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Issues Scoping

Canadian Zinc Corporation's – Prairie Creek Mine

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Today

1. Brief background to Resource Management in the Mackenzie Valley
2. Explain what today's exercise is all about
3. How to get involved in environmental assessment

The History of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA)

1992: Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim

1994: Sahtu Dene-Metis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement

2005: Tlicho Land and Self-Government Agreement

*** all adhere to the co-management network**

1998: Government of Canada approved the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act.



Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA)

The MVRMA:

- **established a network of co-management board**
 - **regulate the use of land and water**
 - **prepare regional land use plans to guide development**
 - **environmental assessment and reviews of proposed projects**
 - **makes provisions for monitoring cumulative impacts on the environment**
- **Allows for communities to participate in managing the regions land and water resources**
- **Allows for independent environmental audits every 5 years.**



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Co-Management

Sharing decision making powers between communities and territorial and federal governments.

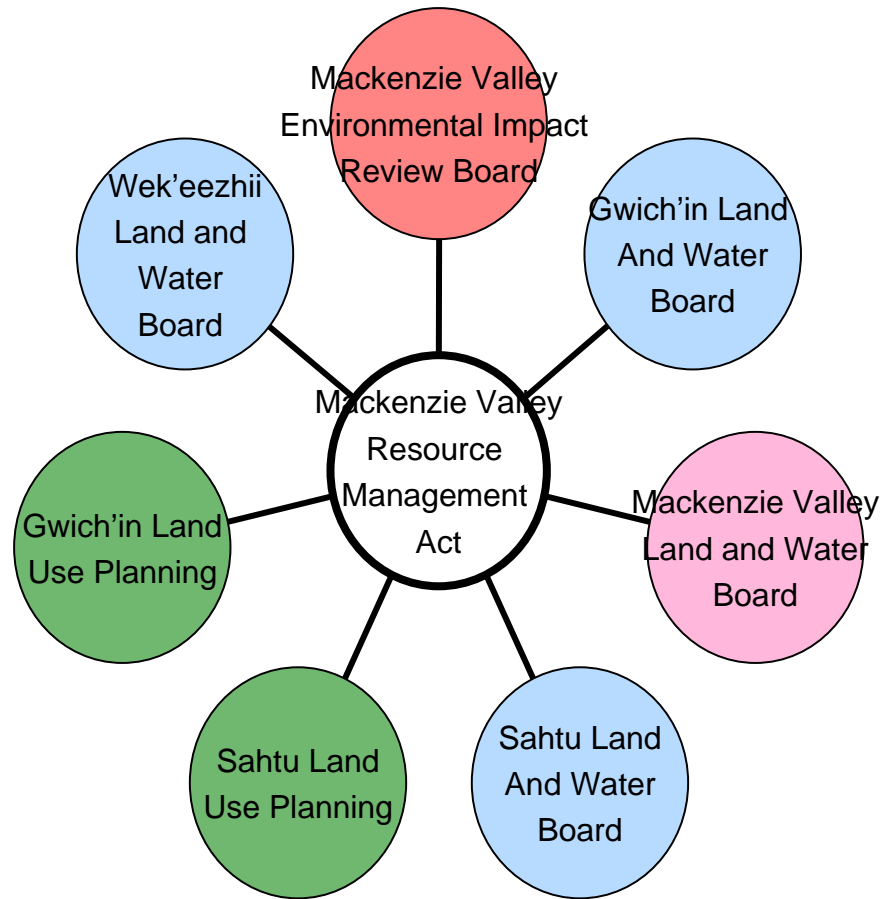




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The MVRMA Boards





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Environmental Impact Assessment

The Process

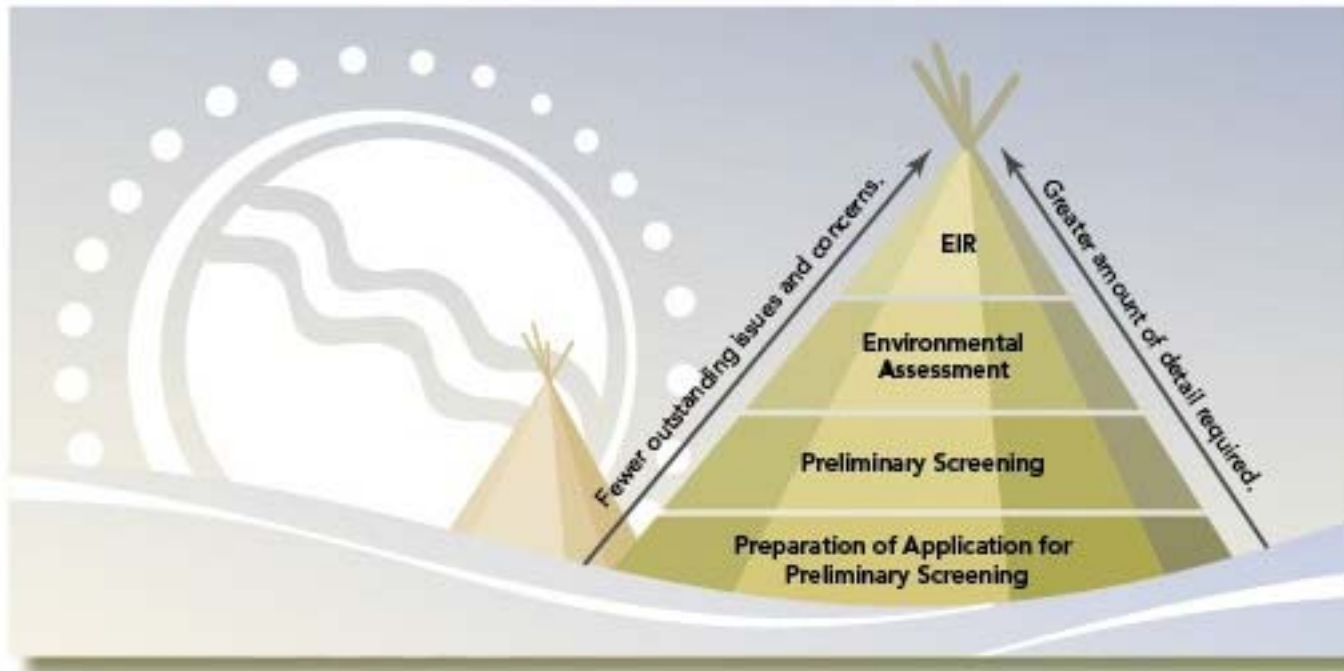


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Stages in EIA

FIGURE 2 Stages of EIA





Referrals

Who can refer?

- Regulatory authorities such as:
 - government agency or department
 - National Energy Board (NEB)
 - Land and Water Boards
- MVEIRB (us)
- First Nations governments in settled land claim areas,
- **Local governments (in some circumstances)**

Why?

Because there might be significant public concern or adverse environmental impacts



Preliminary Screening

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Scoping/Terms of Reference/workplan

Review Board



Developer's Assessment Report



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Information Requests



Technical Reports



Public Hearings



Recommendation



Responsible Ministers Decision



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What Are We Doing Today?

Scoping Exercise



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Issues Scoping Session

Help determine the scope of development
and scope of assessment

1. Identify and prioritize
2. Gather evidence
3. Gauge the amount of public concern



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What do we do at a scoping session?



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1. Introduction to EA





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2. A Project Description





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3. Initial Environmental Considerations





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4. Tell us the issues



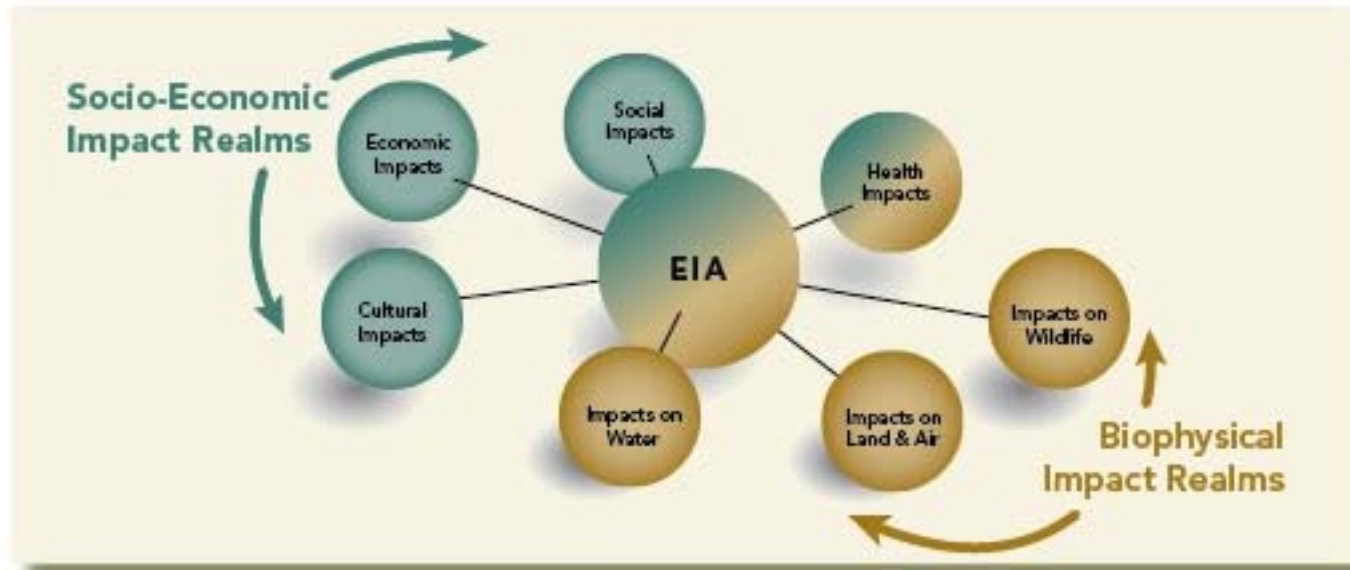


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The Review Board must consider

FIGURE 1 Realms of Environmental Impact





What happens after scoping?

EA/EIR decision

Both are issued in
draft form first
so you can
comment on them

→ Terms of reference

→ Workplan



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How to get involved in the Environmental Assessment



- Party Status:

- Requires approval by the Review Board.
- Granting this status gives the party the right to fully participate in the EA.
- Public interest groups, non-governmental organizations and other interested parties may participate in the EA as parties.
- Can be a lot of work and responsibility.



Other ways to be involved?

- Submit written comments anytime
- Oral comments at public meetings and hearings
 - Time dependent
- No submissions after the closing of the public record.



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