

Community Relations Programs, Objectives and Achievements

The formation of NorthWest Copper Corporation in March 2021 brought together the assets and community relationships established by parent companies Sun Metals and Serengeti, both of which had conducted mineral exploration within the region for several years.

Within the last three years and prior to the formation of Northwest Copper, working relationships had been established with the Takla Lake First Nation, the Tsay Keh Dene Nation, and the Gitksan Nation - Nii-Gyap Hereditary Chiefs. Exploration Agreements for the Stardust and Kwanika projects were signed with the Takla Lake First Nation. For the East Niv project a joint Exploration Agreement was signed with the Takla Lake First Nation and Tsay Keh Dene Nation and a separate Exploration Agreement signed with the Gitksan Nation - Nii-Gyap Hereditary Chiefs.

Social engagement has been challenging in the past few years due to the Covid pandemic and a reluctance to travel to remote communities. Within those restrictions, the previous companies focused on providing direct employment to local Nation members, contracting Indigenous owned businesses, and providing skills training and first-aid training opportunities through the Nations employment coordinators.

In 2021, NorthWest Copper continued to build on the relationships that had been established with Indigenous communities and local communities of interest within our project areas. Our primary objective in 2021 was to introduce the newly formed company to Indigenous leaders and representatives and to explore ways to improve our information sharing and collaboration to enhance our ESG goals and performance.

We worked with four First Nations in 2021 -Takla Lake First Nation, Tsay Keh Dene Band, Gitksan Nation (Nii Gyap Hereditary Chiefs) and the Nak'azdli Whut'en Nation. This involved the implementation of Exploration Agreements that were already in place and some preliminary discussions around the updating of these agreements and the negotiations of new ones in 2022.

NorthWest Copper also engaged with local guide outfitters, trapline holders, traditional land users, and government representatives responsible for permitting mineral exploration and environmental protection.