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## A Year of Engagement, Progress, and Partnership at Yellowhead



Korah De Walt-Gagnon

**2025 was a year of progress for the Yellowhead Project, marked by meaningful engagement with communities and Indigenous Nations, technical advancements and key milestones that shape our path forward.**

Guided by Taseko's values, purposeful, resourceful, honest and committed, we continue to work collaboratively and transparently through Taseko-led initiatives and the provincial, federal and Simpcw assessment processes.

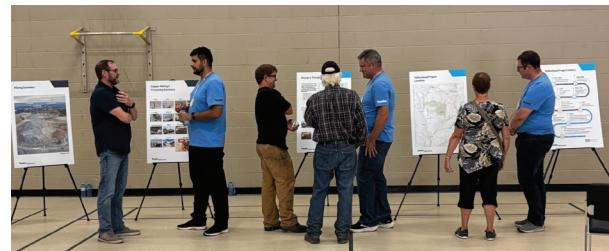
This newsletter highlights the key activities that our team has been working on. Looking ahead to 2026, we are focused on building this progress, deepening relationships and advancing the project towards its next major milestones.

Thank you for your continued support. Here's to a successful 2026.

**Korah De Walt-Gagnon**, Yellowhead Project Manager

## Yellowhead Project Updates

### EAO/IAAC Open Houses



Taseko members (in blue) speaking to community members.

Yellowhead is in the early stages of the Environmental Assessment (EA) processes with the BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC).

In September, the EAO and the IAAC held a joint virtual open house as well as an in-person open house in Clearwater. About 60 residents attended the Open House over the span of 3 hours (4pm-7pm). The purpose of these events was to gather input from local communities about Yellowhead's Initial Project Description and provide information about the EA Process.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at these events - we always appreciate the opportunity to hear feedback and continue the dialogue with community members.

## Taseko Open Houses

### Open Houses in 100 Mile House and Interlakes Draw Strong Community Interest.

Taseko hosted two well-attended Open Houses in the South Cariboo late November, providing opportunities for residents to learn more about the proposed transmission line and the broader project.

On November 26th, approximately 120 community members joined us at the 100 Mile House Community Hall, followed by an additional 100 participants at the Interlakes Community Hall on November 27th. We appreciate the strong turnout and the thoughtful questions shared at both events.



James Henderson (left) and Finn Conradsen (right) speaking to community members at the open house.

## Site Investigation Program

In 2025, we successfully completed a geotechnical Site Investigation Program at the project site.

The site investigations encompassed a broad range of disciplines, including environmental and cultural heritage assessments, access development, drilling, test pitting and reclamation activities. In addition, Taseko commenced the demolition and reclamation of the historic Harper Creek exploration camp.

Approximately 25 team members contributed their expertise and dedication to the project's success.

We would like to thank our partners Simpcw Resources Group, Knight Piésold, and Mud Bay Drilling. In addition, the Simpcw First Nation Natural Resources Department, who played an essential role in completing the cultural and heritage assessments for the program.



Core samples

**We're especially proud that we completed the site investigation program safely, on time and on budget.**

**Finn Conradsen**, Manager of Field Programs at Taseko Mines Limited

## Environmental Baseline Studies

As part of the EA process, proposed mining projects complete baseline studies to understand the current conditions at the project site and surrounding area. These studies assess land, water, air, plants, animals as well as cultural and social aspects to establish reference points to measure future changes. They also help inform future studies to identify and assess potential project impacts.

In 2025, Taseko restarted environmental baseline studies at the project site, building on work completed by Taseko and previous owners.



The 2025 programs completed included:

- **Surface water quality:** Collecting creek water samples for laboratory analysis.
- **Hydrology:** Measuring creek flows at monitoring stations.
- **Aquatic resources:** Sampling sediment and aquatic insects to assess creek health.
- **Vegetation and wildlife:** Identifying and recording plant and wildlife presence.

Looking ahead to 2026, we're excited to continue and expand environmental baseline studies programs.

## Community Highlights

Yellowhead was proud to support and take part in a number of community events over the past few months:

### Summer Stage

Our Community Relations Advisor, Ursula Johnston, attended the Clearwater Summer Stage, an annual community event organized by the Wells Gray Lively Arts Society. The event provided a valuable opportunity for the Yellowhead Project team to set up an information tent and engage directly with local residents, answer questions, and share updates about the project.

For one of the Summer Stage evenings, Field Programs Manager Finn Conradsen and Senior Environmental Engineer Jocelyne Plourde joined to help staff the information table. Throughout the event, many interested Clearwater residents stopped by to learn more about the project and its ongoing activities.

We greatly appreciated the strong turnout and the genuine interest shown by community members. Events like these continue to foster open communication and strengthen relationships in the North Thompson region.

### Congratulations to the Winners of the Yeti cooler from Taseko Open House in June:



Kalvin Wilde - Lucky winner of the Yeti cooler from the Open House in Clearwater on June 23rd, 2025.



Josie Wilson - Lucky winner of the Yeti Cooler from the Open House in Barriere on June 24th, 2025.

### Fall Fair Fun at Best Decorated Business Contest



The Barriere & Area Chamber of Commerce and the Yellowhead Project team partnered on a creative entry for the Best Decorated Business Contest at the North Thompson Fall Fair. In keeping with the "Denim and Diamonds" theme, we designed a sparkling, mining-inspired display that brought a touch of glitter and grit to the event.

Although we faced tough competition and didn't take home the prize, we had a fantastic time collaborating, creating, and celebrating our community spirit.

### Simpcw First Nation's First Fish Ceremony

Thank you for a wonderful ceremony and celebration. On September 3rd, 2025, Fisheries Manager Tina Donald and her team welcomed the Yellowhead Project team and many others to Simpcw's 17th Annual First Fish Ceremony at the Raft River Viewing Platform. The event featured a variety of salmon-related and cultural activities. Guests crafted salmon hats, youth played lehal and entertained everyone with spirited drumming and singing.



Thank you to the Simpcw Fisheries team for hosting such a warm and memorable celebration.

### Community Investment

#### North Thompson Communities Foundation

Through our Beyond Potential Community Investment Program, we are proud to support the North Thompson Communities Foundation with a \$5,000 contribution under the Indigenous Priorities Focus Area.



The Yellowhead Project team presents a \$5,000 cheque to the North Thompson Communities Foundation.

This contribution supports local initiatives that foster inclusion, collaboration, and opportunities for Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities alike. We are honoured to contribute to the Foundation's ongoing efforts in building a vibrant and connected North Thompson region.

### Elders Trip

Taseko's Beyond Potential Community Investment Program was able to support the Simpcw Elders for their trip to the National Indigenous Cultural Expo in Edmonton, AB. We hear that the Elders had a great time.

## Taseko's Yellowhead Project also supported:

- Barriere and Area Chamber of Commerce with the "Amazing Race 2.0"
- Raft Mountain Skating Club
- Clearwater Rotary Club - Golf Tournament
- Barriere First Responders Society
- Clearwater and Barriere Literacy Outreach Program
- Barriere Emergency Services Golf Tournament
- And others



**Top row:** Barriere and Area Chamber of Commerce with the "Amazing Race 2.0" **Bottom row left:** Raft Mountain Skating Club **Bottom row middle:** Clearwater Rotary Club - Golf Tournament **Bottom row right:** Barriere First Responders Society



**Check back on our website, we'll be sharing information about the 2026 Creating Opportunities Scholarship!**

## Coffee & Conversation with Yellowhead

### Coffee and Conversation – Vavenby

We also had a nice informal coffee and conversation event at the Vavenby Hall on November 18th. We met some new faces and some familiar ones. Thanks everyone for coming out.



**Get to Know the Yellowhead Project and Team**

## COFFEE & CONVERSATION

**Every third Wednesday of the month @ 10am**

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Taseko's Yellowhead Project is located in the Thompson-Nicola region of British Columbia, approximately 150 km northeast of Kamloops near Vavenby, and is primarily within Simpcwúlecw, the territory of Simpcw. The proposed open-pit copper mine is designed to produce 90,000 tonnes of ore per day over a 25-year mine life, using existing road access and a nearby rail load-out facility, with a new transmission line required to supply power.