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Issues Scoping

Canadian Zinc Corporation's – Prairie Creek Mine

September-October, 2008.



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Co-Management

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

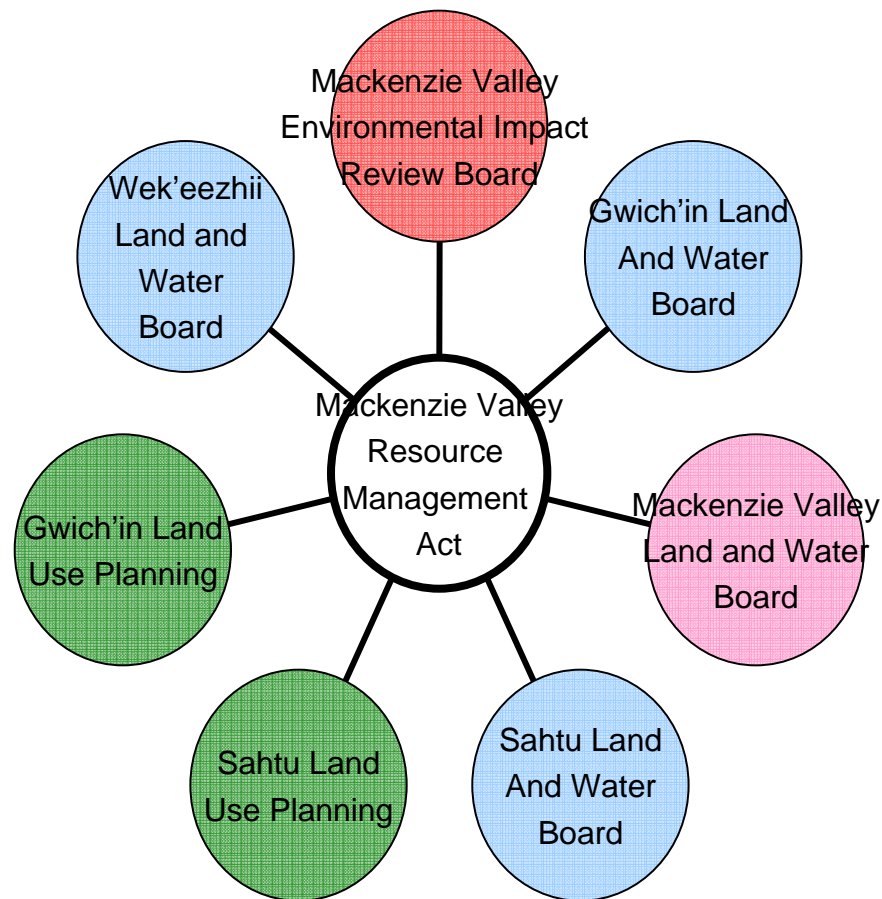




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Questions?



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Environmental Impact Assessment

The Process

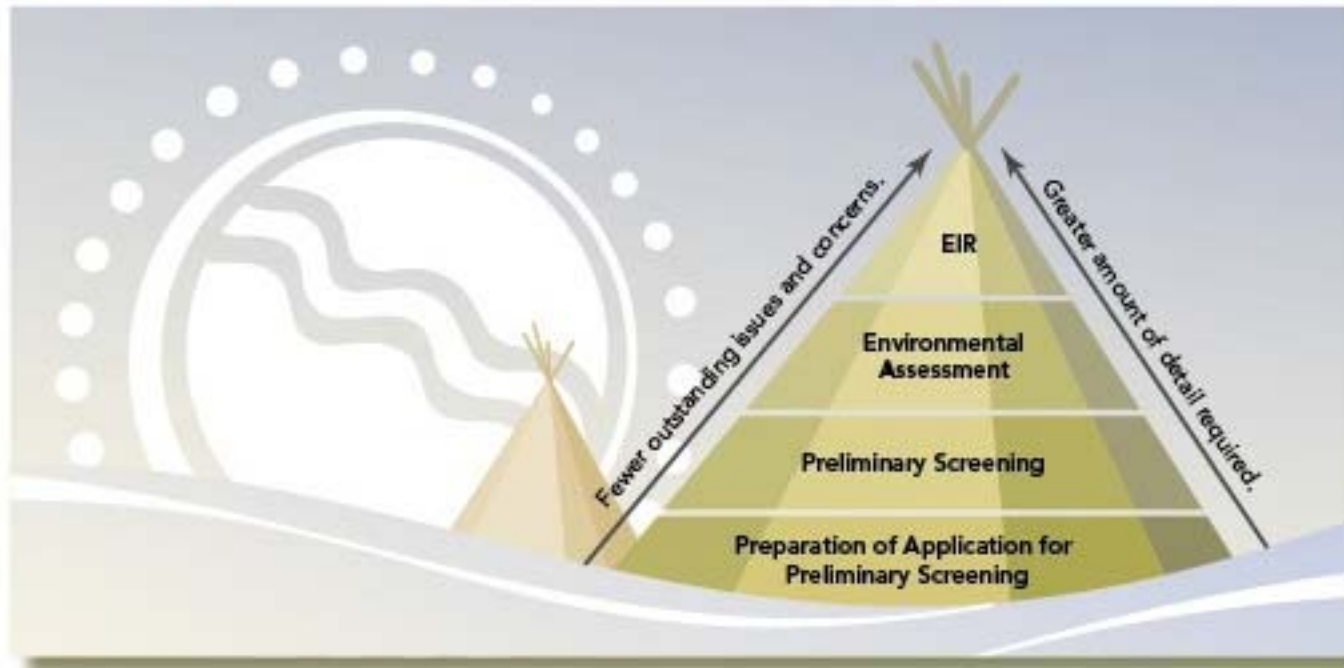


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Stages in EIA

FIGURE 2 Stages of EIA





Referrals

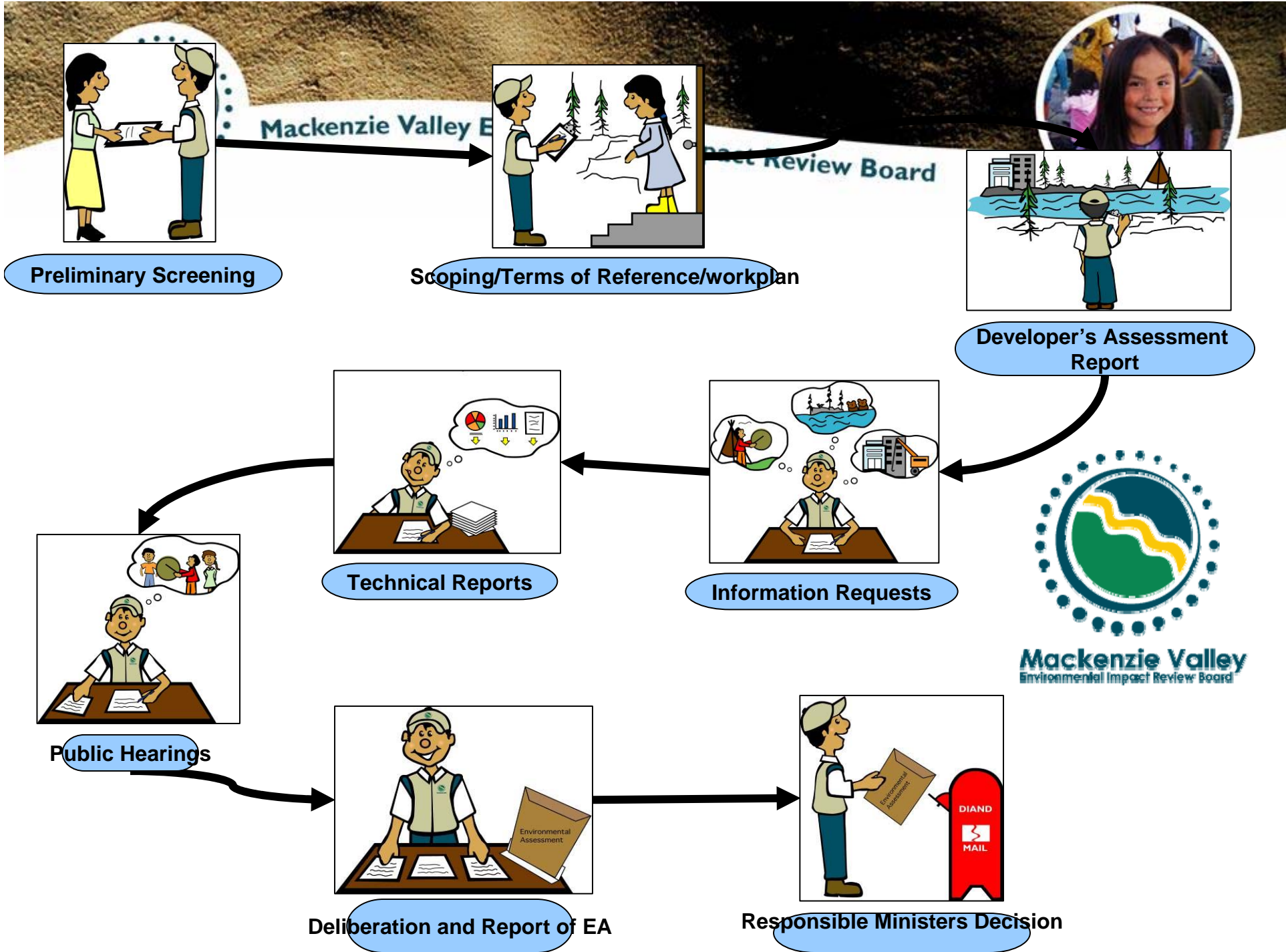
Who can refer?

- 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)**

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Why?

Because there might be significant public concern or adverse impacts



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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. Tell us the issues



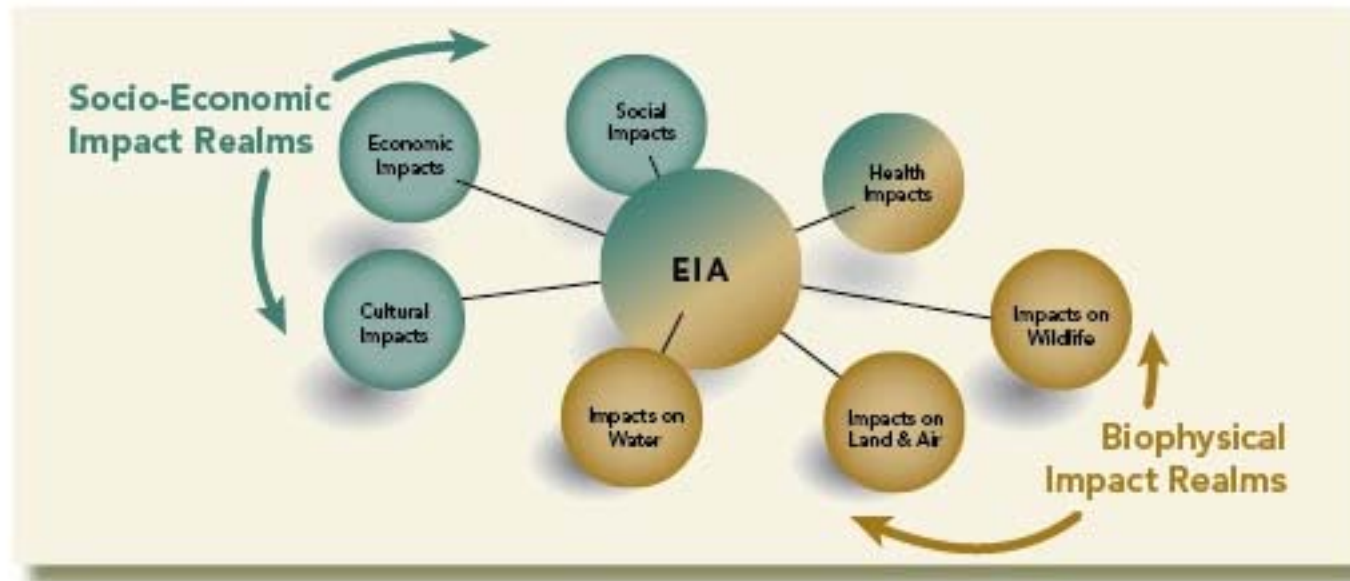


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The Review Board must consider

FIGURE 1 Realms of Environmental Impact





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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

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- 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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A Brief History

- In March 2005 Tyhee applied to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) for approval to develop an underground gold mine and milling operation at the historic Discovery Mine site
- The MVLWB subsequently referred the Yellowknife Gold Project to environmental assessment by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board



A Brief History

- Upon further analysis, Tyhee opted to change the project design from a primarily underground operation to accommodate a transitional open pit/underground mine plan.
- As a result, in July 2008 Tyhee withdrew their original application, which concluded the accompanying environmental assessment



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A Brief History

- Tyhee then submitted a new application to the MVLWB that encompassed the project design changes
- As part of the new application, Tyhee produced a 2008 YGP Project Description Report (PDR) that outlines Tyhee's plans for the development, and also communicates Tyhee's initial interpretation of how the project will impact the environment.



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A Brief History

- On August 27, 2008, Environment Canada referred the new YGP to EA, citing a concern that the development might have potential to adversely impact the environment.
- The 2008 YGP EA is in the scoping phase