold

478,000 oz/yr, first 10 years silver

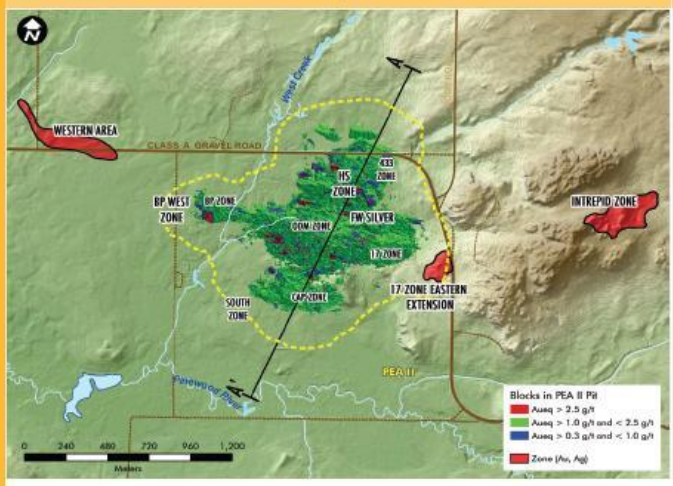
16 years mine life

$486 US/oz average annual cash cost, first 10 years

$450 US/oz average annual cash cost, first 5 years

INVESTOR HIGHLIGHTS

- High quality, low risk project
- Unrealized district potential
- Proven management team
- Strong financial position



EXPLORATION POTENTIAL

The Rainy River Gold Project has very exciting upside potential in both the main pit area, as well as to the west, east, south and at depth

- Intrepid
- Western Area
- 17 Zone Eastern Extension
- ODM deep
- Untested Western Area
- CAP-South deep
- South-East extensions
- Ni/Cu/PGM's
- Stratigraphic Targets
- VMS potential

LEGEND

Yellow: open pit outline

Western Area, 17ZEE, Intrepid: out of PEA

MILESTONES & CATALYSTS

recent

- Made new discovery: Intrepid Zone
- Oct 10/12 – Mineral Resource update:
  6.2 Moz Au, 13.3 Moz Ag (Measured and Indicated)
  2.3 Moz Au, 7.0 Moz Ag (Inferred)
  Silver Zone with 1.2 Moz Ag (Indicated)
- Updated PEA Q3/2012
- Commenced permitting process and Feasibility Study 1H/2012
- Made new discoveries: Western Area, 17 Zone Eastern Extension

upcoming

- Exploration Updates
- Feasibility Study 1H/2013

target startup

- 2016

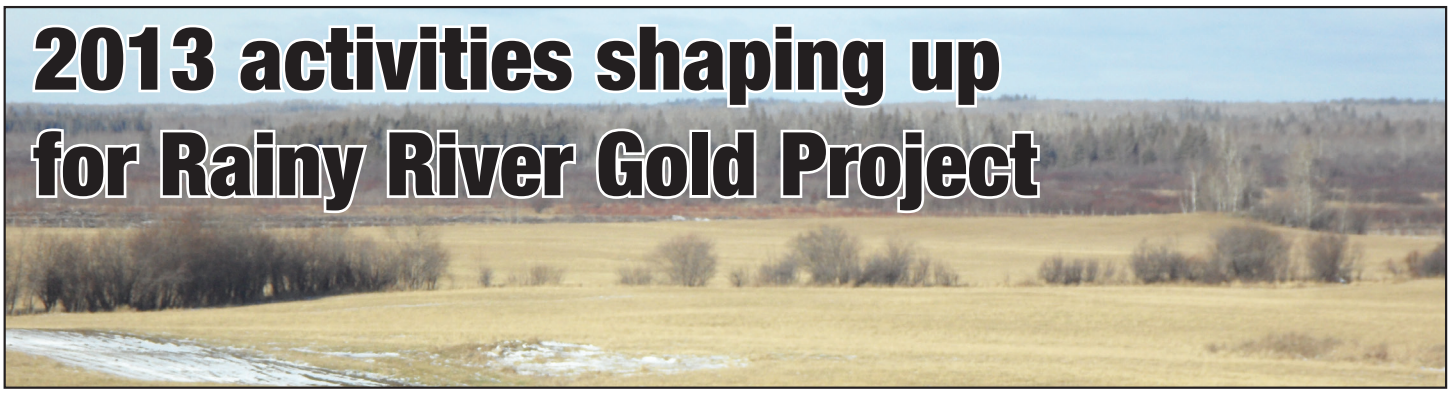
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2013 activities shaping up for Rainy River Gold Project



Rainy River Resources is pleased to provide an update on its planned activities for 2013.

The feasibility study and permitting process respecting the Rainy River Gold Project (the "RRGP") are progressing according to schedule. Exploration drilling re-commenced in mid-January with the intent to add to the RRGP's existing gold resource of 6.2 million and 2.3 million ounces in the measured & indicated and inferred categories, respectively.

The company is well funded to complete its 2013 activities, with approximately $102 million in cash and equivalents as of December 31, 2012.

In terms of exploration, Rainy River plans approximately 75,000 metres of drilling in 2013, with a budget allocation of approximately $18 million. Four diamond drill rigs were mobilized at the RRGP in January. Three of the rigs are working to expand known mineralization as well as conduct infill drilling at the newly discovered Intrepid Zone. With 82 drill holes completed to date, Intrepid now has over a 410-metre strike length and measures 450 metres down dip. The Company aims to gather enough drill information to form the first mineral resource on Intrepid by the middle of this year.

The fourth rig has been working at the BP Zone and is now moved to Intrepid. Drill results from the Company's 2013 program will be released as they become available.

Work also continues on the RRGP feasibility study, which is targeted for release during the first half of 2013. In August of 2012, the Company released an Updated Preliminary Economic Assessment, which outlined a robust project producing 308,000 ounces of gold and 478,000 ounces of silver annually over the first 10 years, with an IRR of 21% and NPV of $846 million, at $1,250 per ounce gold and $25 per ounce silver price assumptions. The feasibility study will incorporate the latest gold and silver resource estimate, which was released in October 2012.

Look for more information on the RRGP, coming this spring.

Environmental assessment process update

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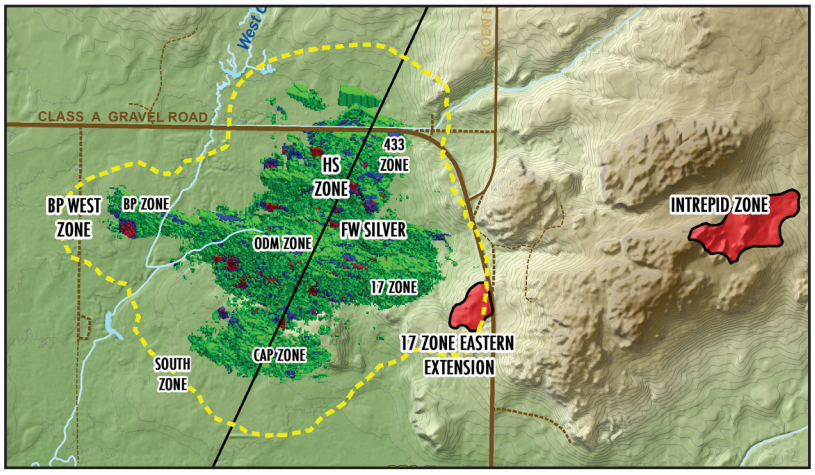
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Intrepid Zone returns positive assay results

Rainy River Resources is pleased to announce further assay results from the Intrepid Zone at the Rainy River Gold Project. The Intrepid Zone is an area of potential mineralization separate from the proposed open pit, located to the east of Highway 600.

With the addition of 31 new diamond drill holes released, 82 holes have now penetrated the Intrepid Zone over a 410 metre strike length, and have traced the mineralization down dip for 450 metres. Wide zones of near-surface gold mineralization continue to contribute mineralization that may be exploitable via open pit mining, complemented by higher grade intersections that may be exploitable via underground mining early in the mine life. Further drilling will continue to define the eastern limits of Intrepid. From the work to date, Intrepid appears to host parallel and plunging high grade ore shoots, similar to those observed in the ODM zone at the heart of the Rainy River Gold Project.



Three diamond drill rigs will focus on expanding the thickest portions of Intrepid in the plunge direction, and to better define the zone in preparation for the release of a National Instrument 43-101 compliant mineral resource estimate by mid-2013. Upon completion of the BP Zone drilling over the next few weeks, the fourth diamond drill rig currently at the RRGP will also move to the Intrepid Zone.

GOLD Nuggets

Gold is so rare that the world pours more steel in an hour than it has poured gold since the beginning of recorded history.

Gold is used in window glass and astronaut helmets to reflect infrared rays while allowing sunlight to pass through, and at the same time keeping it cool.

Rainy River in the community



Rainy River Resources has supported a number of activities and events in the District, including minor hockey programs in Emo and Fort Frances, and the Emo Walleye Classic.

What is "VG?"

Gold is widely distributed on the earth. Most gold is found in the metallic state in the form of dust, grains, flakes, or nuggets. Although large amounts are also present also in seawater, the cost of current methods for recovering it exceeds its value.

It occurs, usually in association with silver or other metals, in quartz veins or lodes so finely disseminated that it is not visible. Some gold deposits can be worked profitably even when yielding only a few dollars in gold to the ton.



Visible Gold from the Western Zone

GOLD Nuggets

A one-ounce gold nugget is more rare to find than a five-carat diamond.

Gold can be hammered so thin that sunlight can shine through it.

Kid's Corner WORD SEARCH

Find the list of mining industry jobs words hidden in the jumble below!

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ENGINEER

MINER

DRILLER

ELECTRICIAN

LABOURER

GEOLOGIST

MANAGER

SURVEYOR

ACCOUNTANT

MECHANIC

IT SUPPORT

Cultural heritage research assisted by area residents

For almost four years, Rainy River Resources has been conducting various types of baseline research at the Rainy River Gold Project. The baseline research is always directed by qualified professionals and provides much of the data we require for the Environmental Assessment. Since our research has started, we've been focusing on many aspects of the environment, including fish, wildlife, water, air and cultural heritage resources, which include archaeology.



The cultural heritage resource research has been primarily conducted by a team of archaeologists. That team also works with other heritage specialists to ensure that no aspect of potential cultural heritage resources at the Rainy River Gold Project is overlooked.

Since 2010, a variety of cultural heritage research activities have taken place. Before going out in the field, the archaeologists familiarized themselves with the area by conducting background research which provided information about the geography, history, previous archaeological fieldwork and current land use of the area. By the time the archaeologists actually went into the field to look for evidence of pre-European contact sites or pioneer settlements (and other evidence from those who were here before us), they had a very good understanding and knowledge of the project area. It is well documented that various cattle ranching and other farming and logging operations have existed within the project area for over a century.

The archaeologists also spoke with local landowners and Aboriginal people to gain a better understanding of the regional area and to identify any previously unrecorded archaeological or significant cultural sites. Beyond local knowledge, the archaeologists also utilized a variety of field techniques to identify any potential archaeological sites, ranging from walking transects, shovel testing and looking at disturbed areas. Field research at the Rainy River Gold Project area will continue this year.

We'd also like to say thank-you to the landowners, former residents and other individuals who has been enthusiastically sharing information with us over the past three field seasons – we appreciate your great contributions.

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