

Appendix 17-B

GBA+ Interview Questions

Interview Questions for the Crown Mountain Coking Coal Project Environmental Assessment Gender Based Analysis Plus Study

The following questions formed the basis of each interview; however, it is noted that the interviews were structured to be less formal and more conversational. The participants often guided the conversation in the direction that felt right for their personal experience or the experience of their community. Sub-questions and prompts often emerged out of the conversation but generally aimed to capture the themes identified in the pre-determined questions.

1. Does your Nation or community have enough opportunities to meaningfully participate in mining, for example, through employment or revenue sharing or other business opportunities related to mining? Are economic opportunities in mining something your community wants to have more of?
2. What kinds of barriers does your Nation or community face to participate in mining or take advantage of meaningful economic opportunities associated with mining? How can mining companies such as NWP help to reduce those barriers?
3. Do some of your members or citizens live in towns in the Elk Valley such as Sparwood, Fernie, or Elkford? If so, can you describe any challenges they face living in those towns e.g., housing supply and affordability, childcare access, cost of living, and racism? Do these issues impact their interest in and/or ability to become employed or sustain employment in the mining sector? How can mining companies such as NWP help to address those issues?
4. Do you have concerns about the safety of your members or citizens, particularly women, girls, or Two-Spirited peoples residing in urban areas in the Elk Valley, or traveling and being out on the land due to the presence of a primarily male mining workforce? If so, what are those concerns? How can mining companies such as NWP help to address those safety issues for your members?
5. Is there anything else you would like to add regarding the social impacts of mining in the Elk Valley?