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Message from Yellowhead’s Project Manager

Planning and Preparation at Yellowhead in Early 2026



Korah De Walt-Gagnon

Early 2026 has been focused on planning and preparation for the Yellowhead Project Team. As the Project advances toward the next stage of the BC Environmental Assessment process, the Yellowhead team has prioritized the Detailed Project Description (DPD), which is anticipated to be submitted mid-year.

A Detailed Project Description is a comprehensive document that outlines a proposed project’s design, activities and potential effects, submitted to regulators to support the Environmental Assessment Process. The purpose of the DPD is to provide information to support the EAO readiness decision and advance the Project to the process planning phase of the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) process.

Alongside this important milestone, the team has been actively preparing for the upcoming 2026 Site Investigation Program, continuing environmental baseline studies, engaging with local communities, and participating in career fairs across the region. These efforts reflect our commitment to thoughtful planning, collaboration, and transparency as the project progresses.

In this edition of the newsletter, you’ll find updates on these activities and learn more about what’s ahead for the Yellowhead Project.

We invite you to explore the updates in this newsletter and to stay connected as the Yellowhead Project continues to take shape. Thank you for being part of the journey.

Korah De Walt-Gagnon, *Yellowhead Project Manager*

May is Mining Month

Each May, Mining Month recognizes the important contributions of the mining industry to British Columbia’s economy and communities. It is an opportunity to highlight the sector’s role in supporting a strong economic future, with events such as trade shows, community fairs, mine tours, and seminars taking place throughout the province.



At Taseko Yellowhead we are celebrating with a mining-knowledge contest. Set yourself up to win by following this

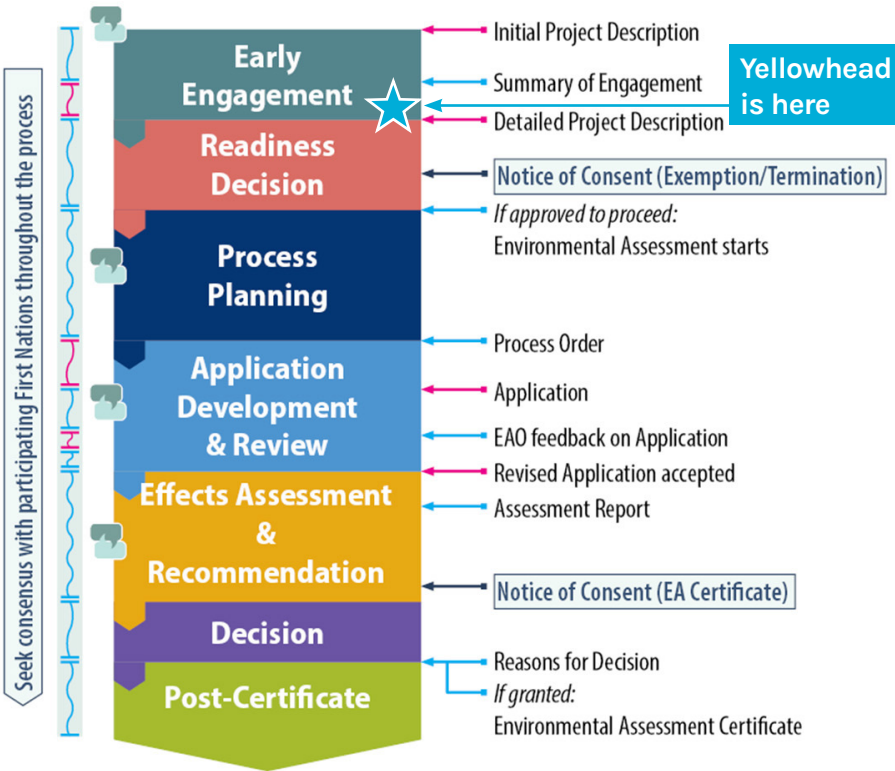


QR code, answer 4 questions about mining and enter to win a Taseko Prize Pack!

Environmental Assessment Process

The Yellowhead Project has entered the Simpcw Assessment and BC Environmental Assessment processes. The Province and Simpcw First Nation have started negotiations on a consent decision-making agreement for co-ordinated and efficient assessment of the proposed Project in Simpcw territory.

Environmental Assessment Process



The BC Environmental Assessment (EA) process is managed by the BC Environmental Assessment Office (BC EAO). The EA process evaluates the potential effects of major projects on environmental, social, economic, health and heritage values. There are a number of steps in the BC EA process that allow for a detailed evaluation of the Project and include opportunities for public input. Upon completion of the EA process, a decision is made on whether the Project should proceed. An EA certificate is required for permitting decisions to be made for the project construction and operations.

Find more information about the EA process here: www.projects.eao.gov.bc.ca

Image source: BC Environmental Assessment Office

Next Step in the Early Engagement Phase

The Initial Project Description (IPD) for the Yellowhead Project was submitted in June 2025 to begin the Early Engagement phase of the BC EA process. Feedback received during the Early Engagement phase supports information gathering on what is important to First Nations, government and the public in relation to the Project assessment. The feedback from the IPD engagement also informs development of the Detailed Project Description (DPD).

The next step in the Early Engagement phase is to submit the Detailed Project Description to the BC EAO. The DPD will be used to advance the Readiness Decision phase, which determines whether the project is ready to enter into the EA process. This step is followed by the Process Planning phase which defines how the assessment will be undertaken, including confirmation of the application information requirements for the assessment. The Process Planning phase includes a public engagement and comment period.



Taseko members (in blue) speaking to community members.

Community Highlights

Yellowhead Presents at Thompson Rivers University Law Student Conference

Korah De Walt-Gagnon, Yellowhead’s Project Manager, participated in the 2026 TRU Society of Law Students Conference on Mining and Critical Minerals, held on February 26 at Thompson Rivers University. The student-led conference brought together legal professionals, industry representatives, and students to explore key regulatory, environmental, and operational considerations shaping the minerals and metals sector.

The event featured thoughtful and practical discussions on project permitting, environmental compliance, Indigenous relations, and health and safety, grounded in real-world experience from across the legal and mining professions. Korah noted, “I was especially grateful for the opportunity to be part of an all female panel and to take part in conversations that reflect the depth of expertise women bring to this sector. Events like this remind me how much talent, leadership, and innovation there is in our industry, and how important it is to create space for these voices.”

Yellowhead appreciates opportunities to engage in forums like this that foster collaboration, knowledge sharing, and meaningful dialogue as the mining industry continues to evolve. A sincere thank you to the TRU Society of Law Students for organizing a well-run and engaging conference.



Korah De Walt-Gagnon with panelists at the TRU Society of Law Students Conference on Mining and Critical Minerals

Clearwater Coffee and Conversation

On February 19, 2026, the Yellowhead Project team hosted a Coffee and Conversation event at the Dutch Lake Community Centre in Clearwater.



Coffee and Conversation event in Clearwater

Several community members dropped in to learn more about the Yellowhead Project and to network with the team.

The purpose of the event was to allow community members to learn more about the Yellowhead Project and ask any questions they may have. Our team shared information and provided clarity on the Initial Project Description, which outlines the proposed project and its key components, including mining operations, transportation infrastructure, environmental considerations, and ongoing engagement activities and much more.

Events like Coffee and Conversation provide an opportunity for open dialogue and information sharing, helping community members better understand the project and ask questions in a relaxed setting.

Beyond Potential Community Investment



Our community rocks! And the Yellowhead Project is committed to supporting the people and activities that make it strong.

Taseko and the Yellowhead Project are focused on delivering 360-degree value that begins in the early stages of development. Our Beyond Potential Donations and Community Investment Program has been well-received over the winter months.

Some past and upcoming initiatives include:

- Sponsoring four family skate events at the North Thompson Sportsplex during the 2025/2026 season.
- Providing a donation to the Tourism Wells Gray Team to support the purchase of tables and chairs for community markets and gatherings.

- Supporting this Spring’s Heavy Metal Rocks, a School District 73 program that provides high school students with pre-employment heavy equipment training.
- Expanding Taseko’s Creating Opportunities Scholarship to the region.

In December, Taseko teams went head to head in the Ugly Holiday Sweater Showdown – Team Edition.



Yellowhead Team in Their Ugly Holiday Sweaters



Yellowhead presenting cheque to Tourism Wells Gray – tables and

Teams from Taseko’s head office, Gibraltar, Flsorence Copper, and Yellowhead competed to see who could earn the most social media votes. For every vote received, \$1 was donated to local food banks. In the end, the award was shared evenly and the Barriere and Clearwater food banks each received \$159.50.

Connecting With Future Talent

Simpw Career Fair

On March 3, 2026, the Simpwc Career Fair was held at the Simpwc Community Hall in Chu Chua, bringing together about 20 vendors and students from Clearwater Secondary, Barriere Secondary, and Neqweyqwelsten School.

Vendors represented several sectors, including energy and utilities, indigenous businesses, engineering and environmental consulting, education and training institutions, and public services and tourism. Taseko Mines attended as the only mining company at the event.



Ursula Johnston, Yellowhead Community Relations Advisor, attends the Simpwc Career Fair

The event aimed to introduce students and job seekers to local employment opportunities and educate them about potential career paths, while highlighting how school interests and skills can connect to future roles across industries, including mining and natural resources.



WorkBC Career Fair Barriere, March 19, 2026

WorkBC Career Fairs

WorkBC invited the Yellowhead team to participate in career fairs held on March 12 in Clearwater and March 19 in Barriere. Team members attended both events to connect with job seekers and to share information about career opportunities in mining.

A Strong Commitment to Continuous Training and Education at Taseko

Continuous learning and professional development are an important part of Taseko's workplace culture. On February 10, Taseko's Gibraltar Mine hosted a training session focused on community engagement and invited Ursula Johnston, Yellowhead's Community Relations Advisor, to participate.

During her time at Gibraltar, Ursula had the opportunity to tour the site and learn more about their operations.

Gibraltar, as an established open pit copper mine with a design similar to the proposed Yellowhead Project, serves as a strong example of modern mining operations and leadership practices. Opportunities like this allow teams across Taseko to share knowledge, strengthen skills, and learn from operational experience.

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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 Simpwcúlecw, the territory of Simpwc. 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.



Creating Opportunities 2026 Scholarship

Application period is now open!

Open to graduating students from Barriere Secondary and Clearwater Secondary Schools (School District #73)

- **Criteria:** Students entering post-secondary education in engineering, health sciences, environmental studies, or a trade program.
- **Application Deadline:** May 1, 2026
- **To Apply:** Download the application form at bit.ly/CreatingOpportunities2026 or scan the QR code below.



Number of Scholarships
1

Amount of Each Scholarship
\$1,500



Get to Know the Yellowhead Project and Team

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Every third Wednesday of the month @ 10 am

Yellowhead Community Office

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