

# **Appendix D**

Public Consultation

# News

## Sludge Bed Closure is Provincial Jurisdiction

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 their requirements that they needed to be satisfied before the project could continue.

One fact, raised by Peter Boyd, that no one seemed to take into consideration, was that the provincial government has jurisdiction on the issue for the obvious reason that municipal councillors cannot be expected to know what they are talking about

when it comes to sophisticated scientific issues such as the closure of these sludge beds. The RM's municipal councillors proved the wisdom of the province having jurisdiction on Tuesday.

If the province has jurisdiction the NRI and Tembec were simply being courteous when informing the RM. That courtesy was not returned.



RM of Alexander Office



## Best Scarecrow Contest Will Be a Major Event

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 vocals with guitar accompaniment, fusing elements of folk, jazz and soul in both English and French. The evening begins at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 on sale at the Caisse or at the door.

Sunday, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting one of their excellent pancake breakfasts that qualify as a brunch. 10:00 to 12:00 at the Powerview Church. Proceeds to a new daycare.

Also on Saturday will be an all-day soccer tournament at the Powerview School.

Monday is clear, but on Tuesday check with Lori Vialoux (367-9142) for details of Surviving the Amazing Race, Also on Tuesday there is a Francais play group at the St. George School (In the morning 10:30 to 11:30)

Wednesday the Wings of Power hosts a Harvest Dinner between 4:00 and 6:00 pm, and a 30 minute community walk beginning at the St Georges School at 1:30 pm.

Three events are scheduled for Thursday. A cooking class in the St. George Library (Laotian cooking) \$15 - pre-register 367 8443. Between 10:30 and 11:30 in St. Georges school is ABC viens t'amuser. There is also a pre-school reading program in the Allard Library from 2:00 to 2:30 pm.

There will be a Fall Colour Photograph contest running throughout the week with judging by the Winnipeg River Echo. Prizes have not yet been established but will be announced in next weeks issue of The Echo.

Also throughout the week

will be a Best Scarecrow Contest. Judging will be on Saturday October 8th.. It is expected that this contest will draw out some of the very talented people we have in this community. Talented children will be drawn to the kids colouring contest - details at the St Georges library.

During the week it is hoped that local restaurants will be featuring slices of pumpkin pie and other Fall specials.

During the next twelve months there will be a recipe contest for local game and fruit. Recipes will be published in The Echo, and will be published next fall in a cook book to be marketed on the Web, and possibly in hunting and fishing magazines with the objective of bring people to our community.

Last but not least, there will be a pumpkin contest next year. Tips on how to grow the biggest pumpkin will be published in the spring in The Echo



**Sunrise School Division**  
 is looking to fill the following vacancies in all schools and sites across the division:

**SUBSTITUTE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS  
 SUBSTITUTE SECRETARY/LIBRARY STAFF**

ALL POSITIONS ARE CASUAL

Please visit: [www.sunrisesd.ca](http://www.sunrisesd.ca)  
 for additional information on these and other opportunities.  
 Application Deadline: October 14, 2011



**TOWN OF POWERVIEW-PINE FALLS  
 LA VILLE DE POWERVIEW-PINE FALLS**

**NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS  
 TREE TRIMMING SERVICES AVAILABLE**

Mayor & Council are pleased to inform the public that Tree Trimming Services will be available at a discount rate between September 30 October 7, 2011. TreesNow has been hired to perform the maintenance of trees on Town Property with a saving of 20% on Bucket costs and 20% on chipper costs. Property owners can also receive this discounted rate. For more information please contact Jay at TreesNow 1-888-594-4211.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Open House for the proposed Alteration to the Tailings Management Area**

San Gold Corporation is hosting an Open House for the proposed alteration to the Tailings Management Area at the Rice Lake Gold Mine in Bissett, Manitoba.

**Location – Bissett Community Hall, Bissett, Manitoba**

**October 13, 2011**

**From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

The open house is part of the public engagement process for the environmental assessment of the proposed alteration to the tailings management areas at the Rice Lake Gold Mine. Representatives from San Gold Corporation, Parks Environmental Inc., and AECOM Canada Ltd. will be on hand to receive comments and answer questions regarding the project.







**Royal Canadian Legion  
 Lac du Bonnet Legion #164**

**MONDAY**  
 Table Top Curling 6:30 p.m. Lounge  
 Bingo 7:00 p.m. - Hall

**TUESDAY**  
 Po Ke No 2:30 p.m. Lounge

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Pool 1:00pm Cribbage 7:00 p.m. Lounge

**THURSDAY**  
 Darts 7:00 p.m. Lounge

**FRIDAY**  
 Bridge 1:00pm Lounge  
 7:00 p.m. Hard Card Bingo in Lounge

**SATURDAY**  
 Meat Draw 2:30 p.m. Lounge

Check our website for other activities:  
<http://legion.lacdubonnet.info>  
 Open Monday to Saturday 10am - 10pm

**All Members & Guest Welcome  
 Light Menu Always Available in Lounge  
 Happy Hour Every Hour**

An aerial photograph showing a large body of water, likely a lake or bay, with a residential area and an industrial site in the foreground. The residential area consists of several houses with dark roofs and green lawns, interspersed with trees. The industrial site features a large, flat, light-colored area, possibly a tailings management area, with some structures and roads. The background shows a vast expanse of water under a cloudy sky.

San Gold Corporation  
Proposed Tailings Management  
Area Expansion  
Public Open House

October 13, 2011  
Bissett, Manitoba

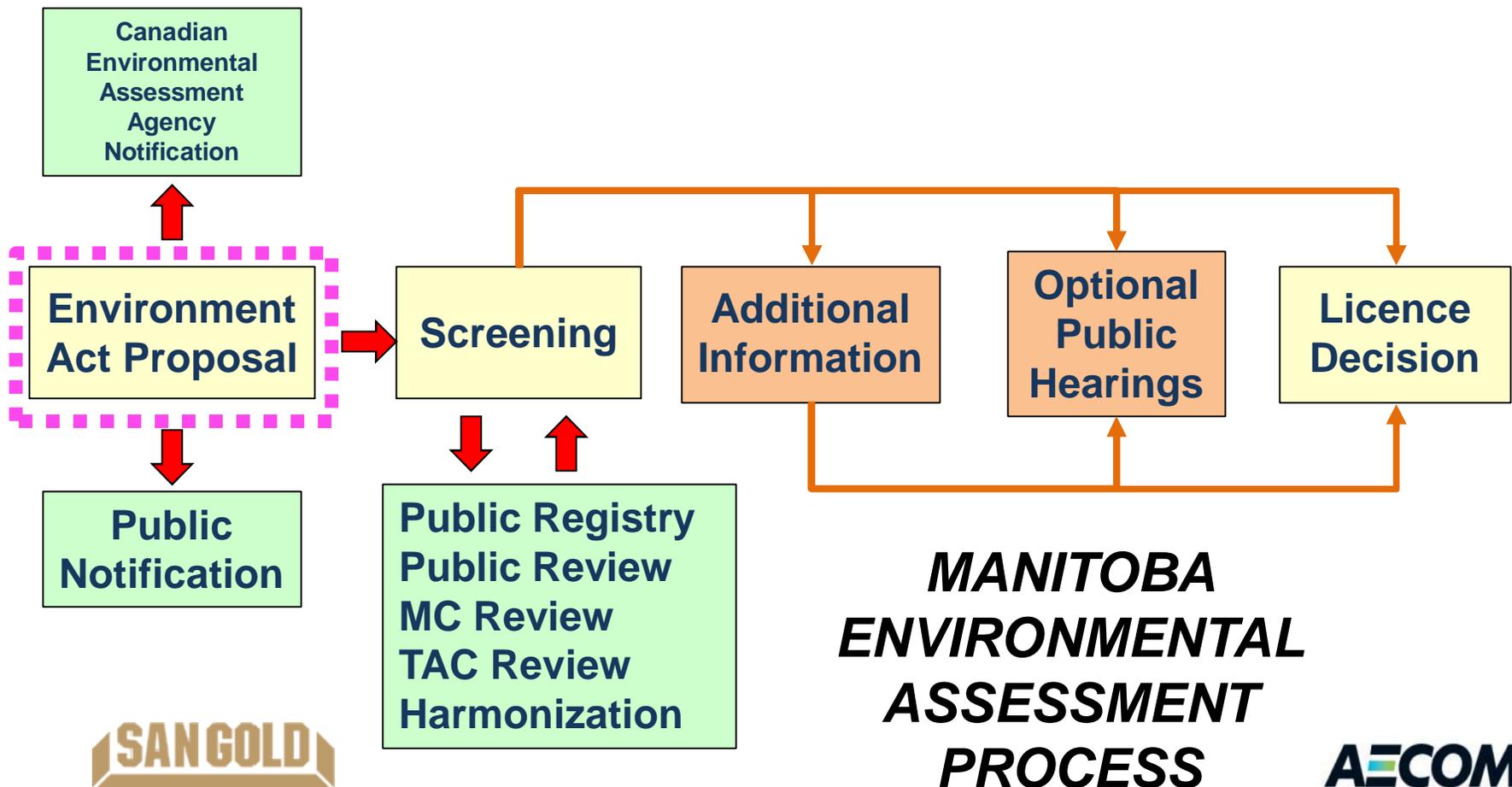
# Purpose of Open House

- Public Consultation is an important step in the Environmental Assessment process.
- Present concept for proposed TMA expansion and information from Environment Act Proposal.
- Gain insight into public concerns as a result of your comments.



# Environmental Assessment Process

- Environmental Assessment report will be prepared for provincial review.
- Environment Act Licence required before construction can commence.

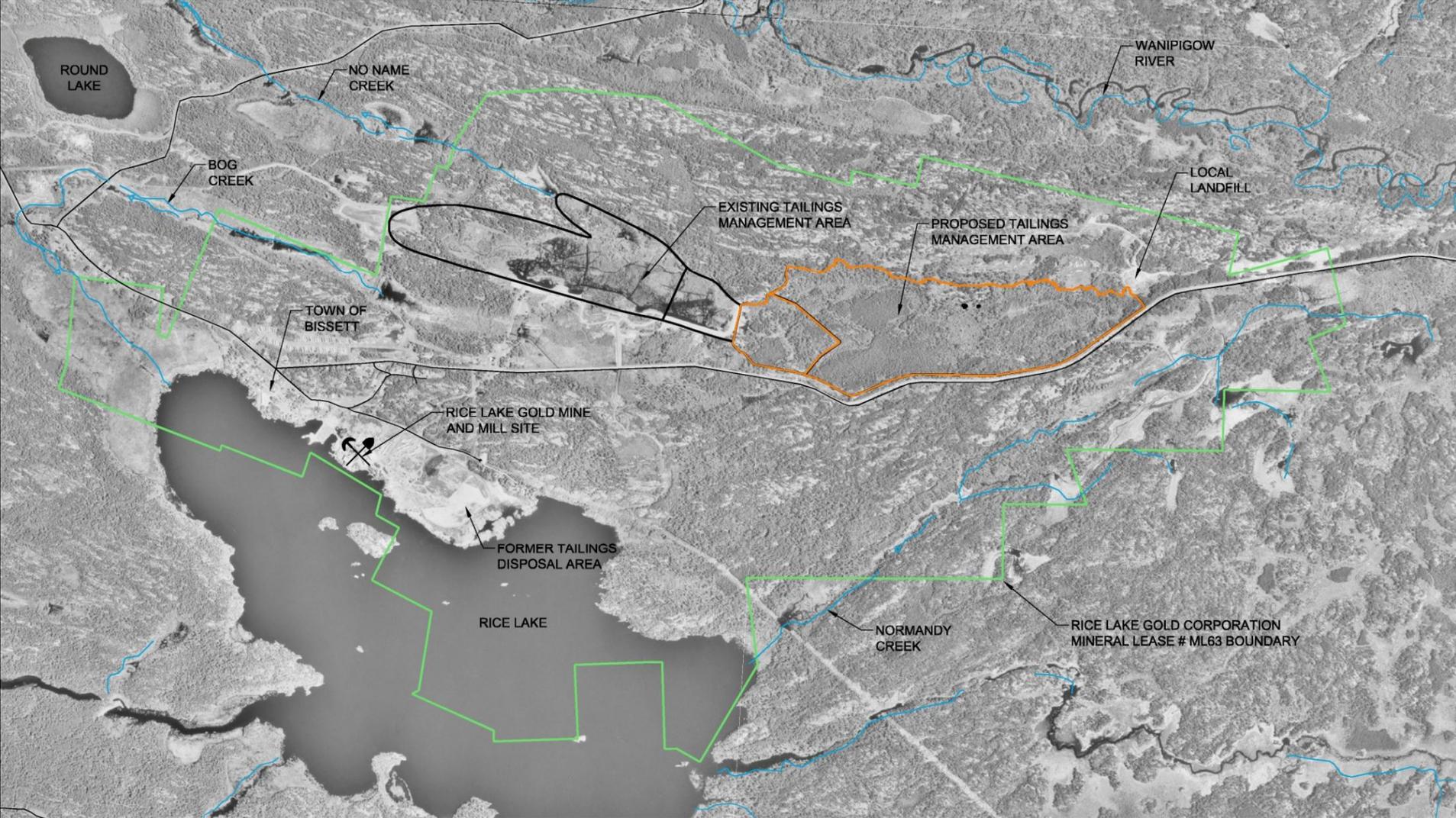


# Project Description

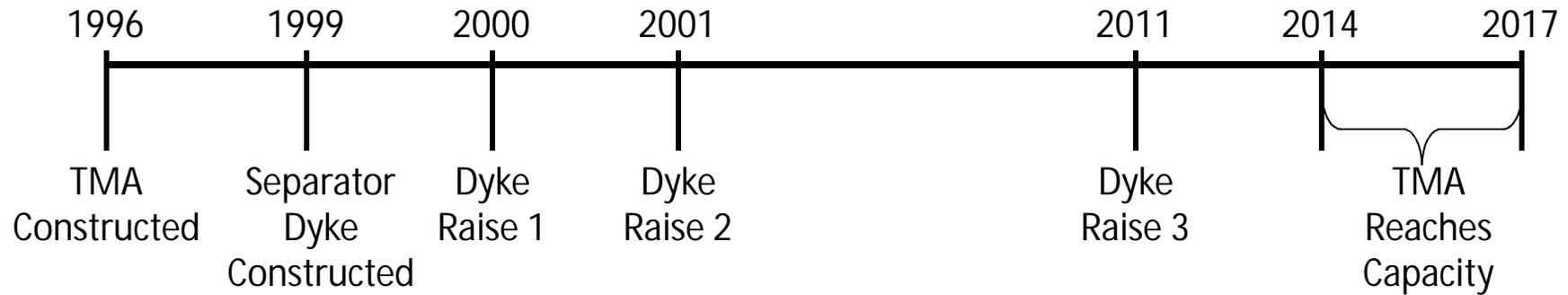
- Proposed Tailings Management Area (TMA) expansion.
  - New main pond and new polishing pond on 98 ha of land.
  - Sized to accommodate 10-yr of operation at a future milling rate of 2,500 sdtpd.
  - Storage capacity:
    - 6,485,000 m<sup>3</sup> of tailings in main pond.
    - 1,045,000 m<sup>3</sup> of water in polishing pond.
  - Construction of 3 new access roads.



# Project Location



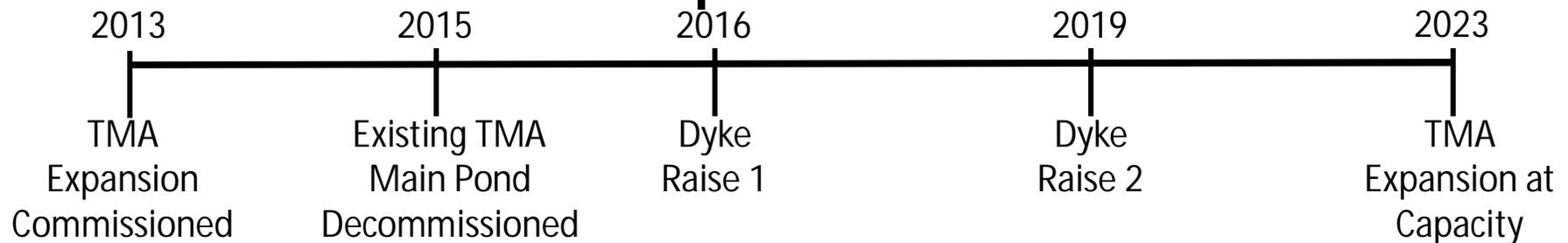
# Existing Tailings Management Area



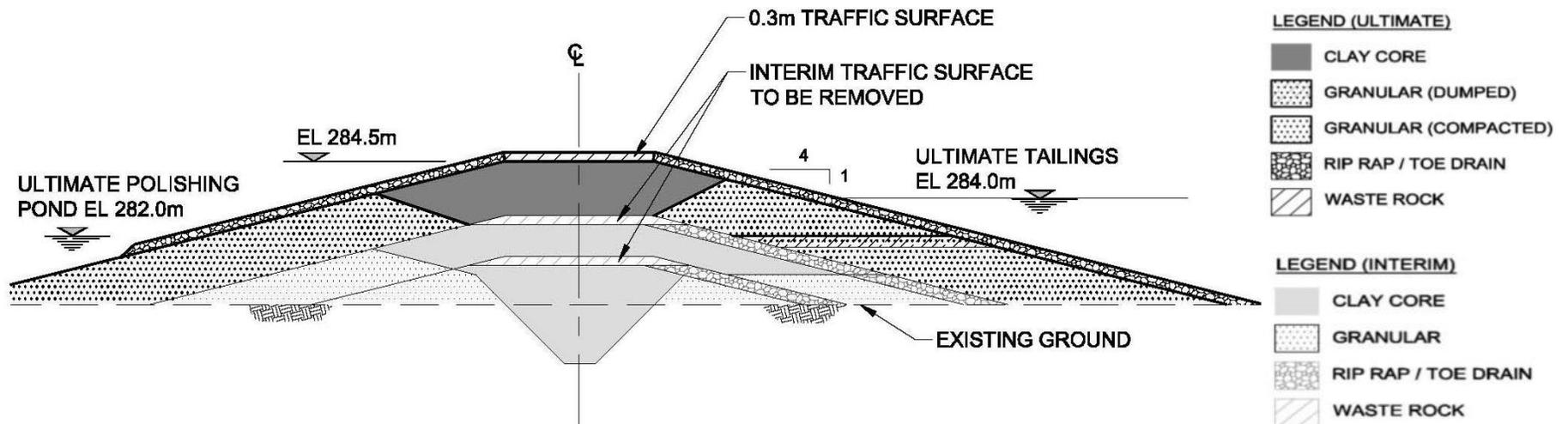
- Water within main pond pumped into polishing pond twice a year for treatment.
- Treated water within polishing pond pumped into No Name Creek during annual fall discharge campaign.



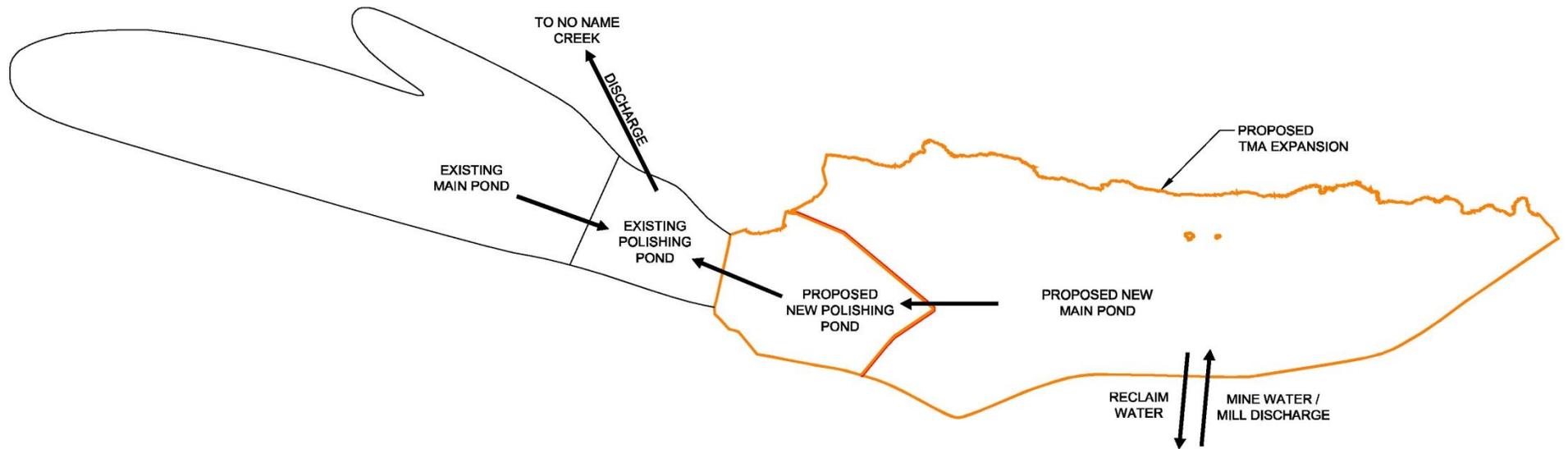
# Proposed Tailings Management Area Expansion



- Sized to meet future milling rate of 2,500 sdtpd for the Rice Lake Gold Mine.
- Includes a main pond (store tailings) and a polishing pond (treat water waste).
- Vegetation removed before clay base prepared within proposed footprint.



# Proposed Tailings Management Area Expansion Operation



# Environmental Assessment

- Surface Water
  - Environment Act Licence limits met prior to discharge.
    - Includes limits for total and dissolved metals, total suspended solids and total ammonia.
  - Maximum pumping rate of 0.2 m<sup>3</sup>/s from the existing polishing pond.
  - Discharge to occur during ice-off conditions, anticipated between spring thaw (June 15) and freeze-up (November 30). Pending approval of June 2011 NOA.
  - Surface water samples regularly collected from polishing pond and receiving water bodies as part of the requirements of the Environment Act Licence and environmental effects monitoring program.
- Groundwater
  - No registered groundwater production wells within 1 km.
    - Groundwater elevation varies across site; 0.3 m to 6.1 m bgs observed.
    - Groundwater typically found in silt and/or sand layers.
  - Proposed TMA Expansion lined with clay.
  - Annual groundwater monitoring will continue as part of the requirements of the Environment Act Licence.



# Water Quality Monitoring

- Ongoing Monitoring:
  - Metal Mining Effluent (MMER) Environmental Effects Monitoring (EEM)
- No detectable impacts on benthic endpoints



# Environmental Assessment

- Terrestrial

- Terrestrial study conducted in 2008 covered proposed TMA footprint and surrounding area.
  - Indicated site is similar to surrounding general area (min 13,500 ha).
- Non-vegetative terrestrial species located within project site have ability to migrate into surrounding similar habitat with little disturbance anticipated.
- Several species at risk observed/proposed to occur within general area:
  - Common Nighthawk, Northern Leopard Frog, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Rusty Blackbird, Whip-poor-will, Eastern Wolf, Woodland Caribou and Yellow Rail.
- Construction activities restricted between April 15 and July 31, with clearing and blasting activities generally occurring between November and April.

- Aquatic

- No Name Creek has low aquatic productivity (intermittent classification by Province of MB).
- Based on historical findings, year-round fish habitat only provided in deeper areas within the creek, including beaver ponds downstream of Vanson Road.
- Common species include:
  - Finescale dace, Fathead Mudminnow, Central Mudminnow and Brook Stickleback.
- Treated water pumped from the TMA into No Name Creek once water quality meets applicable licence criteria, at maximum licenced pump rate of 0.2 m<sup>3</sup>/s.

Image Sources: Species at Risk Public Registry; Fishes of Minnesota (Hatch, J. and Schmidt, K., 2004)



Yellow Rail



Northern Leopard Frog



Moose – along PTH 304



Finescale Dace



Brook Stickleback

# Environmental Assessment

- Dust and Exhaust Emissions
  - Construction and decommissioning activities will generate typical dust and exhaust emissions.
  - During operation, exhaust emissions are expected to be similar to the existing TMA operation.
  - Will follow fugitive dust plan proposed in June 2011 NOA.
- Noise
  - Construction and decommissioning noise will be typical of heavy equipment (graders, backhoe, etc.).
  - Potential noise effects during construction as a result of blasting activities if required, however limited to early portion of construction.
  - During operation, noise effects are expected to be similar to the existing TMA operation.
- Heritage Resources
  - Heritage Resources Survey completed in 2009 did not identify cultural resources.
    - A very low potential for archaeological resources in the low-lying project area.
- Traffic
  - Potential temporary traffic delays on PR 304 during blasting.
  - Traffic associated with construction anticipated to be minimal (similar to the 2011 dyke raise).
  - During operation, traffic volumes expected to be similar to the existing TMA operation.



# Decommissioning Plan

- Tasks to be included in the decommissioning of the proposed TMA Expansion:
  - Separator dykes within proposed TMA Expansion and between existing and proposed new polishing ponds lowered.
  - Removal of pipelines, pump stations, electrical power lines and proposed access roads.
  - Re-contouring and re-vegetation of downstream dyke slopes, proposed new main pond surface, tailings pipeline trenches and disturbed areas.
  - Continued monitoring of surface water, groundwater, re-vegetation growth and erosion until deemed no longer required by applicable regulators.



# Next Steps

- Finalize Environmental Assessment for proposed TMA Expansion
- Submit Environment Act Proposal for provincial review:
  - Fall 2011
- Start construction activities (pending regulator approval):
  - Late 2011/early 2012
- Proposed TMA Expansion Commissioning:
  - 2013



# Comments and Questions

- The project team wants to hear from you.
  - John Hutchison, Manager of Milling, San Gold Corporation, 204-277-5411 or [JHutchison@sangold.ca](mailto:JHutchison@sangold.ca)
- Please take the time to complete a questionnaire and submit any comments on the forms provided.
- Environmental Assessment will be available on the provincial public registry for review and comment.



# Future Tailings Management Potential Considerations

- Paste Backfill
- Stacked Tailings
- Polishing Pond Expansion



