



NOTICE

MEETING: St Mary's Municipal Council
Committee of the Whole

DATE: Wednesday, November 21st, 2018

TIME: 1:00pm

PLACE: St. Mary's Municipality
Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS

Please advise if unable to attend

Dated: November 14, 2018

Marvin MacDonald, CAO

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, November 21st, 2018**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda and Any Additions
4. Approval of Minutes from Committee Meeting held October 31st, 2018
5. Business Arising from Minutes
6. Atlantic Gold – Chrystal Fuller
7. Other Matters of Business
 - a. General Educational Development (GED)
 - b. Fences Arbitration Committee
 - c. In-Camera – Tax Sale

Adjournment

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Meeting, Date & Time

The Committee of the Whole meeting of St. Mary's Council was called to order on Wednesday, November 21st, 2018 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

Attending

Warden Mosher
Deputy Warden Dort
Councillor Kaiser-Kirk
Councillor Baker
Councillor Smith
Councillor Findlay
Councillor Malloy

Also Attending

Marvin MacDonald, CAO
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance
Denise Sawlor, Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator

Approval of Agenda

On motion of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Councillor Baker that Council approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councillor Kaiser-Kirk and seconded by Deputy Warden Dort that Council approve the minutes of the Committee Of The Whole held October 31st, 2018

Motion carried.

Business Arising From Minutes

- Ambulance Service
 - No response has been received to the letter that was sent.
- Tax Payment Refund
 - Marian contacted the Solicitor regarding the request that was made to refund a tax payment. It was recommended not to process the refund since there is no guarantee of the individual attending the tax sale and making payment at that time.
- Recplex Washrooms
 - There was no fulltime staff at the Recplex over the summer months. The bathroom issue has now been addressed.
- Main Street Cross-cut repairs
 - Work has not been completed yet.

Atlantic Gold – Chrystal Fuller, Engagement Consultant & James Millard, Manager Environment and Permitting

- See attached presentation.
- There will be no cyanide used at the Cochrane Hill site.
- Maximum of six return trips a day with maximum payload of 28.5 tones.
- There are two proposed routes for the 3 KM Highway #7 relocation.
- Option #1 will not have any view of the mine.
- Considering building a mine look off access route for those interested in seeing the mine.
- There are public tours planned for the Cochrane Hill site similar to what is offered at the Touquoy site.
- Currently working on the assumption that there will be an environmental assessment.
- Property tax impact not yet known.
- Cochrane Hill is different than other mines sites because of its central location within the community.
- Vibration concerns (generally a 1 KM impact) will be addressed with a blast schedule.
- Dust issues will be addressed with the dust suppression applications.
- There is a process in place to address the concerns surrounding well water. There will be a survey of wells in the area to provide a baseline.
- According to the provincial database the closest well is .5 KM from the site.
- The process of crushing rock may release metals into the tailings pond.
- The pit bottom will be below sea level.
- To start the mine will require 300,000 -500,000 cubic meters of water then 50 cubic meters a day to operate the mine.
- Two water sources are being considered, Archibald's Lake and McKeen's brook.
- The Nova Scotia Department of the Environment sets the minimum levels for the water source. The level is monitored.
- Satellite mine locations are being investigated in the area but would need additional approvals to move forward.
- Option #1 of the road relocation touches the candidate protected area.
- It was requested that a list of job types be prepared for public distribution.
- Atlantic Gold doesn't know yet how many of the Cochrane Hill mine jobs will be local.
- Atlantic Gold is exploring a storefront in Sherbrooke to be manned two days a week to answer questions from the public.

Other Matters of Business

- General Education Development (GED)
 - See attached.
 - A notice will be placed in the December newsletter to alert the public.
- Fences Arbitration Committee
 - Warden Mosher and Councillor Findlay are members of the committee.
 - The committee member from the NS Department of Agriculture has yet to be appointed.

- Marvin will follow up with the NS Department of Agriculture.

Break 2:26pm – 2:40pm

- Tax Sale (In-Camera)

On recommendation of Deputy Warden Dort and seconded Councillor Baker that council moved into an in-camera session to discuss a confidential matter.

On recommendation of Councillor Smith council reconvened to regular session at 4:05pm.

On recommendation of Deputy Warden Dort and seconded by Councillor Malloy that the municipality sign the contract with ACOA (Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency) for the Sherbrooke Streetscape Project

Recommendation adopted.

Adjournment

On Motion of Councillor Smith there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 4:07pm.

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Municipal Clerk

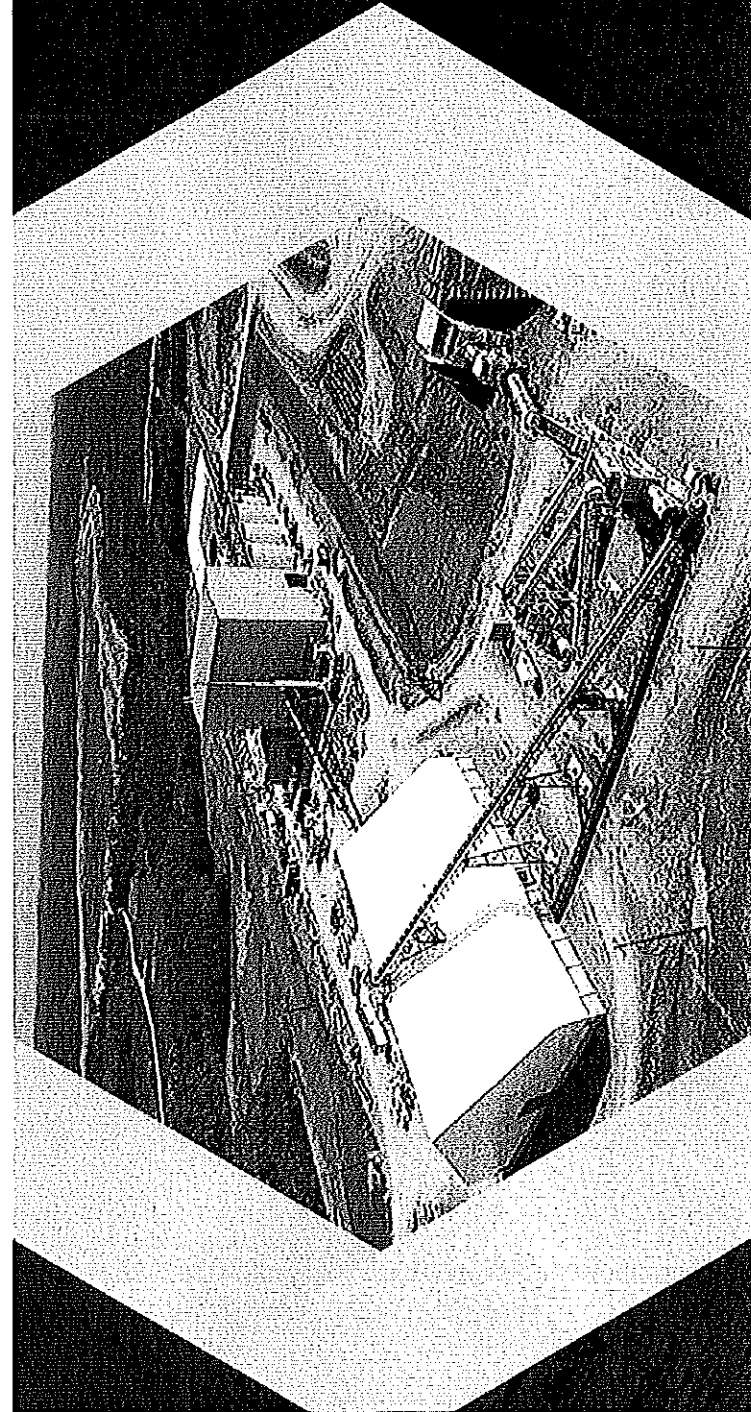
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Cochrane Hill Gold Mine Project



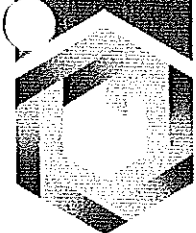
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Presentation to the Municipality of the District of Saint Mary's
November 21, 2018

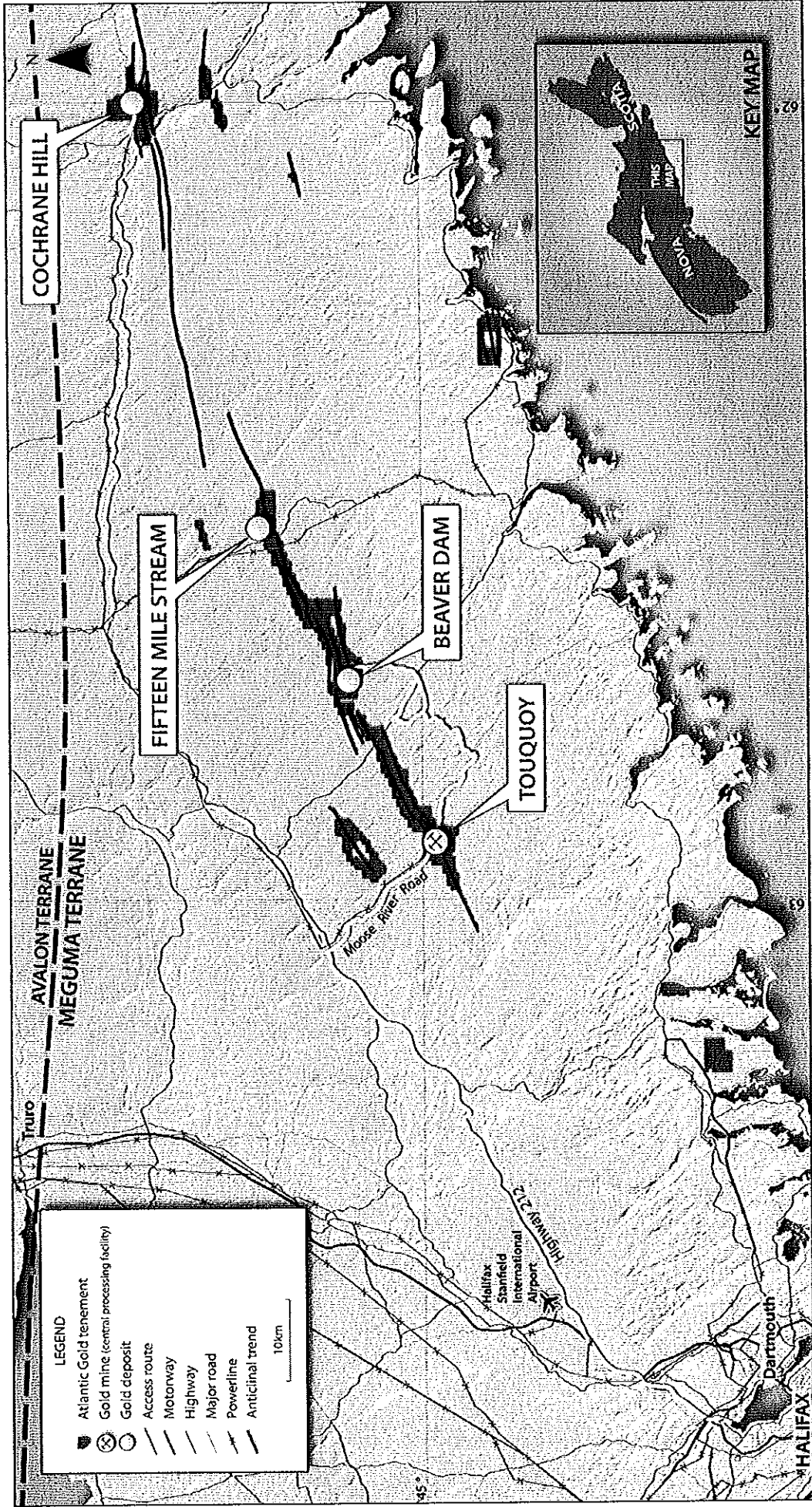


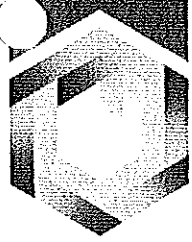
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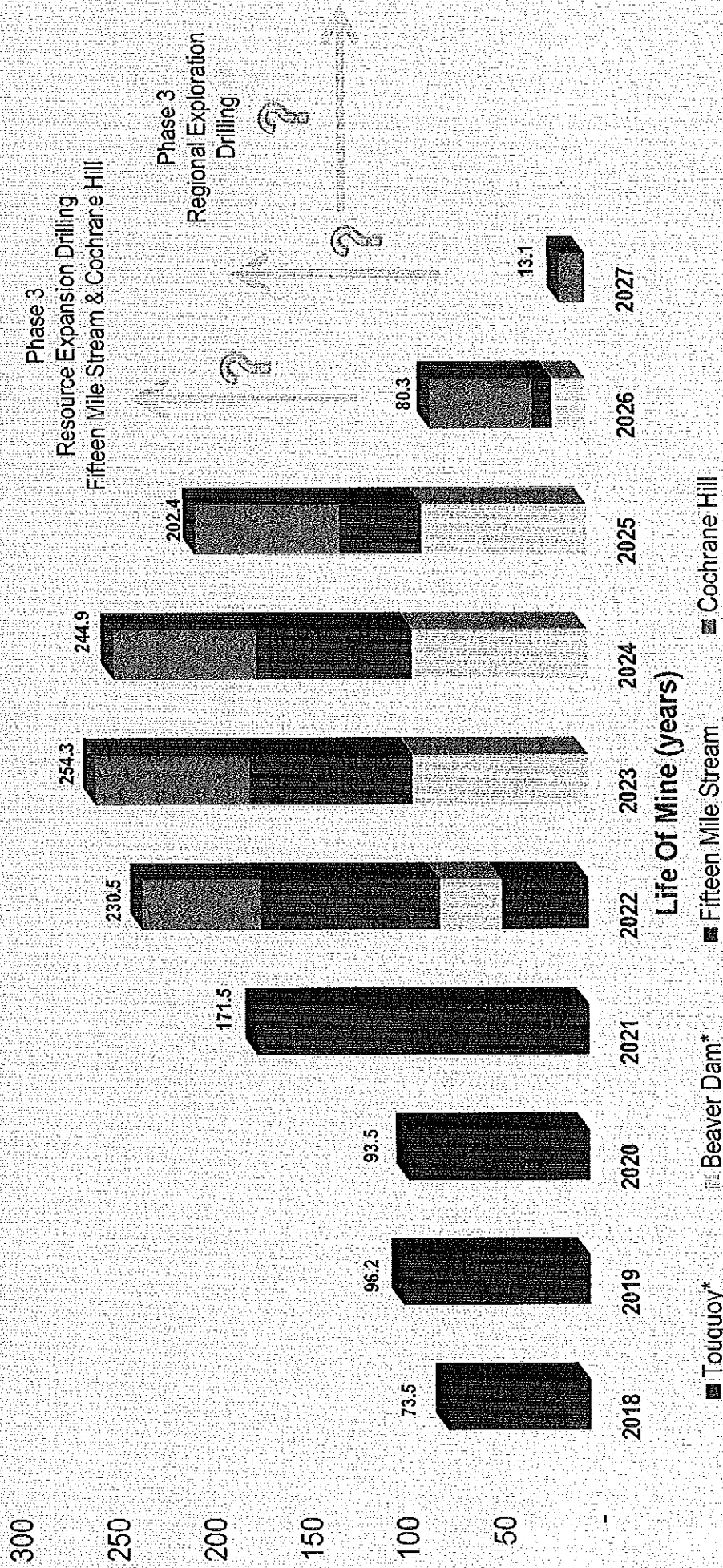
Moose River Consolidated (MRC) Project Location





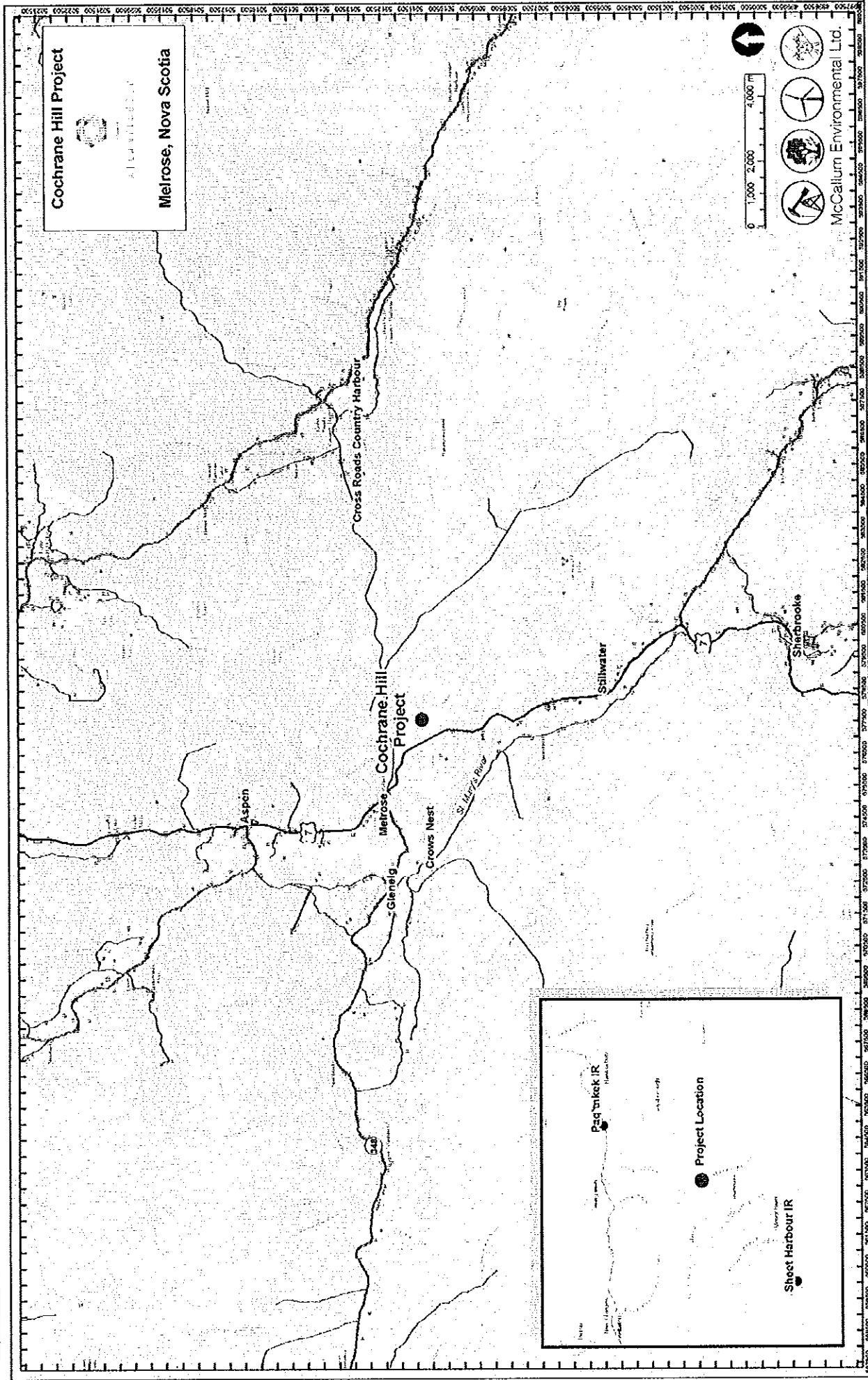
Phase 2 Expansion Life of Mine Production Schedule

Moose River Consolidated LOM Production ('000 ounces)







* 2015 Feasibility Study Projections vary from 2018 guidance

Cochrane Hill

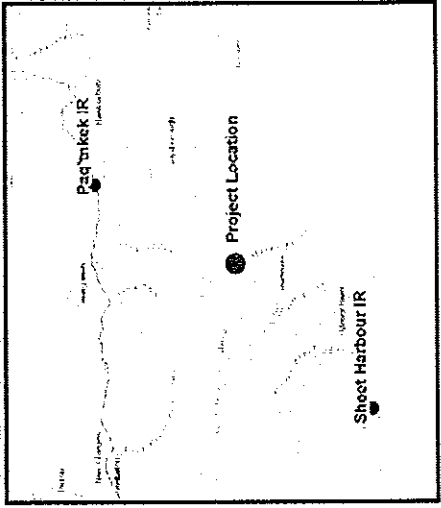


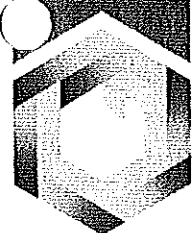
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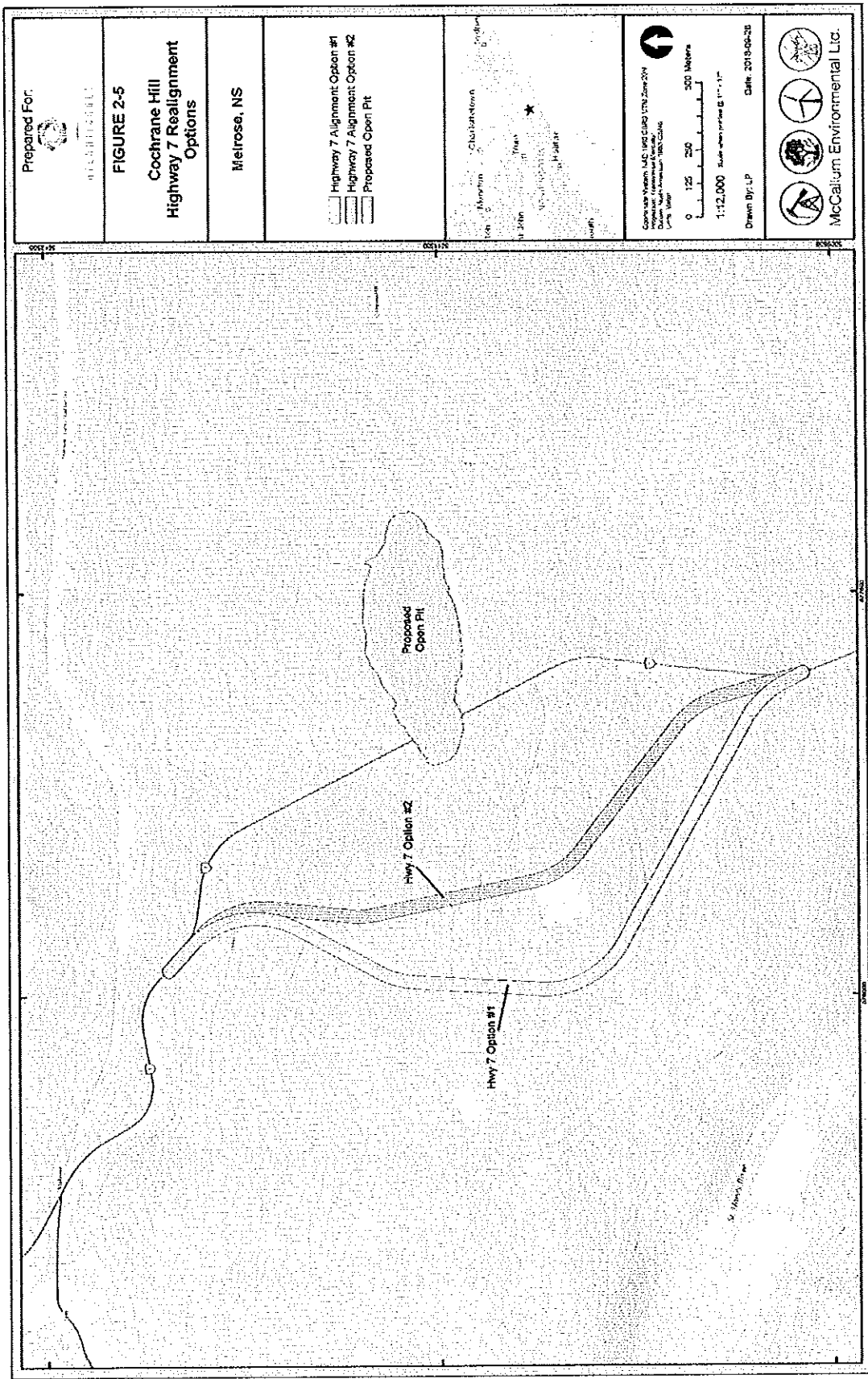





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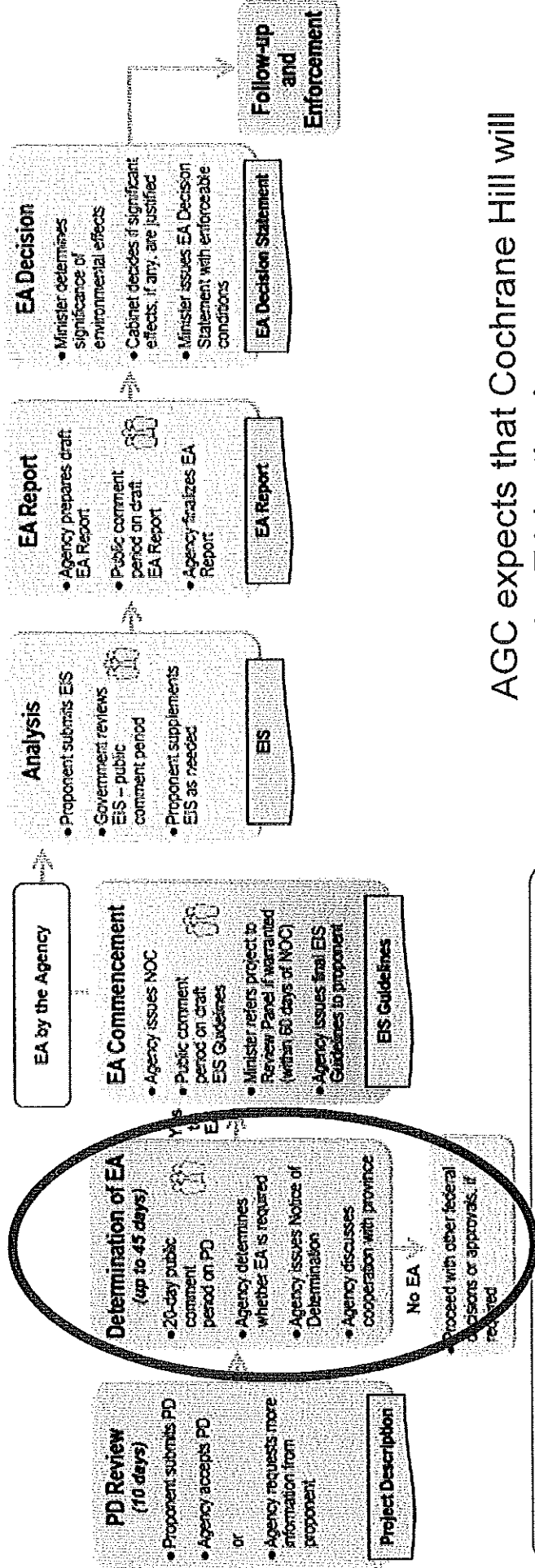
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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS MANAGED BY THE AGENCY

Aboriginal consultation is integrated into the EA to the extent possible

Government timeline of 365 days*



AGC expects that Cochrane Hill will require EA by the Agency

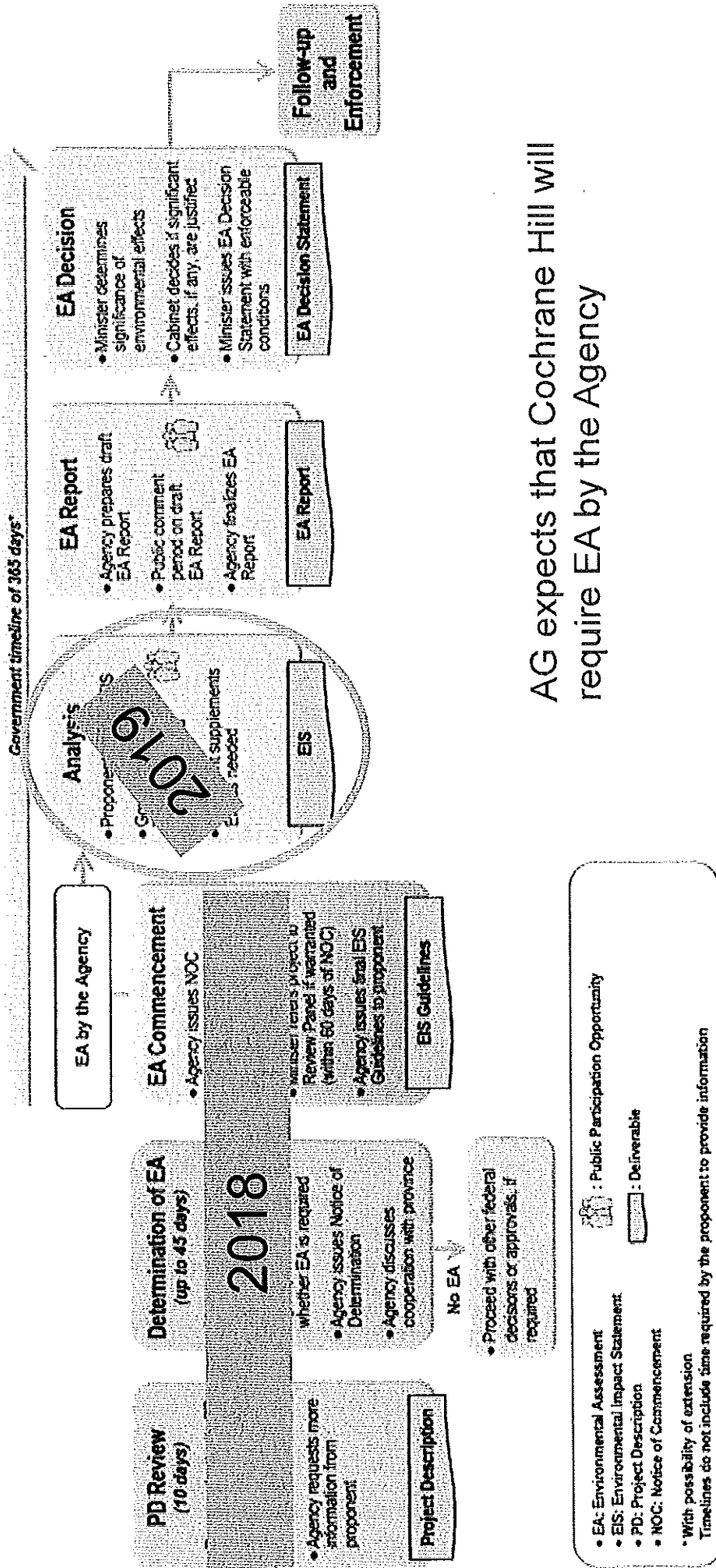
- EA: Environmental Assessment
- ES: Environmental Impact Statement
- PD: Project Description
- NOC: Notice of Commencement

* With possibility of extension
Timelines do not include time required by the proponent to provide information

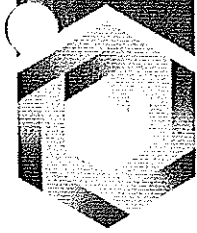
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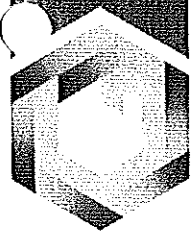


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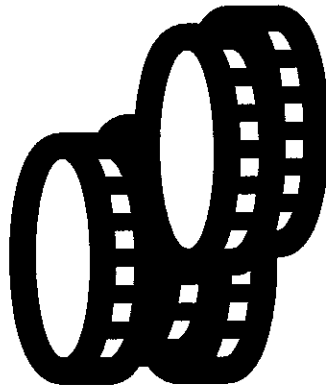


What Atlantic Gold has heard so far

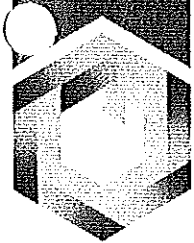
- traffic and roads
- legacy and reclamation
- habitat and wildlife
- surface water and fish
- economic development/job creation/tourism



Economic Development



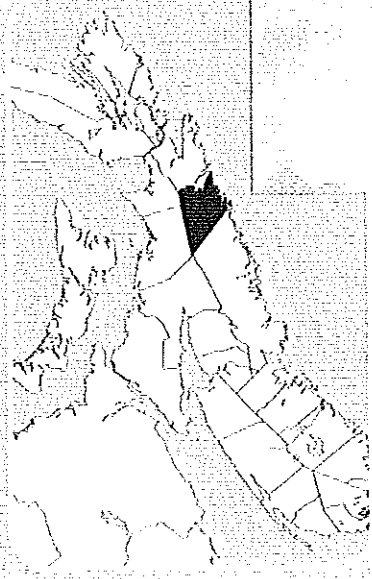
Employment	FMS	GH
Construction Jobs	350 peak	300 peak following FMS Build
Operations Jobs	150 – 165 over 6 yrs	180 – 190 over 7 yrs
Income Taxes & Royalties Over 6 yrs		
Provincial and Federal Taxes	\$90.2 million	\$62.5 million
Expenditures Over 8yrs		
Capital Expenditures Including Sustaining	\$148.0 million	\$159.0 million
Operating Expenditures	\$208.0 million	\$233.0 million



Levels of authority

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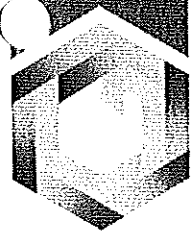


The Constitution Act of 1867 and the amendments of 1982 establish the powers of the provinces. Government of Canada established CEAA 2012, in part to guide projects that may impact federal authority and coordinate reviews between the federal and provincial level


Section 92A of the Constitution grants provinces the right to manage their own non-renewable natural resources. Mining is regulated by the Mineral Resources Act and the Mineral Resources Regulations.

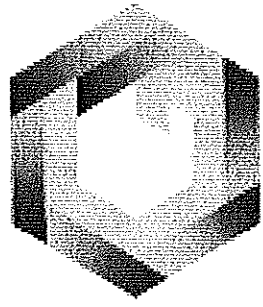

The MGA outlines the powers of Municipalities. Provincial legislation supersedes municipal Bylaws.

The power to regulate mining and aggregate operations remains a provincial responsibility.



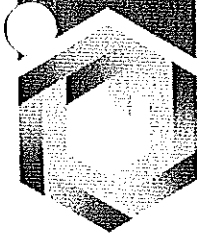
How do these work together?

 St. Mary's 2026
A Ten Year Strategic Plan



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Cochrane Hill Gold Project

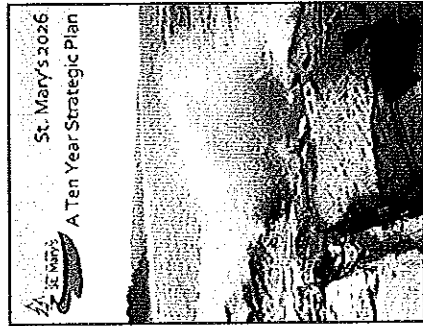


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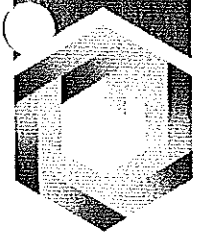
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Goal #1: Increase Population of St. Mary's by 5% by 2021

- Affordable housing
- Youth retention
- Attract Immigrants



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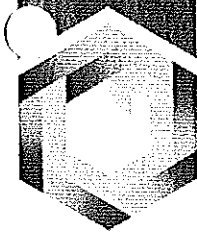


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Goal #2: Create Employment Opportunities through Business Attraction, Expansion and Retention (BRE)

- Training Opportunities
- Encourage the Board of Trade
- Develop a business readiness plan and asset inventory
- Attract and engage developers

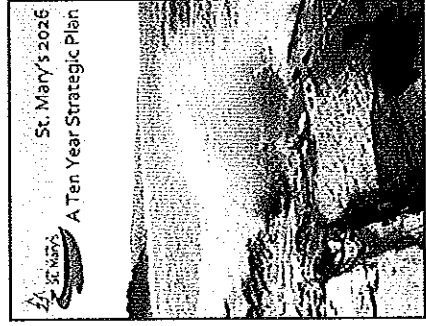


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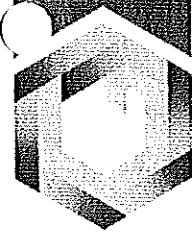
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Goal #3: To Achieve Financial and Operation Sustainability

- Review opportunities for growth of assessment base

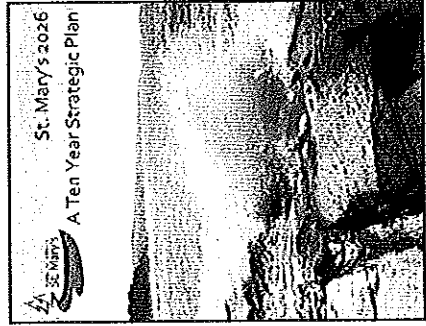


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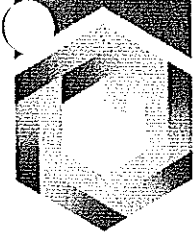
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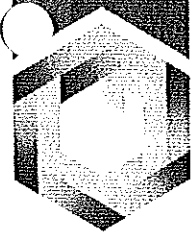
Goal #4: Improve recognition of St. Mary's

- Increase eco-tourism opportunities
- Promote local attractions



What is next

- Contact the Regional Enterprise Network to discuss regional supports which Atlantic Gold may be able to help or support.
- Regional Advisory Group – Do you think this would be helpful?
- How does Atlantic Gold link to your community vision and strategic plan? Let's continue to talk.
- Local suppliers listing
- Continue regular discussions with stakeholders.
- Open Houses in April or May.
- Improved website and more newsletters.
- Community Liaison Committee meetings.
- Council tour of Touquoy mine.
- Store front in Sherbrooke.
- Apprenticeship program



Contact Information

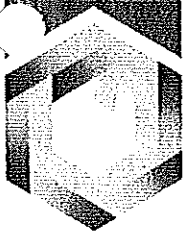


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Thank you

The most up to date information on the GED program can be found at:
<https://novascotia.ca/programs/general-educational-development/>

The current GED program will expire December 2019

- Any tests completed as a credit (there are 5 tests in total, they can be taken all at once or one at a time) will be lost after this date
- Anyone who has started the process of writing the GED tests should be urged to finish the process as soon as possible
- GALA instructors can help to prepare for the tests

More recent changes that people might not be aware of are:

- Free testing- no more GED testing fees
- The tests are computer generated but they are not on-line
- You must go to one of the NSCC testing centres listed on the website to write
- Basic computer skills are required (e.g. how to use a mouse, how to fill in a form on the computer)
- Registration for writing the test is through email, listed on the site above

The last information that was received through the Association of Nova Scotia Community Learning Organizations (ANSCLLO) in June 2018 was that the Province and the Feds haven't started the discussions around the new GED for Nova Scotia.

Therefore, we can all assume that the best case scenario for the GED in Nova Scotia is there will be a gap in services after December 2019. It takes months, if not years, to redesign the tests.

GED contact for the Strait Area is Linda MacDonald

There are a number of things that can be done:

- Urge people that you know to complete their GED, before they lose credits
- Consider offering to cover the costs of a GED Test Preparation book (approx. \$35)
- Stress the important role that our Community Learning Organizations have across Nova Scotia. Urge people to call their closest CLO to talk about the many options that are available for learning in addition to the GED.
- Ask our provincial government why they require a High School Diploma or Equivalent as a pre-requisite for employment at local health care facilities, schools, government offices, Sherbrooke Village, Dept of Transportation, and other government jobs, if there will be no future opportunities to write the GED test in Nova Scotia.

The link between low income and socioeconomic status, and education are well studied and validated. By not having a plan in place to address this need of the citizens we risk putting a further hardship on those already struggling.

At this time I only want to make Council aware of this issue, and for us to continue following the progress made. And if the time comes perhaps send a letter of concern or question to the appropriate Provincial Representatives and Departments.