



# Teslin Tlingit Council

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## Lands and Resources

Communications Best Practices for Project Proponents  
within the Teslin Tlingit Traditional Territory





## **TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL**

The Teslin Tlingit Council (TTC) is mandated to cooperatively continue to preserve and develop the social, economic, political and cultural well being of the TESLIN TLINGIT FIRST NATION, to maintain pride and independence based on trust and respect and to conserve the wildlife habitat and Traditional Territory for the well being of all future generations.

### **DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND RESOURCES**

The mission of the department is to maximize Tlingit control and jurisdiction over the lands and resources within the Teslin Tlingit Traditional Territory for future generations. By monitoring use of these lands and the natural resources entrusted to us, we can assist users of the land to minimize their impacts.

Many types of projects occur within our Traditional Territory. With our field staff, GIS capabilities and knowledge of the land, we are able to maintain an overview of activities and ensure no serious impacts to the land, our culture or heritage occur.

#### **Letter of Introduction**

TTC has the responsibility of monitoring industrial activities taking place within our Traditional Territory. We therefore maintain an overview of all activities within the Territory. In an effort to maintain a positive working rela-

tionship with proponents, we ask that a project proponent supply us with the following information in an introductory letter and on a pre and post-season basis:

- Proponent's name, address, telephone number, email, website, trading name (if any)
- Name of President and other key staff members
- Proponent history or most recent Annual Report or Company report
- Policies with respect to the environment and First Nation participation and relations
- Description of the level of activity for the current season of the project including location with a map, access, physical work and number of employees or a copy of the current Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Act (YESAA) application
- A list of permits and authorizations required for the project
- Related press releases
- Relevant spatial data
- Projected seasons of work

## POST AND PRE-SEASON MEETINGS

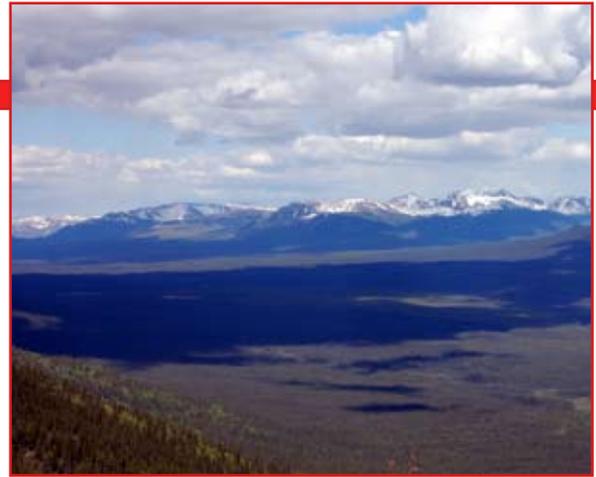
For activities taking place over a period longer than one year, following and prior to each season of work TTC would like to meet with each proponent or company representative when the scale of activities warrants such a meeting. Meetings could take place in Whitehorse or Teslin, and would involve a discussion of the activities that were undertaken in the preceding field season, or what work is expected to take place in the following season. An electronic information package including digital photos, GPS and/or GIS data can be submitted as supplementary and supporting information.

Pre-season meetings normally take place between April and June, while post-season meetings take place between September and January. When a meeting is not warranted due to the small scale of the activity, written or electronic information can be used to communicate the impact of the activity to the Environmental Officer.

All information shared with the Lands and Environmental Officer will be held in strict confidence.

## TTC SETTLEMENT LANDS AND RESOURCE ACT

The purposes of this Act are to ensure that settlement land and resources are held and managed in trust for all citizens, including future generations of citizens; establish a comprehensive and integrated process for making decisions that considers the importance of environmental, social, cultural and heritage values of citizens and



ensures protection and conservation of settlement land and resources for present and future generations; fully consider and use the knowledge and experience of citizens in making decisions about settlement land and resources; enhance control and responsibility for the use and protection of settlement land and resources by citizens; and protect the culture, traditions, health and lifestyle of citizens and to ensure that information about these things is used respectfully and wisely in making decisions about settlement land and resources.

## TTC MINING ACT

The TTC Mining Policy was developed to protect and accommodate TTC's Aboriginal and constitutional rights, title and interests; satisfy TTC principles for environmental, economic, social and cultural sustainability; and provide social and economic benefits directly and indirectly to TTC and related businesses.

The Policy has special implications for developments on Category A and B Settlement Lands in our Traditional Territory in both Yukon and British Columbia. For such developments, the reporting requirements may differ than what is described here.



### **Contact Information**

First contact between a project proponent and TTC takes place with the Lands and Environmental Officer (LEO) of the Department of Lands and Resources. The LEO is responsible for making submissions to the Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Board (YESAB) on behalf of TTC, as well as visiting active sites. Early, frequent and meaningful communication between a project proponent and the LEO is of benefit to both parties prior to and during a YESAA submission.

The LEO also reports to the TTC Executive Council on matters pertaining to land use, mining, and exploration. Any project proponent wishing to communicate with TTC should speak to the Lands and Environmental Officer.

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