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Input sought in development of Faro mine remediation plan

The Faro Mine Remediation Project is starting a six-month public engagement process and seeking input on the remediation plan for the Faro mine site.

The first phase of the consultation process will focus on gathering feedback on key environmental and socio-economic interests linked to the Faro mine site. These include items such as water quality, fish and fish habitat, plants, wildlife, local and traditional land uses, recreational uses, economic opportunities and other interests.

Comments can be provided by completing an online questionnaire or attending public community meetings. The submissions received will be used to consider the impact of the proposed remediation project's activities on the economy, people and the environment and will form part of a project proposal to be submitted to the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB).

Quotes

"Your input during this engagement and consultation period will help in the development of a final remediation plan. We are pleased to be moving forward towards the assessment and licensing processes and ensuring full consideration of the views of Yukoners and Yukon First Nations throughout."

– Minister of Department of Energy, Mines and Resources Ranj Pillai

Quick facts

- A questionnaire on environmental and socio-economic topics is available for completion online.
- The deadline for submitting comments is Monday, July 10, 2017.
- A second set of public meetings will be held in the fall 2017 to review how community interests were reflected and addressed in the remediation plan and project proposal.
- Public meetings will be held in Carmacks, Faro, Pelly Crossing, Ross River, Watson Lake and Whitehorse.
- The Devolution Transfer Agreement identifies the First Nations affected by the Faro Mine site as Ross River Dena Council, Liard First Nation, Kaska Dena Council and Selkirk First Nation.
- The consultation process is being led by the Faro Mine Remediation Project team which includes the Government of Yukon's Department of Energy, Mines and Resources and the Government of Canada's Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs.
- It is anticipated that the project proposal will be submitted to the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board in spring 2018.

Learn more: Faro Mine Remediation Project

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