

Costs of the EMRIRB

- 18.2.34 The costs of the EMRIRB shall be the responsibility of Government. The EMRIRB shall prepare an annual budget subject to review and approval by Government.

18.3 Relationship to the Land Use Planning Provisions

- 18.3.1 Where the EMRPC determines, pursuant to subsection 8.5.12, that a Project Proposal is in conformity with the land use plans, or a variance has been approved, the EMRPC shall, subject to subsections 18.3.2, 18.3.3 and 18.4.3, forward the Project Proposal with its determination and recommendations to the EMRIRB for screening.
- 18.3.2 Project Proposals falling within Schedule 18-1 shall be exempt from the requirement for screening by the EMRIRB. The EMRPC shall not forward such Project Proposals to the EMRIRB.
- 18.3.3 Notwithstanding subsection 18.3.2, the EMRPC may refer a Project Proposal falling within Schedule 18-1 to the EMRIRB for screening, where the EMRPC has concerns respecting the cumulative impact of that Project Proposal in relation to other development activities in a planning region.
- 18.3.4 The EMRIRB shall not screen Project Proposals that are not in conformity with land use plans, unless an exemption has been received under subsection 8.5.13 or a variance has been approved under subsection 8.5.12.
- 18.3.5 Subsections 18.3.1 to 18.3.4 shall apply where a land use plan has been approved pursuant to subsection 8.5.11. In the absence of an approved land use plan, all Project Proposals other than those that fall within Schedule 18-1, subject to subsection 18.3.3, shall be referred directly by the EMRPC to the EMRIRB for screening.

18.4 Screening of Project Proposals

- 18.4.1 Upon receipt of a Project Proposal, the EMRIRB shall screen the Project Proposal to determine whether it has significant impact

potential, and therefore whether it requires review under section 18.5.

18.4.2 In screening a Project Proposal, the EMRIRB shall be guided by the following principles:

- a) the EMRIRB generally shall determine that such a review is required when, in its judgment:
 - (i) the project may have significant adverse effects on the ecosystem, Wildlife habitat or Cree Harvesting activities;
 - (ii) the project may have significant adverse socio-economic effects;
 - (iii) the project will cause significant public concern; or
 - (iv) the project involves technological innovations for which the effects are unknown;
- b) the EMRIRB generally shall determine that such a review is not required when, in its judgment, the project is unlikely to arouse significant public concern; and
 - (i) the adverse Ecosystemic and socio-economic effects are not likely to be significant; or
 - (ii) the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology; and
- c) in determining whether a review is required or not the EMRIRB shall give greater weight to the provisions of paragraph 18.4.2 a).

18.4.3 Any application for a component or activity of a Project Proposal that has been permitted to proceed in accordance with these provisions shall be exempt from the requirement for screening by the EMRIRB unless:

- a) such component or activity was not part of the original Project Proposal; or
- b) its inclusion would significantly modify the Project Proposal.