NorthWestcopper

Due Diligence Practices and Procedures with Respect to Indigenous Rights

Many of NorthWest Coppers projects hold existing agreements with Indigenous leadership and communities.

Over the next few years, the Company will continue to implement these agreements, look to renew and update them, as well as negotiate new agreements where Exploration Agreements are not currently in place.

While the predecessor companies had good working relationships with Indigenous communities and employed many community members, NorthWest Copper is entering into more substantive dialogue with Indigenous leaders and representatives to discuss ways to improve collaboration, engage with communities, build and support ecological and cultural knowledge of the project areas, and assist Indigenous communities in stewardship planning and management through data collection when in the field.

We successfully hosted three site visits at our East Niv project in August for representatives of the Nii Gyap Hereditary Chiefs, the Tsay Keh Dene Chief and Council, and the Takla Chief and Councillor responsible for Lands and Stewardship. These site visits provided an opportunity to show Indigenous leadership the remote camp and demonstrate the Company's safety culture, environmental management, remediation and reclamation practices, and approach to geological research. NorthWest Copper also engaged with local guide outfitters, trapline holders, traditional land users, and government representatives responsible for permitting mineral exploration and environmental protection.

NorthWest Copper is also looking to improve its social management system by creating a better system to communicate with our communities of interest and the Company's shareholders. Included in this will be updating the Company's grievance mechanism and improving the management of its records of engagement.