

Public and Aboriginal Notification Requirements

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Overview of Presentation

- Public Notification Requirements
 - > Advanced Exploration Activities
- Aboriginal Notification Requirements
- First Nation Consultation
 - > Will NOT be discussing the modernization of the Ontario Mining Act
- Eagle Lake First Nation
 - > Principles of Consultation
- Questions

Public Notification

- Mining companies are required to provide public notification at the advanced exploration stage
- Activities considered to be in the advanced exploration stage include:
 - > Removal of overburden
 - > Bulk sampling
 - > Large remote camp sites
 - > Underground ramp and workings

Public Notification

- Advanced exploration activities require a permit from MNDMF
 - > Lands and resources use fall under the jurisdiction of numerous Ministries
 - > Permitting requests begin with an inter-ministerial meeting
- Public notification consists of a standard MNDMF notice in the paper of an open house where the public have an opportunity to make comments

Aboriginal Notification

- Mining act requires that Aboriginal communities are notified through the public notification process
- Amendments to the mining act will change this process:
 - > For more information visit http://www.mndmf.gov.on.ca/mines/mining_act_e.asp

First Nation Consultation



- Amendments to the Mining Act are going to change how First Nations are consulted
- Important for First Nation communities to be prepared:
 - Capacity to consult
 - Community resources
 - Process and procedures to follow



Principles of Consultation

- Migisi Sahgaigan (*translated is Eagle Lake*) has enacted the *Eagle Lake Keep the Land Sacred Declaration* that asserts our beliefs, values and principles as the people of Eagle Lake First Nation
- MUST occur where past, current or future activities impact our lands, resources, culture and rights
- *Mandatory for meaningful consultation based on Anishinaabe traditions and practices*

Principles of Consultation

The following steps are general guidelines for the mining company and First Nation to observe:

Step One	Proponent sends request to Eagle Lake First Nation Leadership
Step Two	Chief and Council send request to Elders
Step Three	Elders present recommendation to Community Committee
Step Four	Community Committee presents recommendations to Community Negotiating Team
Step Five	Community Negotiating Team present Terms of Reference to Chief and Council. Elders may conduct a ceremony.
Step Six	Chief and Council to sign Terms of Reference as per direction of the community

Principles of Consultation

- Grand Council Treaty #3
- Resource Law:
 - MANITO AKI INAKONIGA AWIN
known as The Great Earth Law
- Traditional protocols must be followed must be followed upon entering the treaty territory for the purposes of sharing in the lands, waters or resources
- <http://www.gct3.net/grand-chiefs-office/laws-and-policies/>

Questions?

Thank you

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