

"Yukon Mineral Development Strategy Panel,

To the Mineral Development Strategy Panel,

I am a former Yukoner. I lived there for 25 years and my children and grandchildren live in the Yukon.

I was concerned then about mining practices especially the free entry systems for placer claims. I did not like that mining legislation was the pre-eminent law of the territory and that environmental concerns were trumped by mining.

I am glad to hear that YG is revisiting legislation around mining in the territory.

My wish list:

Environmental concerns should come before mining. Biodiversity, tourism related to intact wilderness.....these are important values.

First Nations' rights must be respected.

Think about potential impacts of mining on climate change and do not exacerbate climate change.

Staking of mines should be put on hold when land use planning is underway and mining projects should not be approved until land use plans are complete.

Holistic view: think about the condition of the land and waters after the mining is done and don't be dazzled by promises of riches before the mine is built. Remember the tailings enclosure for the Faro mine and how company after company , abetted by different territorial governments to start mining, closed down before they fixed it.

Thank you for considering these important matters,

Yours truly
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