



Appendix A.5

Summary of Mi'kmaq and Indigenous Peoples Engagement
Completed for the Project as of 2021as
Completed for the Updated 2021 Beaver Dam Mine EIS

The following table summarizes the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia engagement activities conducted by Atlantic Mining NS Inc. (AMNS) for the Beaver Dam Mine Project (the Project) to date since commencement of the federal environmental assessment (EA) process in December 2015. This includes the organization engaged (Indigenous community, Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia), the date, means of engagement and a summary of key issues if any and topics discussed. AMNS will continue engagement over the life of the Project.

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Organization	Date	Means	Key Issues
Office of Aboriginal Affairs (OAA)	February 26, 2016	Meeting	Updated OAA staff on Atlantic Gold's projects, including Beaver Dam EA, and discussed engagement with the Mi'kmaq
Kwilmu'kq Maw-Klusuaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO)	February 26, 2016	Meeting	Update on MRC Project and review of draft Mutual Benefits Agreement (MBA) with KMKNO Benefits Officer
KMKNO	March 2, 2016	Meeting	Review progress on draft MBA and discuss opportunities with KMKNO staff and lead Benefits Chief
Sipekne'katik First Nation	March 7, 2016	Meeting	Update on MRC Project, including Beaver Dam EA and review engagement opportunities with staff
KMKNO	April 6, 2016	Meeting	Progress on draft MBA with KMKNO staff and lead Benefits Chief
KMKNO	April 6, 2016	Meeting	Review of MRC Project and update on key issues for Touquoy and Beaver Dam including planning information sharing
OAA	April 20, 2016	Meeting	Update on MRC Project and engagement with KMKNO and Sipekne'katik First Nation
Sipekne'katik First Nation	April 21, 2016	Presentation	Formal presentation to Sipekne'katik Chief and Council on MRC Project including Beaver Dam and planned engagement with questions on potential effects including water and flora and fauna
KMKNO and Millbrook First Nation	April 22, 2016	Meeting	Discussion of proposed transportation of ore from Beaver Dam mine site to Touquoy for processing as part of the Project, including review of two options where one avoids passing Beaver Lake
Acadia First Nation	April 29, 2016	Email	Update on MRC Project and ongoing Mi'kmaq engagement, sharing information on open houses in May, and offer to further engage
Annapolis Valley First Nation	April 29, 2016	Email	Update on MRC Project and ongoing Mi'kmaq engagement, sharing information on open houses in May, and offer to further engage
Bear River First Nation	April 29, 2016	Email	Update on MRC Project and ongoing Mi'kmaq engagement, sharing information on open houses in May, and offer to further engage
Chapel Island First Nation	April 29, 2016	Email	Update on MRC Project and ongoing Mi'kmaq engagement, sharing information on open houses in May, and offer to further engage
Eskasoni First Nation	April 29, 2016	Email	Update on MRC Project and ongoing Mi'kmaq engagement, sharing information on open houses in May, and offer to further engage
Glooscap First Nation	April 29, 2016	Email	Update on MRC Project and ongoing Mi'kmaq engagement, sharing information on open houses in May, and offer to further engage
Membertou First Nation	April 29, 2016	Email	Update on MRC Project and ongoing Mi'kmaq engagement, sharing information on open houses in May, and offer to further engage

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Organization	Date	Means	Key Issues
Paq'tnkek (Afton) First Nation	April 29, 2016	Email	Update on MRC Project and ongoing Mi'kmaq engagement, sharing information on open houses in May, and offer to further engage
Pictou Landing First Nation	April 29, 2016	Email	Update on MRC Project and ongoing Mi'kmaq engagement, sharing information on open houses in May, and offer to further engage
Wagmatcook First Nation	April 29, 2016	Email	Update on MRC Project and ongoing Mi'kmaq engagement, sharing information on open houses in May, and offer to further engage
We'koqma'q First Nation	April 29, 2016	Email	Update on MRC Project and ongoing Mi'kmaq engagement, sharing information on open houses in May, and offer to further engage
Millbrook First Nation	May 12, 2016	Presentation	Formal presentation to Millbrook Chief and Council on MRC Project including Beaver Dam and planned engagement with questions on potential effects and opportunities associated with Beaver Dam, including trucking and fish
Millbrook First Nation	May 16, 2016	Open House	Community open house from 3-8pm held within Millbrook First Nation with information panels and one-on-one discussions; comments focused on employment opportunities and potential effects, including accidents and malfunctions and trucking of ore (16 attendees)
Sipekne'katik First Nation	May 17, 2016	Open House	Community open house from 3-8pm held within Sipekne'katik First Nation with information panels and one-on-one discussions; comments focused on employment opportunities and potential effects, including potential impact to water quality and fish habitat (16 attendees)
Sipekne'katik First Nation	October 6, 2016	Meeting	Update on MRC Project and specific discussion on Beaver Dam, including engagement with community once EIS is available and offer to share aspects of EIS prior to registration
KMKNO	October 20, 2016	Meeting	Discussion of engagement with the Assembly and Millbrook and Sipekne'katik First Nations and planning a leadership meeting with Assembly
Millbrook First Nation	November 4, 2016	Presentation	Presentation and round table discussion with Chief and Council and key staff regarding the MRC Project, including Beaver Dam; questions included benefits, haul route, potable water at Beaver Lake, and contingency planning
KMKNO	November 7, 2016	Phone call	Discussion of technical aspects of all projects, including Beaver Dam, e.g., schedule update, haul route, offer to share aspects of EIS prior to registration
KMKNO	November 8, 2016	Meeting	Review of draft MBA and ongoing sharing of opportunities, discussion of approach to finalize MBA and logistics of implementation
OAA	November 21, 2016	Meeting	Update on Atlantic Gold's engagement of the Mi'kmaq including Beaver Dam Mine Project
Federal and provincial regulators, KMKNO and Millbrook and Sipekne'katik First Nations	November 29, 2016	Site Tour	Site tour of Beaver Dam mine site, haul route and proposed changes to Touquoy site with federal and provincial regulators and staff of KMKNO and Millbrook and Sipekne'katik First Nations
Assembly Benefits Committee Chiefs	February 3, 2017	Presentation	Presentation to five Benefits Committee Chiefs and key staff of KMKNO re: MRC Project and advanced exploration ongoing in terms of short and long term opportunities for benefits to the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia

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Organization	Date	Means	Key Issues
Millbrook First Nation	February 15, 2017	Email	Update on Beaver Dam EIS submission, sharing of MEKS, and ongoing discussion of best approaches for information sharing to support Millbrook community engagement (to support request for additional information on contingency planning as requested), site visit for Chief and Council and members of Beaver Lake and logistics to provide additional information associated with potential impacts and discuss benefits
Sipekne'katik First Nation	February 15, 2017	Email	Update on Beaver Dam EIS submission, sharing of MEKS, and offer to meet and/or provide more information (date being planned to present to Chief and Council and discussion of community meeting once EIS released)
Mi'kmaw Conservation Group (MCG)	March 23, 2017	Phone call	Initial discussion of opportunities with Touquoy, Beaver Dam and other potential projects for environmental monitoring
Native Council of Nova Scotia	March 27, 2017	Email	Update on Beaver Dam EIS submission, overall MRC Project update and offer to meet and/or provide more information (date being planned to meet as per follow up correspondence)
Acadia First Nation	March 27, 2017	Email	Update on Beaver Dam EIS submission, overall MRC Project update and offer to meet and/or provide more information
Annapolis Valley First Nation	March 27, 2017	Email	Update on Beaver Dam EIS submission, overall MRC Project update and offer to meet and/or provide more information
Bear River First Nation	March 27, 2017	Email	Update on Beaver Dam EIS submission, overall MRC Project update and offer to meet and/or provide more information
Chapel Island First Nation	March 27, 2017	Email	Update on Beaver Dam EIS submission, overall MRC Project update and offer to meet and/or provide more information
Eskasoni First Nation	March 27, 2017	Email	Update on Beaver Dam EIS submission, overall MRC Project update and offer to meet and/or provide more information
Glooscap First Nation	March 27, 2017	Email	Update on Beaver Dam EIS submission, overall MRC Project update and offer to meet and/or provide more information
Membertou First Nation	March 27, 2017	Email	Update on Beaver Dam EIS submission, overall MRC Project update and offer to meet and/or provide more information
Paq'tnkek (Afton) First Nation	March 27, 2017	Email	Update on Beaver Dam EIS submission, overall MRC Project update and offer to meet and/or provide more information
Pictou Landing First Nation	March 27, 2017	Email	Update on Beaver Dam EIS submission, overall MRC Project update and offer to meet and/or provide more information
Wagmatcook First Nation	March 27, 2017	Email	Update on Beaver Dam EIS submission, overall MRC Project update and offer to meet and/or provide more information
We'koqma'q First Nation	March 27, 2017	Email	Update on Beaver Dam EIS submission, overall MRC Project update and offer to meet and/or provide more information

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Organization	Date	Means	Key Issues
Key staff of MCG and KMKNO	April 6, 2017	Meeting	Review of environmental monitoring and other participation opportunities, such as wetland compensation planning, for MCG to use existing capacity and build future capacity as part of developing the Company's projects, including the Beaver Dam Mine Project.
Key interested staff and councillors from Sipek'nekatik and Millbrook First Nations plus MCG	May 3, 2017	Presentation	Presentation by Atlantic Gold staff on emergency response planning, environmental monitoring and reclamation for Touquoy and Beaver Dam sites, including cyanide transport, handling, monitoring and discharge; specific discussions on management of effluent, cyanide handling, incl Cyanide Code, and effect on local hydrology, e.g., Cameron Flowage water levels due to Beaver Dam pit development.
CEAA led technical session with Sipekne'katik and Millbrook	September 20, 2017	Presentation	reviewed EIS methodology, Valued Components and Effects Assessment Process, conclusions and residual effects with Millbrook, Sipekne'katik and CEAA. Question and answer dialogue regarding project description and potential environmental effects
CEAA led technical session with KMKNO	September 27, 2017	Presentation	reviewed EIS methodology, Valued Components and Effects Assessment Process, conclusions and residual effects with KMKNO and CEAA. Question and answer dialogue regarding project description and potential environmental effects
Native Council of Nova Scotia	January 9, 2018	Meeting	reviewed Project Description, EIS methodology, Valued Components and Effects Assessment Process, conclusions and residual effects with Native Council. Question and answer dialogue regarding project description and potential environmental effects
Millbrook First Nation - Community members, staff and Council	January 23, 2018	Presentation	Formal presentation and poster board session to Millbrook community members to answer specific technical questions on the Beaver Dam project regarding cyanide management and handling, contingency and reclamation planning and mining processes.
Millbrook First Nation (Sheet Harbour IR)	January 24, 2018	Presentation	Poster board session/Open House to Millbrook community members to answer specific technical questions on the Beaver Dam project regarding cyanide management and handling, contingency and reclamation planning and mining processes.
Millbrook First Nations	August 13, 2018	Email	Offer to meet regarding mitigation and monitoring measures for the Beaver Dam Mine Project.
Sipekne'katik	September 12, 2018	Meeting	Review of Project Description including adjusted waste rock pile location, review of mitigation measures and monitoring plans to address potential surface water and around water impacts from tails deposition into the TQ pit and from mine run off into the Killag River system; reviewed dust suppression options and road access management along Haul Road, participated in a question and answer period.
Millbrook First Nation	September 13, 2018	Email	Follow up request for meeting to review mitigation and monitoring for the Beaver Dam Mine Project.
Sipekne'katik	September 21, 2018	Email	Summary notes of September 12, 2018 meeting on Mitigation Session
Millbrook First Nation	September 21, 2018	Letter sent by email	Request for meeting to review land use information and current and land use. Also provides summary of January presentation sessions.
KMKNO	September 18, 2018	Meeting	Reviewed project description including adjusted waste rock pile location; discussed mitigation measures and monitoring plans, discussed dust suppression options along the Haul Road, reviewed the idea of potential lichen monitoring as indicator species for forest health.
KMKNO	September 21, 2018	Email	Summary notes of September 18th provided and confirmation that action items are supported by AGC.

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KMKNO	September 21, 2018	Email	Summary notes of September 18th and confirmation of meeting on November 19th to Review the Preliminary Environmental Effects Monitoring program.
Millbrook First Nation	October 4, 2018	Meeting	Meeting included representatives from CEAA and OAA. Discussed TEKS reporting, including scope and study area, and the specific IRs that relate to the information in the TEKS. Provided an overview of the Touquoy project. Also provided the timeline for resubmission of the revised EIS.
J. Millard to Millbrook First Nation	October 5, 2018	Email	Summary notes of October 4th meeting and a listing of IRs that related to Mi'kmaq
J. Millard to Millbrook First Nation	October 23, 2018	Email	Provided specific TEK information requested related to Beaver Dam CEAA Information requests in table format. Offered support to prepare a suitable confidentiality agreement.
Millbrook First Nation - G. Gloade	October 24, 2018	Email	Questions regarding the methodology of the Archeological Study
G. Gloade to J. Millard	October 24, 2018	Email	Acknowledgement of October 23rd email from J. Millard.
J. Millard to Millbrook First Nation	October 29, 2018	Email	Request for update on provision of TEKS to AG.
Cultural Resource Management Group	October 29, 2018	Email	Acknowledgement of October 24th email from G. Gloade . Indication of intention of work together once the Mi'kmaw Ecological Study and Traditional Land and Resource Use Study (TLRUS) are ready for Review.
J. Millard to Millbrook First Nation	November 7, 2018	Email	Request for TEKS. Request for a phone conversation to discuss possible ways AG can provide assistance.
Millbrook First Nations - S. Martin	November 7, 2018	Email	TEK cannot be released to AGC until it is released to community. Any release to AG will required an agreement on how the information would be used.
J. Millard to Millbrook First Nation	November 8, 2018	Email	Confirmation of intention to use TEK information to respond to IRs related to the Mi'kmaq. Offer to share Atlantic Gold regulatory documents.
J. Hartling to Millbrook First Nation	November 13, 2018	Email	Explanation of why AGC is seeking the study information and acknowledgement of confidentiality of the data. Will provide a confidentiality agreement for Millbrook's consideration. AG is seeking to review the information by December 15, 2018
J. Hartling to Millbrook First Nation	November 18, 2018	Email	Follow up to email of November 13, 2018. Offer to have a phone conversation with Millbrook.
Millbrook First Nation, CEAA, NSE, OAA	January 31, 2019	Meeting	Review of Millbrook Traditional Land and Resource Use Study (TLRUS), review of Beaver Dam Project (technical update), discussion regarding thresholds for determination of significance, and recommendations reviewed from TLRUS.
KMKNO	April 4, 2019	Meeting	Meeting to discuss FMS and Beaver Dam updates
CEAA led technical session with OAA, KMKNO and Millbrook	April 10, 2019	Meeting	Technical session led by CEA Agency to review Revised EIS Valued Components and Effects Assessment Process, conclusions and residual effects with Millbrook, KMKNO and CEAA. Question and answer dialogue regarding project description and potential environmental effects
Sipekne'katik First Nation	June 21, 2020	Meeting	Re-introduction to the Beaver Dam Mine Project including Valued Components and Effects Assessment Process, conclusions and residual effects. Question and answer dialogue regarding project description and potential environmental effects

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Organization	Date	Means	Key Issues
Millbrook First Nation	November 14, 2019	Meeting	Meeting to plan out next steps for Round 2 IRs, land use, including planned meetings in December 2019 and January 2020
Millbrook First Nation Chief and Council	May 6, 2020	Online meeting	Project Updates: Beaver Dam and Fifteen Mile Stream
J. Hartling to Millbrook First Nation – G. Gloade	May 12, 2020	Email	Follow-up on May 6 th meeting – request for Project impacts workshop with Millbrook
Millbrook First Nation – G. Gloade	July 20, 2020	Email	Update on Millbrook First Nation and Covid-19, set up a meeting on TLRUS mapping
J. Hartling to Millbrook First Nation – G. Gloade, S. Martin	September 1, 2020	Email	Preparation for meeting on September 11, 2020 Attachments: Beaver Dam Summary of Effects and Plain Language Summary
Millbrook First Nation – G. Gloade	September 2, 2020	Email	Discussed logistics and dates for Sheet Harbour community meeting on Beaver Dam Mine Project
J. Hartling to Millbrook First Nation – G. Gloade, S. Martin	September 8, 2020	Email	Draft Agenda for Meeting on September 11, 2020
KMKNO – D. Peters to M. Milloy	September 23, 2020	Email	Request for ARIA for Beaver Dam Mine Project and Cochrane Hill Gold Project
M. Milloy to KMKNO – D. Peters	October 5, 2020	Email	Six ARIA reports sent to D. Peters
Millbrook First Nation - G. Gloade, N. Gloade	September 29, 2020	Meeting	In person meeting to review and discuss TUS mapping and project impacts
J. Hartling to Millbrook First Nation – G. Gloade	December 7, 2020	Phone call	Discussed Millbrook community meetings, TUS supplemental interviews, communication protocol, Millbrook newsletter
J. Hartling to KMKNO – D. Peters	November 2, 2020	Email	Shared Beaver Dam Plain Language Summary
KMKNO – D. Peters, T. Menge	January 18, 2021	Online Meeting	Updates on all projects, follow up on archeological screening shared with KMKNO on all projects, benefits
Millbrook First Nation - G. Gloade	February 3, 2021	Online Meeting	Meeting to review draft figures with Millbrook engagement officer to support planned engagement meetings with community members
J. Millard to Millbrook First Nation – G. Gloade	February 16, 2021	Email/Dropbox	Shared a draft IR response for CEAA 2-48 and CEA 2-49 including maps and PowerPoint presentation
J. Millard to Millbrook First Nation – G. Gloade	April 1, 2021	Email	Shared the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia draft Effects Assessment for the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia (Section 6.14) for review and feedback (i.e., validation of impact conclusions and level of specificity of data referencing from the TLRUS).
L. Brownlie to Sipekne'katik First Nation	May 7, 2021	Email	Shared Beaver Dam Mine Project Plain Language Summary

CEAA= Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency; EA = Environmental Assessment; MRC = Moose River Consolidated; Hwy = Highway; MCG = Mi'kmaw Conservation Group; NSE EA Branch = Nova Scotia Environment Environmental Assessment Branch; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; RCMP = Royal Canadian Mounted Police; NS = Nova Scotia; MDMER = Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulations; TLRUS = Traditional Land and Resources Use Study; OOA = Office of Aboriginal Affairs; TQ = Touquoy Mine; TEK = Traditional Ecological Knowledge; TUS: Traditional Use Study; KMKNO = Kwilmu'kqMaw-Klusuaqn Negotiation Office; MBA = Mutual Benefits Agreement.