

## 5.0 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The environmental assessment and development phases of a project review coincide with an effective and meaningful communications and consultation strategy. To this end, and as required by legislation, Tyhee NWT Corp believes and supports the concept that effective and meaningful communications and consultations contribute to the development of sound corporate and community relations. Further, the quality of these relationships can influence the timing of a project review associated with the public hearing process and to effectively address aboriginal concerns related to the project. This strategy has also been a component of current exploration activities and has been successful to date.

### 5.1 CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

Tyhee NWT Corp began consultation for the YGP in 2004 and has focused its consultation efforts on the local communities potentially affected by the YGP and has held informal meetings with various regulatory agencies. The goal of Tyhee NWT Corp's consultation efforts has and continues to be one that ensures the local communities have a sound understanding of the YGP and that input is solicited during the planning phase of the project.

During the current advanced exploration phase of the YGP, consultation has been focused on providing periodic updates on the preparation of the Developers Assessment Report through correspondence with the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board and where appropriate to the closest affected communities (N'dilo, Dettah and Yellowknife) and with the regulatory agencies that have particular interest at the project, specifically the Contaminant and Remediation Directorate of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Department of Environment. Similarly, site visits by the aboriginal community have also occurred during the current advanced exploration phase of the Yellowknife Gold Project.

### 5.2 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

The YGP lies within the shared traditional area of the Dogrib and Akaitcho First Nations, as defined in the Tlicho Agreement. Through this Agreement, the Dogrib have an informal agreement with the Akaitcho peoples to be informed of land use activities within the territory of the Tlicho Agreement.

In 2004, Tyhee NWT Corp initiated consultation with aboriginal communities. The YGP consultation involves the Dogrib, Yellowknives Dene First Nation, Lutsel K'e Dene, Deninu K'ue First Nations and North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA). On the advice of the MVEIRB, the Northwest Territory Métis Nation was added to the consultation list in the summer of 2007.

Since 2007, consultation within the Akaitcho First Nations has been primarily with the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (in Dettah and N'dilo), as the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) identified that the Yellowknife Gold Project was in their exclusive

territory. Therefore, Tyhee NWT Corp has focussed its consultation efforts with the YKDFN and has, as suggested by the MVEIRB included similar discussions with the North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA).

As a result of the economic recession in 2008 which carried over into 2009 and 2010, Tyhee NWT Corp's consultation efforts have focussed on meetings with the YKDFN economic arm (Deton'Cho Corporation) during which the Chiefs from both N'dilo and Dettah attended some of the discussions. The 2008 (including 2009 and 2010) recession also resulted in limited discussion and meetings within the communities of N'dilo and Dettah.

With the above in mind, Tyhee NWT Corp focussed on the following groups:

Yellowknives Dene First Nation - Dettah  
PO Box 2514  
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P8  
(867) 873-4307

Yellowknives Dene First Nation – N'dilo  
Yellowknives Land and Environment Committee  
PO Box 2514 – Orah Tili  
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P8  
(867) 873-8951

North Slave Métis Alliance  
4916 – 49 Street  
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N3  
(867) 873-9176

When meeting in the communities all arrangements have been made through the Land and Environment staff and in some cases were the only participants in the discussion, which included project updates and permit renewal applications where applicable.

Guided tours of the YGP area were carried out with the elders of the YKDFN and the NSMA in August 2005. In the fall 2006, a Traditional Land Use Study was completed for Tyhee NWT Corp by the NSMA (Appendix G). Tyhee NWT Corp's efforts to engage the YKDFN on a traditional land use study were unsuccessful. Since the activities at the YGP have remained consistent with those activities witnessed by the elders tour noted above, no further site tours involving the YKDFN or NSMA have occurred.

### 5.3 REGULATORY AGENCIES

Since the initial meeting with the Mineral Development Advisory Group (MDAG) in January 2005, Tyhee NWT Corp project personnel have, on numerous occasions, met with the land use inspectors of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, the Contaminant and Remediation Directorate of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada staff and the Federal Departments of Fisheries and Oceans and Environment. Similar meetings are

planned with these departments, and possibly others, as the YGP moves through the environmental assessment process and subsequent regulatory process later in 2011. These meetings have provided an effective mechanism for information sharing and coordination between the regulatory agencies and Tyhee NWT Corp. Since that time, updates to the regulators have been carried out through communications or face-to-face meetings with the MVLWB and the MVEIRB

## 5.4 CONSULTATION EVENTS

Table 5.4-1 is a summary of Tyhee NWT Corp's primary consultation efforts from May 2004 to the present. A detailed communications log with aboriginal communities and regulators, including meeting notes, is provided in Appendix G.

<b>TABLE 5.4-1: CONSULTATION EVENTS INITIATED BY TYHEE NWT CORP</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>Primary Discussion Items</b>
May 3, 2004	Aboriginal communities*	YGP Introduction package mail-out.
June 4, 2004	Aboriginal communities*	Formal request for communications meeting on YGP's activities and 2004 scientific research applications.
June 15, 2004	Dogrib Treaty 11 Council	Primary interest is YGP's progress, with opportunities for input into the regulatory process.
June 25, 2004	Lutsel K'e Dene Band	A suitable meeting date could not be arranged.
July 8, 2004	Yellowknives Dene FN	Meeting held in Dettah to discuss YGP.
July 8, 2004	North Slave Métis Alliance	Meeting held in Yellowknife to discuss YGP.
August 25, 2004	Dogrib Treaty 11 Council	Review YGP consultation summary.
August 30, 2004	North Slave Métis Alliance	Review YGP consultation summary. Consultation summary details inputted as requested.
August 31, 2004	Lutsel K'e Dene Band Yellowknives Dene FN	YGP consultation summary mailed to Lutsel K'e and delivered to Yellowknives Dene Dettah and N'dilo communities.
October 14, 2004	Dogrib Treaty 11 Council Lutsel K'e Dene Band North Slave Métis Alliance Yellowknives Dene FN	2005 scientific research application mail-out.
November 12, 2004	Dogrib Treaty 11 Council North Slave Métis Alliance Yellowknives Dene FN	2004 YGP Progress Report (environmental baseline data collection) mail-out.
November 18, 2004	North Slave Métis Alliance	Meeting held in Yellowknife to update programs and discuss summer programs for 2005.
November 18, 2004	Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) (Chiefs)	Meeting held in Yellowknife to update project and discuss summer programs for 2005.
January 18, 2005	CSO, INAC	Meeting with CSO in Yellowknife to discuss YGP progress and ensure good coordination between CSO and Tyhee NWT Corp.

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January 19, 2005	Mineral Development Advisory Committee (MDAG)	Meeting with MDAG in Yellowknife on YGP progress and to ensure regulatory bodies are informed of YGP activities.
June 10, 2005	Scoping Meeting with MVEIRB	Scoping sessions with interested parties to discuss the Terms of Reference for the DAR of the YGP.
August 11, 2005	Yellowknife Dene First Nation	Elder's site visit to the YGP Property.
August 12, 2005	North Slave Métis Alliance	Elder's site visit to the YGP Property.
August 28, 2006	MVEIRB, MVLWB	Individual meetings with the board staff to discuss the progress on the project (Meeting Notes in Appendix G).
September 30, 2006	North Slave Métis Alliance	Meeting with Elders to gather information on NSMA Traditional Land Use.
February 13, 2007	North Slave Métis Alliance	Draft of Traditional Land Use Study by NSMA.
March 20, 2007	Yellowknife Dene First Nation	Meeting to update them on Yellowknife Gold Project and Discuss the YKDFN Traditional Land Use Study.
March 21, 2007	North Slave Métis Alliance	Meeting to update them on Yellowknife Gold Project.
October 15, 2007	MVLWB and MVEIRB	Joint meeting with staff to update them on Yellowknife Gold Project and ask advice on moving the project forward. (Meeting Notes in Appendix G).
November 26, 2007	North Slave Métis Alliance	Meeting to update them on the Yellowknife Gold Project, exploration activities and existing water license renewal application which included an estimated timeline for moving the project forward. (Meeting Notes in Appendix G).
November 27, 2007	NWT Métis Nation	Meeting to update them on the Yellowknife Gold Project, exploration activities and existing water license renewal application which included an estimated timeline for moving the project forward. (Meeting Notes in Appendix G).
December 5, 2007	Yellowknife Dene First Nation (Chiefs' Fred Sangris and Edward Sangris and key staff)	Meeting to update them on the Yellowknife Gold Project, exploration activities and existing water license renewal application which included an estimated timeline for moving the project forward. (Meeting Notes in Appendix G).
February 15, 2008	INAC, Director - Contaminated Sites Office	Meeting to discuss matters related to the continued use of the existing airstrip. Further meetings planned for April/May/June on same topic.
July 2008	Tyhee NWT Corp files revised Project Description Report to the MVEIRB	Copies were couriered directly to the YKDFN offices in N'dilo and Dettah to the attention of Chief T\setta and Sangris. Copies also sent directly to NMSA.

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August 27, 2008	Environment Canada referred the Yellowknife Gold Project to Environmental Assessment	The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board informed all interested parties of the planned environmental assessment and set a schedule for scoping sessions.
October 16 and 17, 2008	MVEIRB Scoping sessions in Yellowknife	All interested parties including the YKDFN technical staff attended these sessions, Tyhee NWT Corp made presentations followed by questions and answers. As the attendees were familiar with the project from the PDR submission in 2005, the MVEIRB was able to adjourn the scoping sessions and prepare the draft Terms of Reference.
January 30 2009	MVEIRB issued Draft Terms of Reference to Tyhee NWT Corp and interested parties for review and comment	Tyhee NWT Corp responded to the draft Terms of Reference.
May 22, 2009	MVEIRB issues Final Terms of Reference and Work Plan to Tyhee NWT Corp.	Tyhee NWT Corp acknowledges receipt of the Final Terms of Reference by letter dated June 19, 2009 and begins preparation of the DAR.
October 15, 2009	Deton'Cho Development Corp including Chief Sangris and Chief Tsetta in Yellowknife	General discussion on the project with brief overview of current status as well as discussion on business opportunities associated with the 2010 Winter Road resupply.
January 7, 2010	YGP site personnel meeting with Deton'Cho Development Corporation staff in Yellowknife	Discussions on 2010 Winter road construction, 2010 resupply and employments opportunities for YKDFN band members.
January 7, 2010	Informal meeting with Deton'Cho Executive Director and Chiefs Sangris and T'setta	Follow up to meeting earlier in the day as noted above. (Discussions on 2010 Winter road construction, resupply and employments opportunities for YKDFN band members.
January 19, 2010	Breakfast meeting in Vancouver with Deton'Cho Corporation operations staff including Chief T'setta.	Update on Yellowknife Gold Project and further discussions related to the winter road construction contract and resupply of materials to the Yellowknife Gold Project.
March 31, 2010	Meeting with Chief Ted T'setta in Dettah during the Metal Mining Opportunities Forum.	General discussions related to general Yellowknife Gold Project operations including the winter road and other business opportunities.
May 17, 2010	Meeting with DFO and EC in Yellowknife. .	Discussions on the Yellowknife Gold Project focusing on the Tailings Alternative Assessment.
November 16, 2010	Meeting with Deton'Cho senior personnel and Chief Sangris	Discussions focused on an update on the Yellowknife Gold Project as well as business opportunities for the upcoming winter road resupply season.
December 1, 2010	Meeting with Deton'Cho operations personnel.	Discussions on business opportunities including some comments by Deton'Cho personnel to access funds

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		for training YKDFN band members in the drilling field. Other business opportunities were discussed.
February 9, 2011	Tyhee NWT Corp site personnel meeting with Trinity Helicopters, a Deton'Cho company in Yellowknife	Discussion focused on potential rotary aircraft services with Tyhee NWT Corp as the Yellowknife Gold Project moves forward.
February 10, 2011	Tyhee NWT Corp senior management meeting with Deton'Cho senior management in Yellowknife	Discussions on current and future business opportunities and providing an update on the Yellowknife Gold Project.
February 22, 2011	Meeting with DFO staff in Yellowknife	Discussions focused on the Tailings Alternative Assessment (TAA) currently underway for the YGP and this meeting was an update on status of the TAA.
February 24, 2011	Site tour with Deton'Cho senior personnel	Drove up the winter road to the YGP and returned the same day. Purpose was more of a familiarization visit for the senior Deton'Cho personnel.
February 25, 2011	Meeting with INAC-CARD personnel in Yellowknife	Discussions focused on the continued use of the airstrip, access road and laydown area and possible use of the tailings cap for other project development activities such as a larger laydown area for construction materials.
February 25, 2011	Meeting with CANOR's NMPO personnel in Yellowknife	Discussions focused on a project update related to the EA and Regulatory Process and how the NMPO can assist in ensuring both processes proceed in a timely manner.

## 5.5 COMMITMENTS AND AGREEMENTS

Tyhee NWT Corp has not as yet made any commitments or agreements with any group; however, we are investigating possible instruments that will give the focussed aboriginal groups an opportunity to participate in the YGP through various contracts and other business opportunities. It is expected that these discussions will occur during the environmental assessment process and continue into the regulatory phase of the Yellowknife Gold Project.

## 5.6 OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND RESOLUTION EFFORTS

There are no outstanding issues at this time that require resolution. Once the various agreements are in place, these agreements will of course have dispute resolution mechanisms built into those agreements.