

Black Lake – March 10, 2015

Attendees

- **SRC:** Chris Reid (Gunnar), Dianne Allen (Lorado), David Sanscartier (Satellites), Mark Calette (Aboriginal Senior Advisor)
- **Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC):** Karina Lange, Adam Levine
- **Metis Nations of Northern Saskatchewan:** Earl Cook
- Allan Adam (Dene translator)
- 22 Community Members (wake in the community may have contributed to low turnout)

Discussion:

Q. Who licenses drilling on Black Lake? It might contaminate the lake.

A. Name of provincial authority will be provided.

Q. Was the meeting notice posted?

A. Yes.

Additional information:

- Discussion about student and intern positions

General Comments from Community

- Youth and Chief from Black Lake went to Ottawa for the CNSC hearing and to meet Prime Minister Harper
- Communities concerned about fire and caribou not returning as in olden days
- Gunnar and Lorado not a major concern to community because they are far away
- Dollars being spent on remediation instead of fighting fires that destroys habitat
- Concerned about low commercial fishing related to Gunnar and lake fish.
- They aren't criticizing SRC, SRC is doing a good job



Stony Rapids – March 10, 2015

Attendees

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- **CNSC:** Karina Lange, Adam Levine
- **Metis Nations of Northern Saskatchewan:** Earl Cook
- Allen Adam (Dene translator)
- 13 Community Members

Discussion

Q. How is asbestos stored at the site?

A. Friable is locked in a building and non-friable in supersacs and these will be tarped over this year for extra protection. The Gunnar Remediation will address all issues including the asbestos.

Definition of friable and non-friable asbestos: an ACM (Asbestos Containing Material) is considered **friable** if it can be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure. If it can't, it's considered **non-friable** ACM.

Q. What will be done with waste rock and the pit?

A. All areas of the site, including the three tailings areas, are going to be addressed in the design.

Q. What will be done about gamma radiation at the satellite sites?

A. They will be covered or a risk assessment will be done to determine if there is an issue at that site.

Additional Information

- We will work with all Athabasca communities that need to provide input into the plan, including Camsell Portage.

General Comments from the Community

- Interest expressed in CNSC compilation on the hearing and participant funding

Hatchet Lake/Wollaston Lake – March 11, 2015

Attendees

- **SRC:** Chris Reid (Gunnar), Dianne Allen (Lorado), David Sanscartier (Satellites) and Mark Calette (Aboriginal Senior Advisor)
- **CNSC:** Karina Lange, Adam Levine
- **Metis Nations of Northern Saskatchewan:** Earl Cook
- Allen Adam (Dene translator)
- 24 Community Members

Discussion

Q. How will you clean up the water?

A. CNSC responded to concerns, but comments continued about contamination. Elders spoke about the importance of water, lack of jobs, need for contractors to start up here, love of the land and treaty land entitlement.

Q. Are there meeting minutes from the other community meetings?

A. Meeting records are available on www.saskcleans.ca

General Comments from the Community

- Hatchet Lake want jobs; they have the capacity
- Separate meetings for communities are not their preference. They want to present an Athabasca Basin position. They want a consistent approach.
- Community concerned about buried contaminated material. They don't want it just covered. Problems will continue as the water still flows underneath. The groundwater will still be contaminated. They are concerned that contamination in water will affect the fishing industry
- Suggested hiring a liaison worker to help PNM make contact with Hatchet Lake; work with Jean Besskkaystare (Economic Development Councilor) & Flora Natomagan - NCB Coordinator
- Concerned trees won't grow in shallow layer of soil

Uranium City – March 12, 2015

Attendees

- **SRC:** Chris Reid (Gunnar), Dianne Allen (Lorado), David Sanscartier (Satellites) and Mark Calette (Aboriginal Senior Advisor)
- **CNSC:** Karina Lange, Adam Levine
- **Metis Nations of Northern Saskatchewan:** Earl Cook
- Allen Adam (Dene translator)
- 15 Community Members

Discussion

Q. Can we have a copy of the CNSC presentation?

A. Yes.

Q. Does Allen represent Metis Local and Uranium City?

A. Yes.

Q. Why aren't holes backfilled and probes used to determine size of cavities?

A. Regulators say concrete bulkheads are designed by engineers. SRC gets an exemption to use stainless steel caps which guarantee longer life. Ministry of Economy doesn't trust backfill because of collapses.

Q. What sites will be remediated next?

A. Lorado Mill Site

General Comments from the Community

- Community would like dates for Gunnar workshops
- Concerned about slurry tanks that were buried with bulldozers on ridge; when they rust and fill with water, they'll leak contaminants
- Concerned about Beaverlodge sites contaminating lake and health risks related to being downstream of mines around Uranium City
- Asked SRC to create plain language report on monitoring; concerned about long-term monitoring of the site.
- Recommend looking for permanent solutions to stainless steel caps
- Concerned about aboriginal Athabasca targets vs. Athabasca or RSN
- Ensure list of regional suppliers is accurate and complete
- McIntosh Bay is used by Fond du Lac people. Check on their current and future use for satellite sites
- Consult with Fond du Lac for land use on satellite sites as some people hunt in the areas east of the Crackingstone peninsula
- Summaries of reports (e.g., executive summaries) should be in layman's terms; could also be translated into Dene
- Recommend putting up posters about Cinch North Road closure
 - *Follow up: SRC hung posters in Uranium City in summer 2015 about closure*



- SRC drove to Cinch North after the meeting and there were no sign of snowmobile trails or other trails on it.
- Provide education in schools in the Athabasca region on the dangers of abandoned mines
- Land use study: make sure to gather info on traditional knowledge; consult with PAGC
- Use permanent closure method as much as possible (e.g., backfill a long-term solution) rather than using temporary fixes such as stainless steel covers
- Recommend hiring local people to help with site assessments and as site tour guides
- Concern about polyurethane foam and its longevity. Community member explained what was done at Baska Dot
- Would like government have a memorandum of understanding with the Athabasca people to guarantee ICP commitments



Fond du Lac – March 13, 2015

Attendees

- **SRC:** Chris Reid (Gunnar), Dianne Allen (Lorado), David Sanscartier (Satellites), Mark Calette (Aboriginal Senior Advisor)
- **CNSC:** Karina Lange, Adam Levine
- Allen Adam (Dene translator)
- 12 Community Members

Discussion

Q. Could a cover system, like the one at Lorado, work at Gunnar?

A. Yes.

Q. When is deadline to apply for CNSC intervener funding?

A. Information will be posted about funding application soon.

Q. What can we comment on?

A. Anything about the project.

Q. What will you do with the waste rock?

A. We are looking at options.

Q. Is there any ore left at Gunnar?

A. SRC will look into it.

Q. How far under the lake are the underground mine workings?

A. Not far.

Q. How many liters of groundwater is still seeping into Nero Lake?

A. SRC will research this and provide an answer.