



Who we are. What we do.



Purpose

- Protect Land & Water, including the land based economy
- Environmental Monitoring of Gahcho Kue Mine
- Ensure that Traditional Knowledge is used to monitor the mine
- Provide formal mechanism for communities to make recommendations
- Build community capacity



Governance

- NHX is a cooperation agreement between 6 signatories:
 - Deninu Kué First Nation
 - Lutsél K'e Dene First Nation
 - North Slave Métis Alliance
 - Northwest Territories Métis Nation
 - Tłıchq Government
 - De Beers Canada
- The agreement makes resources available, to be administered through a Governance Committee.
- The Governance Committee is composed of one environmental staff person from each signatory



Staff

- To conduct the operations NHX has a small team of technical staff:
 - Technical coordinator – charged with reviewing monitoring and management plans, also performs financial management and acts as a general secretary for the Governance Committee
 - Environment Monitor – acts as the eyes and ears of the GC while on site. Ensures that the GC is tied into the monitoring at site and that no major events are occurring without the GC being aware.
 - TK Monitors – using their experience and skills on the land, they travel to the Family Cultural Region and spend time there, observing any changes to the surrounding area. They also work with families to capture their observations.

Environmental Monitoring



Three approaches to Environmental Monitoring:

- 1) Environmental Monitor based at mine site as an observer
- 2) Technical reviews of monitoring and management plans
- 3) Traditional Knowledge Monitors (staff) travel to area adjacent to site regularly to observe, monitor and record changes to the environment



Family Travel Program

- Families of the signatory nations who will travel to the Family Cultural Area to exercise their rights and practices.
- TK monitors will work with the families to collect their observations, recollections and expectations.
- Program started in Summer 2017

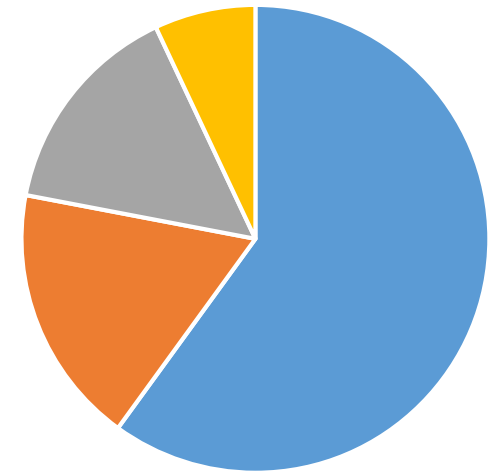


Fletcher Lake Cabin, Sept 2017

Financial Outline

Budget is in line with other NWT oversight groups.

- 60% to Staff (3 full time, 1 part time. training)
- 18% to Governance: GC time, travel and dispute resolution reserve
- 15% to Family Travel Program and TK Monitoring
- 7% to Expert Reviews



■ Staff ■ Governance ■ TKM ■ Review



2017 Accomplishments

- Financial administration and policy development near completion.
- Major Infrastructure for the Family Cultural Region –Cabin on Fletcher Lake complete.
- Completed the first major technical reviews (ICRP 2016), with minor reviews regularly completed (e.g. Construction Pond Monitoring Plan). Reviews underway for ICRP V3 –will continue into 2018.
- TKM Framework complete –to be implemented in 2018
- Family Travel Program framework completed –first family visited the Fletcher Lake Cabin in Sept 2017