

## **Information Request for the Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Environmental Assessment**

**Source:** Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, GNWT

**Directed to:** Consolidated Goldwin Ventures

**Subject:** Archaeological Site Data

**Preamble:** Recent correspondence from the proponent (Item 3: CGV Developer Response with Development Details) states that there are “*no indicated or known, or perceived archaeological sites within 0.5 km of the property boundaries of most of the areas (greater on the Cleft, JJ, ZZL and most of the FC and Moose Claims). Those around Jackfish Cove are noted and all are not in areas of interest.*” Based on the Modified Development Assessment Report for Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc. Preliminary Exploration Program (p.24), included with land use permit application MV2004C0038, this information appears to have been obtained at a public meeting held in Dettah on April 2, 2003.

The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Resource Centre is aware that, since this public meeting, new archaeological studies have been undertaken in the general area of the proposed exploration project. As a result of these studies, several new archaeological sites have been recorded and are contained in the NWT Archaeological Sites database. Particularly relevant to this exploration project are several archaeological sites recorded in the Moose Bay and Jackfish Cove areas.

It is unclear from the proponent’s submission, whether they are aware of the exact locations of these archaeological sites. The development maps indicate that at least one drill target and a potential trailer camp are planned for Moose Bay, where there are three recently recorded archaeological sites. In addition, there are two known archaeological sites within the Moose Claim, for which the drilling targets are currently undefined.

This information request is intended to ensure that the proponent is aware that the database is subject to change as archaeological studies are conducted and that proponents are able, subject to license agreement with the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, to access site specific data in order to avoid known archaeological sites. As per the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations, archaeological sites must be avoided by at least 30 m.

### **Request:**

a). Does the proponent plan to access the NWT Archaeological Sites database on an annual basis to obtain the locations of all archaeological sites in their development areas?