



Faro Mine Closure
Fermeture de la mine Faro

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ASSESSMENT PROCESS MEETINGS IN 2007

Introducing the Assessment Process

- May 23: Assessment Process Working Group (APWG) - All
- May 24: APWG - First Nations
- June 13: Ross River Community Meeting
- June 14: Pelly Crossing Community Meeting
- June 16: Faro Community Meeting

Refining the Assessment Process

- May 9-11: Core Assessment Team
- August 3-6: Core Assessment Team

Checking the Assessment Process

- October 9: APWG - First Nations and Faro

Evaluating Alternatives Against Objectives

- November 5-9: Core Assessment Team

Examining Next Steps (Evaluation)

- November 11: APWG - First Nations
- December 12: APWG - Government

WHO'S INVOLVED?

ASSESSMENT PROCESS WORKING GROUP (APWG)

Ross River Dena Council: Kathlene Suza, Franklin Charlie, Nora Ladue, Clifford McLeod, Testloa George Smith, Norman Sterriah, Gordon Peter **Selkirk First Nation:** Ellie Marcotte, Liz Hall, Darin Isaac, Betty Gill, David Silas, Adam Van Bibber, Johnson Edwards, Harry McGinty **Town of Faro:** Michelle Vainio, Hermann Minderlein **Government:** Environment Canada, Health Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Yukon Environment, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), Assessment and Abandoned Mines Yukon (YG)

CORE ASSESSMENT TEAM (CAT)

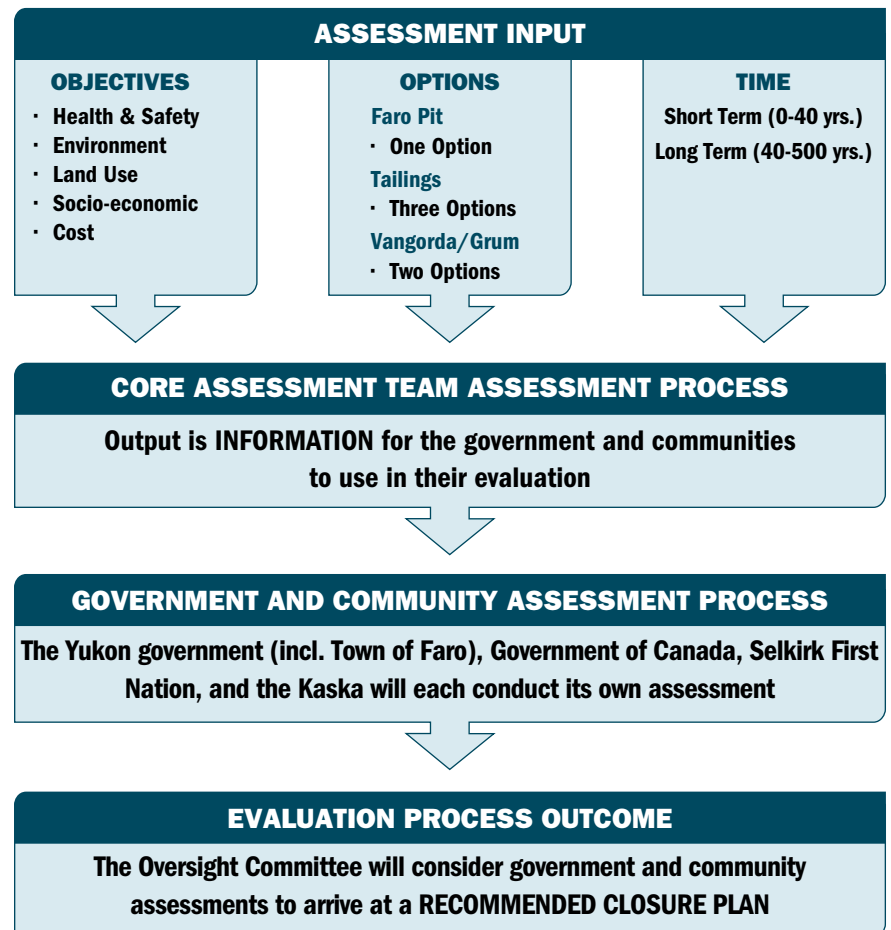
Ross River Dena Council: Kathlene Suza, Malcolm Foy (technical advisor) **Selkirk First Nation:** Ellie Marcotte, Dan Cornett (technical advisor) **Government:** Stephen Mead (YG), Mike Nahir (INAC) **Consultants:** Bill Slater, Tony Hodge, Lee Merkhofer, Daryl Hockley, Randy Knapp

Assessing the Options for Closure

Since 2003, governments have been working together to develop a final closure and remediation plan for the Faro Mine Complex. Using community and government input, the Faro Project Management Team is moving ahead with creating a plan to be put forward for funding and regulatory approval. To help the Oversight Committee arrive at a recommended plan, the Faro Mine Closure Project is undertaking an assessment process – where the six current closure options are measured to see how well they meet the five closure objectives. (See page 2 for details on the objectives and the options.)

The Assessment Process

The assessment process shows how specific closure options perform in relation to the closure objectives and the values that people have said are important. The output of this process represents the thoughts and opinions of the people that form the Core Assessment Team.



SPRING 2006 - 12 Alternatives

A. Faro Pit

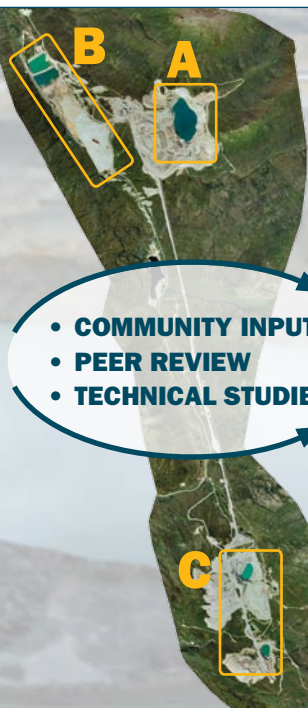
1. Upgrade Faro Creek Diversion
2. Flow-Through Pit
3. Minimize Construction
4. Minimize Water Treatment

B. Tailings Area

5. Stabilize in Place
6. Move all tailings to Faro Pit
7. Move some tailings, cover some tailings
8. Minimize Construction

C. Vangorda/Grum

9. Backfill Vangorda Pit
10. Stabilize in Place
11. Minimize Construction
12. Minimize Water Treatment



A closure and remediation plan will be created from the six options listed below: one option for each of the areas A, B, & C

SPRING 2007 - 6 Options

A. Faro Pit Option

1. Upgrade Faro Creek bypass and cover waste rock

B. Tailings Options

1. Cover tailings in place
2. Move all tailings to Faro Pit
3. Move some tailings, cover some tailings

C. Vangorda/Grum Options

1. Move waste rock into Vangorda Pit
2. Cover waste rock in place

Options and the Closure Plan

A closure and remediation plan will be created from the six closure options currently under consideration. One of the options for the tailings area (there are three in total) will be combined with one of the options for Vangorda/Grum (there are two in total) and the only option left for the Faro pit.

The Faro Project Management Team will be assisting the

governments and communities with their own respective evaluations of the closure options.

The Oversight Committee will recommend a closure plan to take forward for initial federal funding approval. Once initial funding approval has been received, the plan will then be submitted into the regulatory process.

Next Steps To Closure

FALL 2007 - A formal assessment of the options is carried out by the Core Assessment Team.

WINTER 2008 - With input from First Nation community members, a method to conduct their own assessments of the options has been created. Workshops will be scheduled in those communities for February and March. A meeting

on the assessment process results will be held in Faro in February.

SPRING 2008 - It is anticipated that the Oversight Committee will meet in May to arrive at a recommended closure plan, based on the four governments' own assessment of the options. This plan will then be put forward for initial funding approval.

CLOSURE OBJECTIVES FOR THE FARO MINE COMPLEX

The Oversight Committee for the Faro Mine Closure Project includes representatives from the Government of Canada, the Yukon government, Ross River Dena Council (representing the Kaska Nation) and Selkirk First Nation.

The Oversight Committee worked together to create closure objectives for the Faro Mine complex. These objectives define the desired results of a closure and remediation plan and guide the entire closure planning process.

1. Protect human health and safety.
2. Protect and, to the extent practicable, restore the environment including land, air, water, fish and wildlife.
3. Return the mine site to an acceptable state of use that reflects pre-mining land use where practicable.
4. Maximize local and Yukon socio-economic benefits.
5. Manage long-term site risk in a cost-effective manner.



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