



**CMD 25-H9.23A**

Date: 2025-11-24

## **Supplementary Information**

## **Renseignements supplémentaires**

### **Presentation from the Kineepik Metis Local #9**

### **Présentation du Kineepik Métis Local no 9**

In the matter of

À l'égard de

#### **Denison Mines Corporation**

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Licence Application to Prepare Site and  
Construct for Denison Mines' Wheeler  
River Mine and Mill Project

#### **Denison Mines Corporation**

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Demande de permis pour la préparation de  
l'emplacement et la construction du projet  
de mine et d'usine de concentration  
d'uranium Wheeler River de Denison Mines

#### **Commission Public Hearing Part 2**

#### **Audience publique de la Commission Partie 2**

December 8-11, 2025

8-11 décembre 2025





Kineepik Métis Local

# **INTERVENOR PRESENTATION FOR DENISON WHEELER RIVER PROJECT**

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December 8, 2025

\*Received CNSC participation funding



# OPENING COMMENTS

- Primary impacted community
- 50 years experience with industry in our region
- Providing perspective from three generations



**Mike Natomagan**

Mayor, Northern Village of Pinehouse

President Kineepik Métis Local







# A BRIEF HISTORY OF PINEHOUSE AND CREE LAKE

**Elder Henry Smith**

- Historical footprint on the land
- In the past we depended on the land as a source of food and medicine; today it continues to provide a connection to traditional foods and culture, reduces household costs, and brings people together
- This is supported by the 2013 land use study
- Need for continued environmental stewardship to ensure future generations have access to the land



# PINEHOUSE BEFORE AND AFTER INDUSTRY

**Elder Emilien Natomagan (shared in Cree)**

- We were an isolated community until 1978
- The road and mining brought opportunity but there has been a cost, including loss of language and social issues
- Opportunities that come from mining need to help our people retain our culture, language and hope for younger generations







# EDUCATION IS A PATHWAY TO COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY SUCCESS

**Rosalena Smith**

Executive Director Kineepik Métis Local

- Western approaches to education are relatively new in Pinehouse
- The science of mining is changing which creates a moving target for young people seeking employment
- Need for different approaches to education so our young people can realize the opportunities that come with this activity on our traditional lands





# THE VOICE OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE LEGACY OF ECONOMIC IMPACT

## **Damien Georges**

- Our existing relationships with Denison is a good start
- There is work to be done to engage the community, inspire young people and realize all the terms of historical agreements

## **Gena Smith**

- Opportunities from mining need to exist in the community as well as at the mine
- Benefits from our resources are a must



# CLOSING COMMENTS

- Pinehouse is the only community to share a main road with industry; long-term road maintenance is critical
- We have 400 children in 2 schools; important to have the educational structure to give them the greatest opportunity
- Together we can build a legacy by protecting the land and water, investing in language and culture, and continuing to find ways for all to succeed.

- Mike Natomagan







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