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Visiting Federal Officials in Ottawa

CEMA Executive Director, Glen Semenchuk, was in the nation's capital, Ottawa, from January 25 – 27 to hold a series of meetings with all 5 of the federal departments and agencies that are CEMA Members. The annual trip to Ottawa was a chance to highlight the important structural change of the 4 new and equally balanced caucuses of the CEMA Board, new bylaws, mission statement, goals, new educational membership and new data sets and research library. Another key element of the trip was to update senior federal officials about CEMA's 2011 detailed work plan and to note the budget short fall for the upcoming 12 months.



Glen Semenchuk, CEMA Executive Director and
Claire Dansereau, Deputy Minister
of Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Since CEMA's last visit to Ottawa a lot has changed. Out of all the officials that Glen met with only one was in the same position as last year. So it was an exciting time to share CEMA successes with a whole new group of people. Some of the major questions, concerns and

discussions centered around the formation of CEMA's new Ground Water Working Group, CEMA's role in a post Lower Athabasca Regional Plan world, the participation of Aboriginal and ENGO's, TEK involvement in scientific work and the newly formed Air Working Group.

MORE OTTAWA NEWS

While in Ottawa meetings were held with the following:

Natural Resources Canada

- o Serge Dupont, Deputy Minister
- o Mark Corey, Assistant Deputy Minister

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

- o Claire Dansereau, Deputy Minister
- o David Balfour, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister
- o Stuart Dean, Senior Environmental Assessment Analyst

Health Canada

- o Anne-Marie Robinson, Associate Deputy Minister
- o Karen Lloyd, Director General, Safe Environments Directorate
- o Anthony Sangster, Director General Emergency Preparedness Directorate
- o David Muddle, Regional Director, Health Programs for Alberta and North

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

- o Yves Leboeuf, Vice President, Operations
- o Kate Moir, Vice President, Policy Development
- o Margaret Fairbairn, Director, Alberta & NWT Regional Office



Glen Semenchuk, CEMA Executive Director and Serge Dupont, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources Canada.

Environment Canada

- o Coleen Volk, Assistant Deputy Minister

STRATEGIC REVIEW

The Government of Canada has introduced a new expenditure management system as part of an ongoing commitment to better manage government spending. The new system ensures value for money for all government spending. A key pillar of this system is the ongoing assessment of all direct program spending, known as strategic reviews.

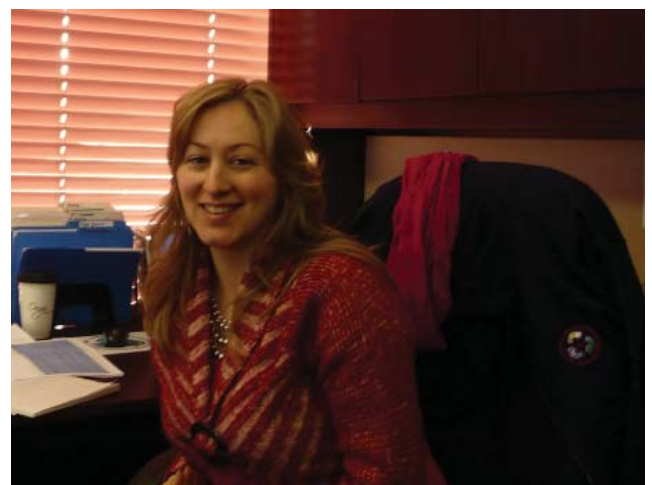
Strategic reviews are assessments of all direct program spending to ensure programs are managed effectively and efficiently. These reviews support a more rigorous results-based approach to managing taxpayer dollars responsibly and delivering effective and efficient programs that can better meet the priorities of Canadians.

CEMA WELCOMES KIM DERTIEN AS OUR ABORIGINAL COORDINATOR

CEMA is pleased to welcome Kim Dertien as the newest member of the staff as our Aboriginal Coordinator. Kim is originally from Vancouver Island, B.C., but has been in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo since May 2009. She has been working either with, or for, Aboriginal communities in regards to community-based research projects. Most recently Kim has been working with the Fort McKay Industry Relations Corporation.

Kim holds a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from the University of Victoria, and a Master of Arts in Anthropology from the University of British Columbia, in First Nations cultures, historical and contemporary studies: colonialism and related acts and policies, fisheries, traditional ecological knowledge (TEK), and socio-cultural issues such as health and welfare, gender, race, and identity.

Kim will be leading the newly formed Aboriginal Coordination Committee. This committee will build on the work of the Aboriginal Round Table and the Traditional Environmental Knowledge Advisory Committee to facilitate Aboriginal involvement in all aspects of CEMA's operation.



Kim Dertien, CEMA's New Aboriginal Coordinator