



Taseko team at the Yellowhead Open House in Clearwater

## Yellowhead Copper Project Achieves Key Milestone with EA Process Launch

### Message from the Yellowhead Project Manager



Korah De Walt-Gagnon

The first half of 2025 has marked a significant chapter for the Yellowhead Project, with exciting developments announced early in July.

I am pleased to share that the Yellowhead Copper Project's (Yellowhead Project) Initial Project Description (IPD) was filed and accepted by the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) and Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC). The acceptance formally starts the Environmental Assessment (EA) process, which is designed to be comprehensive, inclusive, and transparent, ensuring that the

Yellowhead Project meets regulatory requirements while balancing environmental, social, and economic values.

At the same time, we've continued to engage with Simpcw First Nation through the Simpcw Assessment Process, along with other Secwépemc groups and local communities.

During the month of June, our team hosted open houses in Vavenby, Clearwater and Barriere with over 600 attendees. We were blown away by the community interest and want to thank everyone who came out to learn more about the Project. Your questions, stories and feedback are shaping how we move forward.

Looking ahead, EAO and IAAC will be holding a public comment period, and also an in-person and virtual open house. The public comment period is an opportunity for community members and stakeholders to provide comments on the IPD. We expect the public comment period to start this summer, and will share planned dates as they become available and ways to participate in the process. Thank you again for your interest in the project. We look forward to what the second half of 2025 will bring!

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

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## Yellowhead Project Updates

### Coffee and Conversation

We're pleased to introduce a new way to connect, Coffee & Conversation with Yellowhead. On the third Wednesday of each month, we'll be hosting informal drop-in sessions where community members are invited to chat with our team, ask questions, and learn more about the Yellowhead Project, over a cup of coffee.

Our first was held on June 18th and we look forward to welcoming more community members at upcoming sessions. As we hear more about what topics matter most to you, we'll tailor future sessions to include materials and updates that reflect those interests.

### Yellowhead Project Open Houses

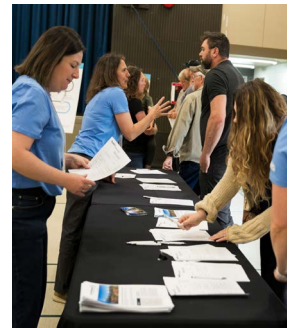
We had a great time connecting with community members at our recent open houses for the Yellowhead Project in Vavenby, Clearwater and Barriere!



Yellowhead Open House, held in Clearwater

More than 600 people joined us across the three events to learn more, ask questions, and share their feedback. The community's input and engagement are an important part of our planning process, and we appreciate the opportunity to have these conversations.

Thank you to everyone who came out – we look forward to continuing the dialogue as the project moves forward. A special thank-you to the teams at Gateway Grill & Catering and Salt Lick BBQ for providing fantastic food.



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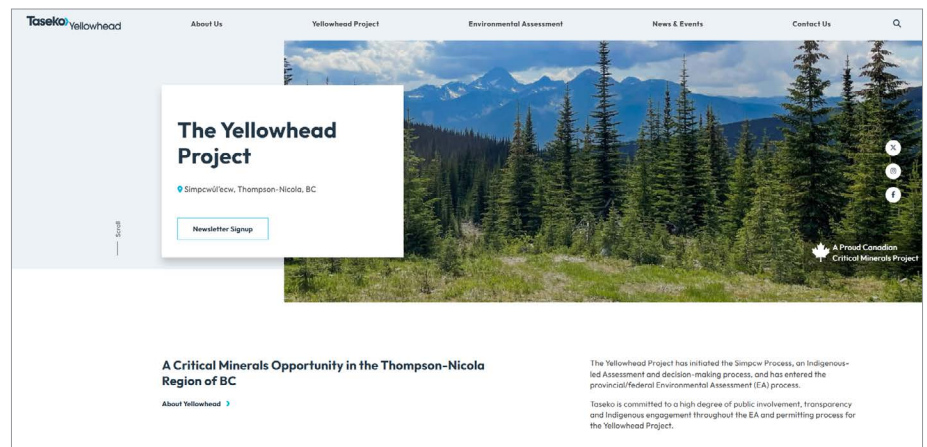
### Environmental Baseline Studies

This spring, the Yellowhead Project has restarted the water monitoring program for surface water and groundwater. Other baseline studies are being planned with data collection anticipated to start in 2025. The baseline studies will support data and information needs for environmental assessment, permitting and engineering.

### Site Investigation Program

This summer, the Yellowhead Project team will continue a Site Investigation program at the proposed project site. The program will be very similar to the 2024 program, gathering detailed geotechnical data to support the design and permitting of the Yellowhead Project.

### New Project Website Now Launched: [Yellowheadproject.com](https://yellowheadproject.com)



Alongside the IPD submission, we launched a project website: [yellowheadproject.com](https://yellowheadproject.com). This site will serve as a central hub for community members and stakeholders to access key regulatory documents stay informed about upcoming EOA and Yellowhead engagement events, and find tools to submit feedback, share input, or ask questions about the project.

## Community Highlights

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



*Simpco Career Fair*

### Career Fairs

Yellowhead was excited to attend the Simpcw Career Fair in February of 2025. Students from Neqweyqwelsten School, Barriere and Clearwater Secondary School attended the career fair. The team at Yellowhead focused on the students' favourite subjects and how they could be tied to a career in mining, as well as, teaching the students about careers in mining through Spin the Wheel. We are grateful for the opportunity to participate in the event and share the Yellowhead Project.

In April, Jenny attended the WorkBC Career Fair in Barriere. The event was well-attended by both community members and students from Barriere Secondary School. It provided a great opportunity to share our current job postings and engage with local residents about the Yellowhead Project.

In June, Korah and Jenny attended South Sahali Elementary's Career Fair for students in kindergarten to Grade 3. Students had the opportunity to decorate a hard hat while they learned about careers in mining and the importance of copper in the green economy.



### Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Workshop at the Yellowhead Office

In March, the Yellowhead Team hosted a workshop led by Kamloops Immigrant Services and invited local businesses to attend. The session focused on equity, diversity, and inclusion in the workplace, offering valuable insights and strategies for fostering inclusive work environments.

### District of Barriere – Family Day

The Yellowhead Project donated a gift basket to the 11th Annual Family Fun Night, hosted by the District of Barriere. Proceeds from the silent auction supported Barriere's non-profit After School and Teen Scene programs.



*Jenny Maloney, Project Administrator with Louise Lodge from the District of Barriere*

### Simpco Bingo

In January, Taseko made a donation to Simpcw's Honouring Our Young Women Powwow Bingo Fundraiser. Proceeds from the event supported the Powwow, now celebrating its 22<sup>nd</sup> year.

### Pink Shirt Day

In February, the Yellowhead Team wore pink shirts in support of Pink Shirt Day, standing together against bullying and promoting kindness and inclusion.



*Pink Shirt Day*

### SILGA

In May, Yellowhead Project Manager Korah DeWalt-Gagnon joined a panel at the SILGA convention in Merritt, BC, focused on critical minerals and mining. Korah highlighted the potential of socio-economic benefits the Yellowhead Project could bring to the Southern Interior through collaboration with many of the local communities. She also discussed the role copper plays in the green economy and how Mining in BC is evolving. With Yellowhead, we have the chance to do things differently, guided by community values, local leadership and shared goals.

### SRG Golf Tournament

Taseko was proud to support the Simpcw Resources Golf Tournament by sponsoring a hole featuring a chip contest with YETI prizes and entering a team into the tournament. Funds raised go toward the Simpcw Language House and scholarships for Simpcw Members. It was a great day of fun, connection, and contributing to meaningful community programs.



## Meet New Yellowhead Team



Taseko is proud to introduce new team members to the Yellowhead Project:

### **Ursula Johnston**

Community Relations Advisor  
based at the Yellowhead Project Office in Barriere

### **Jocelyne Plourde**

Senior Environmental Engineer  
based at Taseko's Office in Vancouver

Together, our team is dedicated to advancing the Yellowhead Project with respect, responsibility, and community at the forefront.

## Upcoming Events

### **Coffee & Conversation** with Yellowhead



#### **Date and Time:**

Every third Wednesday of the month @ 10am

#### **Location:**

Yellowhead Community Office  
2-4609 Barriere Town Road, Barriere, BC

### Yellowhead Project **EAO Public Comment Period** + Open House



#### **Virtual Information session**

Thursday, September 4, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. PDT

#### **In-Person Open House**

Wednesday, September 10, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. PDT

Dutch Lake Community Centre Gym  
209 Dutch Lake Road, Clearwater, British Columbia

For more information, visit: [bit.ly/Yellowhead-EPIC](https://bit.ly/Yellowhead-EPIC)



Clearwater open house

## Looking Ahead

We're committed to keeping local communities informed and involved throughout the environmental assessment process - your input matters. As we enter this next chapter, we look forward to continuing the conversation, sharing updates, and hearing your feedback.

## Contact Us

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