



**CMD 25-H9.23**

Date: 2025-10-24

**Written Submission from the  
Kineepik Metis Local #9**

**Mémoire 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**

**Audience publique de la Commission**

December 2025

Décembre 2025



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Northern Village of Pinehouse  
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**October 23, 2025**

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission  
280 Slater Street  
Ottawa, ON K1P 5S9

**Re: Continued Support for Denison's Wheeler River Project & Request to Participate: *Public Hearing – Denison Mines Corporation (CMD 25-H9)***

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of Kineepik Métis Local #9 (KML), I am writing to reaffirm our continued support for Denison Mines Corp. and the Wheeler River uranium project. We wish to intervene by way of written submission and oral presentation at the public hearing for *CMD 25-H9*.

KML has entered into a Mutual Benefit Agreement (MBA) with Denison, and we are pleased to report that key commitments within that agreement continue to be upheld. Denison has demonstrated a consistent and respectful approach to engagement, maintaining strong and transparent communications with KML and the Northern Village of Pinehouse. This open dialogue has fostered trust and collaboration, and we view it as a cornerstone of our relationship.

Beyond financial contributions, Denison's support for community initiatives has been meaningful and visible. Their team is not only present at major cultural and community events—such as our annual Elders Gathering, the KM 67 cultural camp, and the Polar Plunge—but they actively participate and build relationships with our members. This presence reflects a genuine commitment to community well-being and cultural respect.

Importantly, Denison continues to create opportunities for our local businesses and economic development entities, including Pinehouse Business North (PBN). Through procurement and partnership pathways, Denison is helping ensure that resource development in our traditional territory contributes to long-term economic resilience and self-determination.

KML is also looking forward to future discussions with industry regarding improvements to the road to Pinehouse. This secondary highway not only leads to our community but is currently used by three mining companies. The volume and weight of traffic have made travel unsafe at times, and we believe collaborative discussions are needed to address these concerns and improve safety for all users.



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Additionally, we see opportunities to partner with industry around the construction of our new school, a major investment in the future of Pinehouse. We also look forward to working closely with Denison to ensure that our Environmental team at KML is actively involved in the early stages of mine development and operation. This project represents a new type of mining for our community, and we recognize the importance of building our capacity to effectively monitor environmental impacts from the outset. We view these conversations as part of an ongoing partnership model—one that extends beyond licensing cycles. Historically, we have seen strong engagement from industry prior to licensing, followed by extended periods of minimal involvement until the next regulatory requirement. We hope to shift this pattern toward sustained, proactive collaboration.

Through consistent communication and follow-through, Denison has earned our confidence. Their actions show a clear commitment to safety, accountability, and community well-being, principles that align closely with the CNSC's objectives. We see their ongoing work in our region as a foundation for long-term opportunity and prosperity for Métis people and northern communities alike.

We appreciate Denison's ongoing efforts and look forward to continuing our collaboration as the Wheeler River project progresses. We appreciate the CNSC's rigour and welcome the opportunity to publicly support Denison at the December hearing.

Sincerely,

Mike Natomagan  
President  
Kineepik Métis Local  
Northern Village of Pinehouse