



# CNSC Participant Funding Program Decision

## Cameco's Proposed Millennium Mine Project Licence Application

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## **CNSC Decision on the Allocation of Participant Funding for Cameco's Proposed Millennium Mine Project Licence Application**

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) announced on January 17, 2014, that it was offering up to \$50,000 under its Participant Funding Program (PFP) to assist members of the public, Aboriginal groups, and other stakeholders in the review of the *Licence Condition Handbook* and Commission member documents (submitted by Cameco and the CNSC staff) for the Commission's public hearing scheduled for June 18, 2014. In accordance with the terms and conditions of the CNSC's PFP, applications related to the Millennium Mine environmental assessment review phase were not eligible for funding since the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency had already offered funding for this phase of the regulatory review process. The deadline for submitting participant funding applications to the CNSC was February 21, 2014.

Nine (9) successful applicants were informed of their successful application in April 2014, and were provided with a *Contribution Agreement* (CA). However, on May 15, 2014, the CNSC received a request from Cameco that the Commission hearing for the Millennium Mine project be adjourned due to current economic conditions resulting in three (3) recipients cancelling their PFP CAs.

As the original date for the PFP recipients' submission of deliverables was May 16, 2014, those recipients who had already signed their CA were still eligible for the costs incurred for the completion of the written deliverables, as outlined in their agreements. However, travel costs to the public hearing are not eligible for reimbursement, especially since the hearing had been adjourned. The deliverables received to date will be kept on file and provided to the Commission should Cameco reapply for a licence for the Millennium Mine project in the future.

### **Background**

Participant funding was made available by the CNSC:

- for the provision of new, distinctive and valuable information to the CNSC, through informed and topic-specific interventions
- to assist interested parties in preparing for and participating in the Commission's public hearing process for the matter at hand

A funding review committee (FRC), independent from the CNSC, was established to review the funding applications received by the CNSC's PFP administrator, and to make recommendations to the CNSC on the allocation of up to \$50,000 for eligible applicants.

The FRC members were: Mr. Guy Riverin, environmental assessment expert and retired federal public servant; Mr. Paul Scott, retired Regional Director of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's Vancouver office; and Mr. Bruce Young, retired Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency Director.

On March 13, 2014, the FRC met to review the nine (9) PFP applications received by the CNSC, requesting a total of \$228,944.00.

**Eligibility and funding criteria**

For more information on participant funding and how it works – including details on eligibility and funding criteria – please read the [PFP Guide](#).

**CNSC participant funding decision**

The CNSC has carefully considered the recommendations of the independent FRC for the allocation of participant funding in the matter of Cameco’s proposed Millennium Mine project licence application.

With regard to the funding applicants in the matter at hand, the CNSC approved the reimbursement of up to \$52,970.00 in participant funding to the recipients listed below.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Maximum amount of available funding</b>
Black Lake Denesuline First Nation	\$5,200.00
Fond-du-Lac Denesuline First Nation	\$5,200.00
Hatchet Lake First Nation	\$5,200.00
Prince Albert Grand Council	\$5,200.00
Pinehouse Kineepik Métis Local Inc. #9	\$8,170.00
English River First Nation Joint Implementation Environment & Engagement Sub-Committee	\$3,000.00
Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation	\$4,000.00
English River First Nation	\$15,500.00
Women in Nuclear	\$1,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$52,970.00</b>

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