

number of areas we needed to reach agreement on. They are continuing to build their legal case to challenge MEM authority. (MB)

- District of Central Saanich is opposed to the controversial and illegal Bowcott Farms rock quarry, but they have issued a soil removal permit after receiving legal advice that they could not deny the permit under their existing Soil Removal and Deposit Bylaw. The onus is now back on MEM to enforce the Mines Act. (MB)
- In view of a number of outstanding issues raised during the review of the proposed expansion at Cox Station Quarry, the application has been referred to the LMMDRRC for adjudication. Key issues are potential impacts on fish habitat and rare or endangered species, Sto:lo Nation consultations, regional district oppositions and public concerns about noise and traffic. Initial meeting tentatively scheduled for the week of October 10th. (MB)
- Proposed expansion of the Shawnigan Lake Sand & Gravel Ltd. pit operation has drawn loud opposition and charges of previous environmental pollution from local residents. A community meeting was held and opposition is expected to escalate. (MB)
- Homegold Resources Ltd's application for the proposed Apple Bay Geyserte project near Port Hardy has been put on hold pending submission of detailed mine plans. The proposal is for a 240,000 tonne/year silicaalumina quarry, potential 30-40 year mine life. (MB)
- Following a joint site inspection of the Hardy Island Granite property, BC Parks and Sunshine Coast Regional District have indicated they will oppose the Phase 3 expansion plan. BC Parks is concerned about visual impacts of the quarry on the nearby Musket Island Marine Park. SCRDC is concerned about zoning conflict, noise and dust. (MB)

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Legislation/Regulations:

- Simplifying the draft petroleum and natural gas Program of Work Regulation that will govern lease continuation through work commitments. (PLA)
- Set of proposed changes to the Petroleum and Natural Gas Drilling Licence Regulation was prepared for discussion with the CAPP tenure committee. (PLA)
- Regulation rescinding BC Reg. 204/72 and establishing a smaller reserve in the Maxan Lake area. (MTB)
- Regulation amending BC Reg. 287/88 by adding the Hatzic Area to it thereby opening the site to placer staking. (MTB)

Compensation:

- Drafting changes to the Mining Rights Compensation Regulation to address recent MELP legislative changes. (MB)
- Outside legal counsel determining whether Government has a claim against Casamiro for reasonable costs. MEM/MAG to draft TB Sub requesting settlement package. (MB)
- 70% of all Framework Agreements from new case files that were assigned to Negotiators in mid July have now been delivered to owners. (MB)

Dangerous Occurrences

- On September 6th a 785 haul truck backed through the berm on the Horseshoe Ridge dump and slipped approximately 90 metres downslope at Line Creek. The slide was partially on it's wheels with the truck pointing uphill, the remainder was upside down after the truck tipped over 180 degrees front to back. The driver was wearing his seatbelt and escaped unhurt. Incident under investigation. (MB)
- A mill employee at Endako Mine escaped serious head injuries when a grinding rod resting on the rod charger broke in two. An unsupported end came up striking his hard hat. The location for charging rods was moved and a permanent light was installed on the charger replacing the previously used hand flash light. Metallurgical problems with the supplier resulted in poor strength in flexure. All mines using rod chargers will be made aware of this incident. (MB)