Community and Indigenous Engagement Fording River Extension Project



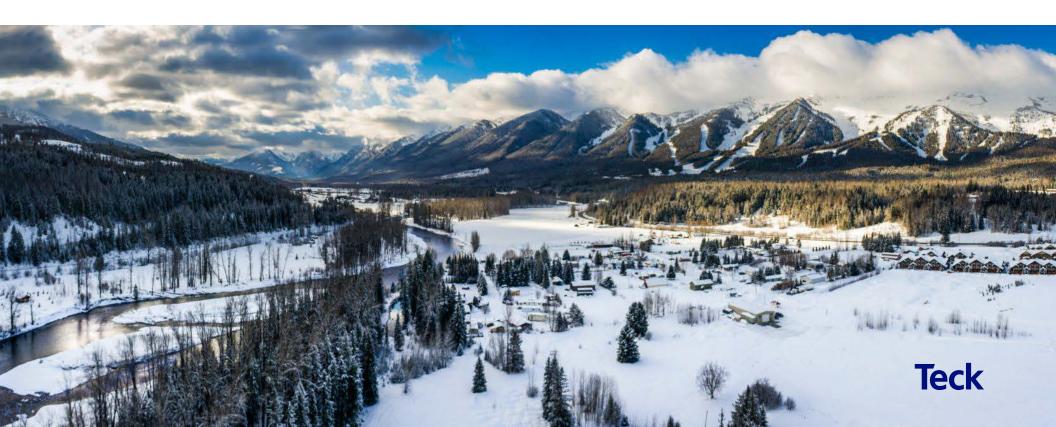
Community Engagement & Participation

Teck prides itself on the strong relationships we build with communities. We understand the importance of engaging, sharing information, and collaborating with local residents to protect the area's resources, generate economic benefits, and support healthy and sustainable communities.

The Fording River Extension (FRX) is in the early engagement phase. The initial project description is subject to public comment, and we look forward to hearing from the communities, Indigenous Peoples, and residents of the region. This feedback is important, and it will help us define specific components of the Project as it takes shape.

Community engagement is a fundamental part of the environmental assessment process, and there will be numerous opportunities to review Project materials and provide comments to the EAO and Teck. We also welcome comments and feedback outside of the formal engagement periods.

Learn more about Teck's approach to Communities and Indigenous Peoples at https://www.teck.com/responsibility/sustainability-topics/communities-and-indigenous-peoples/



Indigenous Engagement and Participation

Teck has developed a strong relationship with the Indigenous Peoples in the Elk Valley for well over a decade, and we have an Impact Management and Benefits Agreement with the Ktunaxa Nation, which establishes long-term benefits for the Ktunaxa people and increased certainty around sustainable mining development in the region. These relationships have helped cultivate a number of successful initiatives in the region. For the Fording River Extension (FRX), the early engagement phase is an opportunity to share information about the Project and hear from Indigenous Peoples about their interests in the area.

Indigenous knowledge, and respect for Indigenous rights and reconciliation, will be an important source of information for further design and environmental assessment.

Indigenous Knowledge and Project Design

Indigenous Peoples have unique knowledge about the local environment due to their long and close relationship with the land. This Indigenous knowledge can have an important role in Project planning, design, and environmental assessment. The incorporation of Indigenous knowledge also helps ensure that Indigenous Peoples are included in decision-making processes, and that key environmental, social or cultural issues are identified and addressed early in the planning process.

Indigenous knowledge can be gathered using participatory tools, including mapping exercises, and in group discussions or story telling exercises. Indigenous knowledge can also be gathered on the land, by having knowledge holders visit the project site or participate in field studies. Ultimately, the methods used to gather, document and use Indigenous knowledge will be determined in close collaboration with the Indigenous Peoples themselves, and planned throughout Project development.

How do I get involved?

We encourage you to provide comments or questions directly to the EAO (http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca) so that they are registered as part of the formal regulatory process. The EAO will work with Teck to ensure that all comments are reviewed and, where appropriate, responses provided.

You can also:



Visit the Fording River Extension website at https://fordingriverextension.teck.com/



Contact the Project by calling



Email the project at feedbackteckcoal@teck.com

Feedback can be anonymous. If you leave your contact details, we will respond directly to you.

Adapting to COVID-19

We respect the advice and recommendations of our public health experts, and appreciate the need for physical distancing and avoiding large gatherings of people.

Physical distancing is presenting new challenges to engagement, and has made us rethink some of our standard practices. Although we cannot meet in person, we are committed to finding new and innovative ways to have a discussion.

- We are actively reaching out directly to Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous organizations to discuss the Project, opportunities for Indigenous engagement, and Indigenous interests, questions, and concerns.
- We are also actively reaching out to other potentially affected groups including local governments, and the individuals and companies known to have interests in the Project area.
- In-person meetings and events are not possible at this time. We have moved these events online, allowing for full public participation.
- We are also working our networks within local Indigenous groups to help us to connect with and inform all members of the community, including Elders and others who are not as digitally connected.

For more information about Teck's approach and response to COVID-19, please visit https://www.teck.com/updates

