

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
Mined Land Regulation and Reclamation Funding Report**

On February 5th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries on its Mined Land Regulation and Reclamation fees.

The Department was directed by a budget note to return to the 2020 legislative session with a fee proposal to fund the current Mined Land program. This program is 100% fee funded and without a fee increase approved this session, the program will not have sufficient cash to begin the 2021-23 biennium.

The DOGAMI report and fee proposal includes fee increases across each regulated industry and is intended to:

- Have each permitted program fund itself without subsidization from other permits;
- Fund a portion of a limited duration position to provide technical mining expertise;
- Include funding for a 15.51% indirect costs rate for agency overhead; and
- Provide a six-month operating cash balance by the 2025-27 biennium.

While this proposal supports the current strategic direction of the Department, as outlined by the Governor's report, the actual fee increase will be considered through separate legislation.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.