



## CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

August 6, 2013

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Minister of the Environment  
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Dear Ministers,

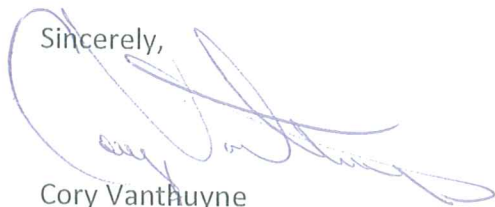
**RE: Giant Mine Remediation Project – Resolution of Council of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Yellowknife (the “City”)**

We are writing to you at this time with respect to the Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision for the Giant Mine Remediation Project (EA0809-001) issued by the Mackenzie Valley Review Board on June 20, 2013 (the “Report”). In March 2008 due to concerns regarding the potential for significant adverse effects on the City and its residents, the City referred the Giant Mine Remediation Project to environmental assessment.

Throughout the intervening time period between referral and issuance of the Report the City has remained an active participant in the review process. The City acknowledges and appreciates the attention paid by the Review Board to comments from aboriginal groups and members of the public as evidenced in the recommendations contained in the Report. Recognizing the importance of this Report, on July 22, 2013 Council of the City passed the attached Motion #0173-13 to indicate its support of the findings contained in the Report.

In conclusion, the City respectfully urges you as the Responsible Ministers under the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, to accept and implement the recommended binding measures and suggestions contained in the Report in a timely manner so that the remediation may commence.

Sincerely,



Cory Vanthuyne  
Acting Mayor

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Enclosure

(Docs#372946)



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE MOTION #0173-13

RESOLUTION ON THE GIANT MINE REMEDIATION PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

WHEREAS Yellowknife City Council voted unanimously on March 18, 2008 to make a mandatory referral of the Giant Mine Remediation Project water licence application for an environmental assessment pursuant to s. 126(2)(d) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*;

WHEREAS the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board issued its Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision on the Giant Mine Remediation Project (EA0809-001) on June 20, 2013;

WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife participated in good faith in the environmental assessment of the Giant Mine Remediation Project in an attempt to resolve concerns directly related to the Project, including:

- Possible water quality changes;
- Potential ice thinning in Back Bay and related public safety;
- Future land use at the site given the City's lease of the townsite and marina areas;
- Community-based and independent oversight; and ongoing investment into research and development of a more permanent solution for the management of the underground arsenic.

WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife continues to believe that there is significant public concern with the Giant Mine Remediation Project and the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts from the Project; and

WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife has carefully reviewed the Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision on the Giant Mine Remediation Project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Yellowknife considers the Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision on the Giant Mine Remediation Project to provide a reasonable path forward provided that all the recommended binding measures are implemented;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Yellowknife calls upon the Responsible Ministers for the Giant Mine Remediation Project (Federal Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Environment Canada, and Fisheries and Oceans, and Territorial Environment and Natural Resources) to fully accept the measures recommended by the Review Board pursuant to s. 130(1)(b)(i) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor of Yellowknife write the responsible Ministers to convey this motion as soon as possible and work with other interested parties to ensure that the Report of Environmental Assessment and its recommendations are fully implemented;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Yellowknife City Council direct its Administration to continue efforts to resolve other outstanding issues on the Giant Mine that were outside the scope of the environmental assessment including, but not limited to:

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- Replacement of the water pipeline from the Yellowknife River to the City pumphouse;
- Payments in lieu of taxes;
- Soil remediation criteria for the Giant Mine townsite;
- Coordinated emergency services planning for the Giant Mine;
- Bonding; and
- Projects Related to the Harbour Plan.