

# Communications Plan for Duration of Site Stabilization Activities

## Overview

The Giant Mine Remediation Project Team (Project Team) is planning on conducting work at the site to address immediate risks to the health and safety of the public and the environment. The work will include the deconstruction of the roaster complex and the stabilization of certain underground areas.

## Communications Objectives

- Keep public and stakeholders informed of progress on roaster complex and underground stabilization work
- Inform public and stakeholders of any unplanned events related to the site stabilization work
- Provide opportunities for public and stakeholders to give input on the ongoing work

## Communications and Engagement Tools

This table outlines when information will be made available, how it will be communicated and what information can be expected.

Timing	Tools/activities	Information
Now until contracts are awarded	Web updates, newsletter, media interviews, emails to interested parties, meetings with key stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General information about work required</li> <li>• Update on regulatory process</li> </ul>
When contracts are awarded	web update, News release,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contractor's name</li> <li>• Cost of work</li> <li>• Rationale for choice</li> </ul>
1 month prior to ground work starting	Web update, newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on work to date</li> <li>• Estimated start date</li> </ul>
1-2 weeks before on the ground work begins	Newspaper notice, web update, written notice to parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announcement of work starting</li> </ul>
Every month or as required	Media briefings, open to the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress/status update of the work</li> </ul>
Every month	Regular updates/meetings with GMCA, GMAC, City and YKDFN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress/status update of the work</li> </ul>
Every month during active operation	Web updates, newsletters, email notice to parties and Boards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress/status update of the work</li> <li>• Summary of outcomes from environmental and health related inspections, and air and water quality monitoring carried out by the Project team</li> </ul>
Once or twice during active operation	Newspaper column	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress/status update of the work</li> </ul>
Seasonal start of activities	Web update, newspaper notice, written notice to Parties and Boards, newsletter, public forum, media briefing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notice of start of seasonal work</li> <li>• Anticipated schedule of work</li> <li>• Type of work required</li> </ul>
Seasonal close of activities	Web update, newspaper notice, written notice to Parties and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notice of end of seasonal work</li> </ul>

	Boards, newsletter, public forum, media briefing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• progress and status update</li> </ul>
End of work	Web update, newsletter, media briefing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final report provided to all parties and media</li> </ul>

## Target Audience

The following are the groups identified as audiences who require information related to the Site Stabilization Plan.

- Residents of Yellowknife
- Residents of Ndilo
- Residents of Dettah
- Yellowknives Dene First Nation
- Giant Mine Advisory Committee
- Tlicho First Nation
- North Slave Métis Alliance
- Lutsel K'e First Nation
- NWT Métis Nation
- City of Yellowknife – Administration
- City of Yellowknife - Council
- AANDC Inspectors
- DFO Inspectors
- EC Inspectors
- Alternatives North
- Ecology North
- Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
- Workers Safety & Compensation Commission
- City Emergency Services
- Media
- Members of the NWT Legislature
- Giant Mine Community Alliance
- Back Bay Community Association

## Communications in Emergencies

The current care and maintenance Emergency and Spill Response Plan has been developed by technical experts to address a range of emergencies, from spills to fires to accidents. The onsite contractors for the SSP activities will be required to prepare a crisis/emergency response plan of their own. Subsequently, the current Response Plan may be updated if required.

The Project Team has a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Yellowknife with respect to emergency response, specifically to provide firefighting and ambulance service to the site. The contractor will be required to meet with the City to ensure it understands the potential risks related to the Site Stabilization activities and the services and equipment which may be required in the event of an emergency.

The Project Team will communicate emergencies or crises occurring on site to the public, the media and stakeholders, through the AANDC Communications Branch and the Project spokesperson as soon as possible.

The Project Team will initiate communications with stakeholders via direct phone calls and email. The public will be made aware of incidents via the media. If the incident occurs at night or on a weekend, the Project Team will contact groups, leaving messages and emails if required. Following initial contact, the Project Team will continue updating the public on a daily basis or as needed until required.

If warranted, the Project Team also commits to hosting evening public meetings to discuss any incident at the site.