## **CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AT DENISON**

Denison has been focused on strengthening many long-term relationships, and building new relationships, with Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities who have a strong connection to the land on which it operates. Denison supports various community initiatives and activities, as part of its focus on community investment.

## 1. Wellness and Community Support

Denison's focus on community relations programs in Saskatchewan is to support community-led initiatives related to community wellness, particularly in response to the community level impacts in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is commensurate with the size and scale of Denison, with the intention to scale up over time as Denison grows. The program also emphasizes those initiatives that considers a sustainable approach to funding over time.

Over the past three years, Denison has actively supported:

- Snowmobile rally in Pinehouse Lake, intended to generate revenue to support local recreational programming for youth;
- Cultural and elders gatherings important initiatives to bring communities together safely during the COVID-19 pandemic in a culturally appropriate manner;
- Substantial financial support for renovations and improvements to English River
   First Nation Culture Camp at the Mawdsley Reserve;
- A long-term program to support the Elders of Sakitawak to manage the Ile a la Crosse market garden, producing cost-friendly produce for communities in northern Saskatchewan;
- Working with local Indigenous-owned suppliers to procure attire respectful of Canada's Day for National Truth and Reconciliation (September 30);
- COVID-19 supports, which included (a) partnering with a local distillery to produce, procure and deliver over 5000 units of hand sanitizer in the early days of the pandemic, and (b) working directly with the Northwest Communities Incident Command Centre on the development of a travel protocol for travel through northern Saskatchewan that would be respectful of the deep concern for the potential transmission of COVID-19; and
- Important spay and neuter program to manage dogs and safety in Ile a la Crosse.

## 2. Wheeler River Project Engagement

Denison is actively engaging with interested parties including Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and organizations associated with the Wheeler River Project.

Denison recognizes and is deeply respectful of the fact the that Wheeler River Project is located within the boundaries of Treaty 10, and is in the heart of the traditional



territory of the English River First Nation, and in the homeland of the Métis of Saskatchewan.

The Company has conducted site tours for the Indigenous and municipal leaders for communities of interest, including two site tours in 2019. These tours have focused on introducing the community members to the site and an overview of the Company's project-related activities and offering an opportunity for collaboration regarding the advancement of the Project.

The Company was pleased to announce in June 2019 that it executed a series of MOUs, in support of the advancement of Wheeler River, with certain First Nations and Métis communities who assert the project falls within their traditional territories and traditional land use activities are currently practiced within the local and regional area surrounding the project. These non-binding MOUs formalize the signing parties' intent to work together in the spirit of mutual respect and cooperation, in order to collectively identify practical means by which to avoid, mitigate, or otherwise address potential impacts of the project upon the exercise of Indigenous rights, Treaty rights, and other interests, and facilitate sharing in the benefits that will flow from the project.

In 2021, the Company continued to undertake engagement activities with interested parties in accordance with the requirements and guidelines for a Federal and Provincial Environmental Assessment process. The Company met with multiple interested parties to discuss ongoing EA studies and Project components and Indigenous land use studies are underway, the results of which are expected to be incorporated in the draft Environmental Impact Statement planned for submission in connection with project permitting.

## 3. Other Information Sharing

Denison's closed mine sites have always been an integral component of the local communities in Elliot Lake, Ontario. Denison has continued to engage and update community members through the distribution of a company newsletter, presentations to the City of Elliot Lake town council and site tours (though the latter two initiatives saw postponements due to COVID-19 restrictions in 2020 and 2021).

In addition, Denison prepares technical reports on the operation of the sites and the environmental status of the sites for the community and for the local Indigenous peoples that have been identified as stakeholders for the closed mine sites. These reports are also available on the Denison website.

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