



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE



MODERN GOLD MINING WORKSHOP

Summary Report



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Yellowknife, historically built around gold mining, faces an economic transition period. The NWT economy for the past decade has been sustained by diamond production, but several diamond mines approach closure. Renewed interest in gold driven by higher global prices and advances in modern mining technology presents economic opportunities but is tempered by community concern rooted in the legacy of sites such as Giant Mine. To support informed public discussion, the City of Yellowknife and the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) co-hosted two public workshops in November 2025 to explain contemporary gold mining practices, regulatory safeguards, and Indigenous participation in resource development.

The workshops (Yellowknife City Hall, Nov 22; Chief Drygeese Centre, Dettah, Nov 24) aimed to increase community understanding, hear concerns, and foster trust-based dialogue about potential future gold mining in the area. Presentations and panels featured regulators, Indigenous leaders, technical experts, and co-management board representatives. Each full-day session combined technical briefings, regulatory overviews, and facilitated questions and answer periods.

Attendance totaled 111 in-person (17 at City Hall; 94 in Dettah). Promotion used multi-channel outreach targeted at Indigenous governments, residents, and local stakeholders; sessions were recorded for public access. Post-workshop surveys indicate over 75% of respondents reported at least some improvement in their understanding of gold mining.

Key findings

- **Economic:** Participants acknowledged the potential for gold mining to offset job and revenue losses from diamond mine closures and to support Indigenous economic development.
- **Regulation and trust:** Presenters emphasized strengthened co-management, regulatory oversight, and incorporation of Traditional Knowledge. While some trust improvements were reported, Dettah attendees expressed more neutral or cautious views toward regulators and companies.
- **Environment and technology:** Attendees learned about modern mitigations (e.g., autoclave processing, progressive reclamation, security deposits) and ongoing remediation efforts; consensus acknowledged no-zero-risk but greater safeguards than historical practices.
- **Indigenous involvement:** Examples of Indigenous ownership and benefit-sharing were highlighted; participants emphasized the importance of meaningful equity, impact-benefit agreements, and capacity-building for Indigenous governments.

Successes included strong engagement (notably in Dettah), technical interest, and demand from other Indigenous governments to host similar events. Improvements recommended: shorter or more targeted sessions (e.g., half-day or evening formats), clearer high-level content with optional deeper technical sessions, and more Indigenous presenters.

Next Steps

The City will share this community-led education model at PDAC (March 3, 2026) and pursue additional workshops and partnerships to continue rebuilding trust, support informed decision-making, and explore pathways for Indigenous participation and economic opportunity in future mining activity.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Acronym / Abbreviation	Definition
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
DCE	Det'on Cho Environmental
GNWT	Government of the Northwest Territories
MLA	Member of Legislative Assembly
MVEIRB	Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
MVLWB	Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
NWT	Northwest Territories
PDAC	Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada
the City	City of Yellowknife
YKDFN	Yellowknives Dene First Nation

1.0 BACKGROUND

Yellowknife serves as the logistics hub of Northern Canada and has a long history rooted in mineral development. The city was originally built around two gold mines, including the Giant Mine, which closed in the early 2000s. The legacy of gold mining, particularly the environmental issues associated with Giant Mine, has left a lasting sense of caution toward the industry. In the years that followed, mining activity in the Northwest Territories shifted primarily to diamond production, which has since formed a significant part of the territorial economy.

Several of the Northwest Territories' diamond mines are now expected to close within the next five years, creating a foreseeable gap in economic activity. At the same time, rising global gold prices have renewed interest in gold exploration and production, making redevelopment of historic gold mining sites around Yellowknife more economically viable than at the time of their closure; however, the legacy of gold mines in Yellowknife, specifically that of Giant Mine, has left a lasting impact on the community and has contributed to the negative community perception of the industry.

In response to this changing economic landscape and the historic community perception, elected officials at the City of Yellowknife, in collaboration with the Yellowknives Dene First Nation, identified a need to support informed community discussion around potential renewed gold mining activity. As modern gold mining practices differ significantly from historical methods, there was a recognized opportunity to provide residents with accessible information to help them evaluate potential environmental and community impacts.

To address this need, the City of Yellowknife hosted a series of gold mining workshops for residents in Yellowknife and Dettah in November of 2025. The workshops were designed to increase public understanding of contemporary gold mining practices and to support informed, trust-based decision-making. This approach reflects the understanding that strong decisions are grounded in education, and that progress on complex issues can only move at the speed of trust.

2.0 WORKSHOP PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

2.1 Purpose and Objectives

The City of Yellowknife (the City), in collaboration with the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN), hosted two public workshops in November 2025 focused on exploring questions around modern gold mining practices and the related environmental regulations in place.

The purpose of the workshops was to provide an opportunity for residents of Yellowknife, Dettah, and N'dilo to learn about modern gold mining, hear from experts in the industry, ask questions, and voice concerns. Given the region's history with gold mining, the objective of the workshop was to begin a dialogue around present day mining practices, including what has changed since the Giant Mine and Con Mine were in production and if/how gold mining may be accepted as part of the city's economy in the future.

2.2 Workshop Topics and Speakers

Table 1 outlines the workshop presenters, their affiliation, and the topic of their presentation. In some instances, presenters or panelists varied between the two workshops.

Table 1 Presenters and Session Topics

Speaker	Affiliation	Topic/Presentation
Mark Lewis ----- Rebecca Connelly	Chief Executive Officer, Det'on Cho Group of Companies ----- Vice President of Strategy and Engagement, Det'on Cho Group of Companies	Report Summary: <i>Eyes on Indigenous Development Corporations</i>
Mark Cliffe-Phillips	Executive Director, Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB)	Shared Government, Shared Future: Co-management in practice ----- Regulatory and Environmental Impact Assessment Overview
Todd Burlingame, P.Geo	Past Chair of MVEIRB and Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB)	Gold Mining and Technology
Joe Campbell, P.Geo	Mineral Advisor to the Kivalliq Inuit Association	Processing Pathways & Products; Modern Technology and Managing Risks
Dianna Beck ----- Brett Wheeler	Director, Minerals and Petroleum Resources, Industry, Tourism and Investment – Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) ----- Department of Culture and Lands Protection, Tłı̨chq Government	Improved Mining Act and Regulations: The Joint Process, Indigenous Involvement, and Highlights of the Improvements

Ben Hendriksen ----- Shelagh Montgomery ----- Brett Wheeler ----- Joanne Deneron ----- Jen Potten ----- Jeff Rosnawski* ----- Mark Cliffe-Phillips	City of Yellowknife Mayor ----- Former Executive Director of MVLWB ----- Department of Culture and Lands Protection, Tłıchǫ Government ----- Chairperson of the MVEIRB ----- Regulatory Coordinator, MVLWB ----- YKDFN Counsellor ----- Executive Director, MVEIRB	Panel Discussion: NWT Regulatory Co-management System
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**Planned presenter though was unavailable day-of.*

Speaker bios for some of the presenters can be found in **Appendix A**.

2.3 Key Messaging

When developing the workshop agenda, the City and YKDFN wanted to ensure the following key messages were included:

- Gold mining has changed due to improved technology meaning the extensive harm done to the land and people by previous gold mining projects is never to be repeated.
- The MVLWB and MVEIRB are there to ensure Indigenous voices are represented and that environmental impacts are strongly considered during project development.
- The region is at a critical point due to the slow down of the diamond industry and Indigenous economic development corporations are feeling those effects. Gold mining could provide economic benefit through jobs and revenue.
- Indigenous governments have the potential to be active and equal participants in mining projects.

3.0 WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

3.1 Communication and Marketing Methods

The workshops were promoted through a targeted, multi-channel communications approach designed to build community awareness, encourage participation, and establish trust through clear and respectful information sharing. Communications focused on clearly conveying the purpose of the workshops and emphasizing that the sessions were open opportunities for dialogue, knowledge exchange, and diverse perspectives. Primary audiences included Indigenous governments, members, Elders, Yellowknife residents, and local businesses, with secondary outreach to regulators, NGOs, industry representatives, municipal leaders, and media.

Promotion utilized a mix of direct, digital, and community-based channels to maximize reach and accessibility. Tactics included direct invitations to key stakeholders, door-to-door flyer distribution in Dettah and N'dilo, posters in high-traffic community locations, email newsletters and e-blasts, social media posts and event pages, web banners, and paid and earned local media, including radio public service announcements.

Communications were rolled out over the four weeks leading up to the workshops, with an initial launch followed by increasingly frequent reminders as the event dates approached. Effectiveness was assessed by reviewing attendance relative to targets and monitoring media coverage and reach.

3.2 Attendance and Participant Summary

The workshop held at Yellowknife City Hall occurred on November 22, 2025, and was attended by 17 people in person. A recording of the whole session is uploaded on the city website and can be reviewed by the public [\[LINK\]](#). The workshop in Dettah, at the Chief Drygeese Centre, occurred on November 24, 2025 and was attended by 94 people. It should be noted that YKDFN provided member participants at the Dettah workshop an honorarium for their attendance.

3.3 Workshop Structure and Delivery

The workshops ran from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm with a morning and afternoon break, as well as a catered lunch. A copy of the agenda can be found in **Appendix B**.

The workshops were facilitated by Det'on Cho Environmental with City of Yellowknife Staff, the Det'on Cho Group of Companies. YKDFN staff were also present at the workshop in Dettah.

4.0 KEY WORKSHOP TAKEAWAYS

4.1 Core Themes

The workshop agenda development was guided by numerous core themes which were explored through the presentations and panel discussions. The following themes were woven into all the presentations and panel discussions.

- **Economy**
 - Presenters discussed the importance of future opportunities, such as that of potential gold mining, for the City of Yellowknife and the Yellowknives Dene First Nation post-diamond mine slow down and closure.
 - Participants heard about the anticipated loss of jobs and revenue for Indigenous and non-Indigenous residents as a result of the diamond mine closures, and the potential for job creation and revenue generation through modern gold mining.
- **Regulation**
 - Presenters discussed the ways in which the Northwest Territories (NWT)'s co-management system works to ensure the failure of past mining projects is not repeatable.
 - Participants learned about the history of the co-management boards, including how the process has been shaped and informed by Traditional Knowledge, as well as the lengthy timelines involved in these studies.
 - Presenters emphasized that no form of mining comes with zero risk. However, these risks are now far more regulated, with stronger precautions in place, making mining safer than ever before.
- **Environment**
 - Presenters acknowledged past failures and how the environment was negatively impacted.
 - Participants heard about ongoing efforts to clean up former mine sites, and how progressive reclamation and security deposits aim to ensure there is not another mine clean up like that required at Giant Mine.
 - Acknowledgement that land will never return to its original state after mining; however, this does not mean the area cannot remain healthy in the long term once the mine's life has ended.
- **Engagement**
 - Participants heard about the structure of the co-management boards in the NWT and how they work to ensure Indigenous voices are reflected in the decision-making process.
 - Panelists explained that although engagement with Indigenous Governments is a top priority during any resource development project, there is still work to be done to ensure capacity of Indigenous Governments meets the demand of industry in a mutually beneficial way.
- **Technical mining**
 - Presenters discussed how the introduction of the autoclave mitigated some of the risks of gold mining and how emerging technologies are working to take those mitigations further.
 - Participants heard about the modern-day uses of gold and how it is nearly impossible to replicate synthetically.
- **Indigenous involvement**

- Participants heard about examples of Indigenous-owned exploration and mining projects.
- Presenters shared how these endeavours are reshaping how mining is done in Indigenous communities, and how communities can benefit as active participants in mining.

4.2 Key Learnings/Practical Tools/Takeaways for Attendees

Through the results of the post-workshop survey (see **Section 5** for more information on the surveys), the following key takeaways/learnings were noted by attendees as ways in which their understanding of gold mining had changed because of the workshop.

- Some attendees noted an increased understanding that there are positive examples of Indigenous ownership and involvement in mining projects across Canada, and more specifically in the Northwest Territories.
- Attendees expressed an increased understanding of the role of the autoclave and other technologies in mitigating environmental effects.
- Attendees expressed an increased understanding of the role of the MVLWB and the activities they oversee as it relates to resource development.
- Attendees expressed an increased understanding the use for gold and why it is important.
- Between both workshops, over 75% of attendees who completed the post-workshop survey expressed that their understanding of gold mining was at least somewhat improved.

5.0 COMMUNITY PERCEPTION

5.1 Evaluation Form Results

Prior to the start of both workshops, participants were invited to complete an anonymous pre-workshop survey. This survey was designed to gauge the level of knowledge, trust, and interest among attendees in the session topics and presenters. Participants were also asked to complete an anonymous post-workshop survey. This survey focused on understanding if participants gained anything from the sessions, whether their perspectives changed, and feedback on what could be improved for future workshops. A copy of both surveys can be found in **Appendix C**.

Section 5.1.1 summarizes the responses.

5.1.1 What We Heard

Figures 1 - 3 demonstrate the responses to each close-ended question in the pre-workshop survey as a percentage of the total number of respondents. Both the City Hall dataset and the Dettah dataset are presented together. The following summarizes the responses to the pre-workshop survey question; “*What are you most interested in learning about today?*”.

- Pre-workshop survey
 - 17 responses at the City Hall workshop.
 - Participants identified that they were interested in learning about:
 - Recent developments in gold mining, both in the region and at large, and what the effects of gold mining are on the NWT and its communities, including Indigenous involvement and interests.
 - How regulatory bodies and companies will evolve their practices and how mining can be done responsibly, if there is an interest in it.
 - How the rules and technology have changes so that another Giant Mine case cannot happen again.
 - How the mining process starts and who is engaged from the beginning as well as how remediation controls could be implemented prior to the start of a project.
 - How gold is used and the geology of gold.
 - Why the NWT is slow is responding to mining opportunities, which have the potential to bring about growth, and how to remove roadblocks and encourage responsible mining.
 - 32 responses at the Dettah workshop.
 - Participants identified that they were interested in learning about:
 - The impact of mining on the environment and how to protect the land for those who live off it.
 - What other YKDFN members think and how the community could benefit from mining through jobs and training.
 - How the stock market and gold prices work.

- How mining can benefit everyone and be done with less impact on the environment.
- How gold is refined and which countries it will be sold to.
- How YKDFN can benefit from mining projects (i.e., royalties, ownership, etc.) and ensure there is never another Giant Mine.
- New technologies in the mining space (i.e., clean mining techniques and procedures).

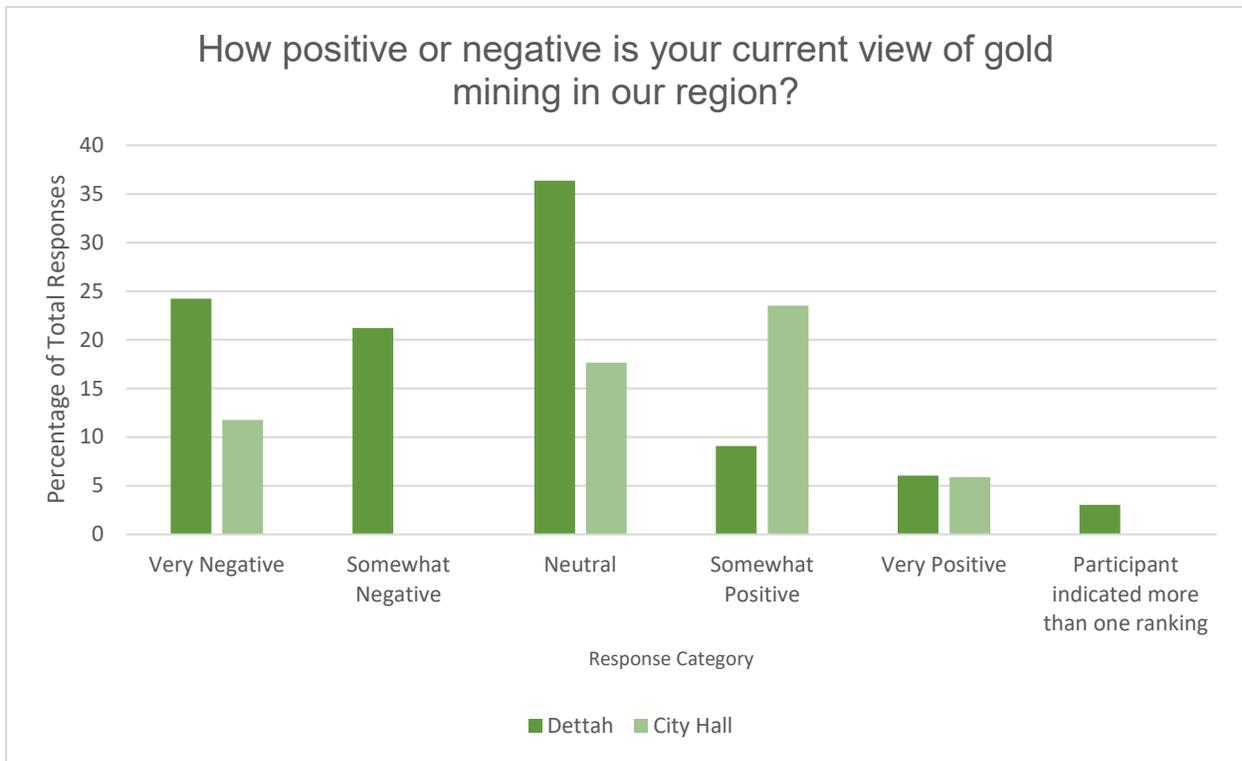


Figure 1 Pre-Workshop Survey Question: Current View of Gold Mining

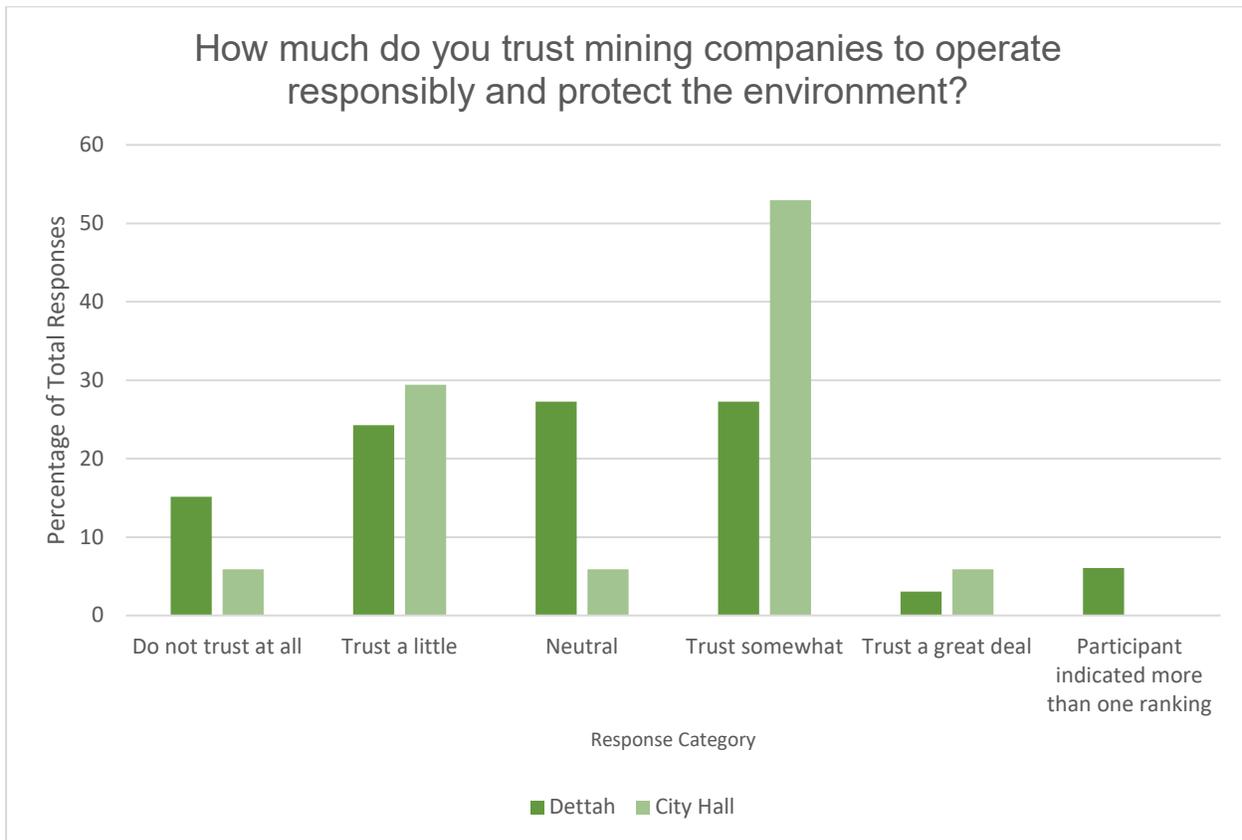


Figure 2 Pre-Workshop Survey Question: Trust in Mining Companies

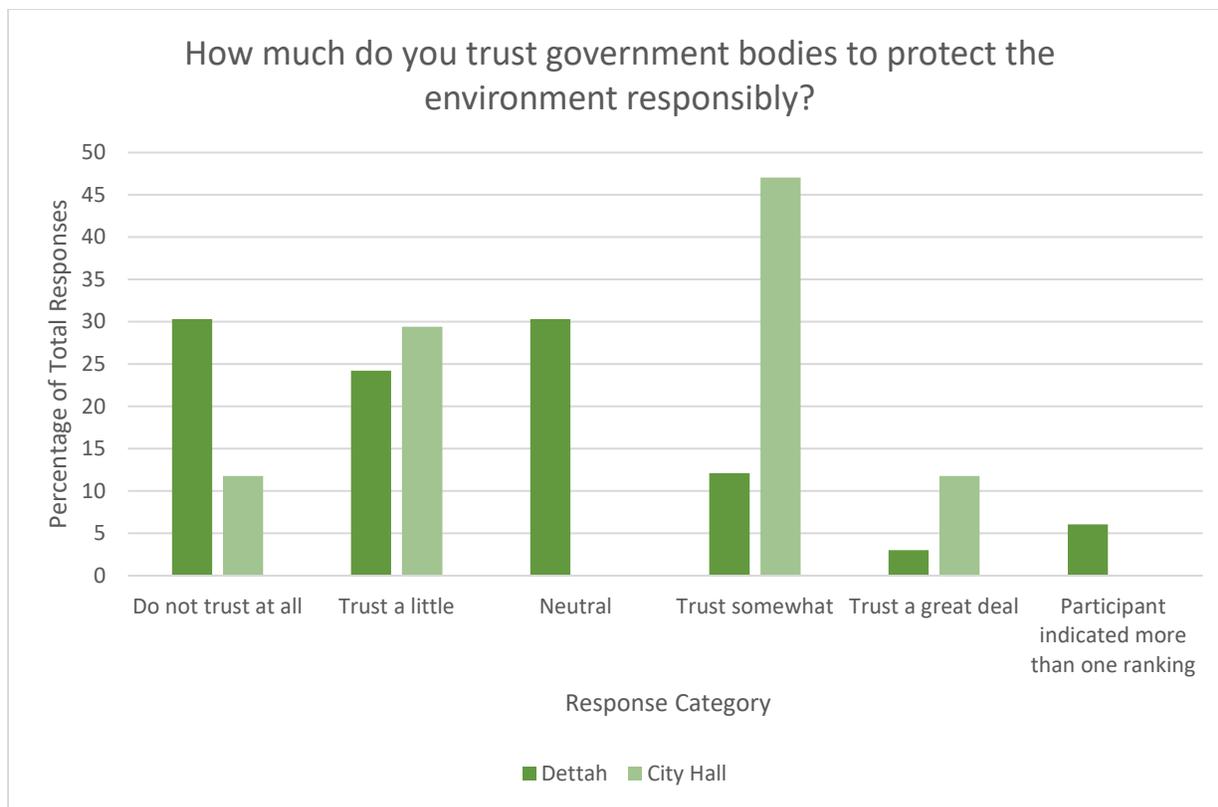


Figure 3 Pre-Workshop Survey Question: Trust in Government Bodies

In response to the question ‘*how positive or negative is your current view of gold mining in our region?*’, Dettah workshop attendees primarily indicated a neutral or more negative view while City Hall attendees indicated their view was neutral to somewhat positive.

In response to the question ‘*how much do you trust mining companies to operate responsibly and protect the environment?*’, Dettah workshop attendees primarily indicated a neutral or somewhat trusting view while City Hall attendees primarily indicated some level of trust.

In response to the question ‘*How much do you trust government bodies to protect the environment responsibly?*’, Dettah workshop attendees primarily indicated neutral or no trust at all stances while City Hall attendees primarily indicated some level of trust.

Figures 4-7 below demonstrate the responses to each close-ended question in the post-workshop survey as a percentage of the total number of respondents. Both the City Hall dataset and the Dettah dataset are presented together. See **Appendix D** for a detailed breakdown of all survey answers. The following summarizes the responses to the post-workshop survey question; *“In your own words, what does responsible gold mining mean to you now?”*.

- Post-workshop survey
 - 11 responses at the City Hall workshop.
 - Participants stated that following the workshop, they felt that responsible gold mining meant:
 - Ensuring trust and taking all factors (people and environment) into consideration.
 - Applying new technologies to safely incorporate gold mining into Yellowknife’s economy.
 - Preserving the environment and ensuring the positive impacts far outweigh the negatives.
 - Compliance with permits and licenses.
 - Advancing economic reconciliation while improving lives and ensuring environmental sustainability.
 - Ensuring Impact Benefit Agreements (IBAs) are agreed.
 - Ensuring the rules are followed, regular inspections occur, and social license to operate is obtained.
 - Being respectful of the Yellowknives Dene People and the land of Chief Drygeese Territory.
 - 35 responses at the Dettah workshop.
 - Participants stated that following the workshop, they felt that responsible gold mining meant:
 - Protecting the land or leaving it alone.
 - Equity ownership by YKDFN in any mine in Chief Drygeese Territory.
 - Delivering benefits to local people.
 - Considering closure from the start and doing reclamation concurrently with mining.
 - Consideration of all stakeholder interests and aiming for minimum impact operations.
 - Looking out for the holistic well-being of future generations.
 - Ensuring community members are up to date on mining activity in the area.
 - Taking accountability for protecting the land and having respect for affected Indigenous communities.



Figure 4 Post-Workshop Survey Question: Change in Understanding of Mining

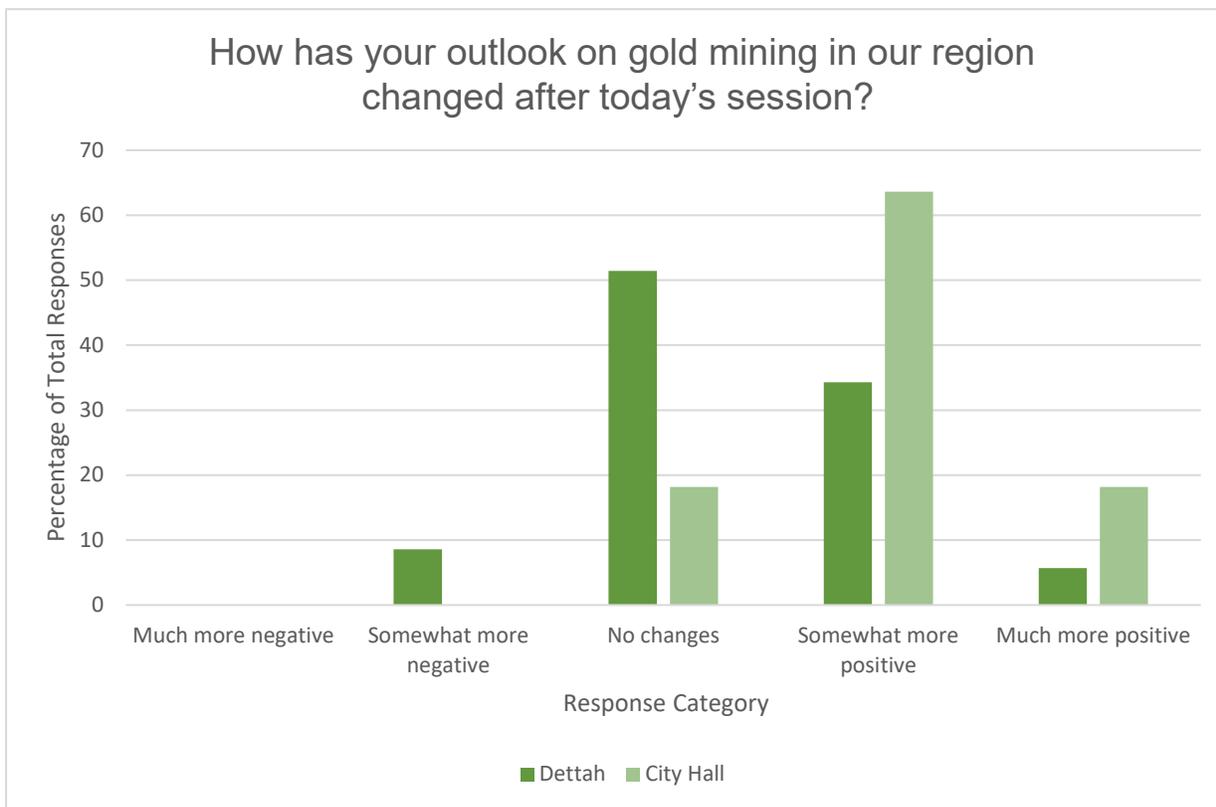


Figure 5 Post-Workshop Survey Question: Change in Outlook on Gold Mining

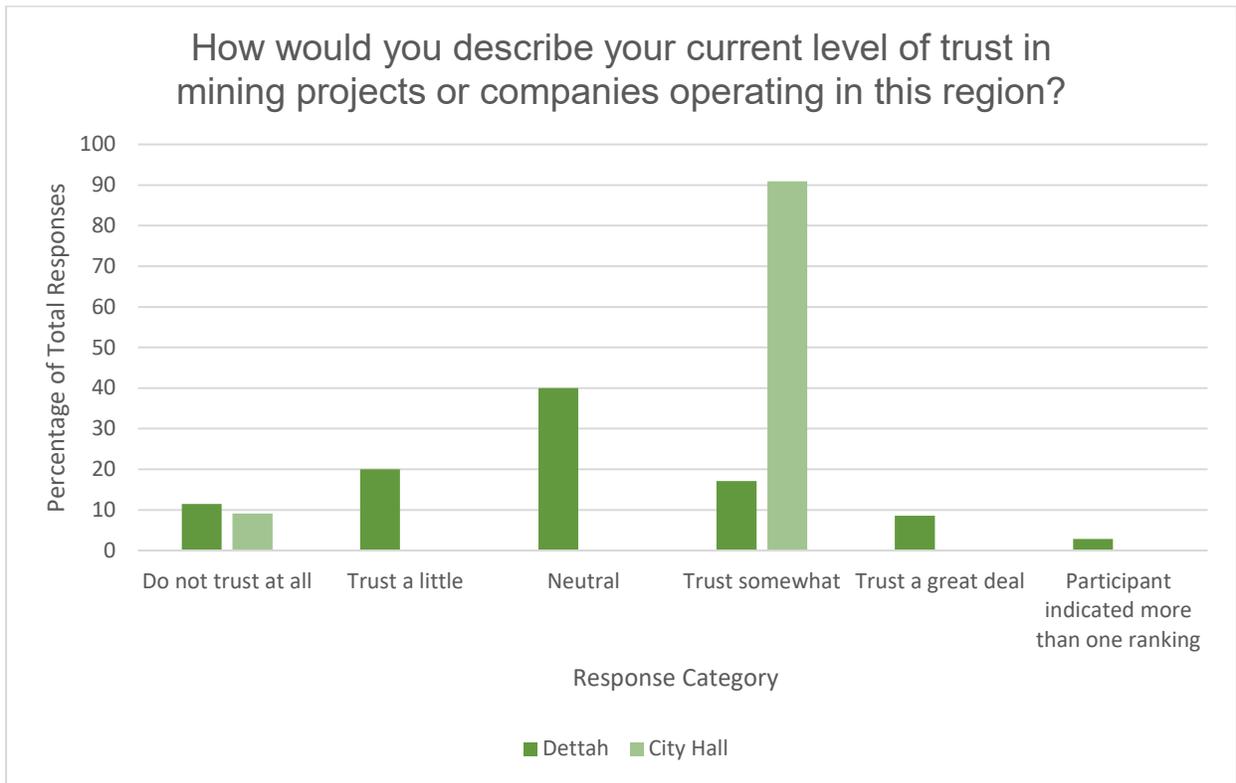


Figure 6 Post-Workshop Survey Question: Trust in Mining Companies

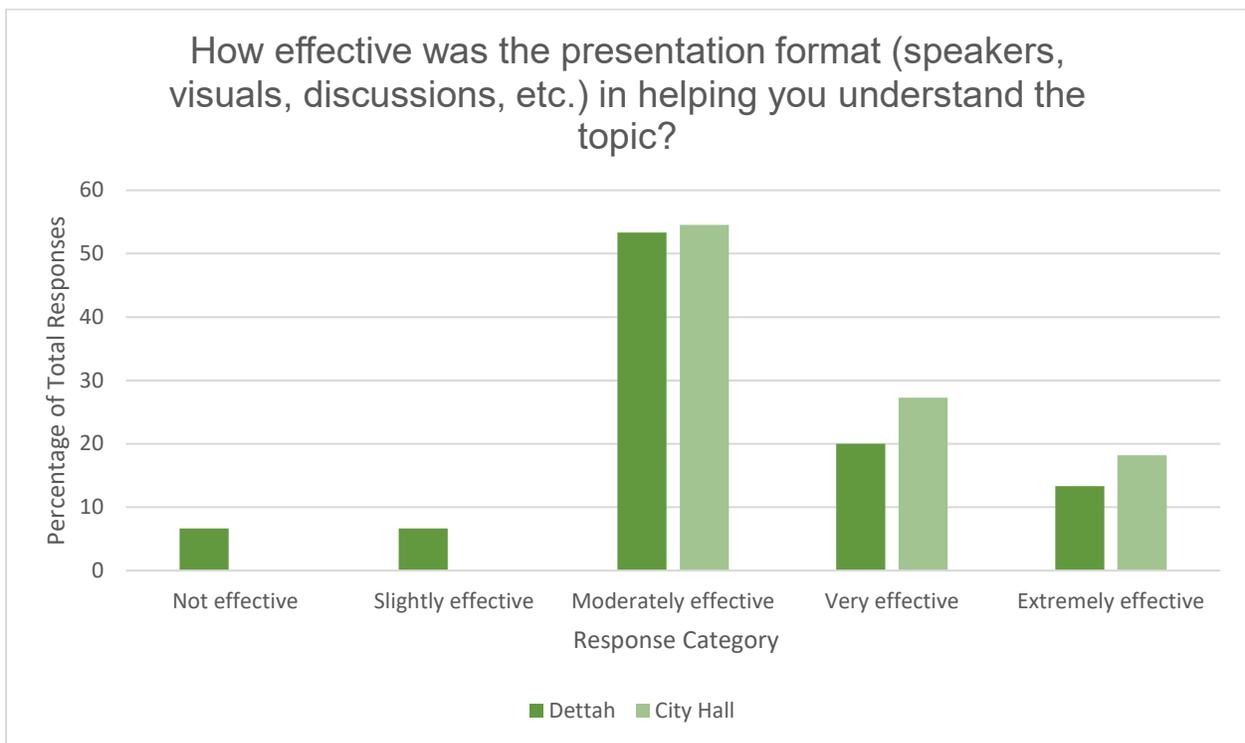


Figure 7 Post-Workshop Survey Question: Efficacy of Information Presented

In response to the question '*after attending today's workshop, how has your understanding of gold mining changed?*', Dettah and City Hall workshop attendees primarily indicated a somewhat improved understanding.

In response to the question '*how has your outlook on gold mining in our region changed after today's session?*', Dettah workshop attendees primarily indicated a neutral to somewhat positive change while City Hall attendees primarily indicated a somewhat positive change.

In response to the question '*how would you describe your current level of trust in mining projects or companies operating in this region?*', Dettah workshop attendees indicated a neutral view while City Hall workshop attendees primarily indicated some level of trust.

In response to the question '*how effective was the presentation format (speakers, visuals, discussions, etc.) in helping you understand the topic?*', both Dettah and City Hall workshop attendees primarily indicated it to be moderately effective.

6.0 REFLECTION

6.1 Successes and Areas for Improvement

Through reflection on the workshops, organizers have identified several successes and areas of improvement:

Successes:

- The Dettah workshop was well attended and had great engagement though consideration may be given to host future workshops on an evening or weekend or for a shorter duration to allow increased attendance.
- Participants, especially at the Dettah workshop, were especially engaged in the technical discussions around gold mining processes. Future workshops may want to offer more detailed information on these topics for those that are interested.
- Following the workshops, other Indigenous Governments expressed an interest in co-hosting a similar workshop demonstrating that there is an appetite for these conversations.

Areas for Improvement:

- Future workshop planners may consider using different venues, such as the Tree of Peace, where there is more room for tables and potential breakout group discussions.
- As this workshop was meant to be an introduction to gauge public interest in these types of discussions, future workshops may need to be more specific and targeted allowing for more in-depth conversations (i.e., more direct information about what is different between gold mining then as opposed to now).
- The technical regulation presentations ran long and were too in-depth. High level understanding should be prioritized for future sessions.

6.2 Recommendations for Future Workshops

As part of the post-workshop survey participants were asked to share any recommendations for how to improve future workshops. The following summarizes the feedback. Full responses can be found in **Appendix D**.

Participants at the City Hall workshop identified the ways they think future sessions could be improved by:

- Workshop Timing and Logistics
 - Making the sessions shorter, possibly half days.
- Presentation Materials
 - Having printed packages of the presentations available and using more multimedia tools in the presentations.
- Advertising and Information Sharing
 - Continuing to make the workshop available virtually for remote viewing and providing more information for the following workshop (in Dettah).
- Speakers

- Ensuring that the Land and Water Boards are also available when the Review Board presents.
- Recommending that presenters cater presentations to specific audiences and allow for longer question periods

Participants at the Dettah workshop identified the ways they think future sessions could be improved by:

- Workshop Timing and Logistics
 - Offering sessions on evenings and/or weekends.
 - Having more food and water throughout the day.
 - Shortening presentations – it was expressed that the full day is a large time commitment.
 - Setting up the room with tables so people can more easily take notes and eat.
- Presentation Materials
 - Providing pamphlets with the materials presented and including posters and information on the walls around the room for people to look at during the breaks.
- Advertising and Information Sharing
 - Increasing advertising of the event, including TV, radio, media, and utilizing the electronic information boards in Dettah and N'dilo.
 - Ensuring YKDFN members are informed of mining or exploration happening in the area.
- Speakers
 - Having more Indigenous representation as workshop presenters and panelists.
 - Keeping a variety of speakers.
 - Inviting Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) to be part of the presentation and discussions.
 - Having more sessions with a clear explanation of the purpose of the sessions.

7.0 NEXT STEPS

7.1 Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada Conference Presentation

Building Social License: A Role in Community-Led Mining Education

The City of Yellowknife has been accepted to present at the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Convention under the Indigenous and Sustainability program. The presentation will be held in Toronto on March 3, 2026, and will be moderated by Kerry Thistle, Director of Economic Opportunities and Investments for the City of Yellowknife.

Respected leaders were invited to participate as presenters due to their unique roles and shared commitment to open, meaningful conversations on Indigenous engagement, sustainability, and responsible development. Invited speakers include Mark Cliff Phillips, Executive Director of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board; Matthew Spence, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation; Darrell Beaulieu, President and CEO of DEMCo; and Stephen Vane Dine, City Manager for the City of Yellowknife.

This session explores how the City of Yellowknife is leading education-based community engagement to rebuild public trust in mining. Acknowledging the lasting impacts of historic operations such as Giant Mine, the City is taking a proactive, non-industry-led approach to address community concerns and reduce misinformation about modern mining practices.

This approach offers a replicable model for municipalities seeking to strengthen social license, support informed decision-making, and rebuild relationships affected by legacy mining issues.

8.0 REPORT CLOSURE

The workshops demonstrated that education-focused, non-industry-led engagement can improve understanding and open constructive dialogue about modern gold mining. While concerns persist, especially regarding environmental protection and historical legacies, participants indicated that transparent information, stronger Indigenous participation, and rigorous regulatory oversight can help communities evaluate potential mining developments more confidently.

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APPENDIX A

Speaker Bios

SHELAGH MONTGOMERY

Shelagh Montgomery moved to the NWT from Montréal, Québec in March 2000 shortly after completing her PhD in environmental sciences. She lived in Délne for over two years where she worked as the Science Advisor for the Délne Uranium Team on a project focused on the remediation of the former uranium mine, Port Radium. In June 2002, she relocated to Yellowknife to work on a cumulative effects project for the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee and then in March 2005 began work in environmental consulting with a private firm where remediation of legacy contaminated sites was the focus. During that time she also sat as a Yellowknife city councillor, having been elected to two terms (2006-2012). From late 2017 until April 2023 Shelagh was the Executive Director of the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board, before leaving full time work. Shelagh lives and plays in the natural beauty of Yellowknife.



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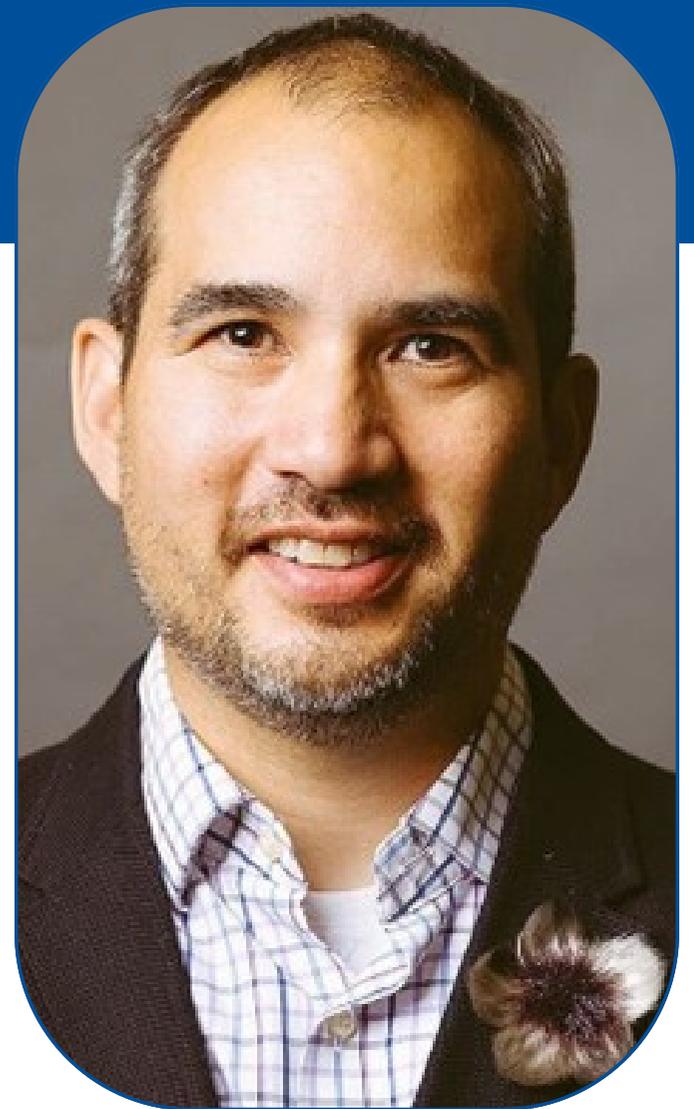
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MARK CLIFFE- PHILLIPS

Mark Cliffe-Phillips is the Executive Director of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board), which is an independent co-management tribunal responsible for the environmental impact assessment process in the Mackenzie Valley of the NWT. The Review Board is the result of modern comprehensive land claims that created a co-management resource management system that enabled Indigenous peoples of the NWT to have greater say in the decision making process. Prior to joining the Review Board, Mark was the Executive Director of the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board, which was responsible for the licensing and permitting of Canada's largest diamond mines. . Mark has been working in the resource co-management sector in the Northwest Territories for over 20 years. He was also a founding Board

member of the Indigenous Centre for Cumulative Effects, where he is now a member of the Technical Advisory Committee. He frequently participates in various environmental assessment improvement and cumulative effects initiatives across the North and the rest of Canada.



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STEPHEN VAN DINE

Stephen Van Dine was appointed City Manager, City of Yellowknife in July 2024 as part of a thirty-year career involving public service at the local, territorial and federal levels of government in fields ranging from community planning, health and social services, sustainable development, reconciliation and international relations. Specializing in Arctic governance and sustainable development including the Assistant Deputy Minister at Crown Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada in 2015 and completed his federal public service 2022 serving as Vice President of Strategic Policy and Investments at Parks Canada and later, Senior Vice President Public Governance at the Institute on Governance. Stephen had the privilege of leading both small and large teams implementing land claim agreements, delivering legislative changes, food

security programming, health benefit administration, transfer of powers between levels of government, negotiating international joint statements and the construction of major capital projects in the High Arctic. Stephen started his consultancy practice, Arctic Unlimited, in 2022.



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TODD BURLINGAME

Todd Burlingame is a natural resource development professional and geologist with over 30 years' experience in mining, oil and gas and energy projects across Canada and internationally.

Todd was born and raised in the north and spent over 20 years working in the NWT. He has held various resource development sector roles including Chair of the Mackenzie Valley Review Board, Chair of the Mackenzie Valley Water Board, President and CEO of critical minerals companies and as an independent project developer and prospector. He is a strong advocate for responsible and sustainable resource development that includes full participation from indigenous businesses and land owners.



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JOE CAMPBELL

Joe Campbell is a Professional Geologist with 45 years of experience in the mining industry with particular expertise in mine geology, mine development and environmental review of mining projects. He has operations experience from chief geologist to mine supervision in underground and open pit mines, and project development roles from pre-feasibility to construction and startup.

Mr. Campbell has worked for more than 20 years with the Kivalliq Inuit Association in Nunavut as a consultant on environmental reviews and mine project permitting. Mr. Campbell has also completed reports for the Yukon Water Board on various mine developments, including the recent Eagle Mine heap leach failure. His career has taken him throughout North and Central America, South America, Africa, Australia, and Asia.



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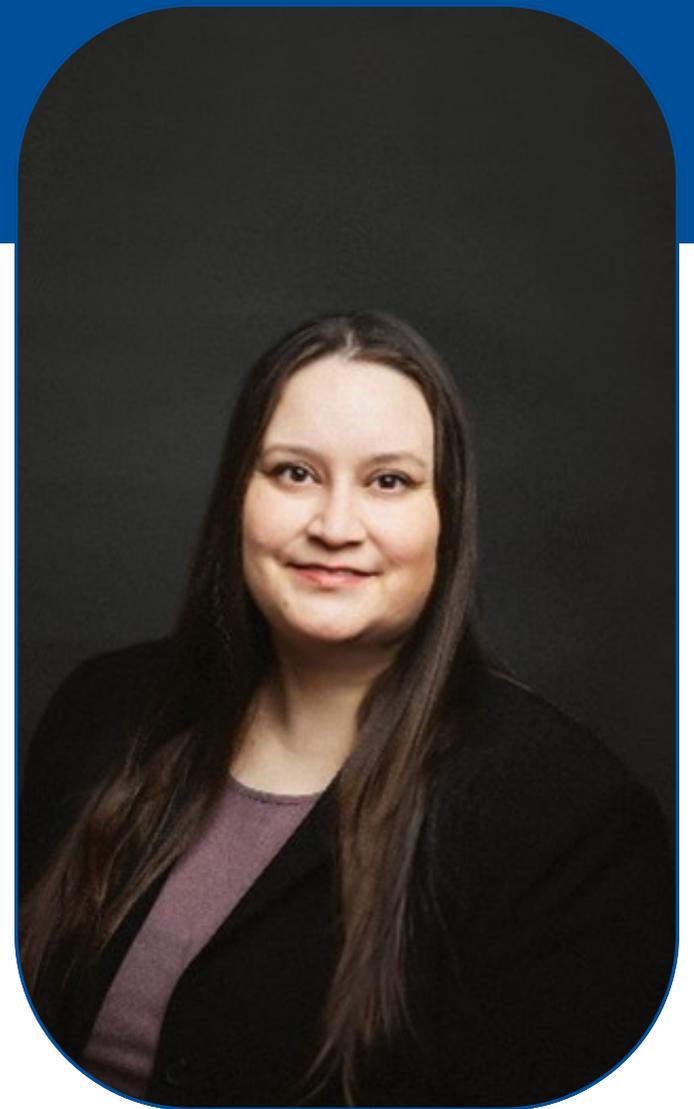


DIANNA BECK

A respected Northerner with deep roots in Indigenous economic development, Dianna Beck brings nearly two decades of experience in community-driven enterprise and the Northwest Territories resource sector to her role as Director of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Division for the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Since joining the GNWT in 2011, she has led transformative work to modernize policy frameworks, negotiate socio-economic agreements, develop new mineral legislation, and advance community benefits from resource development. Her leadership emphasizes partnership, accountability, and long term value creation for northern residents and Indigenous governments.

Recognized for a collaborative and relationship-centred approach, Dianna leads a multidisciplinary team focused on responsible mineral and energy development, strengthening government-to-government partnerships, supporting industry competitiveness, and promoting the Northwest Territories as a resource investment destination.



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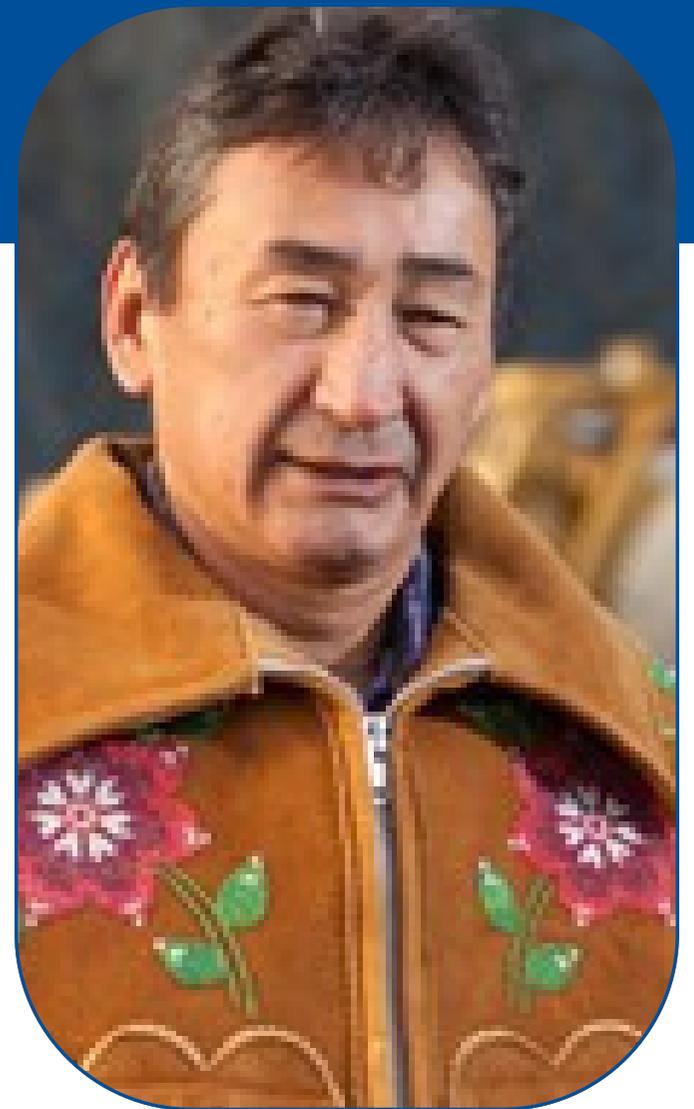
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DARRELL BEAULIEU

Darrell Beaulieu is the President and CEO of Denendeh Investments Incorporated (DII) a 100% Dene owned corporation representing the 27 First Nations of the NWT. Mr. Beaulieu was appointed as the Spokesperson of the NWT Indigenous Leaders Economic Coalition. Darrell served three terms as the Chief of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation.

He is a founder and past President of De'ton Cho Corporation from 1990 to 2000 and was the CEO from 1997 to 2002. He currently sits on the Boards of Naka Power Utilities and the First Nations Major Projects Coalition and is a member of Northwestel's Community Advisory Board and ATCO's Indigenous Relations Advisory Committee.



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APPENDIX B

Workshop Agenda

Modern Gold Mining Educated Workshop: Meeting Agenda



Date
22 November 2025



Time
8:00 am – 5:00 pm



Location
Council Chambers, Yellowknife City Hall

Session	Purpose	Presenter	Time
Registration & Coffee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Networking session Visit the “Ask a Geologist” table and view gold ore samples from the NWT 		8:00 am
Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drum welcome and opening prayer 		8:45 am
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening remarks from City of Yellowknife Mayor Ben Hendriksen 		9:00 am
Why We’re Here	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand how engagement, regulations, and technology have changed Review <i>Eyes on Indigenous Development Corporations</i> study 	Mark Lewis, President & CEO, Det’on Cho Group of Companies	9:20 am
Keynote – Giant Mine Disaster: Lessons Learned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflect on what went wrong in the past and how today’s rules and safeguards aim to prevent those mistakes Panel Discussion, moderated by City Manager Stephen Van Dine 	Mark Cliffe Phillips, ED MVEIRB feat. Panel Discussion	9:40 am
Health Break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refreshments provided Visit the “Ask a Geologist” table and view gold ore samples from the NWT 		10:50 am
Gold Geology & Mining Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about gold and its story Understand the steps from rock to ore body Discuss updates in mining technology 	Todd Burlingame, past Chair of the MVEIRB and MVLWB	11:05 am
Morning Session Wrap Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Key Themes Provide information for lunch (menu, length of time, lunchtime reflection activity) 	Claire Tincombe, Det’on Cho Environmental	11:45 pm

Modern Gold Mining Education Workshop: Agenda Continued

Session	Purpose	Presenter	Time
Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch provided by Copperhouse 		12:00 pm
Gold Refining Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hear about gold processing pathways and products Discuss what risks exist, and how new technology helps manage them more safely 	Joe Campbell, Mineral Advisor to the Kivalliq Inuit Association	12:45 pm
Regulatory Improvements for Mining I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about the new Mineral Resources Act and review board process. 	Dianna Beck, Director, Minerals & Petroleum Resources, ITI & Brett Wheler, Dept. of Culture & Lands Protection, Tlicho Government	1:25 pm
Health Break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refreshments provided Visit the "Ask a Geologist" table and view gold ore samples from the NWT 		2:05 pm
Regulatory Improvements for Mining II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hear about improved environmental assessment and permitting processes, engagement requirements, and consultation commitments 	Mark Cliffe Phillips, ED MVEIRB	2:20 pm
Indigenous Mine Ownership, Governance & Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore how Indigenous governments and corporations can share ownership, revenue, and decision-making in mining projects. 	Darrell Beaulieu, President and CEO of Denendeh Investments Incorporated	3:00 pm
Interactive Breakout Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated by Det'on Cho Environmental 	Claire Tincombe - Det'on Cho Environmental	3:45 pm
Wrap-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarize the day and discuss next steps 	Claire Tincombe - Det'on Cho Environmental	4:30pm

Modern Gold Mining Educated Workshop: Meeting Agenda



Date
24 November 2025



Time
8:00 am – 5:00 pm



Location
Chief Drygeese Center; Dettah, NT

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Registration & Coffee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Networking session Visit the “Ask a Geologist” table and view gold ore samples from the NWT 		8:00 am
Opening & Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drum welcome and opening prayer Opening remarks from Jeff Rasnawski 		8:45 am
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Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch provided 		12:00 pm

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Closing Prayer			4:55 pm

APPENDIX C

Pre- and Post-Workshop Participant Surveys

Gold Mining Education Workshop

Pre-Workshop Participant Survey

1. When you think of gold mining, what are the first words or ideas that come to mind?

2. How positive or negative is your current view of gold mining in our region?

Scale (1-5):

- 1 – Very negative
- 2 – Somewhat negative
- 3 – Neutral
- 4 – Somewhat positive
- 5 – Very positive

3. How much do you trust mining companies to operate responsibly and protect the environment?

Scale (1-5):

- 1 – Do not trust at all
- 2 – Trust a little
- 3 – Neutral
- 4 – Trust somewhat
- 5 – Trust a great deal

4. How much do you trust government bodies to protect the environment responsibly?

Scale (1-5):

- 1 – Do not trust at all
- 2 – Trust a little
- 3 – Neutral
- 4 – Trust somewhat
- 5 – Trust a great deal

5. What are you most interested in learning about today?

Post-Workshop Participant Survey

1. After attending today's workshop, how has your understanding of gold mining changed?

Open-ended or scale (1-5)

- 1 – Much less understanding
- 2 – Somewhat less understanding
- 3 – No change
- 4 – Somewhat improved understanding
- 5 – Greatly improved understanding

2. What part of the workshop stood out to you the most?

3. How has your outlook on gold mining in our region changed after today's session?

Scale (1-5):

- 1 – Much more negative
- 2 – Somewhat more negative
- 3 – No change
- 4 – Somewhat more positive
- 5 – Much more positive

4. How would you describe your current level of trust in mining projects or companies operating in this region?

Scale (1-5):

- 1 – Do not trust at all
- 2 – Trust a little
- 3 – Neutral
- 4 – Trust somewhat
- 5 – Trust a great deal

5. How effective was the presentation format (speakers, visuals, discussions, etc.) in helping you understand the topic?

Scale (1-5):

1 – Not effective

2 – Slightly effective

3 – Moderately effective

4 – Very effective

5 – Extremely effective

6. What could we improve for future sessions?

7. In your own words, what does responsible gold mining mean to you now?

APPENDIX D

Pre- and Post-Workshop Surveys Responses

Pre-Workshop Survey - Dettah

Response #	When you think of gold mining, what are the first words or ideas that come to mind?	How positive or negative is your current view of gold mining in our region?	How much do you trust mining companies to operate responsibly and protect the land?	How much do you trust government bodies to protect the environment responsibly?	What are you most interested in learning about today?
1	GNWT, Negus, CoD(?), Tremico Ltd and ll the abandoned mined in Chief Drygeese Territory. Improper clean-up (underground), materials, pipes, waste, mining, equipment	3 - Neutral	2 - Trust a little	2 - Trust a little	Listen to members and how much they know about mining.
2	Impact on the land	3 - Neutral	3 - Neutral	3 - Neutral	The stock market
3	Destroying the lands	2 - Somewhat negative	2 - Trust a little	2 - Trust a little	Not enough info when they are mining in NWT or around YKDFN
4	Giant Mine, Toxic Legacy, Environment/Wildlife Impacts (water), Health Effects	2 - Somewhat negative	2 - Trust a little	2 - Trust a little	Economic benefits and hopefully a better understanding in meetings, workshops etc. of mining industries more engagements community input from Indigenous Governments.
5	Giant mine, land, environment, money, economy, first nations, impacts	4 - Somewhat positive	3 - Neutral	2 - Trust a little	impacts on land, environment, wildlife, caribou
6	job and see the mine	4 - Somewhat positive	4 - Trust somewhat	4 - Trust somewhat	learn by interpretation from speakers
7	opportunities, waste land, jewelry	3 - Neutral	4 - Trust somewhat	4 - Trust somewhat	how does the community benefit from mining and training possibly?
8	arsenic, ruined land, kids future, safety	1 - Very negative	1 - Do not trust at all	2 - Trust a little	safety - protection of environment
9	money, negative effects on the environment, jobs	3 - Neutral	4 - Trust somewhat	2 - Trust a little	How to mine safely with little to no harm on environment. How mining can benefit everyone.
10	How much money can be made especially with rising gold prices. And how can I become and investor in exploration and mining companies. Secondly, where most of the money will go to and whom.	5 - Very positive	4 - Trust somewhat	3 - Neutral	Refining processing and where the gold will go. Who are the major investors and which countries are they from.
11	Corrupt mining company, the Land and our Territory, animals living around us.	2 - Somewhat negative	2 - Trust a little	1 - Do not trust at all	Environment
12	Oh no! More pollution on our land. Royalties, interests, percentage and compensation in any agreement.	1 - Very negative	1 - Do not trust at all	1 - Do not trust at all	Prevent leakage, polution in the area, poor containment, no actual recors to prevent more plition in our land, water, air and river and lake.
13	Who gets the short end of the stick? Why? Why can't we get 50% of the funds to be the proponent in a 50/50 partnership (the funds of course should be coming from the GNWT, they can call it Reconciliation, security, economic sovereignty for Canada.	2 - Somewhat negative 3 - Neutral 4 - Somewhat positive	2 - Trust a little 3 - Neutral 4 - Trust somewhat IBAs have non-disclosure, we can not say we want to say, we can get sued.	2 - Trust a little 3 - Neutral 4 - Trust somewhat It depends	-
14	It would be good if YKDFN benefit to individual monthly as long of gold mining operation.	3 - Neutral	2 - Trust a little	1 - Do not trust at all	I hope it doesn't end up like Giant Mine - no benefit to YKDFN.

15	All good	5 - Very positive	5 - Trust a great deal	3 - Neutral	It will be good for YKDFN
16	Resources	3 - Neutral	3 - Neutral	3 - Neutral	Impact on land and animals
17	Disruption of the land and surroundings	3 - Neutral	3 - Neutral	3 - Neutral	Wildlife and trees
18	Find a way to make arsenic a power source	3 - Neutral	3 - Neutral	3 - Neutral	-
19	Education and livelihood	2 - Somewhat negative	2 - Trust a little	1 - Do not trust at all	Why not find Peggy Witty, clean up Giant Mine, or what ever her name is nowadays.
20	Mineral, necessary, land health, extraction, environmental degradation, exploitation, warmth, whole systems, where story approach wealth, greed, unnecessary extraction	1 - Very negative	1.5 - Trust very little	1 - Do not trust at all	To hear what is being shared, possible insights, new technologies
21	They make a big mess and leave it. They don't look at it again.	3 - Neutral	1 - Do not trust at all	1 - Do not trust at all	Not going to change anything. They kill the land.
22	Prospectors coming onto out land, wanting to get rich without thinking of our people who lived here	2 - Somewhat negative	3 - Neutral	2 - Trust a little	community benefits, listen to plans
23	money, arsenic	2 - Somewhat negative	4 - Trust somewhat	1 - Do not trust at all	-
24	pollution, poor animals, water (safety), land destroyed (ruined), the land and water will never be the same and our generation will suffer.	1 - Very negative	2 - Trust a little	1 - Do not trust at all	Money can't buy purity. Even though they do development, there is no rush for it. We as YK Dene are in charge, we can slow down any development
25	ka-ching!	4 - Somewhat positive	4 - Trust somewhat	3 - Neutral	Clean mining techniques and procedures.
26	destruction to our land	2 - Somewhat negative	4 - Trust somewhat	4 - Trust somewhat	-
27	greed	3 - Neutral	3 - Neutral	3 - Neutral	our safety
28	jobs, compensation from the mines	1 - Very negative	4 - Trust somewhat	4 - Trust somewhat	environmental, very concise regarding mining
29	It's like a slow death of our land	1 - Very negative	1 - Do not trust at all	1 - Do not trust at all	royalties, compensation, environmental remedation plans, share ownership. Revenue and decision making
30	environmental issues, concerns	3 - Neutral	3 - Neutral	3 - Neutral	Everything about mining. How and who is running it.
31	money - (unreadable)	3 - Neutral	3 - Neutral	3 - Neutral	-
32	economy/opportunities	4 - Somewhat positive	4 - Trust somewhat	5 - Trust a great deal	how FNs of the NWT can benefit and/or creation of FN businesses development
32	harm the land/animals, berries, water, and air as my mother had told me stories in 1920-1984 she trained to hunt with her father, spoil our land over the long years	1 - Very negative	1 - Do not trust at all	1 - Do not trust at all	making sure the land is protected so can hunt, fish, and not harm the land we live on.
32	-	1 - Very negative	2 - Trust a little	2 - Trust a little	-

Pre-Workshop Survey - City Hall

Response	When you think of gold mining, what are the first words or ideas that come to mind?	How positive or negative is your current view of gold mining in our region?	How much do you trust mining companies to operate responsibly and protect the environment?	How much do you trust government bodies to protect the environment responsibly?	What are you most interested in learning about today?
1	Jobs, Economy, and Environment	Very Positive	Trust somewhat	Trust somewhat	Recent developments in gold mining
2	Money, environmental impact, societal change	Somewhat Positive	Trust a little	Trust somewhat	How gold mining affect the northwest territories, how the many first nation governments are involved in the process and hiw much they are respected and what is the benefit for the people of this land
3	Opportunity.	Neutral	Trust somewhat	Trust a little	How regulatory bodies and companies will evolve their practices from historic position of take, to take and reclimate.
4	Opportunity and risk	Somewhat Positive	Trust somewhat	Trust somewhat	How we can mine responsibly
5		Somewhat Positive	Trust somewhat	Trust somewhat	Is there an interest in responsibe mining.
6	Replacing the jobs from the diamond minesv	Somewhat Positive	Trust somewhat	Trust a great deal	How the technology and rules have changed so that Giant can not happen again
7	Environment. Pollution. Legacy.	Neutral	Trust a little	Trust a little	How to start. Who to talk to. Make sure everything is discussed before the start of mining.

8	Pollution and remediation. Millions of dollars just to dig shiny metal out of the ground and adorn it as jewelry.	Very Negative	Do not trust at all	Trust a little	Guaranteed remediation controls in place before mining even begins
9	A chance to work after the diamond mines close.	Neutral	Trust somewhat	Do not trust at all	Can new technology allow us to mine gold safely and protect the land.
10	Money	Very Negative	Trust a little	Trust a little	All the different ways gold is used
11	Wealth, development, jobs, community, education, security, boom/bust	Somewhat Positive	Trust somewhat	Trust a little	Why NT is slow in understanding it you can't grow it you need to mine it. We can't grown much in the north!
12	arsenic in Yellowknife, pollution going into the water. But more positive impage for Yukon mining, reclamation of land after mining within 5 years of the end of mining	somewhat Positive	trust somewhat	Trust somewhat	How safe modern mining is. what kind of pollution is produced, where the pollution is stored and what is the long term plan for it.
13	investment, job opportunities, environmental impact	Very Positive	trust somewhat	trust somewhat	future of the industry
14	dark tunnetls, the desire for profit	Neutral	Trust a little	Trust a great deal	learning the perspectives of other participants
15	Jacklegs, Giant Mine, Con Mine	Very Positive	Neutral	trust somewhat	Geology of gold.
16	Giant Mine	somewhat negative	trust a little	Do not trust at all	current exploration and development plans for gold in the region

17	strong economy, opportunities, jobs	Very Positive	trust a great deal	trust somewhat	removing road blocks, create and promote the positive aspects of mining
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Post-Workshop Survey - Dettah

Response	PT 1 (Written response) After attending today's workshop, how has your understanding of gold mining changed?	PT 2 (1-5 scale) After attending today's workshop, how has your understanding of gold mining changed?	What part of the workshop stood out to you the most?	How has your outlook on gold mining in our region changed after today's session?	How would you describe your current level of trust in mining projects or companies operating in this region?	PT 1 (Written response) How effective was the presentation format (speakers, visuals, discussion, etc.) in helping you understand the topic?	PT 2 (1-5 scale) How effective was the presentation format (speakers, visuals, discussion, etc.) in helping you understand the topic?	That could we improve for future sessions?	In your own words, what does responsible gold mining mean to you now?
1	I've watched documentaries before but I understand a little more	4- Somewhat improved understanding	Stew and bannock	4- Somewhat more positive	3- Neutral	-	3- Moderately effective	I'm not entirely sure	keeping our land reasonably safe and protected.
2		4- Somewhat improved understanding		3- No change Still ruining our land. Need for kids.	2- Trust a little True Movie: Erin Brockovich	-	3- Moderately effective	evenings/weekends	leave land alone.
3	learned a little bit about the autoclave - it could be used for remining tailings ponds across the North and beyond. They can make a lot of money on the byproducts from all the other metals they capture, especially if they use magnets where the effluent comes out.	4- Somewhat improved understanding Pamphlets would be good	What is preventing people like Elton Musk or Trump and his crew from staking up the whole NWT	3- No change	2- Trust a little 3- Neutral 4- Trust somewhat Non-disclosures in IBAs or socio economic agreements should not be incuded, this does not provide trust	-	2- Slightly effective	pamphlets of what was presented would be good. Also, use the electronic boards to let us know when and where and the times of these meetings.	50% YKDFN ownership of any mines on our traditional territory, and the federal/GNWT should be responsible for coming up with the money to fund this for us. Then there will be certainty for Canada, YKDFN, Industry, etc. By doing this there will be a high level of Reconciliation occurring as well as surty that the environment will be protected. Some of the historical IBAs in the North have a non disclosure cloause in it, that negates the whole process of EAs, etc. We need to become the proponent for our own destiny, our own peace of mind, our own surety, our own protection of the land and water. IBAs and royalties are not enough for the YKDFN, we have lots of ideas for projects, we need 50% equity in all mines on our territory. If any gold mining is done in our Territory an autoclave should be used, and where the water/wffluents and minerstas come out, magnets should be used to capture the magnetic metals. There are about 6-8 metallic metals on the Periodic Table. Arsenic binds to iron so this would be a way of removing some. The byproducts of adding this to the process would be economically beneficial to the mine. By using magnets in this process, it would lessen the cumulative effects of excess metals and minerals going into the environments.
4	Better understanding of aboriginal investment opportunities	4- Somewhat improved understanding	Impressed that people are finally talking about gold mining opportunity that is literally under our feet.	4- Somewhat more positive	5- Trust a great deal	Joe Campbell was excellent: opportunity and impacts	3- Moderately effective	target audiences and be clear who the target audience is. shorter presentations, full day is big commitment	*delivers benefits to local people *closure is considered from start *reclamation can and should be done concurrently.
5	Very clear concise presenations	4- Somewhat improved understanding		3- No change	5- Trust a great deal	-	-	-	-
6	More awareness of MVLWB activities (sp?) participation in mining industry as looking out for future generations	4- Somewhat improved understanding	discussion of collaborative efforts and sense of unity	3- No change	3- Neutral	Highly effective	5- Extremely effective	Try to get more Indigenous stakeholders attending	consideration of all the stakeholders' interests - aiming toward minimum impact operation
7		5- Greatly improved understanding	Darrell B's advacing Ind Equity	4- Somewhat more positive	3- Neutral	-	5- Extremely effective	more Indigneous speaker representation	responsibility to look out for the holistic well being for future generations.
8	too much mining around Yellowknife	3- No change	I'm surprised that there is another mine going on, not far from Yellowknife	2- Somewhat more negative	2- Trust a little	-	1- Not effective	More info when more mining coming up from the band or other communities	need more info on when mining are coming around Yellowknife area
9		4- Somewhat improved understanding	Gold mining	3- No change	3- Neutral	very interesting	4- Very effective	need water to drink	clean up after the mine
10	It hasn't changed, the only change is new regulation	3- No change	How YKDFN to put mining committee together	3- No change	3- Neutral	-	3- Moderately effective	more advertising, media, TV	1. Members on boards 2. With mining background
11	scale of 1 - 5 I would have to say 4	4- Somewhat improved understanding	the presentations	4- Somewhat more positive	3- Neutral	slideshows, but not sure if the Elders understood	3- Moderately effective	need more workshops and more open workshops that is not closed to public, more sessions announced properly.	that depends! Need more ways of communication and speakers need to slow down while speaking so the Elders and youth can understand consultation with the public and actually listening to them, safety procedures, cleanup, investment into more than just cleaning up the mess - do more for the environment.
12	I now understand why people need gold and the only way is to mine it because we can't make it synthetically yet.	4- Somewhat improved understanding	Gold geology and mining technology with Todd	3- No change	2- Trust a little	-	4- Very effective	Possibly shorter and keep a variety of speakers	
13	more information understanding, etc.	4- Somewhat improved understanding	history, etc	4- Somewhat more positive	3- Neutral	-	3- Moderately effective	-	health effects, environment
14		5- Greatly improved understanding		4- Somewhat more positive	4- Trust somewhat	-	3- Moderately effective	-	-
15		3- No change		3- No change	4- Trust somewhat	-	-	-	-
16		3- No change		3- No change	4- Trust somewhat	-	-	-	-
17		4- Somewhat improved understanding		4- Somewhat more positive	1- Do Not Trust At All	it was informative	1- Not effective	have royalties and equities	have rules and guidelines in place, accountability
18	Good	4- Somewhat improved understanding	people's input	5- Much more positive	3- Neutral	-	3- Moderately effective	YKDFN	working close with YKDFN
19		4- Somewhat improved understanding	land owned	4- Somewhat more positive	4- Trust somewhat	understandable	4- Very effective	more visuals	new and improved measures
20		4- Somewhat improved understanding		2- Somewhat more negative	3- Neutral	-	3- Moderately effective	have posters/info around the room	begin with company getting permits to explore in water and land. Not contamination. Give people info on what's happening with work company is doing. Company need people to agree to have land mined. Clean up land once mine closed.
21		4- Somewhat improved understanding	upcoming gold mine	4- Somewhat more positive	2- Trust a little	-	4- Very effective	more meetings more community updates when Act, Regulations, etc have been updated, changed, new policies	protective of all Land, water, animals that we keep the YKDFN members in mind, live off the land, water, and air, still hunt, trap, fish, migratory birds. We need to preserve that. Treaty people, treaty.
22		4- Somewhat improved understanding	lots of information, was very informative	4- Somewhat more positive	4- Trust somewhat	-	4- Very effective	-	-
23	not quite understanding about mining	1- Much less understanding		3- No change	3- Neutral	-	3- Moderately effective	-	-
24		4- Somewhat improved understanding		3- No change	3- Neutral	-	3- Moderately effective	-	-
25	we are still talking about. No change	3- No change	none	3- No change	1- Do Not Trust At All	-	-	just leave it, don't touch it.	make a big mess
26	still the same info, not much change	3- No change	about the mining coming around YKDFN	3- No change	2- Trust a little	-	3- Moderately effective	keep the people info about the mining around YKDFN area	still no change because they're still destroying the lands
27	process and procedure of implementing a mine on the boundaries of aboriginal lands with the pros and cons	4- Somewhat improved understanding	the health effects along with the land damages to beneficiaries to tribal government	4- Somewhat more positive	4- Trust somewhat	-	5- Extremely effective	be more informative and give the people their wishes. Satisfy the people with these impacts of land changes	take accountability when land has been destroyed, start farming caribou for the herd declination.
28	lots of opportunity	4- Somewhat improved understanding	all the mine locations	4- Somewhat more positive	3- Neutral	-	4- Very effective	-	-
29	scale - 1 we need someone to keep us updated with the mining, that way some of us will understand mining	1- Much less understanding	the presenter - all	5- Much more positive	1- Do Not Trust At All	-	3- Moderately effective	we need more information or update on gold mining	don't want the crown and the courts to use it (information) against us, plus that little power plant can't pump out enough power for a mine, residents and businesses. Next thing you know they are going to start taking nuclear power energy plant, not enough wind for wind power either
30		4- Somewhat improved understanding	gold mining around NWT	3- No change	2- Trust a little	-	2- Slightly effective	give more, not only basic	if you are going to open, the job should last more years then it is today. More jobs for young peoples today.
31	it's okay I guess. Information was said clearly in visual	4- Somewhat improved understanding	arsenic to gold	3- No change	3- Neutral	-	3- Moderately effective	have more food	being respectful of someone's house

32	They tried to divide the Good from the Bad. New technologies might be safer	4 - Somewhat improved understanding	Indigenous businesses, new technology	3 - No change	1 - Do Not Trust At All	-	3 - Moderately effective	more MLAs that are part of the presentation, so they can hear our concerns first hand	local YKDFN owners of the mines for royalties
33	I am happy the mine inform little of mine and safety	2 - Somewhat less understanding	Understand what when wrong and (sp?) want the same mistake, the old ones make fish we can't eat anymore	2 - Somewhat more negative	2 - Trust a little	Good speaker but needed light to point at what the person was talking about. Good to show picture and explain more easier to understand.	-	-	-
34	-	4 - Somewhat improved understanding	Darrell B's presentation about the history in regards to mining	3 - No change	3 - Neutral	-	3 - Moderately effective	have less mining cause of disruptives	-
35	Not really, only because I was already quite familiar with gold mining and regulation/processes	3 - No change	One thing I learned of was Darcell's presentation. I was not aware of DEMCo - Interesting.	3 - No change	5 - Trust a Great Deal	-	5 - Extremely effective	perhaps more sessions and clear explanation of the whole purpose of the session. For some of the older generation I think these sessions are very goof to have to gather input. Maybe more tables are set up, hard to write and hold my coffee at the same time LOL	accountability and respect to affected FN.

Post-Workshop Survey - City Hall

Response	After attending today's workshop, how has your understanding of gold mining changed?	What part of the workshop stood out to you the most?	How has your outlook on gold mining in our region changed after today's session?	How would you describe your current level of trust in mining projects or companies operating in this region?	5. How effective was the presentation format (speakers, visuals, discussions, etc.) in helping you understand the topic?	What could we improve for future sessions?	In your own words, what does responsible gold mining mean to you now?
1	Somewhat improved understanding	The questions	Somewhat more positive	Trust somewhat	Moderately effective	None	Trust
2	Somewhat improved understanding	Regulations changes	Much more positive	Trust somewhat	Very effective	Make the session shorter	Taking everything people and the environment into consideration
3	Greatly improved understanding	New technologies and safer regulations	Much more positive	Trust somewhat	Extremely effective		Applying the new technology and regulations so that we can safely incorporate gold into the YK's economy
4	Greatly improved understanding	The other minerals that are found with gold ore, that can be valuable as well.	Somewhat more positive	Trust somewhat	Extremely effective	Maybe printed packages of the presentations.	Having the positive impacts greatly out weigh the negative. Preserving the environment and animals.
5	No change	Demco	No change	Trust somewhat	Moderately effective	Ensure to include the land and water boards when the review board presents. Call us if there's no email response.	Permit and licence compliance.
6	Greatly improved understanding	Joe Campbell's presentation - very informative	Somewhat more positive	Trust somewhat	Very effective	Recommend presenters customize presentations for the audience more, particularly regulatory, MVRMA, and Darrell	Environmental sustainable while improving the lives of people and advancing economic reconciliation
7	Somewhat improved understanding	Explanation of the gold ore milling and processing	Somewhat more positive	Trust somewhat	Moderately effective	More multimedia	
8	Somewhat improved understanding	The amount of mines in the past that are now abandoned.	No change	Do not trust at all	Moderately effective	Longer periods for questions.	Since 47% is used for jewelry and 37% is used as bullion, I still find it questionable to dig it out of the ground to line the vaults of other countries and to adorn the rich.
9	Somewhat improved understanding	the section on Indigenous mine ownership governance and infrastructure	somewhat more positive	Trust somewhat	Moderately effective	make it available on zoom	getting the impact and benefits assessment agreed to and signed off, following the rules, regular inspections, social license in the communities you operate in.
10	We need more local Indigenous ownership Somewhat improved understanding	the history and new plans	somewhat more positive	Trust somewhat	Moderately effective	more in Dettah and Ndilo	Being respectful to the Yellowknives Dene People and land of Chief Drygeese Territory
11	1. Regulatory Process 2. GNWT processing arsenic Somewhat improved understanding	Industry input	somewhat more positive	Trust somewhat	Very effective	-	-

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