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Public Consultation Plan





Crown Mountain Coking Coal Project

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview of the Project

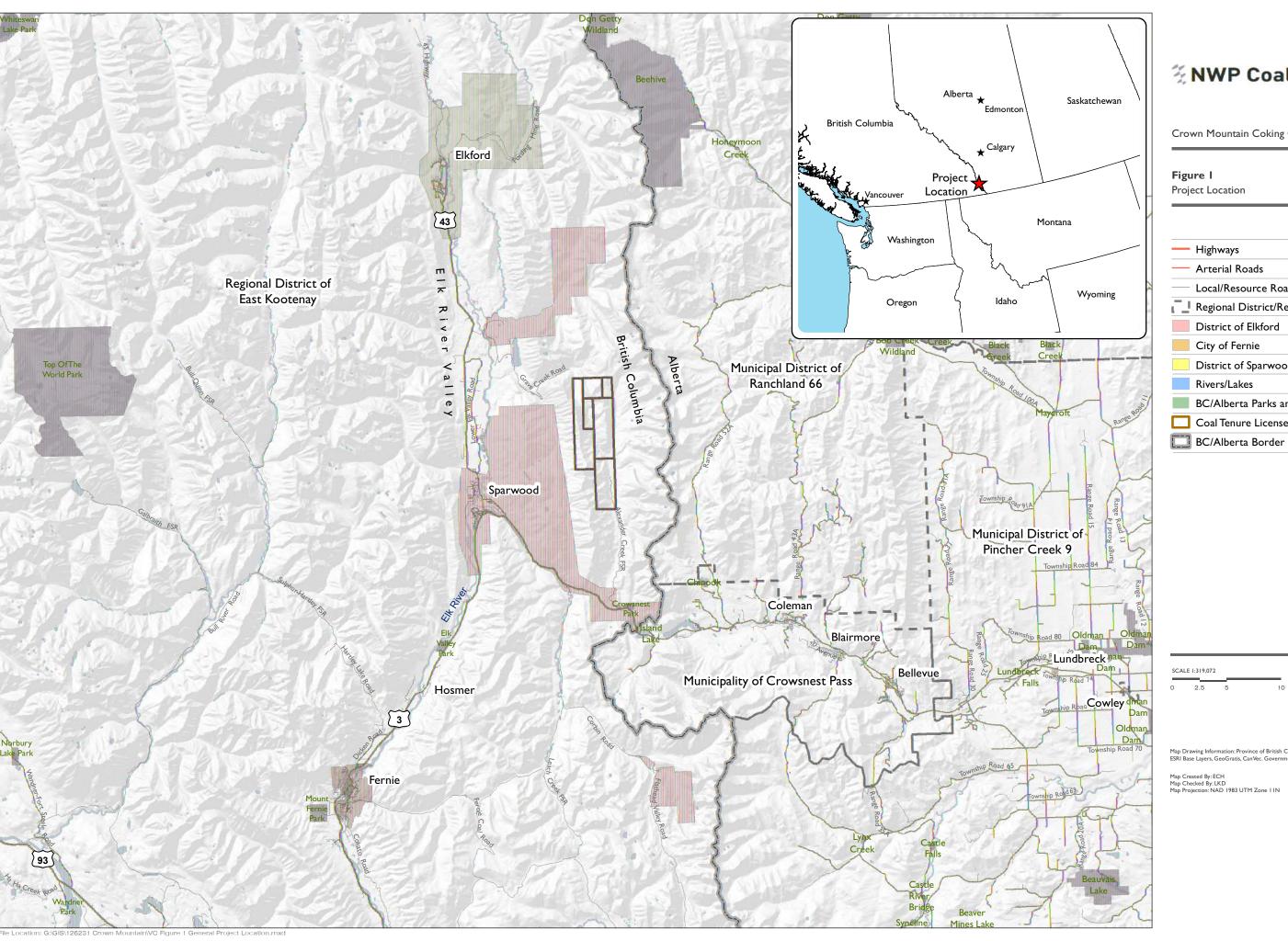
The Crown Mountain Coking Coal Project (the Project) is a proposed open pit metallurgical coal mine in the Elk Valley coal field in the East Kootenay Region of south eastern British Columbia (**Figure 1**). The Project consists of five coal tenure licences, including 418150, 418151, 418152, 418153 and 418154, covering a total area of 2,588 ha (referred to as the "Project property") and one license application. NWP Coal holds a 90% interest in the five coal tenure licenses and 100% in the license application. Exploration activities undertaken in 2013 resulted in the definition of a total open pit coal resource of 99 million tonnes for the Project. Run of mine coal reserves are estimated at 56 million tonnes, of which 50 million tonnes are proven and 6 million tonnes are probable. The anticipated production capacity of the Project is 3.7 million run-of-mine tonnes (M ROMt) per annum (approximately 10,150 tonnes per day [tpd]) for 16 years (not including site decommissioning) and will have a surface disturbance of approximately 1,100 ha which includes the pits, waste rock management areas, buildings, and transportation infrastructure (e.g., haul road and rail load-out). Exploration activities to date indicate that the coal at the Crown Mountain site is typical of the coking coals produced from existing mines in the Elk Valley.

The Project is located approximately 150 km line-of-sight and 300 km by road southwest of Calgary, Alberta and the centre of the Project's property (i.e., coal licences) is approximately 12 km northeast of the District of Sparwood, British Columbia at 114°43.6′W and 49°48.4′N. The Project is situated in the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains of BC and within the Alexander and Grave Creek watersheds. The area in and around the Project is used for various recreation activities including fishing, hunting, ATVs, snowmobiles, camping, and hiking. The proposed Project would be located within the asserted traditional territory of the Ktunaxa Nation.

The proposed Project is subject to an environmental assessment (EA) under both the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) 2012 and the British Columbia *Environmental Assessment Act* 2002. Provincially, the Project is considered a Reviewable Project given that the production capacity of the mine will be greater than 250,000 tonnes per year of clean coal and will result in a disturbance greater than 750 hectares (ha) that was not previously permitted for disturbance. Federally, the Project is considered a Designated Project under the CEAA 2012 *Regulations Designating Physical Projects* as the mine will have a production capacity of more than 3,000 tonnes per day. For additional information on the Project, please refer to the Project Description on the EAO's Project Information Centre (e-PIC) and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency Registry¹.

http://a100.gov.bc.ca/appsdata/epic/html/deploy/epic project doc index 427.html. CEAA Registry: http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/details-eng.cfm?evaluation=80087

¹ Crown Mountain Coal Project, EAO, e-PIC:



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— Arterial Roads Local/Resource Roads Regional District/Regional Municipality District of Elkford City of Fernie District of Sparwood Rivers/Lakes BC/Alberta Parks and Protected Areas Coal Tenure Licenses and Application



Map Drawing Information: Province of British Columbia, NWP Coal Canada Ltd., Dillon Consulting Limited, ESRI Base Layers, GeoGratis, CanVec. Government of Alberta.

Map Created By: ECH Map Checked By: LKD Map Projection: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 11N

PROJECT: 12-6231

STATUS: FINAL DATE: 5/25/2015

1.2 Proponent Information

The Project proponent is NWP Coal Canada Ltd. (NWP Coal), a wholly owned subsidiary of Jameson Resources Limited (Jameson). NWP Coal is based in Vancouver, BC and the head office of Jameson is based in West Perth, Australia. Jameson is a junior coal exploration and development company that owns projects within Canada's Elk Valley and Peace River coal fields.

Contact information for NWP Coal Canada is as follows:

Name of Designated Project	Crown Mountain Coking Coal Project
Name of Proponent	NWP Coal Canada Ltd.
Address of Proponent	Suite 800, 1199 West Hasting Street, Vancouver BC V6E 3T5
Principle Contact Person	Art Palm, CEO and Chairman

2.0 PURPOSE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

As part of this Project, NWP Coal's primary objective is to effectively communicate information about the proposed Project and involve those who may be potentially affected by, or have an interest in, the Project. NWP Coal is committed to creating and sustaining constructive dialogue and relationships with local and regional stakeholders to support the environmental, social, and economic sustainability of the Project. As part of the Project's consultation, NWP Coal is focused on engaging with the public over the Project lifecycle, including Project development, to ensure feedback from the public is incorporated into the Project and mitigation measures reflect public feedback.

The Public Consultation Program is designed to achieve the following:

- Communicate information in a timely, consistent manner to the local community members, regulators, and stakeholders throughout the lifecycle of the Project to build awareness of the Project, including potential effects and proposed mitigation measures;
- Identify and understand Project issues and concerns, as well as ensuring responsive engagement regarding stakeholder interests;
- Create and facilitate opportunities for the public to provide meaningful input and feedback on the Project and responding to all comments received on the Project and documents related to the EA process through the use of tracking tables, reports, and other documentation methods;
- Engage in early, frequent, open, and honest communication to build strong relationships with interested parties, particularly those who may be potentially affected by the Project;
- Foster strong, collaborative and long-term partnerships with regulators, community groups, and other stakeholders; and
- Consider input and feedback received on the Project and how it will be considered as the Project progresses.

The Public Consultation Program developed for the Project is designed to meet the requirements outlined in the Province of BC Public Consultation Policy Regulation (BC Reg. 373/2002) and the consultation provisions described in the BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) environmental assessment review procedures ordered under Section 11 of the BC Environmental Assessment Act.

3.0 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

3.1 Public Consultation Area

The majority of the proposed Project is located on Crown land approximately 30 km by road and approximately 12 km northeast by line-of-sight from the District of Sparwood in the East Kootenay region of BC. The load-out facility is proposed for private land owned by Teck close to the main project area. The proposed consultation area includes local municipalities (e.g., District of Sparwood, City of Fernie, District of Elkford, the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, and the Town of Hosmer) and residents of the Regional District of East Kootenay Electoral Area A which occurs within the Regional District of East Kootenay. The public consultation area, shown in **Figure 2**, is similar to the Local Study Area selected as part of the assessment boundary for evaluating potential effects on the social and economic environment during the environmental assessment, and includes the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass in Alberta.

3.2 Stakeholder Identification

Stakeholders that may be potentially interested in or impacted by the Project (both directly and indirectly) will be identified as the Project moves forward based on the following:

- On-going discussions with Working Group members;
- Input from local Project consultants and community groups;
- Stakeholders previously consulted with regards to similar Projects in the area; and
- Information gathered from local meetings, open houses, and information sessions.

It is expected that stakeholders may include individuals or groups that are potentially impacted by the Project and/or have an interest in the Project: residents (e.g., residents of Sparwood and local communities); recreational users or those with recreational interest (e.g., hikers, campers, hunters, and environmental groups); and those with commercial interests (e.g., forestry, trappers, outfitters, other mineral tenure holders in the area). Identification of preliminary groupings has been done so based on methods used by other mining projects in the area (e.g., Elkview Operations Badly Ridge Extension Project, Teck Coal 2015).

A preliminary list of potential stakeholders is provided in **Table 2**. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list of stakeholders, but is intended to provide an initial understanding of groups that are in close proximity to the proposed Project, may have an interest in the potential effects associated with the Project, and were previously consulted with regards to similar projects in the area.

As the Project progresses, additional stakeholders may be identified. In addition, NWP Coal will ensure that the general public is aware of the Project through regular consultation activities and opportunities for feedback (e.g., updates on company website and local newspapers). **Section 4.0** provides information on consultation activities and how stakeholders will be engaged over the course of the Project.

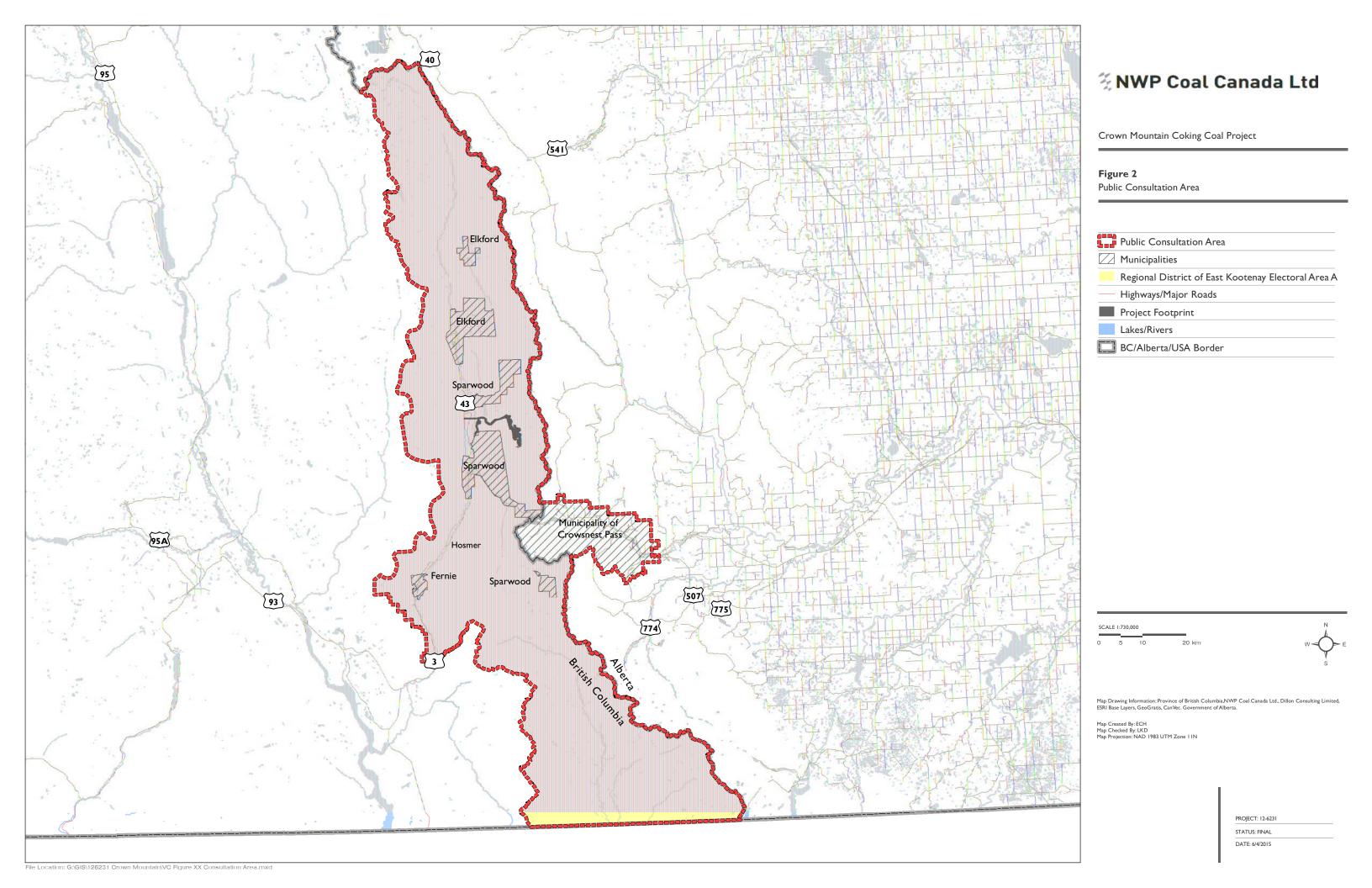


Table 1: Potentially Interested Stakeholder Groups

Stakeholder Group
Local and Regional Governments and Regulatory Agencies
BC Environmental Assessment Office
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
BC Ministry of Environment, Environmental Protection, Kootenay Boundary
BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
BC Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Regional District of East Kootenay
District of Sparwood
City of Fernie
District of Elkford
Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
Recreational
Fernie Fly Fishing
Kootenay Fly Fishing
Elk River Guiding Company
Canyon Raft Company
Mountain High Adventures
Fernie Wilderness Adventures
Fernie Rod and Gun Club
Trappers
Quad Squad Association
Elkford ATV Club
Elkford Snowmobile Club
Sparwood Fish and Wildlife
Special Use Permit holder in Alexander Creek
Industry
Teck Coal Limited
CanAus Coal Ltd.
Canada Forest Products
Jemi Holdings Ltd.
Canadian Pacific
Summit Natural Rock Inc.
Elk Valley Integrated Forestry Task Force.

Stakeholder Group		
Community and Public Interests Groups		
Residents of Local Communities		
Sparwood and District Fish and Wildlife Association		
Elk River Alliance		
Crowsnest Forest Stewardship Society		
Crowsnest Conservation Society		
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society		
Sierra Club BC		
Wildsight Society		
The Nature Trust of BC		
Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative		
Flathead Wild		

4.0 PHASES OF CONSULTATION

Public consultation is integral to creating and maintaining relationships and open communication with the public and stakeholders and as such, will occur over the lifetime of the Project. Consultation will occur over four (4) phases: early engagement; Pre-Application; Application Review; and on-going engagement. The phases are described in **Sections 4.1** to **4.4**.

4.1 Early Engagement

Early and initial engagement included activities undertaken up to the submission of the Project Description to the EAO and CEA Agency and the issuance of a Section 10 Order of the BC *Environmental Assessment Act*. The Section 10 Order was issued for the Project in October 2014.

Public and stakeholder engagement was initiated for the Project in 2011. Since 2011 and up to the submission of the Project Description and issuance of the Section 10 Order, early engagement has included in-person meetings and conference calls with the EAO and CEA Agency, the Ministry of Environment, and the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. Topics of discussion during early engagement were focused on the development of environmental baseline programs (e.g., water quality sampling locations and establishment of the Project climate station).

4.2 Pre-Application Phase

The Pre-Application phase of consultation includes engagement undertaken up to the submission of the Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) Application. Pre-Application phase consultation occurs following issuance of the Section 11 Order by the EAO. For the purposes of this Plan, engagement prior to the issuance of the Section 11 is referred to as early engagement. The Section 11 Order for the

Project was issued by the EAO May 27, 2015. During the Pre-Application phase, NWP Coal intends to undertake a variety of activities to fulfil mandated consultation requirements of the Section 11 procedural Order, which includes public comment periods and an open house.

An important document to be made available for public review during the Pre-Application phase is the Valued Components for Environmental Assessment document. This document outlines the proposed Valued Components (VCs) that will be evaluated during the environmental assessment and describes the methods and assessment boundaries that will be used for conducting baseline studies. The VCs selected for a project depend on the type of project (e.g., mining, transportation, oil and gas), the geographic region the project is located in, as well as the potential effects on any of the five (5) 'pillars' noted by the EAO: environment, economic, social, heritage, and health. Stakeholder input and engagement is a key step in the development of the VC document and the associated selection of VCs to be carried forward for environmental assessment.

The primary activities and objectives to occur in the Pre-Application phase are:

- **Public Comment Period** Provide the public an opportunity to review and provide feedback on the draft Valued Components (VC) document. See **Section 4.2.1** for more information.
- Open House Allow the community and stakeholders an opportunity to review the draft VC document and discuss the Project with NWP Coal. See Section 4.2.2 for additional information.
- **Document Availability** Ensure the draft VC document is available at public locations for review by the public. See **Section 4.2.4** for additional information.
- Response to Comments NWP Coal will maintain a log of all communications. Responses to
 each public comment received on the draft VC document will be developed by NWP Coal. See
 Section 4.2.5 for more details.
- **Public Consultation Reports** Develop and submit reports to the EAO that outline completed and proposed consultation activities. See **Section 4.2.6** for more information.
- **Incorporate Feedback** Ensure feedback and comments from the public and stakeholders are incorporated into the design of the Project, as appropriate.

It should be noted that during the Pre-Application phase, NWP Coal intends to conduct additional activities with stakeholders on an as required basis to communicate key milestones in the environmental assessment and Project-related details (see **Section 4.2.1** for more information).

4.2.1 Public Comment Period

As per the requirements detailed in the Section 11 Order, the EAO provides a public comment period of at least 30 days on the draft VC document. The public comment period for the Project's VC document was held between May 13 and June 13, 2016. The VC document details the social, environmental,

heritage, economic, and health components that will be evaluated during the environmental assessment and also defines the spatial boundaries in which each of the components will be assessed for impacts and effects. To facilitate responses and feedback from the public and stakeholders on the draft VC document, the document was made available through a variety of means, including:

- The EAO made the draft VC document available in electronic format on the EAO Electronic Project Information Centre (e-PIC) website;
- Paper copies of the draft VC document were made available at libraries in local municipalities (See Section 4.2.4 for document availability); and
- Paper and electronic copies were made available at the open house held during the Pre-Application stage.

The public comment period for the draft VC document was advertised in local newspapers, including:

- The Fernie Free Press;
- Kootenay News Advertiser;
- The Elk Valley Herald;
- The Crowsnest Pass Herald;
- The Columbia Valley Pioneer;
- The Cranbrook Daily Townsman;
- The Kimberly Daily Bulletin; and
- The Creston Valley Advance.

Advertisements posted in local newspapers were prepared according to specifications provided by the EAO and included a brief outline of the proposed Project and the purpose of the VC document. The advertisements also provided details on the public comment period, the open house, and contact information for providing comments to the EAO.

4.2.2 Public Open House

A community open house was held during the Pre-Application stage on May 25, 2016 in Sparwood to allow the community and stakeholders an opportunity to review the draft VC document and discuss the Project with NWP Coal. The open house was held during the 30-day public comment period for the VC document, which ran between May 13 and June 13, 2016.

NWP Coal developed presentation materials for the open house, which included poster boards describing the Project, Valued Components, and baseline studies completed to date. The public open

house was advertised in local newspapers before and during the public comment period and over a week in advance of the open house.

4.2.3 Additional Pre-Application Phase Engagement Activities

In addition to the mandated public comment periods and open house, NWP Coal will also conduct a variety of engagement activities during the Pre-Application phase to communicate with stakeholders and allow for open dialogue during this phase of the Project. Additional activities include but are not limited to:

- Meetings and Presentations In-person meetings and presentations with local groups, municipalities, and special interest groups (e.g., participating in the Elk Valley Cumulative Effects Management Framework [CEMF], supporting the Sparwood and District Fish and Wildlife Association).
- **Telephone and Email Inquiry Program** A phone and email inquiry program will be established to allow stakeholders an avenue to provide feedback and ask questions related to the Project.
- **Company Website** –Project updates and communication materials relevant to consultation will be posted on a company website.
- **Site Tours** NWP Coal may hold additional site tours during the Pre-Application phase for stakeholders who wish to view key areas of where site development will occur.
- Radio Interviews and Advertisements NWP Coal may conduct radio interviews during the Pre-Application phase and/or advertise in local papers to update stakeholders regarding Project progress and milestones.
- Participation at Community Events NWP Coal may participate at local community events, as appropriate, such as Coal Miner Days.

4.2.4 Document Availability

The draft VC document was made accessible to the public and stakeholders in a variety of ways to facilitate opportunities for the public and stakeholders to review the document and provide feedback. As detailed in **Section 4.2.1**, NWP Coal made the draft VC document available at several public locations. Paper copies of the draft VC document were made available at the following locations:

- Sparwood Library;
- Fernie Heritage Library; and
- Cranbrook Public Library.

4.2.5 Response to Comments

As per the Section 11 Order, NWP Coal is required to respond to public comments received on the draft VC document. Prior to finalization of the VC document, NWP Coal will respond in writing to all public comments received. The NWP Coal responses to public comment will be provided to the EAO for review prior to finalization and posting to e-PIC. Public comments received by the EAO will be posted by the EAO to the e-PIC within seven (7) days of being received. Feedback and comments received on the proposed Project will be incorporated into the finalized VC document, as appropriate.

Over the course of the Pre-Application phase, NWP Coal will maintain a log of all consultation-related communications, which can be reviewed by the EAO if requested. **Section 5.0** provides additional information on consultation tracking activities.

4.2.6 Public Consultation Reports

Over the course of the Pre-Application phase, NWP Coal will document all consultation and engagement activities outlined in this Public Consultation Plan. Information documented and gathered will be used to adhere to and complete reporting requirements mandated under the Section 11 Order issued for the Project. As per the Section 11 Order, the Public Consultation Report will include the following:

- Description of the results of any consultation activities undertaken during the Pre-Application phase, as described in this Public Consultation Plan;
- Summary of the following:
 - Consultations with the public that have been completed;
 - Copies of advertisements or public communications used during the Pre-Application phase;
 - Information, comments, concerns, and questions received from the public; and
 - o Information on how the comments, concerns, and questions received from the public are addressed and if applicable, how the Project has changed or adapted to address feedback.
- Outline steps for on-going and future consultation and engagement activities.

As per the Section 11 Order, Public Consultation Reports will be developed and provided to the EAO within 60 days after the close of a public comment period for the draft VC document, at the time the Application is submitted, and at any other time if requested by the EAO.

4.3 Application Review Phase

The Application review phase is initiated upon acceptance of the EA Application for review by the EAO. NWP Coal is committed to continuing consultation and engagement over the course of the Project to communicate details on the proposed Project, the potential impacts, proposed mitigation measures,

and to seek feedback from the public and stakeholders on the Application submitted for the Project to the EAO and the CEAA.

The primary activities and objectives to occur in the Application are similar to those to be carried out during the Pre-Application phase and include:

- **Public Comment Period** Provide the public an opportunity to review and provide feedback on the Application. See **Section 4.3.1** for more information.
- Open House(s) Allow the community and stakeholders an opportunity to review the Application and discuss the Project with NWP Coal. See Section 4.3.2 for additional information.
- **Document Availability** Ensure the Application is available at public locations for review by the public. See **Section 4.3.3** for additional information.
- Response to Comments Respond to public comments received on the Application. See Section 4.3.3 for more details.
- **Public Consultation Reports** Develop and submit reports to the EAO on completed consultation activities. See **Section 4.3.6** for more information.
- **Incorporate Feedback** Ensure feedback and comments from the public and stakeholders are incorporated into the design of the Project, as appropriate.

Additional engagement activities to be undertaken during the Application phase are similar to those noted in the Pre-Application phase (Section 4.2.1) and are detailed in Section 4.3.1.

4.3.1 Public Comment Periods

In accordance with the requirements set out in the Section 11 Order for the Project, the EAO will provide a public comment period of at least 30 days for the Application for an EAC. During the Application Review phase public comment period, the Application will be made available to the public through the following means:

- The EAO will make the Application available in electronic format on the EAO e-PIC website.
- Paper copies of the Application will be available at local libraries and town or city halls in (See Section 4.3.4 for document availability during the Application phase).
- Paper and electronic copies will also be made available at the open house held during the Application phase.

The public comment period for the Application will be advertised in local newspapers, similar to those listed in **Section 4.2.1**, and will include details on the Application, public comment period, the open house, and contact information for providing comments to the EAO on the Application. Advertisements will be developed according to specifications provided by the EAO.

4.3.2 Public Open Houses

It is anticipated that at least one (1) community open house will be held by the EAO during the Application phase to provide the public an opportunity to review the Application and provide comments on the Project design, proposed mitigation measures, and potential Project-related effects. Additional open houses may be held at the discretion of the EAO. As with the open house during the pre-Application Review phase, the open house will likely occur during the 30-day public comment period on the Application. The public open house during the Application phase will be advertised at the same time as the public comment period in local newspapers.

4.3.3 Additional Application Phase Engagement Activities

During the Application phase, NWP Coal intends to continue engagement with stakeholders to communicate key milestones in the environmental assessment and Project-related details. As with the Pre-Application phase of consultation, NWP Coal intends to conduct several activities during the Application phase, including but not limited to:

- **Meetings and Presentations** In-person meetings with local groups, municipalities, and special interest groups, which may include continued participation with the Elk Valley CEMF.
- **Telephone and Email Inquiry Program** A phone and email inquiry program will be established to allow stakeholders an avenue to provide feedback and ask questions related to the Project.
- **Company Website** –Project updates and communication materials relevant to consultation will be posted on a company website.
- **Site Tours** NWP Coal may hold additional site tours during the Application phase for stakeholders who wish to view key areas of where site development will occur.
- Radio Interviews and Advertisements NWP Coal may conduct radio interviews during the Pre-Application phase or advertise in local papers to update stakeholders regarding Project progress and milestones.
- Participation at Community Events NWP Coal may participate at local community events, as appropriate, such as Coal Miner Days.

Additional consultation activities not specified in this Plan may be carried out, if requested by the EAO or required under other permitting and approval applications (e.g., requirements under the *Mines Act* or the *Environmental Management Act*).

4.3.4 Document Availability

The Application will be made accessible to the public and stakeholders in both electronic and paper copies to facilitate opportunities for the public and stakeholders to review the Application and provide feedback. Electronic copies of the Application will be made available by the EAO on the e-PIC site.

Paper copies will be made available for the public to review at selected libraries and city halls, which will include the Sparwood, Fernie, and Cranbrook Public Libraries and the Sparwood, Fernie, and Cranbrook municipal halls.

4.3.5 Response to Comments

NWP Coal is mandated under the Section 11 Order to respond to public comments received on the Application. Comments received from the public will be posted to e-PIC by the EAO within seven days of being received. All consultation-related communications will be tracked over the Application phase and NWP Coal will respond to each comment received in writing.

4.3.6 Public Consultation Reports

NWP Coal will continue to document and log all consultation and engagement activities during the Application phase of the Project. Public Consultation Reports are also required under the procedural Section 11 Order during the Application phase, and similar to the Pre-Application phase, will include:

- Description of the results of any consultation activities undertaken during the Pre-Application phase, as described in this Public Consultation Plan;
- Summary of the following:
 - Consultations with the public that have been completed;
 - Copies of advertisements or public communications used during the Application phase;
 - o Information, comments, concerns, and questions received from the public; and
 - Information on how the comments, concerns, and questions received from the public are addressed and if applicable, how the Project changed or adapted to address feedback.
- Outline steps for on-going and future consultation and engagement activities.

As part of the Application phase, Public Consultation Reports will be developed and provided to the EAO at the time the Application is submitted or at any other time, if requested.

4.4 On-Going Engagement

NWP Coal is committed to creating and sustaining constructive dialogue and relationships with the public and other stakeholders over the course of the Project. Should the Project be successful in receiving an EAC, consultation and engagement post-EAC and prior to construction of the Project will include:

 Meetings and Presentations – NWP Coal will continue to meet with stakeholders and the public (through information sessions or open houses) to discuss the Project, updates, issues and concerns, and mitigation measures to be implemented.

- **Telephone and Email Inquiry Program** A phone and email inquiry program will be established to allow stakeholders an avenue to provide feedback and ask questions related to the Project.
- Letters and Mailing Lists To allow for communications to reach all interested parties, letters and mailing lists will be developed to communicate Project updates.
- **Company Website** NWP Coal will post all Project updates and communication materials relevant to consultation on a company website.

5.0 FEEDBACK, COMMUNICATION, AND ISSUES TRACKING

NWP Coal will maintain a log of all communications with the public and stakeholders over the course of the Project. All comments received during the public comment periods will be tracked and responded to in writing by NWP Coal. In addition to a consultation/communications log, NWP Coal will manage and maintain a tracking document for issues brought forward by the public during consultation and engagement activities. Information will be provided to the EAO as part of the Public Consultation Reports, or at any time if requested.