

# **Prairie Creek Mine Site Care and Maintenance and 2<sup>nd</sup> Decline Engagement Plan**

## **Introduction**

CZN has had a regional presence in Fort Simpson for over a decade. CZN hired Wilbert Antoine as its Manager of Northern Development, based in Fort Simpson, in the summer of 2008. Mr. Antoine assumed the community interaction function on behalf of CZN, and continues this function presently.

CZN concluded an Impact Benefits Agreement (IBA) in January 2011 with the Naha Dehe Dene Band (NDDDB), and an IBA with the Liidlii Kue First Nation (LKFN) in June 2011 for project development which, at that time, was envisioned as a Mine serviced by a winter road. These IBA's include provisions for community liaison positions and multiple committee meetings each year to review the implementation of agreement provisions and mechanisms to address any community concerns.

CZN applied for all season road (ASR) permits in 2014. The Report of EA for EA1415-01 recommended project approval. Subsequently, CZN agreed to negotiate an Environmental Management Agreement (EMA) with the NDDDB and LKFN to provide for Indigenous participation in all aspects of the ASR, including independent Dene monitoring. Negotiation of an EMA is close to completion, however as the final phase of ASR permitting continues, the Indigenous groups and CZN are already engaging with respect to the road development and management and monitoring plans.

While CZN continues to engage with Indigenous groups as we plan for mine operations, on-going site activities are also discussed.

## **EMA**

An EMA will provide for the participation of Indigenous groups (NDDDB, LKFN) in the ASR development. EMA negotiations were initiated last summer and there have been monthly meetings since, with some exceptions. Each meeting also provides a forum for discussing other matters. This will continue as meetings continue to conclude the EMA and implement Indigenous participation in ASR planning.

## **TLUA**

The NDDDB and CZN signed a Traditional Land Use Agreement (TLUA) on January 15, 2019. The TLUA will provide benefits to the NDDDB in addition to those included in the IBA, and a framework for training, employment, business contracts, and community capacity programs. The TLUA includes the establishment of a committee to oversee implementation of the Agreement, to support NDDDB liaison roles to gain employment and business capacity for the benefit of NDDDB Members and NDDDB Businesses, and to provide a forum to discuss other matters such as

site activities. The committee held its first meeting at the end of January 2019. Meetings are planned for three times per year.

## **RBA**

CZN is negotiating a Road Benefit Agreement (RBA) with LKFN to similarly provide benefits additional to the IBA in relation to the ASR. While the RBA has not yet been concluded, it is anticipated to have similar provisions as the TLUA with respect to advantages for training, employment, business contracts, and community capacity programs, and include an implementation committee. Liaison roles for employment and business capacity have been agreed, and an implementation committee meeting will occur in the near future, at which, like NDDB, other matters such as site activities will be discussed.

## **Training and Business Development**

Led by Chris Reeves, CZN's VP of Sustainability, CZN is participating in training and business development discussions with the aim of rolling out training programs and promoting business readiness for the development of the Prairie Creek Mine. These discussions involve all of the communities in the western Dehcho, the Dehcho First Nations, as well as the Acho Dene Koe (ADK) from Fort Liard, and are on-going.

Mr Reeves maintains frequent communications with the Chiefs, Band members and representatives of the NDDB, LKFN, DFN, Jean Marie River and ADK. Updates are provided and issues of concern are discussed.