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Hi Heidi

I will keep you in the loop for the indicator work.

Here is the website for the IISD- if the link does not work just search MMSD, and you should be able to navigate to the document.

<http://www.iisd.org/natres/mining/7qs.asp> - 4k - Jan 26, 2004

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Those are good suggestions Rhian. I'd like to see that indicator information when it's complete. Do you have a website for the 7 questions to sustainability info? Thanks.

Heidi

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**From:** Rhian Christie [mailto:christier@inac-ainc.gc.ca]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 18, 2004 5:15 PM  
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Hi Heidi

I enjoyed your presentation this morning- Funny to see a fellow Winnipegger so different a context. Canada is such a small country and the Resource Management field is even smaller.

I just had a couple of questions/comments for you regarding the prioritizing of land use at the community level.

I understand from your description of the process that you are going into the communities and asking them what there land use priorities are-

and then asking them to put "stone" in jars to indicate where there development/conservation priorities lie. One of the difficulties is that I am not sure that communities can view development or conservation in such black/white terms- that there needs to put a context/value around each of the activities IE oil and gas production may create short-term surface impacts but in the long-term can contribute to the long term economic sustainability of a remote community. With the legacy of mining activity in the North ( Colomac and Giant for example) mining may already have such a negative connotation that the community groups may place a low priority ( value) in that activity without considering the long term benefits.

Not that I am advocating a development only position- but would it not be better to start from a view point- where you ask the community what their ideal sustainable community would be- and work backwards to develop a land use plan from that perspective. That way the concept of sustain ability could also be defined by the community and included in the land use planning process. Perhaps asking the community first what their core values are- possibly through the same flowerpot exercise- and then working on developing a series of possible land use plans that reflect this vision. I think some recent work has been done with the Talhtan People in BC and Tony Hodge (The International Institute of Sustainable Development (IISD)) . He has a framework on called the 7 questions to Sustain ability that the Talhtan People applied to determine what their ideal level of development would be- and then developed a mining strategy based on actualizing the scenario.

Regarding the work on the Indicators- we have been researching Sustainable Development indicators specific to the north- and they may be of help to you and your land use planning process. Once we have completed the work- we can pass it on to you.

Thanks- if you have any comments or questions- feel free to contact me at (867) 669-2420.

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