



## **First Nation Services**

- Mr. McKibbon acted as Project Advisor (from 2004 to the present) for the Bearskin Lake First Nation Resource Planning which produced its report entitled “Reconnecting: A Land and Resource Strategy” for Bearskin Lake First Nation. The report included surveys of alternate energy, tourism, fisheries, forestry and environmental issues together with mineral and hydro-electric surveys done earlier, public consultation, capacity building including G.I.S. training and mapping, and preparation of a land and resources strategy for the Band’s traditional lands and waters.
- Mr. McKibbon helped Windigo First Nations Council review the Placer Dome Canada Limited’s environmental approval applications for the Musselwhite Mine located north of Sioux Lookout. The proposed mine potentially affected two Windigo communities and each sought safeguards to ensure their environmental concerns were properly addressed by the Placer Dome and the federal and provincial approval authorities. Beginning in 1988, the project concluded in the mid 90’s.

The work also involved assembling and drafting a submission on First Nation socio-economic concerns for Placer Dome’s Canadian Environmental Assessment Acts submission. Placer Domes’ environmental assessment was approved by the Minister in the fall of 1995. This assessment was the first private undertaking to be approved under the new federal legislation.

The work also involved preparation of estimates of the loss of traditional uses resulting from the mine for the purposes of negotiating a compensation agreement. He also helped prepare and negotiate draft agreements on a joint Provincial/First Nation Planning Board to address traditional and resource uses and preparation and negotiation of a draft agreement on resource development signed by the Federal and Provincial governments, the Joint Venture Partners, Windigo and Shibogama Tribal Councils and the affected First Nations. Mr. McKibbon also lead a technical review of Placer Dome, technical studies prepared in support of its various applications.

- Mr. McKibbon helped prepare reports and work with Foresters for the Brunswick House Band land claim and participated in the discussion leading to an agreement between the Province, Canada and the Band on the claims settlement. The claim arose as a result of the sale of the Band’s reserve in 1926 and the failure of the parties to secure a replacement reserve until 1947. Forestry losses were a significant component of the claim.

Following the settlement, Mr. McKibbon helped the Band and the Band’s legal counsel organize the ratification vote. The vote was taken in the spring of 1995 on the first ballot and the claim was signed shortly thereafter by the Band, Ontario and Canada.

- In 1993, Mr. McKibbon provided a technical assessment of TransCanada Pipelines Limited’s Nipigon River pipeline crossing’s environmental assessment to the Rocky Bay Band. The Band was concerned the crossing would affect their downstream community water supply and the River’s fishery. Mr. McKibbon helped the Band negotiate a settlement which included First Nation environmental monitors on the construction site and a program for water quality monitoring and management.