



About Porcupine Watershed Public Liaison Committee (PLC)

On August 9, 2018, the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) and our local group jointly sponsored a community information meeting at the Senator Hotel. The topic was the Environmental Bill of Rights and how it can be used. Several members of the Porcupine Lake Information spoke up. We publicly asked Mayor Black and City representatives to reconsider our request for a Porcupine Liaison Committee. Residents needed a voice. With a packed room supporting our request, City representatives agreed to meet with a small group of us the following morning in the Mayor's office and the Porcupine Liaison Committee was conceived.

The municipal election caused some delays, but with the support of Mayor Pirie, the first formal PLC meeting was held Nov 23, 2018. Members of FPRW, CELA representatives, the Ministries, the PHU, the mining industry, local City Councillors and City employees all have a seat at the table. We continue to ask questions and research answers to save Porcupine Lake.

A number of preliminary meetings have been held and Draft Terms of Reference are underway for approval, in principle, by council. In addition to community members and city staff, other organizations have agreed to act as a resource to the committee including the: Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, Parks and The Canadian Environmental Law Association, The Porcupine Health Unit, The Mattagami Region and Conservation Authority, and Goldcorp/Newmont,

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