

HOW DOES THE COPYRIGHT BOARD WORK?

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“SOCAN licence fees are set by the Copyright Board, an independent body appointed by the government under the auspices of the Copyright Act,” explains Anne Godbout director, Legal Services and Legal Counsel for SOCAN.

Each year SOCAN files proposed tariffs with the Copyright Board. SOCAN may suggest a certain fee or fee structure for the Board to consider, but ultimately the Board makes the decision.

Ms. Godbout points out, “Interested parties are permitted to submit objections to SOCAN’s proposals, to the Copyright Board within a limited period. If an objection or concern is raised concerning a particular tariff, the Copyright Board may hold a hearing.”

After hearings are completed and any amendments are made, the Copyright Board publishes the approved tariffs in the Canada Gazette. For more information visit www.cb-cda.gc.ca.