

Appendix 6

Public Consultation Report

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1.0 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1.1 The Need for Public Participation

Benga is a junior mining company whose key strategy is to “work closely with host Governments and Communities to ensure a relationship based on trust and open communication is established whereby all will benefit”. Their core values of engaging the community early, often and constructively will create powerful shared values. Agreed-upon shared values help bind people together, and Benga can be a catalyst through its communication with the interested stakeholders that will build a stronger and more vibrant community.

1.1.1 Alberta Energy Regulator

The Final Terms of Reference Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the Grassy Mountain Project (EIA ToR) as submitted to the Alberta Energy Regulator by Benga identifies the following requirements that must be met in a community engagement program:

Describe the concerns and issues expressed by the public and the actions taken to address those concerns and issues, including how public input was incorporated into the project development, impact mitigation and monitoring.

Describe plans to maintain the public engagement processes following the completion of the EIA report to ensure that the public will have an appropriate forum for expressing their views on the ongoing development, operation and reclamation of the project.

Describe the efforts to obtain public input and identify concerns with the proposed project, including public consultation methods, locations and timings.

1.1.2 Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

Grassy Mountain Coal Project Description Summary submitted to the Canadian Environment Assessment Agency by Benga provides details of the Consultation with the public and other parties as follows:

1.1.2.1 Overview of Activities to Date

Timely and effective engagement with the public is a key aspect of the Project. Benga has held three Public Forums and one Open House in the Crowsnest Pass to inform the public about the Project. Numerous meetings have also been held with the regional municipalities, local stakeholders, local residents and land owners, special interest groups, provincial and federal government agencies, senior cabinet ministers and specific individuals with concerns.

In addition to the Public Forums and Open House, Benga has attended a local Trade Show in Blairmore and held numerous meetings with the municipalities in the region, particularly the specialized Municipality of Crowsnest Pass and the Municipal District of Ranchland.

1.1.2.2 Future Public Consultation Reports

Benga expects to be holding additional focused meetings with individuals and agencies in 2015. The Provincial Proposed Terms of Reference for the EIA were publicly filed and public comments were sought through a 45-day public notice period. Additional newsletters will also be produced and distributed.

In addition to these activities, Benga maintains an “open door” policy to their Blairmore office whereby individuals can stop by at their convenience to discuss the Project. Benga will continue to operate its community office and employ a Community Relations representative. This will ensure the people have a physical location to go to ask questions and to obtain Project information.

These efforts will ensure that all interested individuals and agencies have an opportunity to become familiar with the Project, and that all pertinent environmental and social concerns have been identified and methods for mitigating these concerns have been investigated. Benga will continue to the public engagement program throughout the Project’s life.

Copies of the provincial (AER) Terms of Reference, Summary Table, Project Description, or other documents are made available on the company website or can be obtained by contacting the company contacts noted in this document.

1.2 Key Elements of Public Participation

The public should have an opportunity to have a say in decisions that affect their lives through a meaningful public participation process. For a public participation program to be meaningful, it should exhibit all of the following elements:

1.2.1 Early Notification

Where notification is to be given, it needs to be done early enough to allow the public to have the opportunity to influence the planning of a project and its environmental assessment process before any irrevocable decisions are made.

1.2.2 Accessible Information

The responsible authority should ensure that all participants are provided with the information they need to participate effectively on a timely basis. Consideration should be given to the appropriate language for this information and the need to use culturally sensitive means of communication.

Access to information should only be limited in accordance with the laws relating to access to information and privacy.

1.2.3 Shared knowledge

A project should be developed on the basis of both technical and scientific knowledge and community and Aboriginal traditional knowledge. Knowledge, concerns, values and viewpoints should be shared in an open, respectful and timely manner. This includes information on the potential consequences of a project. Any rights flowing from the ownership of information that participants may have need to be respected.

1.2.4 Sensitivity to community values

Public participation processes need to be carried out in a manner that respects different community values and needs.

1.2.5 Reasonable timing

A public participation process should provide the public with a fair and reasonable amount of time to evaluate the information presented and to respond to project proposals and to proposed decisions by proponents and responsible authorities.

1.2.6 Appropriate levels of participation

A public participation process should provide for levels of participation that are commensurate with the level of public interest.

1.2.7 Adaptive processes

Public participation processes should be designed, implemented and revised as necessary to match the needs and circumstances of the project and to reflect the needs and expressed preferences of participants. This process may be iterative and dynamic in keeping with the reasonable expectations of participants.

1.2.8 Transparent Results

Public participation is based on the premise that the public's contribution will be considered in the decision-making process. A public participation process should, at its conclusion, provide information and a rationale on whether or how the public input affected the decision.

1.3 Public Participation Plan Directive

- Planning:

- Key Community;
- Public Interest Groups; and
- General Public/Individuals.
- Identify Methods of Communication:
 - Media (Print and Radio);
 - Direct Communication (mail, email & phone); and
 - Local Bulletin Board.
- Identify and Define Methods of Engagement:
 - Formal Meeting;
 - Unofficial Contact/Walk-ins;
 - Open Houses/Public Forums;
 - Formal Letter;
 - Newsletter;
 - Media;
 - Community Event Participation;
 - Community Investment; and
 - Sponsorships.
- Recording Stakeholder's Contact Information:
 - Communication Forms; and
 - StakeTracker.
- Implement Plan:
 - Notification of stakeholders;
 - Encourage participation of events and meetings;
 - Provide information to community and stakeholders;
 - Identify concerns and issues of the community and Stakeholders;
 - Work with community and stakeholders to establish resolution to concerns and issues;
 - Provide follow-up as required; and
 - Maintain documentation and record all communication.
- Prepare Report:
 - Prepare report on the public engagement process:
 - Overview of plan;
 - Methods of communication and engagement;

- Results of engagement; and
- Resolution of concern.
- On-going Plans:
 - Continue to engage community:
 - Address concerns; and
 - Record keeping.

2.0 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

2.1 Identification of Stakeholders

2.1.1 Local Governments

2.1.1.1 Municipality of Crowsnest Pass

Although the Grassy Mountain Project Site is within the boundary of the MD of Ranchland, the majority of the economic impact of the operation is going to affect the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass. It is the nearest community to the site. This will be the base for all operations from exploration to mine construction. It also has the nearest CP Rail line necessary for the Coal Load Out. Emergency services for the site will also be dispatched out of Crowsnest Pass.

The current population of the Crowsnest Pass is approximately 5,600 people. The community was built on coal mining starting in the late 1800s. Coleman Collieries was the last operation in Crowsnest Pass to close in 1983. The community does not have good memories of coal dust and wind issues from the Coleman mine. The community has minimal industry and depends significantly on the taxes of an aging population for revenue. Many of the residents now view the community as a “Recreational/Tourism Community” due to the numerous natural and historical resources, but remains underdeveloped. The municipal government consists of a mayor and six counsellors.

2.1.1.2 Municipal District of Ranchland

The MD of Ranchland is a very large district with a land area of about 2,639 sq/km, with 45 dwellings and a population of approximately 104 people. There are no communities in the MD and the office is located in the Chain Lakes Provincial Park. It is considered to be primarily a ranching district although it collects significant royalties from gas and oil pipelines running through. Its government consists of a Reeve and two counsellors.

2.1.1.3 Town of Pincher Creek

The town of Pincher Creek is approximately 50 kilometers east of Crowsnest Pass. Its population is approximately 3,700 people. There is significant business within the community to support the farming and ranching, as well as the oil and gas and wind energy industries that exist around the community. Its government consists of a Mayor and six councillors.

2.1.1.4 Municipal District of Pincher Creek

The MD of Pincher Creek surrounds the Town of Pincher Creek with a population of 3,160 people. Within the MD of Pincher Creek are four other small Hamlets, Lundbreck, Cowley, Beaver Mines and Twin Butte. Much like the Town of Pincher Creek, farming and ranching, the oil and gas and wind energy industries are key to the MD's economy. The MD office is inside the Town of Pincher Creek and its government consists of the Reeve and four councillors.

2.1.1.5 District of Sparwood

Located in the province of British Columbia approximately 50 kilometers west of Crowsnest Pass, the District of Sparwood has approximately 4,200 residents. Sparwood is quite large for its population, taking up an area of 191.01 square kilometers and incorporating three local coal mines. The local economy is heavily dependent on coal mining, one of British Columbia's primary industries. A large part of the population either works in the mines or as tradesmen and labourers in related support industries, such as trucking or as mechanics. Logging is another important industry. The population of the district is approximately 4,200 people and governed by a Mayor and six councillors.

2.1.1.6 Residents of the following Communities

The Municipality of Crowsnest Pass consists of five communities that were historically independent. On January 1, 1979, the following communities amalgamated to become the Crowsnest Pass.

- Coleman;
- Blairmore;
- Frank;
- Hillcrest; and
- Bellevue.

2.1.2 Other Land Interests

2.1.2.1 Property Owners Adjacent to Grassy Mountain

There are ten privately owned quarter sections adjacent to Grassy Mountain. Some are owned by local residents, but most are owned by out of towners (*i.e.*: Calgary, Lethbridge, *etc.*). The mine site will be adjacent to approximately five of these properties and will likely be more impacted than the other five. The access to these properties is Grassy Mountain Road and privately owned by Benga has also become a concern due to its unforeseeable existence and the safety factors that will come in to play with public access on a mine road.

2.1.2.2 Grazing Leases Adjacent to Grassy Mountain

There is a single owner of Grazing Leases on crown land that consist of ten quarter sections in vicinity of Grassy Mountain. There is also the Gold Creek Grazing Coop of whom the single owner is a member. Benga works often with both to the advantage of all. The Gold Creek Grazing Coop leases approximately fourteen quarter sections in the Grassy Mountain area from the crown and used to lease the properties now owned by Benga. Gold Creek continues to utilize Benga property for grazing, but at no charge. In turn, Benga has required access through the leased properties by the single lessee and Gold Creek Grazing in order to conduct exploration. The single lessee has also been hired by Benga to conduct occasional site security. His knowledge of the area makes him an ideal candidate for this job.

In the frequent contact with both the single lessee and Gold Creek Grazing to conduct business, there is also discussion on the future grazing over the course of the construction and operation of Grassy Mountain Mine. This is not something that can be answered at this point and will likely require on going communication with the cattlemen over the lifetime of the mine. Benga is committed to meeting with the single grazing lease holder and Gold Creek Grazing Coop to ensure a continued line of communication with these stakeholders.

2.1.2.3 Trap Lines

There are three trappers in the area of the Grassy Mountain Project. One is adjacent to the project site, the other is in the close vicinity and the other is in the area. Regular communication for two is required as a result of exploration projects. Notifications are going out as required for depending on the location of the projects. What this means is the trapper adjacent to the project site is notified for pretty much all exploration and the second is notified only if there are activities near his claim. Notification has not been required with the third trapper.

On February 19, 2014, the first trapper (adjacent to project site) and his son met with Benga and discussed their concerns. The trap line has been in their family for fifty years and they are concerned about how it will impact their trap line. It does not appear that the mine operations will be in there area until late in the life of the mine, but they have concerns about how that may impact them.

On March 10, 2015, Benga met up with the third trapper. He resides in the MD of Ranchland, but used to be a school teacher in Crowsnest Pass. An overview of the project was provided to him. He provided no concerns for the project in regards to the impact of his trap line. He observed the economic value to the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass and went on to say that the wildlife and industry is capable of coexisting just fine.

2.1.3 Economic and Community Development

2.1.3.1 Crowsnest Pass Chamber of Commerce

Local businesses within Crowsnest Pass banding together to provide support through a variety of services and benefits. The Chamber of Commerce encourages partnerships among individuals, civic groups, businesses and the municipal council.

2.1.3.2 Crowsnest Pass Community Futures

Community Futures supports small business in Crowsnest Pass by providing business financing and business counseling services for new and existing businesses in the effort to develop the local economy. It works with a wide variety of community organizations on community economic development projects in an effort to increase growth and sustainability within the Crowsnest Pass.

2.1.3.3 Crowsnest Pass Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee (EDTAC)

The Crowsnest Pass Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee is made up of eight members of the community appointed by council. The Committee is to represent a broad based economic development and tourism profile which reflects the diversity of the community. The Committee is an advisory body and provides Council with information on economic and tourism development in alignment with strategic priorities that includes tourism, marketing, new business opportunities (commercial and industrial) and business attraction and retention.

2.1.3.4 Pincher Creek Chamber of Commerce

Local businesses in Pincher Creek working together to support through a variety of services and benefits. The Chamber of Commerce encourages partnerships among individuals, civic groups, businesses and the municipal council.

2.1.3.5 Pincher Creek Economic Development Committee

The Town of Pincher Creek Economic Development Committee consists of seven voting members, one council member and six member of the community. Also on the board is the Town of Pincher Creek Economic Development Officer who is not a voting member. The Committee's objectives consist of improving Pincher Creek's image, attracting new residents and attracting new business.

2.1.4 Government Authorities

2.1.4.1 Alberta Energy Regulator (AER)

The Alberta Energy Regulator ensures the safe, efficient, orderly, and environmentally responsible development of hydrocarbon resources over their entire life cycle. This includes allocating and conserving water resources, managing public lands, and protecting the environment while providing economic benefits for all Albertans.

Energy regulation in Alberta spans more than 75 years and has evolved over time. This evolution continued in 2013 when the AER became a new organization and began taking on regulatory functions related to energy development that were previously held by Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD). This transition is now complete, and the AER is now the single regulator of energy development in Alberta—from application and exploration, to construction and development, to abandonment, reclamation, and remediation.

2.1.4.2 Alberta Energy and Sustainable Resources Development

The Alberta Energy and Sustainable Resources Development (ESRD) is the Alberta provincial ministry of the Executive Council of Alberta responsible for environmental policy and sustainable resource development. It manages the use of Alberta's diverse landscapes to sustain a healthy environment, a prosperous economy and strong communities by protecting the provinces air land and water.

2.1.4.3 Transportation Alberta

Transportation Alberta is the government body responsible for the highways within Alberta. Their mission is "to provide a safe, innovative and sustainable world-class transportation system that supports Alberta's economy and quality of life".

2.1.5 Community Service/Civic Awareness

2.1.5.1 Crowsnest Museum/Historical Society

Crowsnest Pass is a community rich with history. The Crowsnest Historical Society was formed in 1973 by a group of concerned citizens who recognized the need to preserve the unique cultural history of the Crowsnest Pass which was quickly disappearing. Their mission statement states that *“through its collection, the Crowsnest Historical Society and Crowsnest Museum & Archives protects, preserves, and portrays the cultural heritage of Crowsnest Pass and its people to ensure the knowledge of the past enriches the lives of present and future generations”*.

2.1.5.2 Bellevue Underground Mine

The Bellevue Mine was active from about 1905 until 1961 and was the reason for the town of Bellevue’s existence. The mine entrance now serves as a Museum providing mine tours and visitors with a unique opportunity to go a short distance underground into the historic coal mine. Hardhats, lights, and knowledgeable guides are provided. There are many on-site artifacts both in the mine and near the entrance.

2.1.5.3 Crowsnest Cultural and Recreation Society (Can-do)

The Crowsnest Cultural and Recreation Society is a group with a vision for a multi-purpose and cultural center for Crowsnest Pass. They have plans for the raising of funds, construction, maintenance and operation of a recreational complex. They have already conducted some fund raising events in the Crowsnest Pass.

2.1.6 Social, Health and Emergency Services

2.1.6.1 Crowsnest Pass Fire/Rescue

Because of Crowsnest Pass’s natural recreation and extreme topography, it requires the Fire/Rescue to be trained for many unique circumstances. There is one fire/rescue department with three stations one in Coleman, one in Blairmore and one in Bellevue.

2.1.6.2 Crowsnest Pass RCMP

The Crowsnest Pass RCMP detachment houses a Sergeant, Corporal and five constables.

2.1.6.3 Crowsnest Pass Emergency Medical Services

Crowsnest Pass EMS currently has three ambulances, two running full time and the third running half time. Crowsnest Pass EMS is managed through Alberta Health Services.

2.1.7 Environment

2.1.7.1 Crowsnest Pass Conservation Society

Crowsnest Conservation Society is a charitable organization based in Crowsnest Pass, devoted to working together with community partners to ensure a healthy future for the natural environment and the people and wildlife that live in it.

2.1.7.2 Nature Conservancy of Canada

The Nature Conservancy of Canada secures natural areas through purchases, donations or other mechanisms and manages these properties for the long term. They work with other conservation agencies to creatively establish objectives and plans to conserve Canada's natural heritage.

2.1.7.3 Castle Crown Wilderness Coalition

The Castle-Crown Wilderness Coalition is a conservation group that was started in 1989 by a small group of southern Albertans who were concerned about the future ecological health of the Castle Region. Since that time, the organization has grown to over 500 members, including more than a dozen member groups. They recognize that the Castle Region is an important part of the Crown of the Continent Ecosystem which covers approximately 44,000 square kilometers of Alberta, BC, and Montana and includes Waterton Lakes National Park, Glacier National Park, and the Bob Marshall Wilderness.

2.1.7.4 Alberta Wilderness Association

The Alberta Wilderness Association (AWA) is a non-profit, federally registered, charitable society that was established in 1965. It is dedicated to the completion of a protected areas network and the conservation of wilderness, with a provincial office and resource center in Calgary, and active members, volunteers, and sponsors throughout Alberta and beyond.

2.1.7.5 Trout Unlimited

Trout Unlimited is a registered Canadian non-profit organization whose mission is to conserve, protect and restore Canada's freshwater ecosystems and their cold-water resources. Their work includes stream restoration, scientific research and education. Their resources consists of a core group of highly trained staff and a network of volunteers.

2.1.8 Wildlife and Habitat

2.1.8.1 Hillcrest Fish and Game Protective Association

The Hillcrest Fish and Game Protective Association is a branch that has been registered under the Alberta Fish and Game Association for over ninety years. Made up primarily of hunters and fishermen, the organization promotes through education and programs the conservation and responsible utilization of fish and wildlife and to protect and enhance the habitat they depend on.

2.1.8.2 Ducks Unlimited Crowsnest Pass

Ducks Unlimited (DU) is an international non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of wetlands and associated upland habitats for waterfowl, other wildlife, and people. It had roughly 597,000 members as of January 2012

2.1.9 Recreational

2.1.9.1 Crowsnest Pass Golf Club

The Crowsnest Pass Golf Course is an 18 hole grass green golf course originally opened in 1918. GolfWest magazine awarded this course a Gold Medal as "Most Scenic Alberta Course" in 2014. The Golf Course expanded in the 1980s onto property that was turned over to them in an agreement with Devon; part of the same free-hold land purchased by Benga from Devon.

2.1.9.2 CNP Quad Squad

The Quad Squad is an ATV/UTV organization that practices active stewardship including trail clean-ups, development, and maintenance projects, as well as providing a powerful voice for ATV enthusiasts who wish to continue to have access to off highway vehicle trails and random camping areas. Their mission is to promote responsible use of Alberta's Southern Rockies and to ensure the conservation of our wilderness areas for the continued use of future generations.

2.1.9.3 United Riders of Crowsnest (UROC)

UROC is a mountain biking club in Crowsnest Pass that not only takes advantage of the many trails through the terrain in Crowsnest Pass, but have built many of their own around the Powderkeg Ski Hill in Blairmore. Many of these trails they have built, and many trails that they have future plans for, are on Benga properties.

2.1.9.4 Crow Snow Riders

The Crow Snow Riders Club is a snowmobile club in Crowsnest Pass that is organized to help support the snowmobiling in the Crowsnest Pass area.

2.1.10 Private Campgrounds

- Crowsnest Pass Campgrounds – Passburg District;
- Hiawatha Campgrounds – Burmis District;
- Lost Lemon Campgrounds – Blairmore;
- Crowsnest RV Park – Coleman; and
- Crowsnest Mountain Resort.

2.2 Defining Methods of Communication

2.2.1 Formal Meeting

Formal Meetings are scheduled meetings with a purpose. They may or may not require a planned agenda, but should be documented at the conclusion with “Meeting Notes” or on a “Meeting Notes Form”.

2.2.2 Unofficial Contact

Unofficial Contact is generally an unplanned meeting, where the two parties meeting is “coincidental” or the Stakeholder may stop in to visit informally. The Unofficial Contact is generally documented on a “Record of Contact Form”.

2.2.3 Open Houses/Public Forums

There have been several Open Houses and Public Forums or a combination of the two. An Open House can be identified as a display of the different areas of interest (*i.e.*, Environmental Studies, Site Operations, Load Out Options, *etc.*) that are staffed by the experts and the public is able to observe and ask questions. A Public Forum involves a presentation put on by Benga and the public is able to ask questions at the end of the presentation. At both venues, the attendees are greeted at the door where they signed in. At the last three Open Houses/Public Forums, the attendees were provided with an Exit Interview to complete and submit. There are three forms of feedback that can be received from the public through Open Houses/Public Forums:

- Direct Comments;
- Q & A; and
- Exit Interviews.

The Exit Interviews are basically feedback forms supplied to Open House attendees as they arrive and they are encouraged to document their concerns, advice, *etc.* Questions may change from one Open

House to another depending on the topics of interest from previous public feedback or if Benga required the public consensus on a direction to take on the project (*i.e.*: preferred Load-Out Option).

The Open Houses and Public Forums were generally promoted with:

- Posters throughout the community;
- Print media advertising;
- Radio broadcast media advertising; and
- Email posters to the email list.

The key objectives of the Open Houses and Public Forums:

- Introduce the Project and the related publicly available documents;
- Identify key community and public interest groups, people and other stakeholders;
- Encourage participation of people or groups who may have an interest in the project;
- Provide adequate information to people for them to learn about the project and weigh the advantages and disadvantages; and
- Identify and understand mine planning and development interests and issues of the public

Each Open House/Public Forum took place in the late afternoon and/or early evening.

2.2.4 Formal Letter

Formal Letters are similar to Newsletters as they are informative, but are more specific to one topic of information. For example, the announcement of a decision from a recent Open House/ Public Forum.

2.2.5 Newsletter

Project Newsletters were prepared and distributed through the email and mail lists, at Open Houses, Trade Shows and presentations to the various groups and organizations. They provided a project overview, updates and any other information of interest to the project. The purpose of the Newsletter was to create awareness and participation in the Community Engagement.

2.2.6 Media

Crowsnest Pass hosts two print media (The Crowsnest Pass Herald and Shootin' the Breeze), one radio station and houses poster boards throughout the community. Benga also maintains its own website. There has been media coverage in print media outside of Crowsnest Pass as Benga has reaches out to the communities next to Crowsnest Pass. There has also been some Regional coverage

on broadcast media (CBC Television and Radio) because of the projected positive impact the project will have on the community.

2.2.7 Community Office

Benga operates a Community Office in Crowsnest Pass that employs a full time Community Relations representative. The office provides a location where area stakeholders are welcome to ask questions and find information about the project and a person dedicated to addressing and tracking the community questions and concerns.

2.2.8 Community Event Participation

Benga believes that being a part of the community is about building relationships and attending the community events and functions provides the opportunity to build strong relationships.

2.2.9 Community Investment

Investing in the Community means supporting local initiatives, groups and organizations in order to build a stronger and more vibrant community. Although the Grassy Mountain Project is not yet an operational mine, Benga is already investing in the community.

2.3 Management of Communication

2.3.1 StakeTracker

StakeTracker is an advanced, purpose-built stakeholder relationship management software solution designed to help stakeholder engagement and public consultation professionals efficiently manage communications with stakeholders, communities and the public. The web-based stakeholder management software assists in tracking communications with stakeholders in order of the stakeholders, their groups, the land parcels they are associated and/or the topic of the communication (*i.e.*: environment, Load Out, project overview, *etc.*). Much like the overall Engagement Plan, regular evaluation of the manner in which the data is entered into StakeTracker is required as new statistics maybe of interest to the project application.

3.0 SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION

3.1 Key Stakeholders

3.1.1 Local Governments

3.1.1.1 Municipality of Crowsnest Pass

Benga engaged with Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass on August 29, 2012, prior to the transaction of the Grassy Mountain Properties from Devon. Regular engagement continued with the current Municipal Government after a complete change over from the Municipal Election which took place October 21, 2013. In the early stages of the project, meetings ranged from informal with the Mayor and CAO to presentations on record at council meetings. The topics consisted of updates on the exploration operations and timelines on the planning of the various phases of the project. As the plans progressed into further decisions regarding site and load out design, Mayor and Council were apprized prior to being presented at Open Houses. As the project enters preparation of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), multiple options have to be narrowed down to one specific option. In-camera meetings with other Stakeholders such as the Crowsnest Golf Club and Transportation Alberta were required to address concerns and mitigate issues.

Further meetings are now being planned to discuss the direct contribution Benga will have on the community in the near and the distant future. Although further discussions will involve other community groups, it is imperative that the Mayor and Council are informed and have input to the plans. On July 22, 2015, three councillors were taken up to Grassy Mountain for a Site Tour.

Date	Description
8/29/2012	Benga meets with Mayor, counsellors and CAO to discuss the proposed purchase of Devon Properties.
11/14/2012	Benga meets with Mayor and CAO following press release by Devon on proposed sale to Benga.
10/15/2013 2:00:00 PM	Benga provides a brief progress report of the project to date to the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass at public Council Meeting.
1/15/2014 7:00:00 PM	Benga attended a public council meeting and provided a project overview and the GM road access issues.
8/12/2014 6:00:00 PM	Benga Mining Project attended Council Meeting to provide update of project to Mayor and Council and safety issues of motorbikes on the mountain during exploration.
9/29/2014	The Mayor of Crowsnest Pass and CAO attended the Benga office to be presented with the Rail Load Out

Date	Description
2:00:00 PM	options prior to being presented to the public at the Open House.
10/7/2014	Benga met with Mayor, council and CAO to discuss the project and issues that have surfaced as a result of the proposed load outs presented at the recent Open House.
11/25/2014 2:00:00 PM	Benga met with Mayor and CAO to discuss the rail options that were presented at the last Open House. Mayor and CAO were advised that the best option out of the two is the Riverbed Option as it would be the least expensive.
12/5/2014 1:00:00 PM	Meeting with Mayor and CAO to discuss the rail load out options, particularly the potential conflict with proposed Hwy 3 expansion. Transportation Alberta will have to be included in future consultations.
3/20/2015	Benga met with CAO and Mayor and presented a conceptual video of.
3/31/2015	Benga met with CAO who provided details on some of the key concerns within the community that Benga can consider addressing that would benefit the community (growing tax base, attracting younger residents).
4/8/2015	Benga attempted a meeting with Community Futures. Only a few were able to attend, so Fire/Rescue, Police, ESRD, some counsellors attended for project update, economic benefits of the project and promotion of the next Open House.
4/20/2015	Benga provides presentation to Mayor, Council and CAO prior to the Open House on April 22.
6/18/2015 9:00:00 AM	Benga in-camera meeting with Mayor and council, Alberta Transportation to discuss the Load Out Option going into the Golf Course and the impact it may have on the proposed Highway 3 expansion.
6/24/2015 9:00:00 AM	Benga in-camera follow-up meeting from June 18 with Mayor and Council to present all of the Load Out Options that were considered and rationale as to why they were not followed up on.
7/13/2015	Benga in-camera follow-up meeting from June 24 with Mayor, council, Transportation Alberta and Golf Club to discuss plans required for the project to consider the proposed expansion for Highway 3 and re-build of the golf course.
8/4/2015	Benga meets with CAO to discuss communication planning with mayor and council and community contribution planning.
9/3/2015 9:00:00 AM	Benga meets with Mayor and council in open public to introduce Cal Clark, Manager of Sustainable Development. Presentation reviewing the application process and where Benga is in it, then Q&A.
9/15/2015 1:00:00 PM	Benga in-camera meeting with Mayor and council of Municipality of CNP to update on project. Plan meeting to review Socio-economic study.

Method	Date	Description
Newsletter	3/2/2014	Benga prepared and distributed a newsletter to update the public on project information.
Phone	8/21/2014 3:00:00 PM	Municipality of Crowsnest Pass has agreed to post on their Facebook page that Hunting is not permitted on Benga Mining Property and for hunters to be cautious when hunting on crown land near Grassy Mountain due to the activity that will be continuing throughout the fall.
Email	2014-09-24 08:00 AM	Email invitation to a special VIP luncheon at Open House on September 30.
Email	9/24/2014 08:00 AM	Email invitation to VIP Luncheon to the Open House.
Newsletter	12/5/2014 11:00 AM	Email to distribute December 2014 Newsletter to Stakeholders.
Email	12/30/2014 3:08 PM	Australia Day on January 26 with a Charity function. Poster mailed out to all stakeholders inviting all to attend. Money raised from the function is donated to local charities.
Email	2/26/2015 11:13 AM	Distribution of the Newsletter to Stakeholders from Benga.
Email	3/23/2015 6:25:31 PM	Benga Mining met with Mayor and CAO March 20 to discuss the project and load out option. Mayor Painter forwarded an email reiterating mayor and council's position to not support the rail load out in the river bottom.
Email	4/9/2015 12:05:58 PM	A poster promoting the Benga Open House.
Email	5/5/2015 3:30:03 PM	Email from Benga to Mayor and CAO providing details and Feedback from Open House.
Email	5/8/2015 3:47:52 PM	Letter from Benga to all Stakeholders on Benga advising of outcome of April 22 Open House and Golf Course Load Out Option going to be focus of project.
Email	5/13/2015 2:53:20 PM	An email of a letter explaining the Grassy Mountain Road and Benga's commitment to assist property owners adjacent to Grassy Mountain and MD of Ranchland to assist them in alternative went out to the property owners, a copy was sent to the CAO of the Municipality of CNP for their information.

3.1.1.2 Municipal District of Ranchland

Benga engaged early with the MD of Ranchland as well. An Open Public Forum was held initially at the MD of Ranchland on February 5, 2013, where the current team was introduced, the project plans were presented and Benga's executives fielded questions from the public. Benga continues to meet regularly with the Reeve and council not just to update them on the project, but to keep them apprised of the consultations with the "property owners adjacent to Grassy Mountain" (who are also MD of Ranchland's ratepayers). On July 7, 2015, Benga took the Reeve and Council on a tour of the

Grassy Mountain Site. The MD also receives invitations to Open Houses and Public Forums put on by Benga and at least one representative has always attended.

The MD of Ranchland is also part of a further plan that includes the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass. As the project progresses into construction and eventual operation, consideration will have to be made for various contingencies that the MD of Ranchland will be unable to provide and need to turn to Crowsnest Pass.

Date	Description
2/5/2013 2:00:00 PM	Benga met with the MD of Ranchland at public meeting to introduce themselves, provide presentation and discuss the recent purchase of the property from Devon and the company's operation plans.
11/4/2014 11:59:59 PM	Benga updates MD of Ranchland Reeve and council on Grassy Mountain Project. Specifically the future plans for Grassy Mtn. Road. Rail Load Out, Impact on land owners and promote the Open House.
3/31/2015 9:39:19 AM	CAO of Ranchland taken on tour of Grassy Mtn. area to scout out the road and potential alternatives for the property owners adjacent to Grassy Mtn.
5/19/2015 1:00:00 PM	Benga and Nichol Applied Mgmt. met with MD Ranchland to acquire information required to conduct a socio-economic study.
7/7/2015 10:00:00 AM	Benga took the five participants from the MD of Ranchland on a site tour. The tour began with some of the mine structures at the Greenhill Mine then site structures at the front of the mine, the future Grassy Mountain Road and where the conveyor belt is going to run.
9/14/2015 1:00:00 PM	Benga meeting with MD of Ranchland to provide update on project. Interest was given on attending Socio-economic presentation to Mun. CNP on Sept. 30. To be discussed with CNP Mayor and council.

Method	Date	Description
Email	4/3/2014 1:00:00 PM	Benga Mining forwarded an email to MD Ranchland CAO requesting information on some of the land owners in the Grassy Mountain area.
Email	9/23/2014 5:30 PM	Benga invite MD of Ranchland to VIP Luncheon of Open House. The invitation for the Reeve is an open invitation for any representative of the MD of Ranchland.
Email	11/28/2014 3:06:28 PM	Benga email invitation to MD of Ranchland for Christmas Open House at Benga Office.
Email	12/5/2014 11:01:30 AM	Email to distribute December 2014 Newsletter to Stakeholders.

Method	Date	Description
Email	12/30/2014 3:08:21 PM	Benga is celebrating Australia Day on January 26 with a Charity function. Poster mailed out to all stakeholders inviting all to attend. Money raised from the function is donated to local charities.
Email	4/3/2014 1:00:00 PM	Benga Mining forwarded an email to MD Ranchland CAO requesting information on some of the land owners in the Grassy Mountain area.
Email	9/23/2014 5:30 PM	Benga invite MD of Ranchland to VIP Luncheon of Open House. The invitation for the Reeve is an open invitation for any representative of the MD of Ranchland.
Email	11/28/2014 3:06:28 PM	Benga email invitation to MD of Ranchland for Christmas Open House at Benga Office.
Email	12/5/2014 11:01:30 AM	Email to distribute December 2014 Newsletter to Stakeholders.
Email	12/30/2014 3:08:21 PM	Benga is celebrating Australia Day on January 26 with a Charity function. Poster mailed out to all stakeholders inviting all to attend. Money raised from the function is donated to local charities.
Email	2/26/2015 11:13:38 AM	Distribution of the Newsletter to Stakeholders who have expressed an interest in receiving information and updates from Benga.
Email	2/27/2015 4:05:47 PM	Email MD of Ranchland requesting a meeting with us and council at the end March or beginning of April. Meeting for April 7 set.
Email	4/9/2015 12:05:58 PM	A poster promoting the Open House sent out on Benga mass email list.
Email	5/5/2015 3:48:44 PM	Email to MD of Ranchland with advance notice of letter that will be going out to all Stakeholders regarding outcome of Open House.
Email	5/8/2015 3:47:52 PM	Letter from Benga going out to all Stakeholders on Benga Email List advising of outcome of April 22 Open House and Golf Course Load Out Option going to be focus of project.
Email	5/13/2015 2:58:54 PM	Advance email of letter to property owners next to Grassy Mountain advising of future of Grassy Mountain Road and assistance from Benga to establish an alternative.
Email	9/17/2015 8:59:29 AM	Benga is planning a meeting with the Mayor and Council of the Crowsnest Pass to review the results of the Socio-Economic study September 30, 2015. At a meeting between Benga and Ranchland, they expressed an interest in this meeting and when the Municipality was advised of this, they decided to extend the invitation out to the MD of Ranchland. Benga in on the email invite to Ranchland.

3.1.1.3 Town of Pincher Creek

Benga attended a public council meeting in Pincher Creek on April 14, 2014, and provided a project overview to the Mayor and Council. Pincher Creek's water supply originates from the Crowsnest Pass, so this is the biggest concern they have for the project. Pincher Creek has several businesses that

could provide services to the construction and maintenance of the mine. The Pincher Creek Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Committee has paid particularly close attention to the progress of the project. The Town of Pincher Creek receives invitations to all of Benga's Open Houses and Public Forums and a representative has attended.

3.1.1.4 Municipal District of Pincher Creek

On March 11, 2014, Benga made a presentation to the Reeve and Council of the MD of Pincher Creek. Similar to the Town of Pincher Creek, their major concern is water. The MD of Pincher Creek is also on Benga's email list for notices, newsletters and updates and a representative has always attended.

3.1.1.5 District of Sparwood

Businesses in Sparwood are primarily coal mining services and the District of Sparwood has identified some benefit to these businesses from the Grassy Mountain Project. Benga has included the District of Sparwood on the email list for notices, newsletters and updates and a representative has always attended.

3.1.2 Residents of Crowsnest Pass (Coleman, Blairmore, Frank, Hillcrest and Bellevue)

Most "Methods of Communication" identified in (2.b) are to either provide information/notification regarding the project or provide an opportunity to acquire input from the many groups and organizations. The residents of Crowsnest Pass are key stakeholders in the project and in order to seek the feedback of those outside of the identified groups and organizations, Benga have engaged the general public through Open Houses/Public Forums and the results are outlined in Community Feedback (3.b). The Community Office is also a location and opportunity for the public to provide input, but walk-ins have been primarily to gain information on the project, be added to the email list or to provide a resume in pursuit of employment. Little feedback has been acquired at the Community Office and it appears the general public feel more confident "speaking out" in the company of their peers.

There have been approximately 105 resumes for employment turned in at the Community office as of September 1, 2015. There have been many others come in to the office inquiring about employment and the timelines for hiring. They were provided a project update and often provided their contact information to be added to the email list.

3.1.3 Landowners

3.1.3.1 Property Owners in the immediate vicinity of the Project

There are ten privately owned quarter sections adjacent to Grassy Mountain. Some are owned by local residents, but most are owned by out of towners (*i.e.*, Calgary, Lethbridge, *etc.*). The mine site will be adjacent to approximately five of these properties and will likely be more impacted than the other five. The access to these properties is Grassy Mountain Road and privately owned by Benga has also become a concern due to its unforeseeable existence and the safety factors that will come in to play with public access on a mine road.

3.1.3.2 Grazing Leases in the immediate vicinity of the Project

There is a single owner of Grazing Leases on crown land that consist of ten quarter sections in vicinity of Grassy Mountain. There is also the Gold Creek Grazing Coop of whom the single owner is a member. Benga works often with both to the advantage of all. The Gold Creek Grazing Coop leases approximately fourteen quarter sections in the Grassy Mountain area from the crown and used to lease the properties now owned by Benga. Gold Creek continues to utilize Benga property for grazing, but at no charge. In turn, Benga has required access through the leased properties by the single lessee and Gold Creek Grazing in order to conduct exploration. The single lessee has also been hired by Benga to conduct occasional site security. His knowledge of the area makes him an ideal candidate for this job.

In the frequent contact with both the single lessee and Gold Creek Grazing to conduct business, there is also discussion on the future grazing over the course of the construction and operation of Grassy Mountain Mine. This is not something that can be answered at this point and will likely require on going communication with the cattlemen over the lifetime of the mine. Benga is committed to meeting with the single grazing lease holder and Gold Creek Grazing Coop to ensure a continued line of communication with these stakeholders.

Both parties are on Benga email list and they have attended the Open Houses.

3.1.3.3 Trappers in the Vicinity of the Project

There are three trappers in the area of the Grassy Mountain Project. One is adjacent to the project site, the other is in the close vicinity and the other is in the area. Regular communication for two is required as a result of exploration projects. Notifications are going out as required for depending on the location of the projects. What this means is the trapper adjacent to the project site is notified for pretty much all exploration and the second is notified only if there are activities near his claim. Notification has not been required with the third trapper.

On February 19, 2014, the first trapper (adjacent to project site) and his son met with Benga and discussed their concerns. The trap line has been in their family for fifty years and they are concerned about how it will impact their trap line. It does not appear that the mine operations will be in there area until late in the life of the mine, but they have concerns about how that may impact them.

On March 10, 2015, Benga met up with the third trapper. He resides in the MD of Ranchland, but used to be a school teacher in Crowsnest Pass. An overview of the project was provided to him. He provided no concerns for the project in regards to the impact of his trap line. He observed the economic value to the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass and went on to say that the wildlife and industry is capable of coexisting just fine.

3.1.4 Economic and Community Development

3.1.4.1 Crowsnest Chamber of Commerce

On September 10, 2014, Benga gave a presentation to the Crowsnest Pass Chamber of Commerce at their monthly Chamber Luncheon. The presentation was to provide an update of the project. Then again, on April 8, 2014, the Managing Director of Benga provided an update at the Chamber Breakfast and promoted the upcoming Open House. Benga is a supporter of the CNP Chamber by being a member, regularly attending their luncheons and participating in many of their events (*i.e.*: Trade Show). The CNP Chamber of Commerce is also on Benga email list for notices, newsletters and updates. Often, the Chamber posts items sent out by Benga on their email list as well.

3.1.4.2 Crowsnest Pass Community Futures

It is in the best interests of Benga to engage with this group if Benga also identifies themselves as source to increase growth and sustainability within the Crowsnest Pass. On April 8, 2015, Benga attempted to meet with Community Futures. Only a few of their members were able to attend, so a meeting was held that also included the Fire/Rescue, RCMP, ESRD and a couple of Municipal council members were also present. Discussion consisted of a project update, economics of the project, timelines and the next Open House was also promoted.

Community Futures will have to be considered as part of the Community Plan for Benga's contribution to the community.

3.1.4.3 Crowsnest Pass Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee (EDTAC)

Much like Community Futures, their main objective is the development of the local economy. On March 18, 2015, Benga met with John Pundyk, the chair of the EDTAC and discussed the project. Mr. Pundyk is not a supporter of the rail load out options and would not provide any issues. Benga has concerns with the community unable to manage the potential population growth with the

construction and operation of the mine. Mr. Pundyk would only say that the community would be able to handle it. Benga has identified the importance of engaging the EDTAC and will continue communications.

3.1.4.4 Pincher Creek Chamber of Commerce

The community of Pincher Creek has services that would be able to support the construction and maintenance of the mine. On September 17, 2014, Benga conducted a presentation to the Pincher Creek Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has since provided services names and contact information to Benga for reference as required. The Pincher Creek Chamber is on Benga email list for notices, newsletters and updates. There has been a representative show up at the Open Houses.

3.1.4.5 Pincher Creek Economic Development Committee

On June 26, 2014, Benga conducted a presentation to the Pincher Creek Economic Development Committee (CDC). Similar to the Chamber of Commerce, they recognize some opportunity for their local business as well. The Pincher Creek CDC is on Benga Resource email list for notices, newsletters and updates and a representative has attended the Open Houses put on by Benga.

3.1.5 Government Authorities

3.1.5.1 Alberta Energy Regulator (AER)

Due to the Exploration Projects conducted by Benga, there has been frequent communication with the AER. Communication has consisted of phone and in person to discuss requirements of the permitting to conduct the exploration, Temporary Field Access or other requirements of the process. The AER has also been physically on sight on several occasions to inspect for compliance.

3.1.5.2 Alberta Energy and Sustainable Resources Development (ESRD)

The environmental studies required of the AER and CEAA application for the mine permit requires us to consult with ESRD regularly in regards to Fish, Wildlife and Vegetation. As required by the AER when applying for exploration permits, there are usually at least two divisions of ESRD that require notification and approval. Examples of areas of ESRD we have contacted are: Fescu Grass, Potential Timber Disposal and Watershed Buffer Zone dispositions. Several of the ESRD representatives are on the email list for updates, newsletters and notices and at least one will be present at the Open House.

3.1.5.3 Transportation Alberta

One of the Rail Load Out options required the train to take a spur off the rail line and underneath Highway 3. Transportation Alberta (TA) was engaged as a result. At the April 22, 2015 Open House,

the community identified this option as the preferred option and TA has been engaged significantly since. TA also has future plans for widening Highway 3. As a result, they have also been a part of closed meetings with Benga and the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass to ensure the community representatives are aware of the considerations.

3.1.6 Community Service/Civic Awareness:

Crowsnest Museum / Historical Society

Crowsnest Pass has a very rich history and would be considered to be a tourist attraction/economic resource to the community. Benga has supported many of the events put on by the Historical Society through attendance and sponsorship. The Historical Society will have to play a role as part of Benga's plan to contribute to the economic development of the community.

3.1.6.1 Bellevue Underground Mine

The Bellevue Mine is a separate entity to the Crowsnest Historical Society, but still a tourist attraction. Benga has already partnered with the Bellevue Mine in some of their projects and events through participation and sponsorship. The Bellevue Mine will also play a role as part of Benga's plan to contribute to the economic development of the community.

3.1.6.2 Crowsnest Cultural and Recreation Society (Can-do)

The Crowsnest Cultural and Recreation Society (Can-do) is a non-profit society created to raise funds, construction, maintenance and operation of a recreation complex and cultural center in the community. Benga has already sponsored events put on by Can-do. As the planning of this center is in the early stages, considerations for Benga's involvement will have to be made as the planning progresses.

3.1.7 Social, Health and Emergency Services

3.1.7.1 Crowsnest Pass Fire/Rescue

Although the Grassy Mountain Project Site is inside the MD of Ranchland, the nearest emergency service provider is Crowsnest Pass and will be dispatched from here. This has been an important consideration for the exploration projects that have and will be conducted. It will also be a significant consideration for the mine construction and operation.

Currently, Benga and Crowsnest Pass Fire/Rescue have a very good social relationship outside of a professional relationship. Benga has taken the Hierarchy of Fire/Rescue annually on a site tour to ensure their familiarity to the designated emergency areas, helipads and road system. A copy of the map of roads has also been supplied to them for their reference. Benga radio frequencies have been

supplied and added to the Fire/Rescue radios not only to provide on-site radio coverage, but to provide them with another option for other emergencies in the area. Benga Wildfire Action Plan also involves Crowsnest Pass Fire/Rescue as they will likely be the first responders to a wildfire until the provincial wildfire technologists are able to attend and take over.

Because the local Fire/Rescue will be a primary responder to mine rescue, they will have to be continuously engaged for emergency response plans as the overall mine plans progress.

3.1.7.2 Crowsnest Pass RCMP

Benga also has a unique connection to the RCMP that makes communications with them as much social as it is professional. Communications with the RCMP at will take on a different need in the progression of the mine. There will be a temporary population increase to the community of approximately 1,500 people for the construction of the mine. This is something that the RCMP will have to take into consideration. After the completion of the construction, there will be a permanent increase that the RCMP will also have to plan for.

3.1.7.3 Crowsnest Pass Emergency Services

The Crowsnest Pass is a support for the Fire/Rescue and are a part of the emergency plan engagement. They will also have to be at the table during further emergency planning with the Fire/Rescue.

3.1.8 Environment

3.1.8.1 Crowsnest Pass Conservation Society

Benga has met for a formal meeting twice since March 31, 2015 with the Crowsnest Conservation Society (CCS). The group recognizes the economic benefits to the community, but not without exercising environmental responsibility. On June 25, 2015, three members of the CCS were taken on a site tour. On August 20, 2015, Richard Cooke of the CCS advised that he would be submitting a letter as part of the hearing for the project informing the authorities of their environmental concerns.

The CCS have their finger on the environmental issues within the community and are an excellent resource for establishing areas of interest for environmental programs to support. They are also very reputable champions to environmental programs that Benga will be interested in participating. Benga has already assisted the CCS by sponsoring the Wildsight Program.

3.1.8.2 Nature Conservancy of Canada

The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is a society that protects areas of natural diversity through creative conservation. A representative from Benga sat in on an “Expert Feedback Workshop” on June 25, 2015. The NCC has a number of local projects planned that Benga Resource could support.

3.1.8.3 Castle Crown Wilderness Coalition

Benga reached out with an email to the Castle Crown Wilderness Coalition CCWC in regards to a proposed project in the Adanac area to the south of Crowsnest Pass and they replied on March 9, 2015 advising that they were not interested in a meeting with Benga that “might simply provide your company with an opportunity to claim that we endorse any such proposal”. No further engagement has been attempted; they are on the email list for project notices, updates and newsletters.

3.1.8.4 Alberta Wilderness Association

Benga Resource reached out to Alberta Wilderness Association and had a lunch meeting with them on September 11 and they were taken on a site tour after.

3.1.8.5 Trout Unlimited

Benga has reached out to Trout Unlimited. They have been too busy to set anything up to date. There are some projects the Benga are considering that would make Trout Unlimited a good partner.

3.1.9 Wildlife and Habitat

3.1.9.1 Hillcrest Fish and Game Protective Association

Benga provided a project overview to the Hillcrest Fish and Game and fielded questions. The Fish and Game associations are very influential conservationists. Hunting and Fishing is a key tourist attraction in Crowsnest Pass and, therefore, the local Fish and Game are also good partners to consider in their local economic development planning. Benga recently sponsored a Bighorn Sheep Monitoring program put on by the Hillcrest Fish and Game Assoc. Members of the Fish and Game Assoc. are on the email list for project notices, updates and newsletters and a member has appeared at each of the Open Houses.

3.1.9.2 Ducks Unlimited Crowsnest Pass

Ducks Unlimited are also very strong and influential conservationists. Benga and the local Ducks Unlimited chapter have supported each other through sponsorship of their respective events.

3.1.10 Recreational

3.1.10.1 Crowsnest Pass Golf Club

In September 29, 2014, Benga made it public that the Golf Course was one of the considerations for a Rail Load Out Option. The Golf Club was immediately engaged. At the most recent Open House on April 22, 2015, the community identified this option as the preferred option. The meetings to discuss future plans for the Golf Course have increased. The Golf Course participated in an in-camera meeting on June 24, 2015 with the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass. The Municipality requested to be updated on the current discussions with the Golf Club and the plans for replacing the holes that will be impacted by the Load Out. The Golf Club informed them that there was limited time for planning in order to minimize the impact of the Golf Course and any time there be less than a full golf course at any time during the Golf Season. They supported Benga in the work that they have put forward to assist in designing the plans.

Benga have sponsored three golf tournaments put on by the Crowsnest Pass Golf Club. The improvement that are planned for the Golf Course will make this a further tourist attraction for the community and they will be required as a partner to the plan for economic development.

3.1.10.2 CNP Quad Squad

The Crowsnest Pass Quad Squad is a family based organization to promote responsible use of Alberta's Southern Rockies, and to ensure the conservation and preservation of our wilderness areas for the continued use by those who come after us.

Crowsnest Pass is one of the last few mountainous terrains left where quading is not prohibited. This is also a key tourist attraction to the community. Benga recently accompanied the Quad Squad through their private property for a day ride on July 18, 2015. Benga has a good social relationship with them and will have to consider them as partners in Benga's economic planning for the community.

3.1.10.3 United Riders of Crowsnest

Benga met with the United Riders of Crowsnest Pass (UROC) on July 13, 2015 and discussed their vision for Crowsnest Pass. UROC has created trails on the south side of the Pass Powder Keg Ski Hill and have promoted mountain biking in Crowsnest Pass. They have created another tourist attraction to the Crowsnest Pass. They are also an organization required at the table for Benga economic development plan.

3.1.10.4 Crow Snow Riders

Crow Snow Riders is a local snowmobiling club, also a key attraction to the Crowsnest Pass. Benga sponsored this club in 2014 and plan on continuing for 2015. Notifications to the Crow Snow Riders are required during applications for Coal Exploration Projects. They are part of the email notifications, newsletters and project updates. A representative has shown up to the Open Houses. The will also be considered for further discussion on Benga economic development plan.

3.1.11 Private Campgrounds

3.1.11.1 Crowsnest Pass Campgrounds – Passburg District

The Crowsnest Pass Campgrounds is located along Highway 3 about 2 kilometers east of Bellevue and consists of 21 full service sites and 13 tenting. Built initially for just overnight travelers, one stop camping six years ago, there are a few people now who spend several days. They do not want long term/seasonal. They send those who ask to Crowsnest Pass RV Park. Also, used to do snowmobile and ATV tours up Grassy Mountain, but stopped due to liabilities. Only issue would be recreational access to Grassy Mountain as it is accessible from their point and many of their clients are there for the ATVing.

3.1.11.2 Hiawatha Campgrounds – Burmis District

The Hiawatha Campgrounds have been around since the 70s or 80s. It is located approximately two kilometers south of Highway 3 on Highway 507. The current proprietors purchased it about nine years ago. It is seasonal camping, so campers pay annual fees and stay set up year round. No quading of any kind is allowed, so there is no recreational access. Most of the campers are there for the fishing or just to get away from the city. The only concern proposed is the impact on the fish in Gold Creek, because many of their clients are fishermen that fish Gold Creek.

3.1.11.3 Lost Lemon Campgrounds – Blairmore

Lost Lemon Campgrounds are located on the edge of Crowsnest River on the west end of Blairmore. It was established in 1962 and the current owners took over in 2003. The campers are generally annual return customers in the area to take advantage of the recreational activities available to Crowsnest Pass and stay for several days. The proprietors understand that the community requires some industry to boost the economy, but have some concerns about potential coal dust from the Load Out as the proposed location is not far from their campgrounds.

3.1.11.4 Crowsnest RV Park – Coleman

The Crowsnest RV Park is located on the west end of Coleman near the location of the old Coleman Collieries on the south side of the valley. It has only been in existence for two years and has 125 stalls

that are currently full. They cater to the long term camper that book for the entire year and often leave their trailer year round. The proprietor has eighty other stalls planned and property to build other living accommodations in anticipation for the project. They vision the economic benefit of the project to the community, have plans in place to develop further, but are waiting for the project to get approval before investing in it.

3.1.11.5 Crowsnest Mountain Resort

The Crowsnest Mountain Resort is a 69 acre block of land along Highway 3 about 10 kilometers west of the Blairmore Center Access. The current proprietor built it in 1997 and it consists of 90 RV sites with half being seasonal and half year round. All sites are long term and they do not cater to the person passing through and stopping in for one night. The Chinook Lake Provincial Campgrounds are just down the road and caters to this clientele. The only concern the proprietor could identify was the potential impact the project may have on tourism.

3.1.12 Open Houses and Public Forums

3.1.12.1 Open House/Public Forum 1 – February 6, 2013 – Elks Hall, Blairmore, Alberta

Benga conducted the first Open House/Public Forum for the Grassy Mountain Project in the community of Blairmore in Crowsnest Pass, Alberta on February 6, 2013.

Approximately 60 people who attended had the opportunity to ask the Executive Chair of Benga, the Managing Director and President questions about the Grassy Mountain Project. The Open House just announced the purchase of the Coal Leases from Devon, so planning of the project was in the early stages. Details of the project were in the early stages at this point. The purpose of the Open Public Forum was to:

- Announce the transaction of the properties and coal leases from Devon Canada;
- Introduce the executives of Benga to the public; and
- Outline the early plans for the Grassy Mountain Project.

Some of the questions that were raised and fielded by Benga was in regards to:

- Why the Grassy Mountain Project.

3.1.12.2 Open House/Public Forum 2 - October 15, 2012 – Crowsnest Pass Sports Complex

Benga conducted the second Open House/Public Forum for the Grassy Mountain Project in the community of Coleman in Crowsnest Pass, Alberta on October 22, 2013.

Approximately 150 people turned out for the Managing Director, CFO and the Operations Manager to address them on the proposed plans for the Grassy Mountain Project. The purpose of the Public Forum was intended to:

- Provide details regarding the proposed exploration for the Grassy Mountain Project.
- Commencement of the Environmental Study.
- Planned life time of the project.
- Proposed transportation of the finished product.
- Announcement of its office in Blairmore.

Some of the questions that were raised and fielded by Benga was in regards to:

- increased traffic and noise volume on Highway 3;
- wildlife; and
- water.

3.1.12.3 Open House/Public Forum 3 – May 29, 2014 – Crowsnest Pass Sports Complex, Coleman, Alberta

Benga conducted the third Open House/Public Forum for the Grassy Mountain Project in the community of Coleman in Crowsnest Pass, Alberta on May 29, 2014.

Approximately 50 people attended for the Managing Director, CFO, Operations Manager, Community Liaison and newly appointed Vice-President Technical Services. A power-point on an update of the project was presented to the attendees. The purpose of the presentation was to:

- provide further background on Benga;
- provide details of the project;
- detail of the outcome of sample analysis to date;
- plans for future exploration;
- community engagement plan;
- community involvement to date;
- effects of the South Saskatchewan Region Plan;
- water studies;
- transportation of finished product;
- Project Schedule; and
- Financial.

The following questions were raised and fielded by Benga:

- In terms of your business plan and financing, right now you're putting it by some equity capital that you're pretty comfortable with. Will you go to the market for more or what is the plan?
- Where is the point where you will make the decision to go to the market at the point of permitting, some detailed design?
- From the samples that Benga has received already, what is it, Thermal or Metallurgical?
- There would be some Thermal coal on Grassy, is that true?
- What is the break even here for your cost on production? You've shared that some of the smaller producers are fading away which is good for you guys, but what is your break even.
- In terms of size, how does this mine stack up, is it small, medium, large and what sets you apart from the other small markets that are fading away?
- You say you'll start production around 2018, so when do you anticipate close up.
- Could you give us a sense of how much you're going to spend in the community this year on this project?
- How many people do you expect to employ at 2,000,000 tonnes per year?
- When it comes to farming out a lot of your contracting services, I assume you must go out to tender and bid processes, how far in advance of mine production do you have to get all of that in place for local people who are looking at branching out or expanding their businesses.
- Now that you've opened up the area and started an exploration program, if it doesn't work out in terms of feasibility would you be on the hook to reclaim the previous disturbance?
- How far do you want to go with reclaiming the past and how would that be measured? As far as the EIS and feasibility what have you used elsewhere in an environmental management system to help your operation minimize waste and reduce impacts?
- What do you plan on this mine being, Hydraulic or Electric?
- Open House/Public Forum 4 – September 30 and October 1, 2014 – Crowsnest Pass Sport Complex, Coleman, Alberta

Benga conducted the fourth Open House/Public Forum for the Grassy Mountain Project in the community of Coleman in Crowsnest Pass, Alberta during the afternoons of September 30 and October 1, 2014. The Open House continued into the evening of October 1 for those who were unable to attend during the day. This specifically followed the format of an Open House with five "information stations" that provided participants with brief, focused learning and discussion points.

Project representatives and consultants were available at each station to provide detailed information, answer questions and record comments.

The information stations included:

- Welcome and Orientation;
- Project Update and Status – Environmental Assessment;
- Proposed Mine Development - Geographic Information, Mine Plan, Maps, Engineering, Site and Facility Layout;
- Corporate Information and Background and Local History of Mining; and
- Proposed Rail Load-Out Options.

Approximately 156 people attended in to the Open House to view the displays that were set out. The purpose of the Open House was to:

- provide notification and awareness that the Project had been publicly disclosed to the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER);
- provide a forum for the general public to comment on proposed Rail Load-Out options, and
- Obtain information from the public and stakeholders that will assist in project decision with a specific focus on proposed rail alignments and load-out options.

In addition, Benga representatives met with key community stakeholders who may be directly impacted by one or more of the proposed rail alignments/load-out options on September 29.

A total of 96 exit surveys were completed (62% of attending participants). The first section explored whether the open houses met participants’ learning needs. The results are summarized in the table below.

Table 3.1-5 Participant Learning at the Open House	
	Yes (%)
Did you get the information you needed?	62%
Was the event helpful to learn about the Project?	91%
Were the materials provided easy to understand and use?	72%
Were staff helpful in explaining the materials so you could respond?	91%
Were your questions answered fully?	56%

	Yes (%)
Did you comment on those areas of greatest interest/need/concern to you?	70%
Did staff listen and record your comments?	61%

3.1.12.4 Identified Community Concerns and Interests

In the second section of the exit survey, respondents reviewed a list of concerns or interests and indicated which were important to them. The percentage of respondents who indicated concern is presented in the below.

Potential Areas of Concern	% Indicating Concern
Groundwater quality	74%
Residential property effects	65%
Human health	59%
Groundwater quantity	59%
Surface water quantity	56%
Surface water quality	55%
Wildlife and fisheries	55%
Reclamation	54%
Recreation access to public land	49%
Public safety	47%
Public engagement	43%
Industrial and mine related traffic volumes	43%
Protection of historical resources	39%

Table 3.1-7 Exit Interview Comments and Response	
Comment:	Response:
Property Owners Adjacent to Grassy	
<p>How do I get to my property that I have owned for 21 years? I have 54 head of cattle grazing on my quarter and 2 others that I rent. Is there property that I could swap in another area?</p>	<p>There are ten quarter sections adjacent to Grassy Mountain that are owned privately. Benga has reached out to each of these owners and have informed them that they are prepared to sit down with them and discuss their concerns and work with them to mitigate those issues to the interests of all parties. Benga is confident that agreements between all of the landowners can be reached to the satisfaction of all parties.</p>
Wildlife	
<p>Needs detailed information on breeding and migrating birds in the area. Wildlife crossing north and south through east Coleman. Wildlife blockage by idled or halted trains. Effect on wildlife and habitats</p>	
River Bottom Option	
<p>The proposed load out which has the third railway running from Willow Drive to the Crowsnest Mall and Drain's would most seriously impact animals crossing on the existing north to south wildlife hot zone around the existing Servus Credit Union building. Very concerned with Knight option. Vast impact on Ironstone development. Also vast impact on the residents of Ironstone and Coleman and Blairmore. My house is in Coleman, very close to one of your load out maps depiction of an overpass at the 81 street Railroad crossing. As owner of the Lost Lemon Campground in Blairmore I have big concerns about the increasing noise level if they would put in an additional proposed option 2 map which is right across the campground. A few years back was a siding put in and the noise level was terrible until they moved the turn out further back to existing turnout. Since the proposed rail alignments have spawned, many questions that couldn't be answered at this stage. My only recommendation would be to continue with public engagement as your feasibility study progresses. Access to Bushtown if linear load out proposal goes forward is a concern that needs follow-up. I live at Ironstone Lookout (condo assoc.). Option 2 is</p>	

Table 3.1-7 Exit Interview Comments and Response	
Comment:	Response:
<p>unacceptable for me and I am sure also for most other owners. It would devalue our properties and also have noise issues. Please advise when a decision on the option is made.</p> <p>We live in Ironstone Estates and would like to see the load out facility in another location out of sight of the public.</p> <p>Load out facility so visible on valley bottom option.</p> <p>The mine facilities for the mine in the main valley might be a greater impact on the tourism industry.</p> <p>What is the impact on people living in Coleman going to be?</p>	
Golf Course Option	
<p>We are concerned that we may lose our golf course if certain options are chosen. Hopefully there will be money set aside to replace the course to at least its present state.</p> <p>If Golf Course Option is chosen, need time line and assurance of least impact.</p> <p>Concerned with the effect on Golf Course (time frame to restructure and redesign.</p> <p>Conveyor belt do lose fines while transporting the coal. I feel that rail option #1 would be the best to protect the environment in the valley.</p> <p>We believe redesign the Golf Course is the best option.</p> <p>Relocation of part of Golf Course.</p> <p>If you go through the Golf Course, will you replace the holes used before proceeding with project?</p> <p>The Golf Course is the most important and the impact you will have on it.</p> <p>Golf Course recovery timing is first priority. Mine impact on Wildlife population.</p> <p>What is the impact on the Golf Course actually going to be?</p> <p>Rail load out 2 and 3 are good but the building for loading the trains would be better if they were back away from highway.</p> <p>Please do not put load out in bottom of valley. Place load out as far away from town as possible. I like the Golf Course option with the load out away from the highway.</p>	<p>Although, the loadout facility will be located along Highway 3, steps will be taken to obscure its view from the community. The base of the loadout will be situated lower than the level of the highway, this will reduce the relative height of the structure. Berms will be constructed around the perimeter of the railway and trees will be planted to further obscure the view. Modern covered loadout facilities, such as the one to be constructed in Blairmore, are similar in appearance to a grain elevator and we at Benga believe that with proper landscaping, the structure will be visibly acceptable.</p> <p>Benga has been in communication with the Crowsnest Pass Golf and Country Club (CNPGCC) regarding the loadout facility. The CNPGCC will be constructing new holes to replace any that will be removed by the installation of the loadout and will be building them so that the course will always have 18 holes.</p>
Other Recreational Access	
<p>Recreational access for the purpose of hunting and fishing is important too.</p> <p>Recreation access on Benga land.</p> <p>Existing and future mountain bike trails on Benga lands.</p>	

Table 3.1-7 Exit Interview Comments and Response	
Comment:	Response:
<p>Continue initial discussions with UROC about mountain bike trails.</p> <p>Quad trails through Benga property.</p>	
Public Engagement Advice	
<p>Full disclosure of load out plans including conveyor system.</p> <p>Actual load out building drawings are needed.</p> <p>An overview of the displays would have been helpful.</p> <p>Dust control along conveyor to load out and at the load out is a concern that need follow-up.</p> <p>Our real concerns are the load outs and rail lines.</p> <p>Load out pamphlet would be helpful.</p> <p>Improvements to consider for future public engagement events is to post announcements and post project documents on revresources.com.</p> <p>It might help to have a little more of a “narrative” to the info. All the pieces were there, but tying them together needed staff support.</p> <p>Public forums work well.</p> <p>This format is informal and informative. The previous presentation was also informative.</p> <p>Would be pleased to attend more O/H as the project progresses.</p> <p>Mine site tour would be interested to see the mine with tour guide to explain layout, geology, <i>etc.</i> and significance of formations.</p> <p>Orthophotos rather than topo.</p> <p>Improvement to the public engagement event would be to hold it a little later would be great if possible. A bit of a challenge with work schedule to get here. I will make best effort to attend future Open Houses.</p> <p>You will need more public meetings after we go over the information we received.</p> <p>Have a video of modern mine in production showing conveyor system, loading station filling cars with sound.</p> <p>Video of modern mine workings <i>re;</i> conveyor belt, load out facility and coal extraction.</p> <p>More detail as options chosen.</p> <p>Interested in coal processing aspect.</p> <p>Very busy, it was hard to get a clear look at the rail options.</p>	

Table 3.1-7 Exit Interview Comments and Response	
Comment:	Response:
<p>Illustrate Benga’s prior experience in operating an open pit mine. Where, when, extent, <i>etc.</i> to help prove to public they are invested for the long haul.</p> <p>Support for social/cultural activities.</p> <p>Have more detail. It was a good first look, but all the answers just seemed to be “just proposal”.</p> <p>More visual impact of load out facility- all options.</p> <p>Needs more examples of what facilities would potentially look like to exemplify that a “clean” operation is feasible. The facilities east of New Castle in Australia would be good example.</p> <p>Video presentation may be beneficial.</p> <p>Economic benefit to the Pass.</p> <p>Maybe have a set time and have one speaker go through everything with question period afterward.</p> <p>Show the location of the existing Grassy Mtn. Road on the plans so it is easier to get oriented.</p> <p>Need time to contemplate options/ideas.</p> <p>First Nation site visits is an area of interest.</p> <p>Have an introductory presentation ahead of the discussions.</p> <p>More detailed maps giving better reference points so the average person can read and understand them.</p>	
Public Engagement Positive	
<p>The public engagement event is ok as is.</p> <p>Project updates are perfect.</p> <p>Thanks for keeping the community updated.</p> <p>I found Open House to be very informative, the representatives were very personable and friendly.</p> <p>Looking forward to see how project develops.</p> <p>Keep up the info sessions, very much appreciated.</p> <p>This is a very good start. Will be important for follow-up to keep everyone informed of your progress and milestones.</p> <p>Good food, keep it up at future public sessions.</p> <p>I have no recommendation, everyone was very informative and helpful.</p> <p>You’ve done a great job so far. Keep it up!</p> <p>I found it very informative.</p>	
Noise/Dust	

Table 3.1-7 Exit Interview Comments and Response	
Comment:	Response:
<p>Increasing train traffic and noise. Noise <i>re:</i> loading. How much? How many hours/train? Noise Need assurance or proof of noise and dust suppression. The load out options and the rail lines, what draft will be chosen is an additional concern. Potential Rail Load options, dust control and impact to the town needs more follow-up. Noise and dust concerns. Increased Railway noise, traffic, visual impact of load out if south of #3. More information on dust suppression and drying end product. My concern is load out. In event of break down, problems, <i>etc.</i></p>	
Visual Impact	
<p>Load out too close to public areas. Having the loadout zone close to the highway I think could be a real eye sore to the community. I like the option of the loading zone hidden back into the hills.</p>	
Follow-up Requests	
<p>Attend a general meeting of the Hillcrest Fish and Game Assoc. to present the overview and answer questions from members.</p>	<p>On January 7, 2015, Benga attended a Hillcrest Fish and Game meeting and provided updates on the project and plans. Issues raised were recreational access on Benga Mining properties.</p>
Historical	
<p>Preservation (enhancement) of Greenhill Mine tipple and ancillary buildings.</p>	
Feasibility	
<p>A good introduction to more detail of the proposed project but it seems that money is the main driver of this. It would be better if the company were more open to alternative options for the development of the project that might be better for the community although more costly initially. Anything I suggested was dismissed as too costly. Estimated costs for all alternatives should be available. They seem to be just interested in the economics of the options – not really on the impact on the community.</p>	

Table 3.1-7 Exit Interview Comments and Response	
Comment:	Response:
Is this public consultation really going to have any impact on the final decisions or is it just to inform us how it will be?	
Economics	
<p>Impact for employment opportunities for the area.</p> <p>More information required about community/employment impact.</p> <p>Once employment of local people is needed, get in touch.</p> <p>Excited for economic impact.</p> <p>Future jobs.</p> <p>Are you using local contractors for exploration and other onsite work?</p> <p>Do you have at this time any information on how many employees you would need once mining operations begin?</p> <p>Do you have a local hire policy?</p> <p>Development and expansion of residential sites to worker influx.</p> <p>It almost seems that draft one of the train loading is the one and the others are just to try and show alternatives. I hope this is not true for the process.</p> <p>All three load out options do not work for me. They are in conflict with other community developments projects which are in the planning stages (hotels, resorts, etc.) and do not meet the area strategic plans for development. Need to consult with organizations like the Economic Development Committee and Community Futures to align all the projects.</p>	
Environment All	
<p>Selenium issues, coal dust issues and wildlife management.</p> <p>My worries are mainly on environmental impact and the reclamation.</p> <p>Mitigation plan for water protection, wildlife and environment.</p> <p>Vicinity of mine to protected lands (Buffer around mine area to surrounding lands).</p>	

Table 3.1-7 Exit Interview Comments and Response	
Comment:	Response:
Leaching of selenium from waste rock. Surface water and wildlife/fisheries. Groundwater is a concern that needs follow-up. Ground and surface water quality, quality and wildlife and fisheries I know will be well monitored by the government. Water quality. Areas such as water concerns-safety, <i>etc.</i> , are covered by government regs. Treatment water disposal (<i>i.e.</i> : into surface water courses?)	

3.1.12.5 Common Themes

Themes for which two or more people commented included: the need for a hand-out on load-out options indicating mitigations for dust, noise pollution and visual impact assessment, the need for information selenium issues, more detailed maps using orthophoto imagery and indicating access roads and trails, more details on the socio-economic impacts, impacts on recreational use of area.

3.1.12.6 Improvements for Next Open House

There was strong support of the presentation type Public Forum followed by the Q & A type format as previously conducted by Benga. Implementing that type of format with the Open House to be considered.

3.1.12.7 Open House/Public Forum 5 – April 22, 2015 – Elks Hall, Blairmore, Alberta

Benga conducted the fifth Open House/Public Forum for the Grassy Mountain Project in the community of Coleman in Crowsnest Pass, Alberta on April 22. This was a combination of an Open House and Public Forum that was decided upon due to community feedback.

The Open House was held from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm with four “information stations” that provided participants with brief, focused learning and discussion points. Project representatives and consultants were available at each of the stations to provide detailed information, answer questions and record comments.

The information stations included:

- Welcome and Orientation;
- Project Update Status – Environmental Assessment;

- Proposed Mine Development - Geographic Information, Mine Plan, Maps, Engineering, Site and Facility Layout; and
- Proposed Rail Load-Out Options.

The purpose of the Open House was to:

- Provide a forum for the general public to comment on proposed Rail Load-Out options, and
- Obtain information from the public and stakeholders that will assist in project decision with a specific focus on proposed rail alignments and load-out options.
- Obtain public feedback on any positive or negative impact the project may have on them, their community or other concerns of interest to them.
- Establish the majority support of the community between two proposed Load Out options.

From 7:00 pm to approximately 8:30, Benga Managing Director and CFO provided a presentation to the public. The presentation was intended to:

- introduce other companies involved in the Grassy Mountain Project;
- provide coal market information;
- Financial objective required of Grassy Mountain Project;
- current Project status;
- expenditures overall and in the community;
- economic impact to the community;
- Geology;
- Mine Site Infrastructure/Operations;
- Employment;
- Rail Load Out and Conveyor Design for two options;
- environmental studies;
- potential environmental issues;
- potential safety issues; and
- Project schedule

A total of 18 people requested a copy of the presentation; it was posted on the Benga website and a link forwarded to those stakeholders that requested it.

Following the presentation, the Managing Director and the CFO fielded questions and comments from the public and the questions were as follows:

- Why is there not more information on the Benga Website.
- I'm curious about your submission to the Federal Government for the environmental on that report there's certain things to provide, it seems to me that Valley Ridge which is a development of about 60 acreages and we're probably the closest community to the mine, I'm curious about the blasting that's going to be taking place near our community. I'd appreciate some update on that.
- These proposals for Loadout aren't they in direct conflict with a recent motion by council?
- What consideration has been made for sound barriers at loadout?
- One time you said there were four hundred employees, the next time you said a small group. Which one is it?
- What are the impacts a private residences near Grassy Mountain?
- Why weren't the property owners near Grassy Mountain notified of Project Description or the CEAA submission?
- David Savage, present on behalf of a bunch of the landowners near Grassy Mountain. It's disconcerting to hear, "don't worry about it Blairmore, it's OK, Bluff Mountain will protect you. The very first people you talk to is right beside you. What I have heard is that we have talked to the Stakeholders and Aboriginals. What I look forward to is a conversation with the people immediately in your neighborhood.
- How far is the Loadout at the Bengalla Mine in Australia from the town?
- We have two choices for load out options. Can the people vote on the option, have a referendum?
- Drug issues in the community?
- First of all, we are a mining town, I think, most of us earn our living directly or indirectly from mining coal. That's not an excuse to just take us for granted because we are a mining town. In fact, because we are a mining town you have your job in front of you higher than easier, because you are looking at people who work with coal and understand coal and coal has certain qualities that technology has not changed for the past hundred years. Now one thing that strikes me is that we didn't have any paper given to us that we can take home and ponder and you are not on the website that a gentleman here has mentioned. Normally in a big operation like this with all the people you employ, you flew in whole bunch of people, we would have expect you would have spent some money on photocopy and had some of this stuff for us to take home and think about and maybe reflect on it and get back to you.
- I have two questions on shipping. You're saying this train is going to be in place in the load out facility west bound for seven, seven and a half hours before it's done? And you're going to pack the coal as it comes out of the load out facility, you're packing and spraying? I can tell

you the mine you have for a demonstration it looks like it's a fairly nice pilot, with no coal, no wind, if you've got a train sitting out parked here and something breaks down in your load out facility, now your 7 hours starts going on 12 and the wind starts howling down that corridor, you're going to have dust everywhere. I worked for XXX for years and it was marginal at best. By the time the rail car left and got to Robins Bank we were missing four or five tons per car. Now I'm not sure if you've thought of what's going on there but that coal is going somewhere all up and down the highway. The other question was you're saying you're going to ship this coal to Robins Bank? Teck's going to let you put your coal on their ground. They're going to say ok you're my competitor, you can put your coal on my property and we're not going to say anything about it. I don't see Tech being that accommodating.

- I've got land up on the Mountain, so then when I saw this letter April 7 that was sent to Ranchland, that was the first time that I was informed the road would be closed and I'm wondering when it would be closed and sort of by reading the letter I got the impression that you weren't committed or involved in finding us other access and even another access for Oscar's family that would require my road from mining road and it's my understanding that the road up to the highway from the MD of Ranchland is public road owned by the Crowsnest Pass or the province, so I don't understand how the roads can be closed and how we can lose access to our properties without even being informed like the way we were informed was such a third party way and it impacts the value of our property and our lifestyle in great...in just a huge way, so we have concerns and just the lack of information, we are all very concerned and when do you think the road will be closed?
- You mentioned the market in China. I also read that China's demand for coal fell in 2015, even steel production is predicted to a peak and is falling off, the electricity production is going to more towards wind and solar, can you elaborate further that you will have a market for 25 years or more?
- As a resident of Crowsnest Pass this community, starting in 1980, I've seen this place die. Starting with Coleman Collieries, the saw mill, the gas plant, everything is shut down. This is a glimmer of hope to me for this community, a chance to get a tax base. I see a very large majority in the community support this project and I think you guys with your load out can do a very responsible job. With no coal on the ground and with the small amount of fines in this Greenhill coal, not like the mine I worked at in Elk Valley, it's just loaded with fines and that creates the dust problem. I think you guys can do a responsible job and I welcome you to this community.
- I am a property owner up beside Grassy. Discussion on the access road. Will you guarantee that you will provide adequate notice to land owners about the road closure in adequate time as in 90 days, because the communication level that we have received from Benga to this point have been totally inadequate in servicing the owners.

- Can you tell me what your plans are for your balance of your properties is, like the Adanac?
- Did you live in a coal mining town Steve?
- I have a question. Over the past year, you presented us with the load out possibilities council was rejecting that and today I was expecting something, another alternative but it seems to be the same three possibilities. The reason being that there's no other way or is there another way which is more expensive which might be for you people too expensive? Can you tell me are there alternatives?
- I was just wondering, are you required by law to secure a bond, and does it fall on the MD of Ranchland? It's like an insurance, so if Benga's situation didn't happen, is there money set aside to the government so we can access that money to reclaim the land, say with the Municipality, put a load out down here and all of a sudden things fail, does the municipality have a security bond to so if you don't own up to what you do and you leave town we got money to can clean it up, fix it up do whatever we have to do. So for example of Benga had to pull out, how would the municipality access that money, who would you have to go through, Federal or Provincial?
- I was at one of your talks I think it was August 2013 and at that time you mentioned that I think you said you were involved in seven projects. It sounds like they were successful mines. I guess the reality of dealing with a business environment I guess one of my concerns would be that it sounds like you are good engineers in that you can get a startup operation or it sounds like you've sold it on a number of times or at least this team has and yet we are talking about a twenty five year commitment that this community would be making to this and we really don't know at this point in time whether the management team in place at the time is going to be the same group, that's here five years from now or twenty five years, so if we're building a relationship with this management team in this economic environment, you guys have been from Australia, I get that, so this isn't your home, you guys don't have a long term commitment here at least from a family perspective, I guess my concern is who would we be dealing with five years from now? And when we start talking about this sort of relationship you're building with the community you're trying to be one of the lowest cost producers in the world. To me this is a tradeoff for some of the things I would rather see go into an operation like this, they would ensure that you are the best coal producer in the world and that would come from not only a safety point of view, but from an environmental point of view and from an air conditioned [point of view and noise conditioned point of view and I believe all of those aren't necessarily compatible maybe they are an engineer, but often they're not, so those are my concerns. Number one is long term commitment to the community and are you guys in this for the long haul and I don't need you to sign a paper here tonight and I'm here to hear what your intentions are? And then number two, how do you propose to

trade of I guess those inputs that go into a coal facility to make it the best facility for this community.

- CNP Golf Club Golfer – As a golfer, your interest has been grabbed pretty quickly by what could happen. It's a big change for our Golf course, it's a big change for our community. However, what's going on is the way that change is being managed and our situation at the Golf Course which I am not the director of by the way, I think that management process has been very positive. Benga folks came to us a year ago the options have been redeveloped and we've been working with them ever since. At this point we've formed a structure to work with them about the impact of the course, maintaining course operation maintain facilities and getting on with a bigger better future. At this point in time that's not all in place because we don't know what option is going forward, but what I will say is working with Benga to date has been very positive, very constructive and we as a board are committed to continuing to work with them to the best interest of our membership, so thank you for being open and forthright with us and I look forward to working with you in the future.
- We are landowners and have other interests in the community. And looking at your load out option here you're going along the train track along the river. The trails coalition gave our community grant money to build that trail will that trail system affect that trail system that many people walk on at night, including me my dogs, will that be affected?
- The facility is going alongside the walking trail then?
- Also as a member of the Quad Squad our club has spent more than \$1.5 million dollars in maintaining our trails and bridges across our rivers and streams to protect our rivers and streams and trout. Trials coalition just gave us a huge grant to restore the trails that were damaged in the floods and we are in the process now in getting and I hear the Adanac mine any trails in that area? Benga has been absolutely excellent with the trails up by us, Keith has been keeping us in touch with the trails up by Grassy Mountain, we bring many tourists in on the weekend quading here, so I just wanted to keep that open.
- I just had question here, I don't belong to the Ranchland and I don't own land anywhere you guys are working, but I'm just curious, people in the Ranchland seem very concerned this mine and their properties and I notice you guys saying have been saying that you been having meetings with Ranchland. Have you guys not considered doing one on one meetings with each of the people that have a piece of land next to your property, a lot of people won't want to say things at a meeting like this but can be forthright on their own, have you guys considered doing that? I'm just curious because it sounds like (inaudible)
- There's one other thing that I wanted to say and that is I have been in the community twenty years and I relatively new to here and there's a lot of elderly people here who do not agree with this, to them I have to say, you've all retired here mining you made your money working

in the coal mines I think it's only fair to give the younger generation a chance to do that through all of these new mines and developments.

- I've been here since 1994, I've owned a business in this community since that time and I see the population of this community dropping, slowly. This is not the only time a group has come to town, but the first time a serious group has come to town with some backing, and able to give some life back to our community again. I hear stories about the Pass, of what this community used to be and like the last gentleman, I have a young family, the school is declining in numbers, teachers down in numbers as well. Public facilities decrease, public facilities being gauged to a point where they may not have a life much longer. I see this as a positive to this community, I've talked to a lot of people daily and they see this as a positive as well. There is some negative, but change of anything in life is difficult. Right from when we grew up, to give our kids a change of clothes, to get our parents to change their vehicle. This is a big drastic change for our community, so you are going to hear some negative, but you have to remember that I believe there is a lot of positive to this community with this idea and your consultation with the public is very appreciative. I thank you for providing me have the opportunity to say something directly to you, thank you.

Total number of people who signed in over the course of the day was 229. There were well over 180 attendees at the evening presentation.

3.1.12.8 Exit Interview

A total of 91 exit surveys were completed (39% of attending participants). Results of the form is as follows:

3.1.12.9 Common Themes

- handouts (General (*i.e.*, presentation, TOR, *etc.*));
- updates on websites;
- handouts on the information at the specific stations;
- status of affected land owners (this came from outside of the affected property owners adjacent to Grassy Mountain);
- display list of things Benga is able to contribute to in the community;
- provide list of spin off benefits;
- more Open Houses; and
- more people at the stations to explain them.

The first section explored whether the open houses met participants’ learning needs. The results are summarized in the Table below (based on responses to the question).

Table 3.1-8 Participant Learning at the Open House	
	Yes (%)
Did you get the information you needed?	62%
Was the event helpful to learn about the Project?	83%
Were the materials provided easy to understand and use?	61%
Were staff helpful in explaining the materials so you could respond?	80%
Were your questions answered fully?	59%
Did you comment on those areas of greatest interest/need/concern to you?	67%
Did staff listen and record your comments?	60%

3.1.12.10 Identified Community Concerns and Interests

In the second section of the exit survey, respondents reviewed a list of concerns or interests and indicated which were important to them. The percentage of respondents who indicated concern is presented in the table below (based on 91 completed feedback forms).

Table 3.1-9 Feedback	
Potential Areas of Concern	% Indicating Concern
Changes/Impact to Community Character	53%
Community Health/Well Being	64%
Public Safety and Emergency Response	45%
Industrial and Mine Related Traffic Volumes	42%
Reclamation of Mined Lands to Public Use	49%
Protection of Historical Resources	28%
Recreation Access on Public Lands	49%
Wildlife/Mammals	53%
Fish	51%

Table 3.1-9 Feedback	
Potential Areas of Concern	% Indicating Concern
Surface Water	58%
Groundwater	58%
Economic Development	57%
Employment	48%

The results of the question regarding the choice of the two proposed Load Out options was as follows:

Table 3.1-10 Load Out Options	
Golf Course	45
River Bottom	21
In favour of project, but indifferent or undecided	15
Not opposed to project, opposed to either location	7
Opposed to project entirely	3

Table 3.1-11 Exit Interview Comments and Response	
Comment:	Response:
Visible Impact	
<p>Would be taking away the beauty of our community. Landscape/mountain views: avoid industrializing (hide the loading facility). Compromising the natural beauty and tranquility of the Crowsnest Pass golf course, and it's attraction to tourists and residence. Would prefer to keep all impacts close to mine site. No one wants to look at the load out facility, and the associated noise. We moved to the Crowsnest Pass in 2008 because of its natural beauty and untouched mountains. This area will not be the same with mining so close to town. Hiking, trail running, mountain biking, fishing will all be affected. I feel very sad. Currently, I can see the golf course from my balcony. If I had known the</p>	

Table 3.1-11 Exit Interview Comments and Response	
Comment:	Response:
loadout would be visible from my house, I would not have moved here. The phrase not in my backyard-it all depends on where one lives!	
Human Environment	
<p>Dirt and coal polluting the valley.</p> <p>Also, with a north wind blowing over and open pit mine, there is bound to be some coal dust blowing toward town.</p> <p>Also, coal dust when the wind blows.</p> <p>Noise and dust for residents: industrializing the community conflicts hugely with appeal.</p> <p>Dust suppression.</p> <p>Noise suppression.</p> <p>Noise-can hear exploration work east of Livingstone Range.</p> <p>Noise.</p> <p>Emissions</p> <p>Maybe the conveyor system will not leak coal when new, but will it be maintained during the lifetime of the mine?</p> <p>This is a large project presented to a small community-hard to believe a load out facility would be palatable to our community so close to a school or so close to a hospital.</p> <p>Retaining/slack ponds-sustainability; environmental health and safety measures.</p> <p>Noise levels and/or ground shutter from blasting in Valley Ridge Estates?</p> <p>Noise and dusting issues with loadout facility.</p> <p>Fugitive emissions and greenhouse gas emissions and impact on community; potential for eversion in the valley.</p> <p>24/7 operation-concern for day and more specifically night noise.</p> <p>Impact of solid waste disposal on community and shared waste management site.</p> <p>I am concerned about noise.</p>	
Water	
<p>Keep away from wetlands preferably.</p> <p>Interested in effects of groundwater from blasting. Has there been studies done yet?</p> <p>Also has there been studies on Gold Creek and other groundwater areas?</p>	

Table 3.1-11 Exit Interview Comments and Response	
Comment:	Response:
Impact on Gold Creek and aquifer water well sources.	
Economics - Negative	
<p>We try to develop tourism in the area and I think everybody worries that the mining activities, especially the loading of coal in train, will impact the landscape. I think it's important to be mindful of the impact regarding visual, sound and dust.</p> <p>I think that the load out facility by the river will hamper tourist visits and vacation real estate.</p> <p>Impact of tourism if loadout is visible.</p> <p>Demand for coal in China dropped last year, if the price drops significantly five years after mine opens will mine be abandoned without being cleaned up? This would cause real estate market collapse and environmental issues.</p> <p>Very concerned about the negative impact on our tourism industry and on the environmental issues such as dust and noise.</p> <p>Will there be compensation for business and personal losses?</p>	
Economics - Positive	
<p>CNP and area including pincher Creek need job development.</p> <p>We cannot rely on tourism.</p> <p>Golf course can be rebuilt (happy to hear positive comments) - cannot move my home!</p> <p>We really need some progress in this valley, good luck.</p> <p>Is Benga going to be operating the mine?</p> <p>This is a great thing for the Pass.</p> <p>Economic growth for the area.....win, win...</p> <p>We need this to boost our community in every way. Great.</p> <p>Employment opportunities.</p> <p>I am interested in employment.</p> <p>Additional recreational facilities and improved golf course sound great!</p> <p>Need jobs and economic stimulus for future of area.</p> <p>Great project and our community could greatly benefit.</p> <p>As a home builder, interest in updates and info on potential building and housing construction and management.</p> <p>I have no concerns. This can only help the community.</p> <p>Please build it.</p> <p>Project would absolutely rejuvenate the Crowsnest Pass.</p>	

Table 3.1-11 Exit Interview Comments and Response	
Comment:	Response:
Human Environment - Positive	
Not concerned about reclamation as it will be a must.	
Presentation Advice	
<p>Demonstrate a logical plan forward how you are going to get there!</p> <p>What are key decision triggers?</p> <p>Once the environmental assessment is completed please have another open house.</p> <p>Make a list of things that your company is willing to do for the community.</p> <p>Provide a list of all the spin off business that would be required to support this project so that people can see the opportunities that the community will have in the future that it doesn't presently have.</p> <p>Keep up the good work.....</p> <p>There needs to be continuous open houses as the project progresses. I would like to know more about the environmental impact and water usage.</p> <p>Show 3-D mock-up of built/mine to scale.</p> <p>Thank you for this forum and I do appreciate the fact that you are here and taking the interests of our community in your planning.</p>	
Public Engagement Positive	
<p>Not giving us the other choices to consider makes us wonder about the transparency of the project and fairness to the residents to decide on load out sites. You are putting a lot of stress on the residents with these choices only!</p> <p>I think the decisions about the load out facility have already been made, so it seems dishonest to suggest there are still options at this late stage of the process.</p> <p>I don't think anything we say will have any effect on the decisions.</p> <p>Listen to the community, having been told loudly that the loadout options presented were not at all well received why would you present the same ones again?</p> <p>Don't stop discussion of options with the firm statement that decisions will be based on economics. I mean, why have the open house?</p> <p>Noise and dust from loadout was not adequately addressed-I can handle a lot of different impacts, but coal dust all over the town would significantly detract from our quality of life.</p>	
Comments other	
<p>Do not take away existing motorized vehicle ATV trails.</p> <p>Access to community path at 88th St. if Coleman loadout chosen.</p>	

Table 3.1-11 Exit Interview Comments and Response	
Comment:	Response:
<p>Coal is being trucked from the Line Creek mine to the Coal Mountain plant for processing 50 km. The Coal Mountain mine life is apparently only two more years. Would it be feasible to truck your coal to this developed site for processing and shipping?</p> <p>We plan on selling our property next year. Mountain views five bedrooms, three full baths. Furnished or unfurnished.</p> <p>Interested primarily in the utilization of fiber removed from mining development sites.</p> <p>Interest in discussing potential synergies between your organization and my service. <i>Re:</i> development of site and resources.</p> <p>Thanks for your presentation-please meet with the neighboring landowners who spoke up at the meeting. I feel badly for them.</p> <p>With one hall meeting, it allows only for a small cross-section of the community. Some people on shift or could not attend.</p> <p>Change method of transporting coal to loadout point, by switching to hydrostatic piping cuts down on a lot of coal dust. Example; Suncor went to same system for moving bitumen from mine to plant easier on wildlife too.</p> <p>Perhaps instead of conveyor belts and trucks-transport by hydrostatic pipe to the loadout point at track location cut down on a lot of dust might require a bit of water but less environment damage.</p>	
Other Landowners	
<p>Thanks for your presentation-please meet with the neighbouring landowners who spoke up at the meeting. I feel badly for them.</p>	<p>There are ten properties adjacent to Grassy Mountain that are privately owned. Benga have been engaged with all of them. An agreement has been reached with some already that involves the direct purchase or involves a property trade. Each property owner is different and will require individual attention. Benga is confident that a solution can be managed for each one.</p>

3.1.12.11 Comments from the Exit Interview

3.1.12.11.1 Load Out Options

3.1.12.11.1.1 Location of Load Out

River Bottom

- Easier for the train-less noise in the community.

- Less visible to tourists.
- Siding parallel to existing rail line will be less intrusive visually and for noise. Re-use of contaminated land for new industry logical
- In favor of overpass idea-as long as emergency traffic still has access at all times to all parts of the community
- The infrastructure is already there and it's an ugly site now. You can only improve it. No one else will ever do the reclamation from the post plant
- Neither option is very good. Find a route that will not create an eyesore
- Location at golf course would create all kinds of problems-especially at load out site and closer proximity to residential-dust, wind, noise
- Both are good.
- Prefer golf course be left as it is. But I do have a concern about preservation of the wetlands/aquifer between Coleman and Blairmore. Another load out with spurline through maybe where the Riverrun project failed in Blairmore.
- Golf course is a ridiculous cost and should be avoided.
- Ties directly in with existing rail infrastructure means this all pretty much in the same location.

Golf Course

- Golf course-impact of river bottom is too impactful on community.
- Less visible from community and Highway. Less affected by 100 MPH winds. The Coleman site is very windy and there would be cold blowing around. Golf course may be financially more costly but intangible costs would be less.
- I don't want to lose the walking trails.
- The river bottom will result in more coal dust and pollution blow into Blairmore by prevailing powerful west and Chinook winds.
- River bottom area too much water. The extra money you would spend to make the area stable could be used better on golf course site.
- I live in Bushtown and do not want it in my backyard.
- Must keep the golf course in continuous 18 hole operation!
- The moose pasture may not withstand long-term.
- Makes sense.....

- Keep away from residential and high school. Concerned about pollution and air quality, strong westerly winds in the area, can result in strong smell and pollution.
- I've heard golf course wants to make changes and this will be suitable.
- As long as old holes are replaced, I like this option.
- Really either place would work.
- Golf course-keep out of town with rail and load out.
- Golf course option with a berm and trees will be aesthetically pleasing. Will cause less negativity with both local and tourism traffic.
- Is not in the middle of town.
- Because of the opportunity for a new clubhouse!
- Further from residential areas such as Bushtown and upper Coleman-there will be less impact on community.

Neither

- Neither! Both are too close to the community, school and hospital. These options would be taking away from the beauty of our community.
- Both would negatively affect my community and my enjoyment of it-aesthetics, safety, noise. I live east of both sites and on the wrong side of the tracks. Our prevailing westerly's can be powerful and I can't believe some dust won't reach my backyard. One more train per day will increase noise whistles, trains on tracks and chances of derailments or lack of access for emergency vehicles.
- None of the above. The load should be at Lille with a rail line from Police Flats to Lille.
- Neither are good, but the golf course removes the impact from the river bottom/dust/long conveyor belt thing. Also landowners were not contacted for river bottom.
- Mine load out facility should be located north of Blairmore out of sight.
- I don't like either option. They are too close to town and the highway and walking paths and river.

No Decision/Undecided

- The one with the least environmental and social impact.
- You need to explore both until you have exhausted the key indications of pro/con to make an informed decision.
- Haven't decided yet.

- I don't have enough information on community impact and mitigations for options to support either proposed locations for train Loadout.

Either

- Pick either I like both.

Not in Favor of Project

- Neither, I don't want to live in an industrial community.

Neither

- We moved to the Crowsnest Pass in 2008 because of its natural beauty and untouched mountains. This area will not be the same with mining so close to town. Hiking, trail running, mountain biking, fishing will all be affected. I feel very sad.

3.1.12.12 Other Comments

- The golf course-really? Find a different option for loading!
- I don't think the community will accept either.
- Visual of load out on river bottom would not be appealing for through traffic or locals. My main concern with the river bottom location is the lack of access to the walking/bike path and the additional train noise. Many people use that path on a daily basis.
- Strongly against the river bottom option. Bring us back real alternative load out options. East and outside of the golf course and not at all within Coleman.

Requests for Follow-up:

- 44 new requests to be added to the email list (some were already on the list).
- 9 others requested to be added to mail list (some were already on the list).
- 2 requested to be phoned with updates and newsletters (one later provided email for email list).
- 24 have requested some follow-up contact – all follow-up conducted (many were service providers canvassing for business). Others to express their concern for the Valley Bottom Option.

3.1.12.13 Other Associated Communication

On May 8, 2015, an email went out to the Benga email list updating Stakeholders with the outcome of the Open House. The purpose of the letter was to:

- express appreciation for those that attended;
- provide numbers that attended;
- some common themes (*i.e.*: more information on website); and
- outcome of community's poll on the two Rail Load Out options

A copy of the letter was also published in the local print media and there was a letter to the editor response.

3.1.12.14 Improvements for Next Open House/Open Public Forum

The combination of the two formats was well received. This community appears to really enjoy the opportunity to pose questions to the Benga executives whereas the "information stations" provide opportunity for public to speak directly with the "designers" and appears to make for more informative feedback.

People expressed an interest in walking away with literature on what was presented, so they could take it home and review it further. Each display should have brochures on what it is presenting.

There was only one microphone for the public to ask questions. Because of the large number of people, this made it difficult for some to make their way to the microphone. A second mic would be more efficient.

3.1.12.15 On-Going Engagement

An Open House/Public Forum is planned for October 29, 2015 to review the EIA submission to the community.

3.1.13 Formal Letters

Formal Letters that have gone to specific stakeholder groups or individuals are reflected in the category that apply to those groups and individuals. There has only been one Formal Letter that went out *via* Benga mass email. A copy of the email was also posted in the local print media, the Crowsnest Pass Herald.

Email	5/8/2015	Letter from Managing Director Steve Mallyon going out to all Stakeholders on Benga Email List advising of outcome of April 22 Open House and Golf Course Load Out Option going to be focus of project.
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A Copy of the above noted Formal Letter is available in the Appendices.

3.1.14 Newsletters

Newsletter 1 – February 2014

The first Newsletter came out in February 2014. This was distributed as first contact with many of the groups, clubs and organizations throughout the area. The communication management program, StakeTracker was not yet online and the contact list was being developed. The list included both community and First Nation consultation.

The Newsletter provided:

- An overview of Benga and the Grassy Mountain Project.
- An overview of the current exploration program.
- An overview of the Environmental Baseline Studies.
- An overview of accessibility and safety concerns to the public.
- An overview of the community engagement to date.
- An overview of the First Nation Engagement.
- Considerations for the South Saskatchewan River Project.
- Contact information.

Newsletter 2 – December 2014

The second Newsletter came out in December of 2014. It was distributed out to 86 people through email, four people through mail and one hand delivered. The email was part of a list that was now building, but also included as part of the notifications that were being sent out as required for Exploration Program applications. It continued to also be handed out during any presentations or meetings with the various groups, clubs and organizations throughout the area.

The Newsletter provided:

- an overview of Benga and the Grassy Mountain Project;
- an overview of the community engagement;
- an overview of the latest Open House;

- an overview of the current exploration program;
- an overview of the environmental studies;
- an article on the necessity of coal;
- an overview of the First Nation Consultation;
- considerations for Safety and Access to the near vicinity;
- future plans;
- a message from the Managing Director; and
- contact information.

Newsletter 3 – February 2015

The third Newsletter came out in February 2015. It was distributed out to 86 people through email, four people through mail and one hand delivered. It was also distributed at other events and presentations, meetings with the various groups, clubs and organizations throughout the area.

The Newsletter provided:

- a Grassy Mountain Project update;
- further exploration considerations near Grassy Mountain;
- an update to the Load Out options;
- consideration for next Open House;
- an article on radio communications used on Grassy Mountain;
- update on Australia Day celebration (see other community events);
- an overview of another project in the area considered by Benga;
- an overview of Stakeholder Engagement;
- an article on Benga donation of property to the Municipality;
- a message from the Community Liaison;
- a notice on Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource's Backcountry Rehabilitation Program;
- an overview of the project; and
- contact information.

On-Going Engagement

Newsletter planned immediately following the scheduled Open House/Public Forum, October 29, 2015 to provide outcome and details of Open House and EIA submission.

Date	Communication Summary	Communication Title
29-Sep-15	Media Coverage on Benga Open House on April 22 in CNP Herald	2015-09-29 Print Media with Crowsnest Pass Herald, about Media Coverage
17-Sep-15	Media Coverage on agreement between Benga and West Shore Terminals	2015-09-17 Print Media with Canada Newswire, about Media Coverage
16-Aug-15	Web blog of Green Party's Romy Tittel and Gold Creek issues with Grassy Mtn. Project	2015-08-16 Print Media with Crowsnest Pass Herald, about Media Coverage
29-Jul-15	Announcement of new Manager of Sustainable Development joining Benga team published in CNP Herald.	2015-07-29 Print Media with Crowsnest Pass Herald, about Media Coverage
29-Jul-15	Media coverage of Benga request for Gold Creek Water Licence from Municipality of CNP	2015-07-29 Print Media with Crowsnest Pass Herald, about Media Coverage
29-Jul-15	Media Coverage on CEAA announcement of public funding available for public comment on Benga's permit application	2015-07-29 Print Media with Crowsnest Pass Herald, about Media Coverage
29-Jul-15	Media Coverage on Benga's discussions with the CNP Council regarding the Golf Course and Load Out facility.	2015-07-29 Print Media with Crowsnest Pass Herald, about Media Coverage
22-Jul-15	Letter to editor of CNP Herald speaking of rationale for support of River Bottom Load Out	2015-07-22 Print Media with Crowsnest Pass Herald, about Media Coverage
8-Jul-15	Media Coverage on Grassy Mountain Project and effect on Golf Course, positive or negative.	2015-07-08 Print Media with Crowsnest Pass Herald, about Media Coverage
19-May-15	Letter to the Editor in the CNP Herald in response to letter from Benga not supporting the project.	2015-05-19 Print Media with Crowsnest Pass Herald, about Media Coverage

Table 3.1-12 Media Articles		
Date	Communication Summary	Communication Title
13-May-15	Letter to the editor suggesting a referendum be held on the Grassy Mountain Project published in the CNP Herald.	2015-05-13 Print Media with Crowsnest Pass Herald, about Media Coverage
12-May-15	Benga forwarded a letter to stakeholders advising of outcome of Open House on April 22. The CNP Herald published the letter.	2015-05-12 Print Media with Crowsnest Pass Herald, about Media Coverage
6-May-15	Media Coverage on the Bengalla Mine comparison to Benga's Grassy Mountain Project in the CNP Herald.	2015-05-06 Print Media with Crowsnest Pass Herald, about Media Coverage
22-Apr-15	Media Coverage on Benga negotiations with Asian markets.	2015-04-22 Print Media with Crowsnest Pass Herald, about Media Coverage
15-Apr-15	Article in Alberta Outdoorsman not supporting the project.	2015-04-15 Print Media with Alberta Outdoorsman, about Media Coverage
11-Mar-15	John Pundyk's article in the CNP Herald talking about Benga and the Grassy Mountain Project.	2015-03-11 Print Media with John Pundyk, about Media Coverage
30-Dec-14	Print Media Article on Benga and Grassy Mountain Project in Canadian Business Journal.	2014-12-30 Print Media with Canadian Business Journal, about Media Coverage
16-Dec-14	Print Media coverage on agreement between Benga and Westshore Terminals	2014-12-16 Print Media with Canada Newswire, about Media Coverage
30-Oct-14	Print Media article in the Lethbridge Herald regarding coal mining returning to Crowsnest Pass.	2014-10-30 Print Media with Melissa Villeneuve, Lethbridge Herald, about Media Coverage,
8-Oct-14	Media Coverage following the Open House that unveiled the rail load out options.	2014-10-08 Print Media with Crowsnest Pass Herald, about Rail Access,
4-Sep-14	Benga Mining contacted the Pass Herald in order advertise the Open House.	2014-09-04 Phone with Cierra Shortreed, Crowsnest Pass Herald, about Media Coverage, Rail Access,
4-Sep-14	Benga Mining contacted Jennifer to prepare advertising of the Open House in the Crowsnest Free Press.	2014-09-04 Phone with Jennifer Pinkerton, Crowsnest Free Press, about Media Coverage, Rail Access,

Table 3.1-12 Media Articles		
Date	Communication Summary	Communication Title
21-Aug-14	Joni McFarlane wanted to do an article on the current status of the project. Benga Mining Project Manager also took her on a site tour.	2014-08-21 In-Person/Face-to-face with Joni McFarlane, Crowsnest Free Press, about Media Coverage, Site Tour,
20-Aug-14	Benga Mining Project Manager and Community Liaison gave a project update to Mayor and Council (see August 12) and addressed safety concerns of motorbikes accessing the site area. The Pass Herald published an article on the discussion.	2014-08-20 Print Media with Crowsnest Pass Herald, about Media Coverage, Public safety concerns - traffic,
30-May-14	Benga Mining forwarded an invitation to the Public Forum to the editor of the Pincher Creek Echo.	2014-05-30 Email with Greg Cowan, Pincher Creek Echo, about Stakeholder Affairs (Formal), Media Coverage,
25-Mar-14	Print Media article covering the meeting, project update provided to the MD of Pincher Creek Reeve and Council on March 11, 2014.	2014-03-25 Print Media with Pincher Creek Echo, about Media Coverage,
29-Jan-14	Print Media article on the Project and comments from council during Benga's update to them on January 21, 2014.	2014-01-29 Print Media with Crowsnest Pass Herald, about Media Coverage,
22-Oct-13	Media Coverage of Open Public Forum held by Benga in Crowsnest Pass.	2013-10-22 Print Media with Crowsnest Pass Herald, about Media Coverage
16-Oct-13	Print Media coverage of the progress briefing Benga made to Mayor and Council on the Afternoon of October 15, 2013.	2013-10-16 Print Media with Joni McFarlane, Crowsnest Voice, about Media Coverage,
10-Sep-13	Media Coverage on CNP Mayor Decoux's comments about the purchase of the mineral leases by Benga.	2013-09-10 Print Media with Crowsnest Pass Herald, about Media Coverage
15-Feb-13	Print Media Report on the meeting Benga Representatives had with the MD of Ranchland on February 5, 2013.	2013-02-15 Print Media with Nanton News, about Media Coverage,
12-Feb-13	Print Media Coverage on Open Public Forum held at Elks Hall by Benga. Forum allowed the local residents to meet the faces of Benga and ask questions regarding the possibility of coal mining in Crowsnest Pass.	2013-02-12 Print Media with Crowsnest Pass Herald, about Media Coverage, Stakeholder Engagement - Project Overview,

Table 3.1-12 Media Articles		
Date	Communication Summary	Communication Title
16-Jan-13	Print media article with an interview with Managing Director Steve Mallyon and his optimism with the Grassy Mountain Project and the experienced work force available in the community.	2013-01-16 Print Media with Joni McFarlane, Crowsnest Pass Promoter, about Media Coverage, Economic Development, Stakeholder Engagement - Project Overview,
15-Jan-13	Media article on Mayor of Municipality of Crowsnest Pass holding press conference to announce Benga' plan to begin mining Grassy Mountain. Also announces the plan for Benga to hold an Open House in February.	2013-01-15 Print Media with Crowsnest Free Press, about Media Coverage,

3.1.15 Community Investment

3.1.15.1 Australia Day

Australia celebrates their national day on January 26. As Benga is an Australian company, a charitable dinner and dance is held in Crowsnest Pass to celebrate the day civilization first set foot on the country's soil. The general public is invited and proceeds raised from the even go to support local needs.

Australia Day 2014 – A donation was made to the Crowsnest Pass Health Foundation

Australia Day 2015 – A donation was made to the Crowsnest Pass Boys and Girls Society and to Elise Kwan, a young girl and her family trying to meet the costly challenges of her medical issues.

Table 3.1-13 Other Sponsorships	
2/13/2014	Benga Mining had a fund raiser and made cash donation from the fund raiser to the Crowsnest Pass Health Foundation.
2/25/2014	Benga Mining sponsored the Kananaskis Pro Rodeo. The Rodeo takes place April 25, 26, and 27 at the Crowsnest Pass Sports Complex.
3/3/2014	Benga Mining provided Ducks Unlimited with a cash donation and some door prizes for their fund raising event on March 15.
3/20/2014	Benga Mining made a cash donation to the local minor soccer club.

Table 3.1-13 Other Sponsorships

3/20/2014	Benga Mining sponsored the purchase of a speed sign for the community of Crowsnest Pass. The sign sits on a small trailer and is set up at various locations on the highway to display driver's speed. It can also be programmed to display messages to the public (<i>i.e.</i> : Fire bans, street re-route, emergency messages, <i>etc.</i>).
3/26/2014	Benga Mining donated some prizes to the Crowsnest Wintervention as door prizes for their function.
3/28/2014	Benga Mining made a cash and other items donation to the Crowsnest Pass Curling Club for their Bunny Bonspiel.
3/31/2014	Benga Mining made a cash donation to sponsor the Crowsnest Pass Minor Lacrosse.
4/22/2014	Benga Mining sponsored the Hillcrest Mine Disaster Memorial Site for the 100 Anniversary Ceremony of the Disaster by providing a cash donation.
4/24/2014	Benga Mining made a cash donation to the Ricky Ryp Foundation to assist in their fund raiser golf tournament.
6/30/2014	Benga Mining sponsored the Crowsnest Pass Show and Shine car show by providing a cash donation and a prize to be given away as a door prize.
7/3/2014	Benga Mining made a cash donation to the Kathy Allsop Memorial Golf Tournament which is a fund raiser for the Crowsnest Pass Health Foundation.
7/15/2014	Benga Mining made a cash donation to the Boys and Girls Club of Crowsnest Pass.
7/21/2014	Benga Mining provided a prize donation to give away as a door prize for the Alzheimer's Walk in Blairmore.
8/8/2014	Benga Mining made a cash donation to the Pincher Creek Ag Society to sponsor Pincher Creek Rodeo.
9/23/2014	Benga Mining made a cash donation to the Crowsnest Museum/Historical Society to sponsor their annual Harvest of Memories. Some prizes were also donate to give away as door prizes.
9/30/2014	Benga Mining made a cash donation to the Crowsnest Minor Hockey to assist in the WHL Thunder Challenge.
10/14/2014	Benga Mining made a cash donation to the Waterton Biosphere Reserve Assoc. to assist in their Grizzly Bear Monitoring Project.
11/3/2014	Benga Mining made a cash donation to the Crowsnest Conservation Society to assist in the Wildsight program
11/24/2014	Benga Mining made a cash donation to the Food Bank.
12/16/2014	Benga Mining sponsored the Crow Snow Riders for the 2015 season. A cash donation was made.
1/19/2015	Hillcrest Fish and Game requested a donation to sponsor the Bighorn Sheep Monitoring Project. A cash donation was made.

Table 3.1-13 Other Sponsorships	
1/19/2015	Crowsnest Cando requested Benga sponsor their Wintervention Fund Raiser again this year. Sponsorship included a table at the dinner that Benga staff attended. Fas Gas gas cards were also provided as a door prize give away.
2/1/2015	The literacy foundation requested we sponsor their local program. A cash donation was made.
2/1/2015	Benga Mining sponsored the Kananaskis Pro Rodeo again this year. A cash donation was provided.
3/2/2015	Benga sponsored the Crowsnest Curling Club's Bunny Bonspiel again this year. A couple of Fas Gas gas cards were provided to give away as prizes.
4/20/2015	Benga made a cash donation to the Crowsnest Pass Historical Society's Door Open Festival.
4/30/2015	Benga made a cash donation to the Crowsnest Pass Dance Society
5/21/2015	Benga made a cash donation to the Kathy Allsop Golf Tournament again for the second year.
6/19/2015	Benga made a cash donation to the Crowsnest Pass Adult Soccer to assist in paying for their jerseys.
7/14/2015	Benga made a cash donation to the Ricky Ryp Charity Golf Tournament.
7/14/2015	Benga made a cash donation to the Bellevue Underground Mine to pay for the bar-b-cue to celebrate the Miner Days during the Door Open Festival.
7/14/2015	Benga made a cash donation to the Pass Piranhas swim club.
7/23/2015	Benga made a cash donation to the Crowsnest Pass Golf Club to sponsor their three major club tournaments.
8/31/2015	Benga made a cash donation to the Crowsnest Pass Swimming Pool to sponsor the Beach Party. It was the last day the pool is open for the summer.
9/2/2015	Benga purchased a table to attend the Harvest of Memories Gala on September 26.
9/18/2015	Benga made a cash donation to the Thunder Challenge Hockey Tournament to support Crowsnest Pass Minor Hockey.

3.2 Project Changes to Resolve Community Concerns

Various rail alignment and Load-Out options. Most feasible options included two valley bottom siding alignments and the Golf Course option. Golf Course option taken despite higher estimated cost.

Load-Out moved to back of rail loop.

Agreement to purchase lands from local landowners situated in the proposed mine permit boundary.

Funding to Golf Course committee to conduct golf course realignment and planning.

Repositioning of waste disposal areas (to north and south of mine pit alignments, rather than east and west alignments) to mitigate for significant negative impacts to the Blairmore Creek and Gold Creek aquatic environments.

Coordination of a potential Grassy Mountain Environmental Stewardship Program to facilitate a collaborative approach with multiple stakeholders (*e.g.*, provincial and federal government agencies, provincial conservation groups, industry) to further protect and enhance the aquatic environments associated with the Gold Creek and Blairmore Creek watersheds.

Alternative energy sources. Potential purchase of wind generated power from the Piikani First Nations.