



Workshop on Aboriginal Culture and the Jay Project

February 25, 2015, Yellowknife, Champagne Boardroom, 2nd Floor, 5006 Franklin Ave

Background and Workshop Objectives

As a part of Dominion Diamond's ongoing Jay Project Environmental Assessment, we would like to invite you to a one-day Workshop on February 25, 2015 in Yellowknife, for a focused discussion on how the extension of Ekati Diamond Mine through the Jay Project may impact Aboriginal culture.

The Aboriginal culture workshop is intended to provide a forum for a formal discussion on how the Jay extension of the Ekati Diamond Mine might affect your community and culture. In particular, we would like to have discussions on how the Jay extension of the Ekati Mine might affect:

- Your community's perception of the land and wildlife in the area.
- Your community's knowledge of the land, places and hunting practices.
- Other cultural changes to your community.

The outcome of these discussions is to provide Dominion Diamond with a good understanding of how the proposed Jay Project might impact your community. As well, Dominion Diamond is always interested in hearing any traditional knowledge community members wish to share that is relevant to the project.

This workshop is part of Dominion Diamond's Jay Project Engagement Process. Dominion Diamond will prepare a report on the results of the session and share it with participants, communities, the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board, and interested parties.

To help you prepare, we are providing the attached agenda with additional information about the workshop.

Agenda Time	Agenda Item	Comments
9:00-9:15	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitator welcomes participants. - Facilitator provides brief comments on the purpose of the Workshop. - Facilitator goes over the day's agenda. - Facilitator provides "rules" for discussion. - Open the floor for participants to clarify agenda.
9:15-9:30	Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roundtable: participants identify themselves, and the group that they represent. - Observers to identify themselves.
9:30-10:00	Presentation on Jay Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by Dominion Diamond to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o present the project, o describe what the Review Board has asked be done to examine further whether the new program may impact Aboriginal groups' cultures, o provide some data/information on what is currently known about impacts and how the Corporation has worked with communities to date on assisting with their cultural continuity. - Roundtable: Q&A to expand on information provide in the presentation.
10:00-10:15	Break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organize for break-out groups.
10:15-11:15	Break-out groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 groups of approximately 6 participants to discuss issues and interests of their respective organization (focus on Jay Project but understanding this is part of a bigger economic and social context in this region of the NWT). - Each group to have a facilitator/recorder. - Facilitator to encourage the conversation, and record findings on flip charts.
11:15-12:00	Full Group Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roundtable where each group presents its observations on issues and interests. - Workshop facilitator to encourage focused discussion on which of the issues is of highest concern and priority to each of the Aboriginal organizations and to the Jay Project.
12:00-1:00	Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workshop facilitator and break-out facilitators caucus to go through the lists from the break-out groups to determine priority topics for afternoon discussions.
1:00-2:45	Break-out groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each of the 4 groups is given two of the amalgamated issues/ interests/themes to examine in greater detail (these are assigned by the Workshop facilitator through a brief dialogue at plenary). - Each group is asked to: - Provide more information on their topics; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Identify where there are sources of information (scientific, TK, community, administrative etc.) o Identify where there are gaps in information. o If the matter is not uniformly experienced across the region/communities, where are the effects most felt?
2:45-3:00	Break	
3:00-4:00	Full Group Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Break-out group facilitators to report back to plenary on the outcome of the break-out session.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workshop facilitator to encourage focused discussion on break-out group observations with the goal to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o reinforce these, o add to the information, o identify where there may be differences of perspective.
4:00-4:45	Full Group Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitated discussion of where there could be efforts made to mitigate the effects on Aboriginal culture in the region.
4:45-5:00	Closing remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be provided by Dominion Diamond - What will the next steps be in the process?