

Summary of Key Messages from August 16, 2018 PLC Meeting

- Strike has been settled with the agreement ratified on August 1. Employees to return to work on August 22nd;
- Update on mine operations.....TSF construction, Springer Pit dredging (1.5 m³ of tailings removed from Springer Pit since June);
- TSF Freeboard is at 4.6 meters
Minimum beach length around the TSF is > 100 meters. Currently raising the perimeter dam at Corner 1 from 966 meters to 968 meters;
- Water Treatment Plant operating at capacity;
- Current research includes Cover Soil Design Trials for reclamation/revegetation; Passive Water Treatment (Wetlands);
- Fish spawning surveys on-going in Hazeltine Creek;
- Hatchery operations continue. RBT in fry stage with expected release to Polley Lake scheduled for the fall;
- 58,600 Sitka alder plugs and 192,480 conifers were planted in July, 2018 along the Hazeltine Creek corridor;
- Compliance
 - No exceedances of permit limits.
 - Draft Annual Discharge Plan submitted in August.
 - Draft Comprehensive Monitoring Plan also submitted in August.
 - Submitted pre-application for permit amendment related to Sections 2.8, 2.9, and 2.10 of EMA Permit 11678.
 - Normal monthly and quarterly reports submitted as required by EMA Permit 11678.
 - Conceptual Remediation Plan still under ENV review.
 - Discussion on possible scenarios after the Pollution Abatement Order has been completed;
- Review of Draft Terms of Reference compiled by Mellissa Winfield-Lesk and based on input from the June 26 PLC meeting. Comments received from the PLC during the August 16 meeting and those submitted via email will be incorporated into a new draft revision for PLC review.