

Engagement Summary

Table 1 - Summary of interests expressed during stakeholder engagement and responses provided.

Topic	Comment	Response
Community Engagement & Involvement	Plan a public meeting well in advance, talk to the HTO, have an office in town, maps are helpful.	Noted.
	Do you have a policy around financial contributions to the community?	We have a desire to put something like this in place, either a fund or an award.
	Every mine should have a committee of elders from the surrounding community.	Noted.
	Need to have an environmental committee of people from the HTO, hunters, elders, youth. Need to pay an honorarium.	We will consider that.
	Look forward to working together.	Noted.
	Good time for a community meeting is up until the end of April. After that, there is a festival and then people are out on the land.	Noted.
	You should participate in Frolics.	Will look into that for next year.
	Having a liaison officer is helpful, one in each Cambridge Bay and Kugluktuk.	Noted.
	In the summer, will you have an elder visit site?	We will consider that.
	You need tickets for door prizes. Door prize should be something useful in the north. Do the draw at the end of the meeting.	Noted.
Exploration Program	How big will your camp be this year?	Up to 30 people.
	How far are the helicopter trips from a camp to a drill site?	It varies, depending on where we build the camp and where prospecting results indicate we should drill.
	What are you exploring for?	Gold.
	Drilling creates waste on the land that needs to be dealt with.	We have developed an Abandonment and Restoration Plan and a Waste Management

		Plan that outline how wastes are dealt with and how we will keep drill sites clean.
	Will you be using airplanes?	Yes, for resupply. At this point in time, we do not plan on flying for a geophysical survey.
	Is the project dependent on the Grays Bay Road?	No, but it would benefit from the Grays Bay Road should it be built in the future.
	Why have you not done anything on the project yet?	We had a small prospecting program a couple of years ago and have been analyzing those results. We continue to do some desktop studies to inform a future program and now the timing is right for the company to go ahead and start the next phase of exploration.
	How many diamond drills will you use?	This year, we plan to use 1 or 2. In the future, we may use more.
	Will you drill year-round?	No. This year we plan to drill in late summer/fall only. In the future we may drill in the spring, summer and fall.
	How many prospectors will you need to hire, and will you need to hire every year?	We will likely need prospectors over the next three years. We may need up to 6-12 prospectors.
	Why can't you use the Ulu camp [for Hood River works]?	We are currently not allowed to as we do not yet own it. There is also some cleanup work ongoing at Ulu and so even if we were allowed to use it, there would not be room for us in the camp.
	Makes sense to put a camp near a work area.	Agreed.
	Safety of people is important.	Noted.
	How is the site accessed?	By air, either a plane or a helicopter.
	Suggest putting a camp next to the biggest, deepest lake. Add a dock and a small camp.	Noted.
	Any dewatering of lakes and taking out of fish that are planned?	No, none at this point.

	When you drill, do the rocks go into the lake?	We drill in such a way that we can capture all of our cuttings and prevent them going into the lake.
	Cuttings-are they a fine sand and water mixture?	Essentially yes.
	Will you use salt when you are drilling?	Depends on the conditions encountered.
	Will core be split before it is sent out?	Yes.
	How big is the [Hood River] land parcel?	Approximately 8,000 hectares
	Haven/t been to the area so can't advise on a good location for a camp site.	Noted.
	How long do we plan to be working in the area?	Seasonally for the next several years. If we are successful, we hope to be working here for a long time!
	There are some diamond concessions in your land parcel. Are you looking for diamonds or just gold.	Gold.
	How many holes, meters do you plan to drill? Shallow or deep?	We plan to drill about 2000 m this year. The number of holes and potential depths is still to be determined.
Employee Assistance	Is there a plan for family assistance for local hires?	Supporting education is important to Blue Star. We are open to considering family support
	For people at mines who may be struggling with addiction, can they get help?	Employees will have access to an Employee Assistance Program
Project Information	Appreciate quarterly or annual updates on project progress	Noted.
	Where is Inukshuk Exploration based?	Inukshuk Exploration is now owned by Blue Star. Blue Star is based in Vancouver, BC.
	Are you a legit company?	Yes, we are a registered corporation.
	Where did your name come from?	The blue star in the Nunavut flag. As all of our work in is Nunavut and we thought that the star, representing the North Star, would be good guidance for us.

	What is the predicted lifespan of the project?	Depends on drilling results.
	How optimistic are you that you will complete your 2019 program?	We are planning to establish a camp site and have a small drill program late summer.
	What is the timeframe for your mine?	We need to explore before we can mine, and if successful, will need to go through a regulatory process before we can mine. Having a mine is still a number of years away.
	You are just planning on doing exploration now. Will you sell it and build a mine?	That is one of many options that may play out in the future. At this point, Blue Star is interested in exploring and developing the property.
Reclamation	It is important to reclaim the area when you are finished working.	Noted.
	Hood River flows into the ocean. Don't want any pollution.	Noted.
	Is there reclamation security?	Not yet. We will post security with the KIA under a new land use licence.
	Just because security is addressed in a licence doesn't mean that there is the money there to clean up the site.	Noted. We will work with the KIA to post the amount of security that they require.
	The land needs to be kept clean.	Noted.
	Don't leave pipe sticking out after drilling. Also, make sure pipes are clean, no grease.	Noted.
	Anywhere there is a camp, they leave garbage.	We plan to have a very clean camp and commit to cleaning up after ourselves.
	Have you looked at having an incinerator?	Yes.
Traditional Land Use	To access the area to hunt, have to go down via Burnside River, almost as far as Lupin, to get to the area. Very rocky.	Noted.
	No one hunts around there.	Noted.

	It's important for hunters to have access to the mine area, for fuel, access, food. Have to check in with security.	Noted.
	If you are engaging with other HTOs, you seem to know what you are doing. I am not too concerned.	Noted.
Training and Employment	A number of residents have completed Prospector Training courses	We look forward to hiring locally to the greatest extent possible, and we will have a prospecting program.
	Employment and training is important.	Noted.
	How long will training take, in order to start work on site?	It depends on the job. We plan to provide training while on the job, as needed.
	Contact the CLO In Kugluktuk if you have job postings.	Noted.
	Can women drill too?	Yes, absolutely.
	How many people will do housekeeping?	In a small exploration camp, people will do multiple jobs. A couple of camp helpers may do some cleaning, among other things.
	Will the work be seasonal?	Yes.
	What kind of training can be provided to graduates?	On the job training can be provided for most roles on site. Anyone who is of legal age to work and wants to work, can be trained on site.
	How will we hire-in person or over the phone?	We'd like to hire in person, but may have to do so over the phone or email sometimes.
	Will there be sub-contractors to build the camp?	A contractor will be hired to build the camp. We'd like that contractor to be and Inuit-owned form if possible and hire local workers.
	What is the minimum age to work?	18

	Are there employment opportunities for people living in each Cambridge Bay and Kugluktuk?	Yes.
Wildlife	Recommend looking into existing KIA wildlife protection measures	Noted.
	Bathurst caribou have experienced a steep decline in herd numbers	Noted.
	Wolverine, fox and wolves use the rocky area around Ulu.	Noted.
	Important to protect caribou now and for the generations to come	Noted.
	Need to share info on wildlife observations and encounters, people want to know.	Noted.
	Concern with Bathurst caribou. Need to protect calving and post-calving areas in particular.	We are engaging with the community, the HTOs, the GN and the KIA to determine what appropriate protection measures look like for the project and will consider this input in developing our Wildlife Protection Plan.
	HTO supports mobile protection measures for caribou, suggest looking at what TMAC and Sabina are doing.	Noted.
	How will you monitor for grizzly bear?	Observations in the field, from the helicopter or the ground will be shared with other works over the radio.
	Could use a dog to ward off problem wildlife.	Noted.
	What is the community sentiment on proximity to calving and post-calving areas?	We have heard that protection is important and that there is support for mobile protection measures.