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### Renseignements supplémentaires

### Presentation from the Kineepik Metis Local #9

Présentation du Kineepik Métis Local no 9

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### **Denison Mines Corporation**

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

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

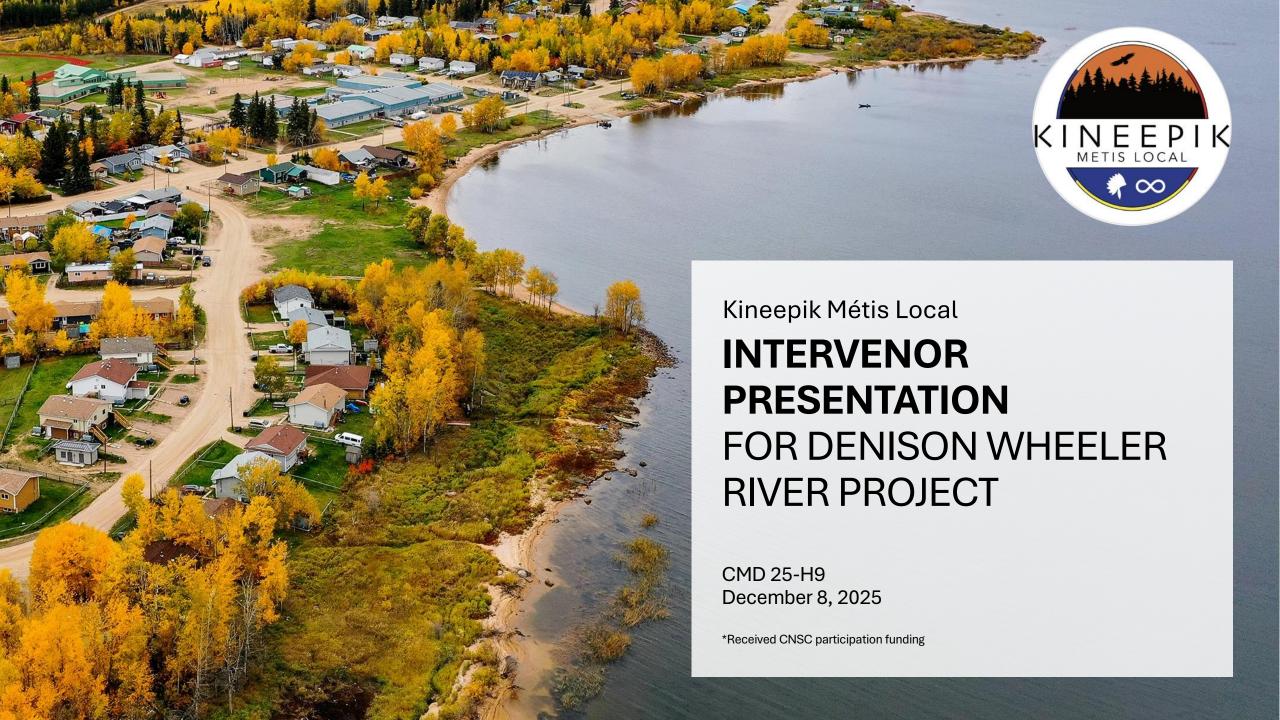
### **Commission Public Hearing** Part 2

Audience publique de la Commission Partie 2

December 8-11, 2025

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### **OPENING COMMENTS**

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





## A BRIEF HISTORY OF PINEHOUSE AND CREE LAKE

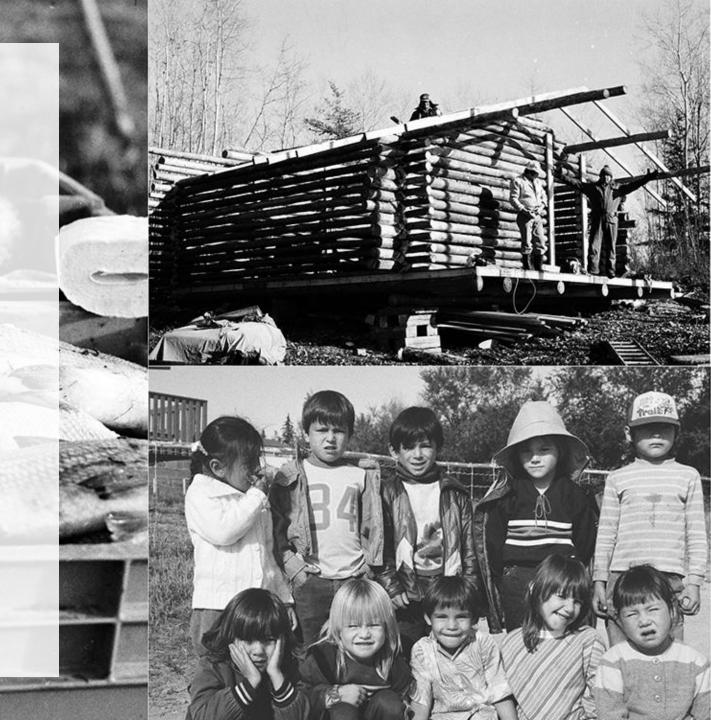
### **Elder Henry Smith**

- 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



