

Prairie Creek Mine All Season Access Road Engagement Plan

Background

CZN has had a regional presence in Fort Simpson for over a decade. CZN hired Wilbert Antoine as its Manager of Northern Development, based in Fort Simpson, in the summer of 2008. Mr. Antoine assumed the main community interaction function on behalf of CZN.

Also in 2008, CZN signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Parks Canada relating to the expansion of the Nahanni National Park Reserve and the future operation of the Prairie Creek Mine. The parties agreed to make every reasonable effort to address issues of common interest and build a strong working relationship, including convening a Technical Committee to better identify, define and consider issues of common interest. The Committee met every 3-4 months, and in 2009, representatives of the Dehcho First Nation were invited and did attend.

CZN signed MOU's with the Naha Dehe Dene Band (NDDB) and the Liidlii Kue First Nation (LKFN) in 2008. These were a precursor to Impact Benefit Agreements (IBA).

CZN and the NDDB concluded an IBA in January 2011. This was followed by an IBA with the LKFN in June 2011, and a socio-economic agreement (SEA) with the GNWT in August 2011.

As a means of including all neighbouring communities in the Dehcho in the economic development of the Mine, CZN formed the Nahendeh Aboriginal Economic Council (NAEC) in 2010. The intent of the NAEC is to provide a vehicle for the potential involvement of local community development corporations in economic opportunities that cannot be addressed by the IBA communities.

CZN maintains a visible presence in the region as a result of the regional Fort Simpson office, by sponsoring and attending the annual Canadian Zinc Open in Fort Simpson since 2003, and by sponsoring and attending an annual Winterfest in Nahanni Butte since 2010.

Future Engagement

At this pre-construction stage, CZN will be continuing engagement with local aboriginal groups on many fronts, as follows:

- Wilbert Antoine will continue with his regular informal and formal meetings (at least monthly) with LKFN, DFN and the Fort Simpson Metis in Fort Simpson, and his informal meetings with the Chiefs of neighbouring communities during their visits into Fort Simpson, during which he will provide updates on all issues relating to CZN;
- Wilbert Antoine will continue with his visits approximately every 6 months to the community of Nahanni Butte, during which he will update Band members on all issues relating to CZN;
- regular telephone calls, teleconferences and meetings will take place with NAEC members regarding current and potential future contracts;

- Senior CZN management will meet with the LKFN Band council in mid-summer, and if requested, the NDDB council and DFN also. These meetings are usually open to the community to participate, at least in Nahanni Butte;
- Senior CZN management will meet with the NDDB council during Winterfest in January 2015, and the LKFN Band council and DFN also;
- Senior CZN management will be in contact with at least the NDDB and LKFN during the course of the expected EA and permitting processes.

In addition to the above, CZN's engagement personnel (numbering 3) receive telephone calls from Band members and/or their representatives on a weekly basis. As a result, there is an almost constant process of on-going discussion, feedback and issue resolution.