



## **Status of the finances for 2019-2020**

The Executive Director presented and explained the financial statements as of August 30, 2019 and answered questions from members.

Some budget items have lower than expected expenditures. Translation of short documents is done internally and this reduces the associated costs. Some steps of the annual report were also completed internally this year, decreasing costs. For meeting costs, there was no trip to the territory this year. Finally, no training activities have yet occurred and archiving costs are not yet recorded.

Due to expenditures related to the PAFIT review in early 2020, no surplus is expected this year. The members agreed to create a fund to spread this expense over several years.

Website update fees exceeded expectations due to training taking place in December 2018 but billed in August 2019.

The Executive Director then explained to the members the difference and the distribution of IT expenses between the Equipment Maintenance (software updates, bug fixes, printer maintenance), Office fees (ink cartridges) and Acquisition of equipment (purchase of material amortized over several years).

## **Budget for 2020-2021**

The members agreed to propose to the MELCC a multi-year grant to avoid any possible budgetary tightening during the waiting period for payment. An accounting demonstration of the use of the JBACE working capital will be required to support the request for additional funds. The secretariat must have more information on the funding process and the people involved in the process.

## **MEETINGS CALENDAR**

The members discussed upcoming meeting dates. The following dates were chosen:

- Meeting 214 in Montreal: December 9 (1<sup>st</sup> option) or December 6 (2<sup>nd</sup> option);
- Meeting 215 in Québec City: week of February 24-26, 2020 (1<sup>st</sup> option) or February 19-21, 2020 (2<sup>nd</sup> option);
- Meeting 216 on the Territory (two days): first week of June 2020;
- Meeting 217 in Waskaganish (two days): week of September 14, 2020.

## **INFORMATION ROUNDTABLE ON THE MEMBERS' EXPERTISE AND UPDATE OF THE SUBCOMMITTEES**

The Executive Director explained that this item has been added to the agenda to allow everyone to get to know the other members and who is working on what. This will help to get a better idea of who to contact when particular issues arise. The members then discussed their respective tasks and their expertise.

The composition of the subcommittees was updated:

- The federal member who will replace Jean Picard will sit on the subcommittees where Jean was a member (Forest management, Woodland Caribou, Climate Change);
- The subcommittees Public Participation and 2018-2023 Strategic Plan were dissolved;
- The subcommittee for Bill C-69 (Impact Assessment Act) stays open to work on comments on regulations and other initiatives related to this law;
- Suzie Boudreau will sit on the Bill C-68 (Fisheries Act) subcommittee;
- The subcommittee for the revision of Québec's Mining Act is created and Melissa Saganash, Maud Ablain and Caroline Girard will sit on it (Madeleine Green will also participate);

- The creation of a subcommittee for miscellaneous files is proposed to consolidate sporadic files that do not have a subcommittee (e.g. wildlife, wildlife reserve, traditional knowledge), but this proposal is pursued;
- The creation of a subcommittee for the modernization of Section 22 is postponed to a later date.

## **FILES AND WORK PLAN**

### **Québec's Mining Act**

The MERN contacted the JBACE to answer questions that the committee had for the next revision of the *Mining Act*. The Analyst and the Executive Director attended an informative MERN webinar. The JBACE's comments must be sent no later than October 18, 2019. The JBACE will contact the MERN to obtain more details on the process of drafting the bill, on the interpretation of the term "heritage sites" and the types of sites that may be subject to an agreement as part of a proposal put forward by the department.

Actions:

- The Analyst will prepare the letter and finalize it with the subcommittee;
- The Executive Director will contact Hélène Giroux to inquire about the possibility of meeting representatives of the MERN and have more information on the process for drafting the bill.

### **Climate change**

A consultation will be held on 26-27 November in Oujé-Bougoumou for Cree communities as part of the elaboration of the Electrification and Climate Change Plan (ECCP). The JBACE acts as coordinator of the event.

The members discussed the possibility of sending comments as part of the ongoing consultation for the ECCP, but they considered that the involvement of the JBACE in the planning of the consultation in the territory meets this need. However, the members decided to send a letter to the MELCC to formalize the committee's involvement in coordinating the consultation on the territory.

The draft climate change fact sheets from the Ouranos report are ready for review and it could be possible for them to be ready for consultation in the territory.

Action:

- The Secretariat will prepare a letter to formalize the involvement of the JBACE in the organization of the consultation with the communities for the drafting of the ECCP

### **Sectoral co-creation tables**

The Analyst summarized the meeting of the table for the Northern Committees held on September 27. The Analyst, the Executive Director and a member from Québec were present. Beforehand, the subcommittee had decided that the JBACE would not provide a comment document, since no consultation material had been sent by the MELCC, so the meeting was structured around discussion points. The analyst shares with members the need to send a letter to the MELCC highlighting, among other things, the following points:

- The JBACE wants to attend the MELCC technical briefings prior to the publication of the regulations;
- About the control, the local population must be sensitized to participate in the reporting of non-compliant situations;
- The need to define sensitive zones on the territory.

Actions:

- The Secretariat will prepare a letter to follow-up on the September 27 meeting;
- The JBACE will inquire about the possibility of meeting the regional director of the MELCC for the Abitibi-Témiscamingue and Nord-du-Québec region.

### **Cumulative impacts**

The Analyst summarized the file, including an overview of the progress made by the intern and the planning of her presentation. The Analyst mentioned that his efforts will be directed towards the gap analysis (step 1 of the 2018-2023 plan) once the internship is completed.

Members mentioned that future work will need to integrate approaches to territorial or regional planning and that they should be linked to current initiatives. The Executive Director noted that the establishment of the Indigenous-led Centre of Expertise for Cumulative Effects Management is continuing and that a symposium will be held this winter.

### **Fisheries Act**

Suzie Boudreau presented the *Fisheries Act* and the new *Fish and Habitat Protection Program* (FPPP) to ensure greater participation of Aboriginal peoples.

Members discussed future development of codes of practice and the JBACE involvement in the process, habitat reserve calculations based on the notion of tradable credits, and areas of ecological importance that will also be based on new studies, consultations and agreements. Members discussed the appropriateness of inviting members of the community to an upcoming meeting in the territory and giving them a similar presentation on the new law.

The members also discussed the three-year Pan Arctic research project, led by the University of Laval, which will begin in the summer of 2020. The study will focus on the genetic indicators of three fish species in the territory (lake whitefish, walleye, lake trout and speckled trout) for the management of fishing populations.

Action:

- The Executive Director will post Suzie Boudreau's presentation on the website.

### **Impact Assessment Act**

The *Impact Assessment Act* (Bill C-69) is in force but in a transitional period. The Analyst and the Executive Director attended two informative webinars on the Act and are currently looking to contact a stakeholder for more technical information and to plan a possible presentation for members.

### **Guide and Québec Mines+Énergie 2019 conference**

The guide was published online, circulated by email, posted on the AQEI website, and sent to several other social and professional networks.

The Québec Mines+Énergie 2019 conference will take place from November 18 to 21, 2019. The Executive Director and the Analyst will host a joint workshop with the MERN, and they will attend the entire conference all week long, a good opportunity to promote the guide and the committee.

In the morning of November 18, there will be a workshop presented by the JBACE and the MERN, which aims to sensitize the promoters to involve all the surrounding communities from the beginning of their project. Through the life cycle of a fictitious mining project, participants will learn how to set up a public participation engagement plan by referring to the JBACE guide and also by creating a follow-up committee, referring to the MERN guide.

The members exchanged about the potential participants to the November 18 workshop, and about the possibility to provide a similar training to other stakeholders.

Actions:

- The Secretariat will inform the Cree Mineral Exploration Board of the presentation of the workshop at the Québec Mines+Énergie conference;
- The Secretariat will explore the possibility to present the guide to relevant groups (e.g. AMQ, AEMQ, CPEQ).

## **PAFIT**

The Analyst mentioned that a proposal for a meeting date will be sent to the subcommittee for a teleconference following the meeting with the consultant. The questionnaire will be available by the end of November 2019.

## **Update on the 2019-2020 work plan**

The Executive Director advised that adjustments to the integrated work plan will be completed as a result of the file discussions. Once updated, the plan will be uploaded to the website.

Action:

- The Executive Director will update the work plan and post it on the website.

## **ADJOURN**

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## **213<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the JBACE**

Wednesday October 2, – 320 St-Joseph Blvd. East (Room 3 – Innue), Québec City

### **Draft agenda**

1. 8:45 Participants arrival
2. 9:00 Welcome and adoption of the agenda
3. 9:05 Adoption of the minutes and follow-up from last meeting
4. 9:15 Administration
  - a) Performance reviews
  - b) Status of the finances for 2019-2020
  - c) Budget 2020-2021
5. 9:45 Meetings calendar and meeting with the Administrators
6. 10:15 *Break*
7. 10:30 Information roundtable on the members' expertise and update of the subcommittees
8. 11:30 *Lunch*
9. 13:00 Files and work plan (*a break will be taken at the appropriate time*)
  - a) Québec's *Mining Act* (presentation of the MERN)
  - b) Climate change
  - c) Implementation of the EQA – Sectoral co-creation tables
  - d) Cumulative impacts
  - e) *Fisheries Act* and *Impact Assessment Act*
  - f) Guide and Québec Mines+Énergie 2019 conference
  - g) Update on the 2019-2020 work plan
10. 16:30 Adjourn