

Indigenous Relationships – Case Studies in Natural Resource Management







#### Overview

- Tahltan Peoples and Resource Development
  - Red Chris Mine
- Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly and Highland Valley Copper
  - Traditional Plant Study
  - Returning Land Use Objectives

## Who Am I?

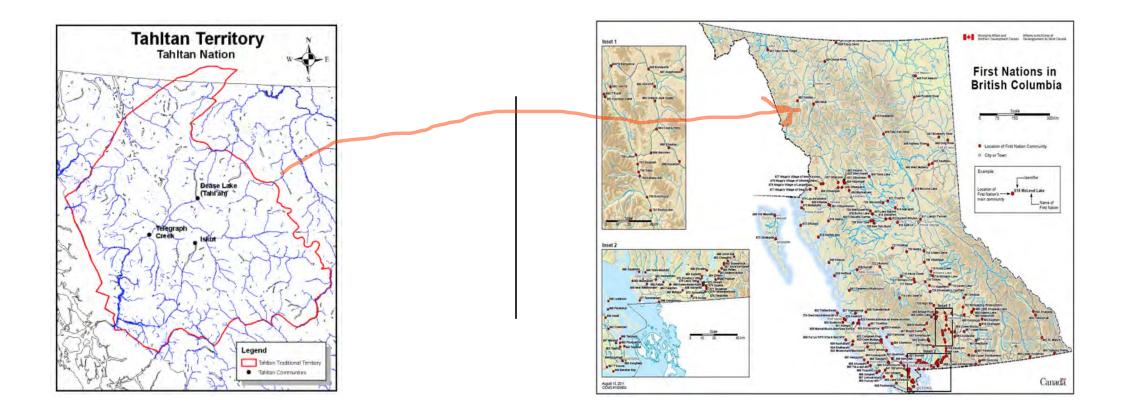
- Tahltan
- Mother with 1 Daughter
- Engineering Background
- Worked at Mines in Canada
- Worked with Indigenous Peoples, Government (Provincial, Federal)
- Awards (Women in Mining)



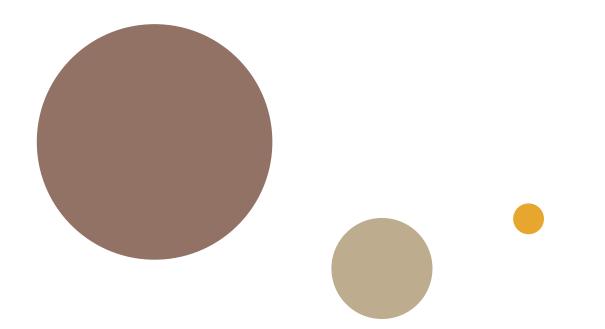






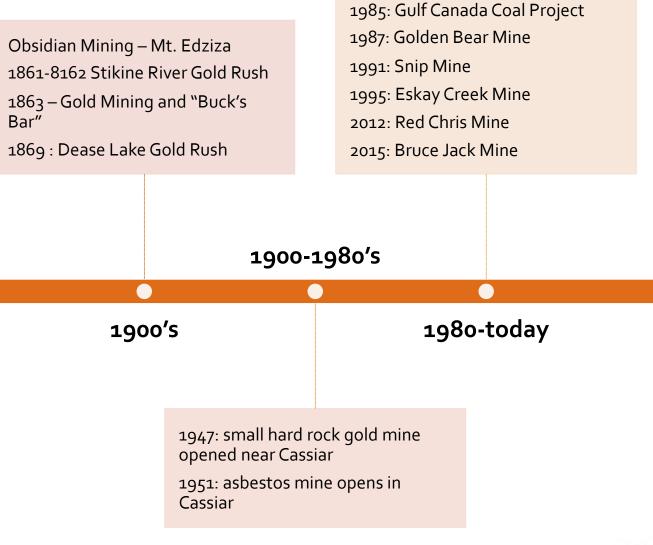


# **Tahltan Nation**



# Tahltan Nation and Mining

#### Tahltan Mining Experience





# Tahltan Mine Strategy

- To examine and explain a project's economic and legal aspects to the community
- To fully assess the projects risks and benefits
- To organize and budget for actions to mitigate risks
- To determine through community consultation how project fits within Tahltan vision
- To develop arrangements and institutions to assure that the project benefits all Tahltans
- To develop a negotiations strategy
- To develop formalized negotiation agreements.





## Tahltan Economic Development Corporation

- TNDC established in 1985
- Economic foundation for the Tahltan Nation
- Provides sustainable and responsible economic, employment and business development opportunities in Tahltan territory









# Red Chris Mine

## Independent Engineering Review Board

- A third party review of the Red Chris Tailings impoundment was completed in early 2015. A recommendation from this report was an independent engineering review board (IERB)
- The IERB met on site in 2015/2016.
- A Tahltan representative reports to the board.
- Tahltan have identified and supported one member of the technical review board.

# CNA and Highland Valley Copper

#### **Dust Distribution & Traditional Plant Study**

Two Overarching Objectives:

- Dust Mapping Study Gain increased understanding of mining activities and effects of dust
- 2. Traditional Plant Study -Work with communities to develop and implement a study of the potential for effects of mine dust on key traditional plants





## **Community Participation**

- Nlaka'pamux community members worked with HVC to design and implement the study
- Bands selected community members to participate in study – included elders, adult, some youth
- Workshops were held over two years to design the study
  - Development of research objectives
  - Study design
  - Study and reference area
  - Methods
  - Interpretation of results
  - Presentation of results
- Participation in sampling Interns



#### **Dust Distribution Study**



Highland Valley Copper Dust Study Sample Sites Legend 2013 Sample Sites

2013 Reference Sites



#### Traditional Plant Study – Community Engagement

- Plant to study
- Ways to harvest
- Where it is found growing
- Where and when it would be harvested
- What parts of the plants were harvested
- How to respectfully harvest according to traditional practices
- Concerns they have with the plant that may be related to dust
- How it is processed
- If it is washed prior to processing



#### Returning Land Use Plan

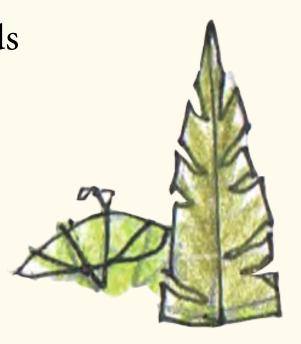


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#### **Returning Land Use Plan**

I. Recognition of Indigenous landsII. Meaningful collaborationIII. Technically soundIV. Living document





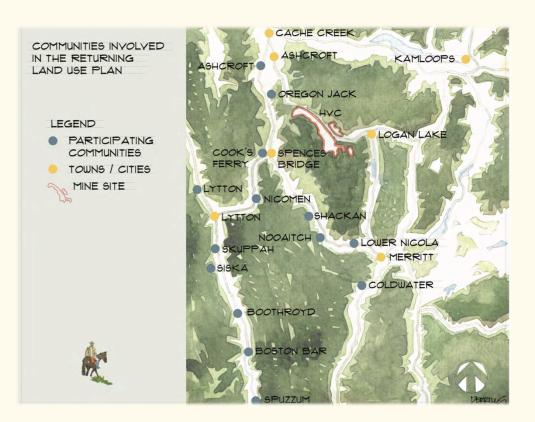
## I. Recognition of Indigenous Lands





#### Commitment

- 16 meetings in one year
- 14 Nlaka'pamux communities

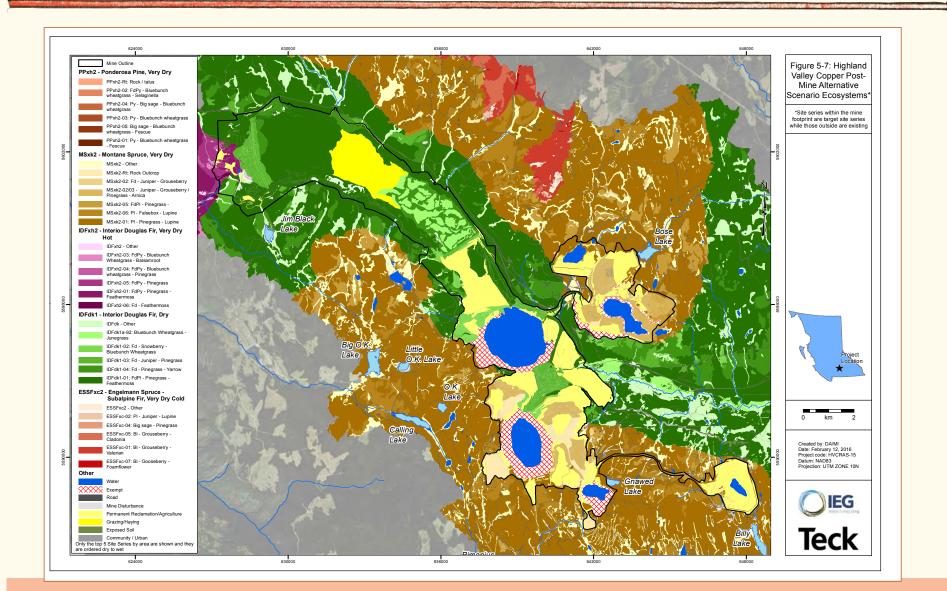






#### **Technical Report**



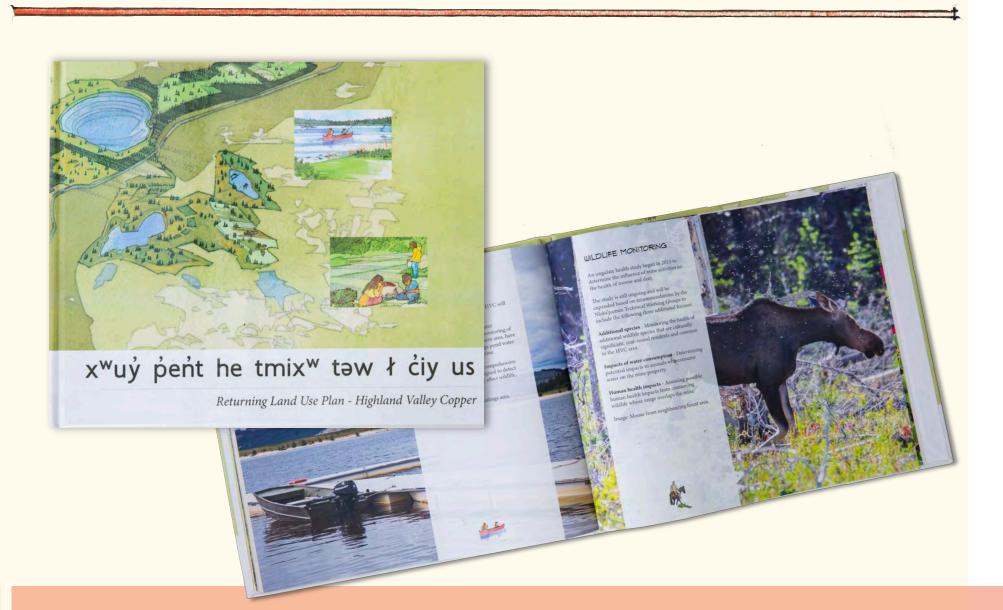




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## Tools to Consider

- Early Engagement with Leadership & Community.
- Established Relationship of Joint Cooperation and Mutual Respect.
- Provided Resources and Funds for Effective Participation to Enhance the Project.
- Encouraged & supported capacity development.
- Work constructively to address concerns prior to submission of a permit application.

- Special Assembly
- Shared Planning of Infrastructure
- Business Development opportunities
- Natural Resources Advisory Committees
- Applications developed in collaboration with Indigenous representatives.