

Meadowbank Project
Terms of Reference for the Meadowbank Socio-Economic Monitoring Program

1. Premise

1.1 The implementation of the project-specific monitoring program, developed in consultation with the Kivalliq Socio-Economic Monitoring Committee (SEMC), is the responsibility of the proponent.

1.2 Regional (or cumulative) socio-economic monitoring is the responsibility of Government(s).

2 Introduction

2.1 The Meadowbank Socio-Economic Monitoring Program (the “Program”) has been designed to satisfy Condition 64 of the Meadowbank Gold Project Certificate which states:

“Cumberland shall work with GN and INAC to develop the terms of reference for a socio-economic monitoring program for the Meadowbank Project, including the carrying out of monitoring and research activities in a manner which will provide project certificate specific data which will be useful in cumulative effects monitoring (upon request of Government or NPC) and consulting and cooperating with agencies undertaking such programs. Cumberland shall submit draft terms of reference for the socio-economic monitoring program to the Meadowbank SEMC for review and comment within six (6) months of the issuance of a Project Certificate, with a copy to NIRB’s Monitoring Officer.”

2.2 The Program is designed to meet the intent of Article 12, Part 7 of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement. From a socio-economic monitoring point of view, the Program is primarily concerned with fulfilling sections 12.7.2.a and 12.7.2.d of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement:

- (a) to measure the relevant effects of projects on.... socio-economic environments of the Nunavut Settlement Area;*
- (d) to assess the accuracy of the predictions contained in the project impact statements.*

3. Program Framework

3.1 This program framework is meant to assist the proponent in fulfilling its annual obligation to report on socio-economic project impacts to NIRB (as per Project Certificate Appendix ‘D’). It comprises six steps leading to the verification of the socio-economic impacts predictions contained in the Final Environmental Impact Statements (FEIS). In this context the proponent should:

- a) Review impact predictions for each Valued Socio-economic Component contained in the Meadowbank FEIS.
- b) Select indicators to determine prediction changes (up/down, toward/away from expectation, magnitude, etc.).

- c) Gather data needed to verify impact predictions. Some data (both mine-site specific and employee level) is expected to be generated by the Proponent. Other information will be acquired from external sources.
- d) Conduct qualitative data collection (such as employee satisfaction or exit surveys, traditional lifestyle questionnaires, community wellness focus groups, etc.), in an attempt to gain additional community level perceptions, comments, and information on the project, and its predicted impacts.
- e) Analyze information from steps 3 and 4 and assesses the accuracy of impact predictions as contained in Final Environmental Impact Statements, as well as the positive and negative impacts of the Meadowbank Project on the closest communities
- f) Report annually to the Nunavut Impact Review Board with an assessment of the positive and negative impacts of the Meadowbank Project on the affected communities and on mitigation and adaptive management strategies undertaken (or proposed).
 - a. Reports will be submitted to the NIRB by 31 March of every year, reporting on indicators for the previous calendar year.
- g) Data should have some degree of consistency and quality, and the Proponent will collect information with guidance from Statistics Canada's Quality Assurance Framework.
- h) Members of the Meadowbank Socio-Economic Monitoring Program shall meet at least once a year, preferably immediately before or after the Kivalliq Socio Economic Monitoring Committee.

4. Membership

4.1 Membership to the Meadowbank Socio-Economic Monitoring Program shall be composed of:

- a) The Proponent;
- b) Government of Nunavut;
- c) Government of Canada;
- d) Kivalliq Inuit Association; and
- e) Additional members as needed.

4.2 Members are responsible for their own costs associated with attending any meetings.

4.3 Members are responsible for ensuring that project-specific monitoring meets the requirements of the Project Certificate and that efforts are aligned with other monitoring initiatives in the Territory such as the Kivalliq SEMC, and the Nunavut General Monitoring Plan.

