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**Support to Canadian Zinc**

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**MR. O'REILLY:** I did want to ask, though, about Canadian Zinc Socio-economic agreement. There's \$30,000 there and is that money that we contribute to the company or what is that money actually for? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Mcneely):** Thank you, Mr. O'Reilly. Mr. Minister.

**HON. BOB MCLEOD:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. That money is part of the socio-economic agreement that we negotiated with Canadian Zinc and it is money that we spend to meet with the communities. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. McNeely):** Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. O'Reilly?

**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. I appreciate the answer. The description talks about a Socio-economic advisory committee, so that money is used to support GNWT staff then to attend these committee meetings, is that what it's used for? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. McNeely):** Thank you, Mr. O'Reilly. Mr. Minister.

**HON. BOB MCLEOD:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. The mine is not in operation so this is for preparatory work to set up an advisory committee when the mine is up and running. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. McNeely):** Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. O'Reilly?

**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. As I understand it, the property is basically sort of in care and maintenance. Do we actually expect to spend this money this year if there's not much happening at the site? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. McNeely):** Thank you, Mr. O'Reilly. Mr. Minister.

**HON. BOB MCLEOD:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Like we want to do, we are trying to anticipate and work with the communities to help build capacity, so when the project goes ahead they'll be ready and we'll be ready, and it would work in the best interests if the communities. Thank you, Mr. Chair.