Mineral Claims Consultation Framework



In September 2023, the BC Supreme Court declared that the duty to consult is triggered by the registration of mineral claims and granted the provincial government until March 2025 to develop and implement a consultation framework for the staking of mineral claims.

How will we consult and engage?

Consultation and cooperation:

- Direct engagement with First Nations of BC (including Modern Treaty Nations), First Nations Leadership Council and First Nations Energy and Mining Council
- Bilateral discussions as requested
- First Nations Technical Advisory Group*

*Technical tables

Engagement:

The Province will create opportunities for input from interested groups such as industry associations and free miner certificate holders to be received.

Regularly updated website

What are the stages of the process?

JUNE - JULY 2024

Knowledge/Information Gathering

- Ministry provides context, background and key questions
- Rights holders provide information to support policy work

AUGUST - NOVEMBER 2024*

Identify and Consider Options

- Ministry identifies potential option(s) to a consultation framework
- Rights holders provide submissions to inform finalizing approach to consultation framework
- Rights holders and interested groups inform operational and system needs for implementation
- *Engagement paused during election period

DECEMBER 2024 – FEBRUARY 2025

Recommended Options and Implementation Planning

- Ministry reports back to rights holders and interested groups and confirms option(s) for consultation framework
- Rights holders and interested groups training and user testing on operational and system changes

MARCH 2025

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 Consultation framework in place and implemented