

Consultation Coordinator-Update



Mitaanjigamiing "Where a smaller Lake flows into a bigger Lake"



**June, July, August
September Update**

Land Designation Process-Tourism Lodge

The project was extended to November 16, 2015 to complete. The next steps are:

- EXP-Geomatics Inc-Land Surveyors to complete survey in Spring-**Completed July 14, 2015**
Send survey to AANDC ***Note there are wooden stakes at the beach where they put metal stakes in the ground***
- BCR wording for a date of referendum
- Deputy Electoral Officer-**Job Advertisement soon**
- Information Document-**Document available**
- Addresses of off-reserve voters
- Printing of Mail out packages
- Certificate of independent legal advice and certificate of independent financial advice submitted to AANDC
- If designation passes, a BCR accepting the designation is required
- Designation Document-The designation document must be signed.

Community Energy Plan

Mitaanjigamiing First Nation and S. Burnett & Associates Ltd. Have submitted an OPA-ACEP package for a Community Energy Plan. The objectives of the ACEP Program have been set to our motivation for energy planning to align with the intended benefits of the ACEP Program including:

- Provide the community with support to establish an understanding of the needs and Opportunities for electricity conservation and small-scale renewable generation project;
- Inform, engage and educate the Community leaders and members on the opportunities and requirements for undertaking electricity conservation and small-scale renewable generating projects
- Develop an implementation plan that will set out an approach to achieving the Community's Goals for electricity use and generation opportunities.
- Develop strategies to help the community conserve electricity, reduce costs and use cleaner Sources of energy;
- Support economic development and local business opportunities; and
- Increasing energy awareness and commitment to conservation.
- To create a comprehensive, long-term plan to improve energy efficiency, reduce electricity Consumption and assess opportunities for renewable energy solutions

The Proposal is presently going through a review committee through ACEP and upon funding approval there will be a Kick off meeting with S. Burnett & Associates Ltd. To initiate the action plan for the Community Energy Plan.

Mitaanjigamiing First Nation is requesting a total of \$89,770 which includes \$80,890 for SBA and \$8,800 for internal community staff fees. This will be at no cost to Mitaanjigamiing First Nation if approved.

STATUS UPDATE:  **APPROVED**  **September 28, 2015**

This project will begin in February 29, 2016 with a kick off meeting that day.

Emergency Planning-Phase 4

I attended the Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation (OFNTSC) Emergency Planning workshop on March 3-5, 2015. The training and information was good. We would need to update and review the Community Emergency Plan.. Participants were given a table top exercise box that contains tools to do a table top exercise to practice an emergency. This will help if we had a fire or flood or other emergency.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2015-Met with OFNTSC to update Community Emergency Plan 2006. The recommended changes will be presented to Chief & Council and will be updated every two years and reviewed yearly.

Economic Development Forum

Attended Economic Development Forum on June 3rd and 4th, 2015. Grand Council Treaty #3 Economic Forum showcased best practices in Aboriginal business and economic development from across Canada. Aboriginal Leaders and entrepreneurs gave presentations that educate, inspire, and provide solutions to creating more successful, sustainable, and self-determined First Nation communities through business and economic development.

Featured Speakers:

Chief Clarence Louie-Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

Dayle Hyde, Communications Director, Fort Mckay First Nation, AB

Annita Mcphee, Presiedent of the Tahltan Central Council, Tahltan Nation, BC

Website

Mike Fyfe had been hired as Website Designer Assistant for the summer. He learned the basics of Website Maintenance by uploading pictures and documents, editing, deleting. He posted calendars and notices for community and created emails for community members that wanted one.

Nickle Lake Visit

Chief & Council, Manito Aki Inaqjimowin Committee, Economic Development Committee visited the proposed Agency #1 property located at Nickle Lake. The purpose was to look at the land that was currently proposed by Agency #1 for the loss of Idylwild Dr. lots and the park portion.

New Gold

Elder Tour

Chief & Council and elders visited the New Gold Site Tour on June 29, 2015. The elders met at Rainy River Gymnasium and went to the McClain House for a Fish relocation demonstration. There were minnows, suckers that were to be relocated downstream. The tour ended with lunch at Ka Na Chi Wa Nung Historical Center.

New Gold-Career Fair-May 7, 2015

New Gold put on a Career Fair at the Multi Use Facility on May 7, 2015. They provided information on the application process and shortlisting criteria. Upcoming positions, role descriptions, and benefit information.

Will McGinnis-Aboriginal Human Resource Liaison and Shannon King-First Nations Coordinator can be contacted for more information 807-482-0990.

New Gold-E-Recruitment Presentation-July 31, 2015

New Gold representative Shannon King put on a presentation on the E-Recruitment. This is how they advertise and accept applications for jobs. Step by step instructions on how to post your resume, cover letter. And job profile and the system will match you with upcoming jobs you can apply for based on information provided.

Walmart \$25 Draw Winners were: Janice Henderson, Javiner McGinnis, Jacob Cochrane

3 Mitaanjigamiing Jackets: Ethan Anderson, Chris Henderson, Chantelle Wayash

New Gold-Fall Ceremony-October 6, 2015-Two elders to attend

Aboriginal Mineral Development Strategy

Ministry of Northern Development and Mines is working to renew Ontario's Mineral Development Strategy based on the objectives identified in the Discussion Paper that was released on March 2, 2015.

As part of the renewal process the ministry committed to obtaining public input on the proposal; posting for comment on the Environmental Registry for 67 days and they received more than 50 written submissions with 380 recommendations.

In addition, 22 information workshops were held throughout Ontario, of which 191 stakeholder representatives attended, including representatives from industry, non-government organizations, academics, mining municipalities and association representatives. In addition, 148 Aboriginal community representatives were in attendance.

The feedback we received was helpful in establishing the current challenges and the path forward to develop a renewed Mineral Development Strategy.

A broad summary of the feedback, categorized into themes, is as follows:

- Assistance to prospectors and junior mining companies
- Input and production costs
- Investment in infrastructure
- Regulatory certainty
- Consultation processes
- Regional challenges
- Understanding between industry and Aboriginal communities
- Environmental sustainability
- Respect for treaty rights
- Aboriginal participation in the mining process
- Return for the resources extracted
- Public awareness of mining
- Education and skills training
- Industry led innovation

All feedback provided will be considered in the development of the Mineral Development Strategy which, upon government approval, is expected to be released in late 2015

Part B-Road Project/Quarry

The road project had begun early this spring and they have finished blasting the 13 areas and started to lay down Grade B and Grade A Gravel to the spots. Quarry blasting of rock is well on the way and have been stock piling Grade A and Grade B gravel for the road project. This project is nearing completion.

If you have any questions or would like more information you can contact me or Bob Calder-Chief Operating Officer/Ed Morrison-First Nation Manager

Housing Committee

Attended a Housing Committee Workshop-May 11, 12, 2015 put on by Turtle Island Associates "Housing Committees that Work". The Housing Committee will busy this year working on updating the Terms of Reference and Housing Policy and a database for all meetings/information pertaining to Housing.

Attended a **CMHC-Property & Home Maintenance Management Workshop** at Couchiching Multi Use September 23, 24, 2015.

- **Encourage tenant involvement**
 - What types of maintenance do tenants provide
 - Basic training on maintenance, HRV, sealing windows & doors, etc.
- **Identify maintenance priorities**
 - Structural, roofing, replacing hot water tanks, etc.
- **Plan for maintenance and repairs**
 - Budget for 3 yrs. and yearly review or quarterly review on progress
- **Accomplish more with limited budgets**

Preparing the community's maintenance plan for consideration in the near future. CMHC will give tools to use to build a database that will help develop the maintenance plan.

Canadian Malartic-Hammond Reef Gold Project

In June 2014, Agnico Eagle and Yamana Gold formed a 50/50 partnership. The new partnership acquired all issued and outstanding common shares of Osisko. This acquisition included the Canadian Malartic Mine, the Kirkland Lake Gold Project and the Hammond Reef Gold Project. All agreements and commitments made by Osisko have been transferred to Canadian Malartic Corporation (CMC)

Canadian Malartic Corporation (CMC) is governed by a Management Committee, which is made up of three senior executives each from Agnico Eagle and Yamana Gold. An operating committee reports to the Management Committee on a quarterly basis. The corporation is divided into an operations team and an exploration team, each of which have two Vice Presidents – one from Yamana and one from Agnico. These Vice Presidents are directly responsible to the operating committee. Hammond Reef Gold falls under the exploration team

Phases: **Exploration** project complete in 2012, **Construction** Phase-2 years,

Operation Phase:

- Designed for an ore throughput of 60,000 tonnes/day
 - Includes crushing, grinding, flotation, cyanide leaching, electro winning and final refining using furnaces.
 - Fresh water will be sourced from Marmion Reservoir
 - Water will be recycled as much as possible
- Intermittent effluent discharge from the Site.

Two Year Closure Plan Phase

Next Steps-Dates subject to change

Provincial

- MOE Prepares Ministry Review - September 2015
- Publication of Ministry Review (Notice of Completion)
- Public comment period – 5 weeks
- Final Ministry Evaluation of the EA – 13 weeks
- Minister Decision – February 2016
- Cabinet Decision - no timeline (estimated May 2016)

Key Potential Effects

- Loss of vegetation and wetlands
 - Approximately 1200 hectares of vegetation
 - Approximately 380 hectares of wetlands
- Loss of fish habitat
 - Draining of Mitta Lake
 - Fish habitat compensation plan
 - Involvement of Aboriginal groups and local experts
- Increased water use of Marmion
 - Participate in Seine River Water Management Committee
 - Predicted change in water levels is approximately 8 cm
- Changes to recreation and tourism area
 - Change to visual landscape
 - Increased noise levels
 - Work with local outfitters

Provide new opportunities and support existing industry

Environmental Assessment Process-Time lines

December 2011 - EIS Guidelines

July 2012 - Terms of Reference Approval

February 2013 – Draft EIS/EA Report

~700 comments received

Follow up meetings May – October 2013

January 2014 – Final EIS/EA Report

~200 comments received

Follow up meetings May – July 2014

June 2015 - Final EIS/EA Report Addendum with comment responses

July 2015 - Meetings with public and Aboriginal partners

Spring 2016 - Receive EA decision

Federal

- CEAA prepares Draft Comprehensive Study Report – 9 weeks
- Government and Aboriginal review period – 4 weeks
- CEAA revises Comprehensive Study Report – 2 weeks
- Government review period – 3 weeks
- Final Comprehensive Study Report to Minister of Environment – 7 weeks
- Public review period – 4 weeks
- Federal Minister's EA Decision – 12 weeks (estimated May 2016)

Workers Accommodation Camp

- Alternatives assessment of 5 different possible locations was undertaken
- Evaluation of each alternative based on:
 - Environment
 - Social
 - Technical
 - Economic
- This work was done in response to comments from government
- Goal was to locate the camp away from the shoreline
- New location was chosen which is within the Project footprint
- Change considered minor due to lack of new impacts

GPS & Intro to GIS Training-August 25-27th 2015

The purpose of this course is to provide 4 interested community members with a basic understanding of Global Positioning System (GPS) and Geographic Information System (GIS). This was also part of the NRF Work plan to build in-house knowledge and knowledge transfer. Participants have become familiar using GPS units to collect sensitive data that was imported into the GIS System. The course also taught users how to use the GPS and GIS software, the basic tools and functions for data management, map making, the importance of file structures and file management.

Wild Rice Harvesting

A question was raised by a community member whether we need to have a permit to Harvest Wild Rice and to pick at certain areas. I contacted Ministry of Natural Resources and the response was that a First Nations person can harvest Wild Rice in their Treaty #3 Area. They would need to bring their status card and should be able to pick anywhere in the Treaty #3 Area 55,000 square miles.

The Fall Harvest was held on October 3, 4, 2015 and wild rice were processed by community members that included elders and youth.

Wabigoon Forest Independent Forest Audit

Al Stewart- Arbex Forest Resource Consultant Ltd. Sent a letter to Chief Janice Henderson to see if Mitaanjigamiing would like to participate in the Wabigoon Forest Independent Forest Audit. A requirement of the Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA) and the Forest Management Class Environmental Assessment, Ontario Forest Management Units are required to undergo an Independent Forest Audit (IFA) every five years. The purpose of an IFA is to assess:

- compliance with the CFSA,
- compliance with the Forest Management Planning process,
- a comparison of planned versus actual forest management activities,
- the effectiveness of forest management activities in achieving audit criteria and management objectives, and
- where applicable, a licensee's compliance with the terms and conditions of the Sustainable Forest Licence.

Aboriginal involvement is an important part of the audit process and all communities with an interest on the Forest are invited to participate and provide their views. A field audit will be based out of Dryden and will begin August 23 to August 28, 2015.

Forest Management Planning & Forest Tenure Modernization Knowledge Forum- September 17-18, 2015

Attended the Forest Management Planning & Forest Tenure Modernization Knowledge Forum at Wazhushk Onigum First Nation as Chief Proxy.

- Overview of Forest Management in Ontario
- Ontario's Legal & Policy Framework, Forest Tenure & Wood Supply
- First Nations Involvement in Forest Management Planning
- Forest Tenure Modernization
- Accommodation of Aboriginal Rights in Forest Tenure
- Forest Tenure Models
- Review of Forest Tenure OG Draft Measures, including role of OG

Fall Harvest-October 3, 4, 2015

The annual Community Fall Harvest was held on October 3, 4, 2015 at the Band Office. Community members participated in Harvesting Wild rice, duck cleaning and preparing, fish filleting,

Participants were given Harvested rice that they helped prepare.

MNRF Wetlands and Conservation Act-September 30, 2015

Attended the MNRF Wetlands and Conservation Act that was held at the Fort William Historical Center. The purpose was to learn about Wetlands in Ontario and the Conservation Act. MNRF wanted to learn from the First Nations to what was working in the Conservation act and have input to suggested changes.

Canadian Malartic Community Presentation-October 22, 2015

Canadian Malartic Corporation formerly known as Osisko Hammond Reef Gold Project did a presentation at the Multi Use Facility. Presently there is no activity on this project because of the takeover of the company from Osisko to Canadian Malartic and are awaiting approval of the Environmental Assessment from the Provincial government. Attendance draw winners are 4 \$20 Walmart cards: Dawn Whitecrow, Allan Henderson III, Bill Wayash Sr., Lorna Cochrane, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation jacket draw winners: Cecilia Henderson, Sherry Sinclair

