

# **Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation**

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### Meeting Report for MVEIRB Public Registry EA1011-002

Main Issue/s: Archaeological/Heritage Assessment & Two (2) Day Workshop in Lutsel K'e.

<u>Meeting Date:</u> No meeting has occurred, these communications occurred via fax and email between TNR Gold Corp. and/or Aurora Geosciences and Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation.

<u>Attendees:</u> No attendees, these communications occurred via fax and email between TNR Gold Corp. and/or Aurora Geosciences and Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation.

Summary of Discussion: Please see attached correspondence.

**Developer Commitments:** 

Regarding Archaeological/Heritage Assessments:

The developer, TNR Gold Corporation, has committed to 1. Assessing and protecting archaeological sites, 2. Initiating this commitment, 3. Inviting representatives from Lutsel K'e to assist an archaeologist so that any historic sites can be identified and preserved, 4. Inviting the opportunity to apply traditional knowledge directly on the ground to ensure that important sites are protected, 4. Arranging and scheduling the site visit for three (3) people from Lutsel K'e and possibly more in the Spring 2011, once the ground clears.

Regarding Two (2) Day Workshop in Lutsel K'e:

The developer, TNR Gold Corporation, has committed to 1. Hosting a two-day workshop in Lutsel K'e prior to the MVEIRB Public Hearing at the MVEIRB Information Session held in Lutsel K'e on October 28, 2010, 2. Committing to conducting another workshop before any exploration work commences and having this new commitment entered into the MVEIRB Public Registry.

Outstanding Issues for the party:

Regarding Archaeological/Heritage Assessments:

Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation retains the right to free, prior, informed consent and any and all information collected by Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation members remain the intellectual property of Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation, this information includes traditional knowledge, oral histories and artifacts. Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation requires final approval of any archaeologist hired to do the work described. Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation requires more than one day and three people to complete the work described, a

suitable time frame and delegation will be decided by the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation through further discussions with the developer and our own internal process', if required.

Regarding Two (2) Day Workshop in Lutsel K'e:

Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation accepted the commitment made by the developer the host a two-day workshop in Lutsel K'e prior to the MVEIRB Public Hearing scheduled for November 19, 2010 in Yellowknife. Unfortunately the developer has not been able to uphold this commitment. It seems to LKDFN that the schedule of the INAC Consultation Support Unit is a barrier to this workshop being held. LKDFN notes that the developer did not contact their office to schedule this workshop until November 8, 2010 and that on November 9, 2010 the developer offered another commitment to hold a workshop prior to any work commencing on the proposed project. LKDFN believes that this forward looking statement is inappropriate as the MVEIRB has not completed its assessment of the proposed project nor made any decision or recommendation to the responsible ministers as to whether or not this proposed project should proceed.

#### Action Items:

Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation would like the information in this report and attachments added to the MVEIRB Public Registry. The LKDFN has proven to be more than flexible and accommodating in regards to building a respectful relationship with the developer. It is Canada's responsibility to ensure the honour of the crown is upheld in regards to the consultation and accommodation of First Nations and it must be noted for the record that the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation has not frustrated the consultation process in regards to TNR Gold Corp.'s proposed Moose project In any way.

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Signature of Party Representative:

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Signature of Developer Representative:

November 10,

Date:



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Chief Antoine Michel Lutslke'e Dene First Nation

Oct 15, 2010

Dear Chief Michel,

During the information session held in N'dilo on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010, TNR Gold Corp had the opportunity to present its proposed work plan for the Moose property to community representatives. At that meeting the representatives were able to ask questions and present their views on potential issues with the program. It was evident from the meeting that there is significant concern over the location and potential disturbance of archaeological sites within the Moose Property.

In its permit application to commence work on the Moose property, TNR Gold Corp committed to assessing and protecting archaeological sites. We would like to initiate this commitment and hope that representatives from your community will assist an archaeologist so that any historic sites can be identified and preserved. The opportunity to apply traditional knowledge directly on the ground to ensure that important sites are protected will be invaluable in planning the first phase of this exploration program.

Ideally we would like to arrange a day when representatives from several different communities can visit site at the same time this fall. If there is an interest from your community to visit the site, please respond to this letter and indicate who will be attending. At this time we must limit the number of people to three per community, but as arrangements move forward there may be opportunity for more. TNR Gold Corp will endeavour to arrange a visit that will accommodate all people involved this fall, in the event that a suitable date can not be agreed upon before the snow falls, a trip can be arranged in the spring once the ground clears.

We look forward to working with the Lutslke'e Dene First Nation on this project and future exploration activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Corey Segboer Operations Manager Aurora Geosciences Ltd. On behalf of TNR Gold Corp.

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Date: Fri, 12 Nov 2010 13:41:25 -0800 Subject: Re: TNR commitment to conduct Workshop with Lutsel K'e FN From: basil.chris@gmail.com To: lkdfnwled@hotmail.com CC: doraenzoe@yahoo.ca; corey.segboer@aurorageosciences.com; mikesieb@tnrgoldcorp.com; cmggary@gmail.com

Good Day Sonya,

I have read the attached Meeting Report you have prepared to submit to the MVIERB.

Unfortunately TNR cannot sign the attached letter in its present form because there are a few points that differ from our recollection.

Specifically TNR has a different recollection concerning the proposed workshop meeting(s) and other points raised in your Meeting Report.

- 1. At the end of our meeting on October 28th members of the Lutsel K'e community expressed that they wanted more time to discuss the proposed project and exploration terminology in general. There was no specific length of time agreed to at that meeting for this additional consultation/workshop. The suggestion of a two day workshop arose later from communications from the Lutsel K'e. (email from Lutsel K'e to TNR on October 29th presenting possible dates for a two day workshop in their community)
- TNR began attempting to arrange the logistics for a workshop immediately by phone and have email records showing our communication with INAC (October 30th) and Lutsel K'e (November 1st). Your later states that TNR waited until November 8th to communicate with the Lutsel K'e about organizing the proposed workshop(s) which is not correct.
- 3. On November 8th TNR was asked by Lutsel K'e if we felt the proposed workshop could cover the issues in a one day session. TNR felt that that was possible and also felt it was best to arrange a one day workshop as soon as possible and see how it goes from there. TNR is committed to working with the communities.
- 4. The proposed workshop could not be arranged due to scheduling conflicts between the INAC representative's schedule and Lutsel K'e's schedule. TNR remained ready and willing to take part in the proposed workshop throughout this entire period of time in question.
- 5. With regards to archaeology and heritage, TNR has publicly stated and presented its commitment to conduct a site examination with community elders and an approved archaeologist. It is TNR's opinion that the small footprint of work proposed for the camp and drilling can be visited in one day. However we recognize that it will be the

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responsibility of an approved and experienced archaeologist to advise all parties on the time required to make an examination.

In conclusion TNR would like to reiterate that it is committed to working with the local communities in good faith and hopes it can build a positive and mutually beneficial working relationship.

Sincerely

Chris Basil Community Relations Officer TNR Gold Corp.

On Wed, Nov 10, 2010 at 4:22 PM, Sonya Almond <<u>lkdfnwled@hotmail.com</u>> wrote:

Chris, Good Afternoon

I am happy to hear that TNR would be glad to have that commitment entered into the record of the Review Board process.

A Meeting Report for MVIERB has been completed. Prior to submission to MVIERB your signature is required. Please review and sign off on the Meeting Report for MVIERB Public Registry EA 1011-002.

Have a good day

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Date: Tue, 9 Nov 2010 11:45:42 -0800 Subject: TNR commitment to conduct Workshop with Lutsel K'e FN From: <u>basil.chris@gmail.com</u> To: <u>lkdfnwled@hotmail.com</u>; <u>doraenzoe@yahoo.ca</u> CC: <u>Don.Aubrey@inac-ainc.gc.ca</u>; <u>corey.segboer@aurorageosciences.com</u>; <u>mikesieb@tnrgoldcorp.com</u>

Good Day Sonya,

It is looking like it is going to be very difficult to organize a follow-up workshop at Lutsel K'e in such short notice.

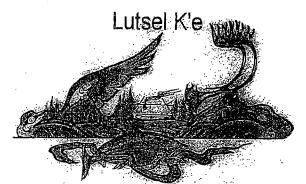
For the record TNR Gold Corp is willing and can formally commit to conducting another workshop before any exploration work commences. This gives everyone plenty of time to organize it.

We would be glad to have that commitment entered into the record of the Review Board process.

Please let me know your thoughts on that.

Best Regards,

Chris Basil TNR Gold Corp.



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