

From: Edna Robbins [mailto:erobbins@esketemc.ca]  
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 10:37 AM  
To: pm@pm.gc.ca; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, ABR ABR:EX; Minister, MEM MEM:EX  
Cc: XT:Montour, Dave Shuswap Nation Tribal Council EAO:IN; president@ubcic.bc.ca; regionalchief@bcafn.ca; edjohn@fns.bc.ca; Kukpi7 Charlene Belleau; Doreen M. Johnson  
Subject: Emailing - Ltr to Katherine Gizikoff Taseko Mines re NoW Oct 17 16.pdf  
Importance: High

Please find attached the above mentioned letter that has just been sent this morning to Katherine Gizikoff at Taseko Mines via scan/email.

If you have any comments, please contact Chief Belleau directly at 250-440-5611, ext. 215 or charleneb@esketemc.ca.

Thank you for your time.

On behalf of Chief Belleau, Esk'etemc,

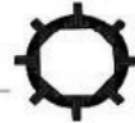
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Thank you



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Email to: [kgizikoff@tasekomines.com](mailto:kgizikoff@tasekomines.com)

October 17, 2016

Ms. Katherine Gizikoff  
15th Floor-1040 West Georgia Street,  
Vancouver BC V6E4H1

Dear Ms. Gizikoff:

You are hereby informed that Esk'etemc does not consent, agree or otherwise approve of the Notice of Work (NoW) outlined in your letter dated October 3, 2016, for the following reason(s) and Notice of Work 0300150 - New Prosperity Project, Taseko Mines Limited Tracking Number: 100184001:

1. Your application falls within the Esk'etemc traditional territory and we have not been consulted nor provided the necessary funds to meet the federal or provincial guidelines for consultation.
2. Your application is based on the assumption that you will eventually get federal approval. We do not agree with this approach neither do we support federal approval of any application related to the Prosperity Project.
3. Your application indicates that you are not aware of any cultural heritage resources in the area where the work is proposed. It is our position that you must be aware of cultural heritage resources before this Notice of Work application is submitted.
4. It is your choice to litigate, accept the consequences of the process.
5. The Province of B.C., through the Mine Act has not fully consulted nor has our consent with the authorization of this application for this Notice of Work.
6. Esk'etemc continues to oppose the Prosperity Project for reasons stated to the EAO process.

We have occupied and used the territory as referenced in your referral since time immemorial and have Aboriginal title to and exercise aboriginal rights throughout this territory.

The Supreme Court of Canada in the *Tsilhqot'in* case has confirmed that the Province and Canada have been applying an incorrect and impoverished view of Aboriginal title, and that Aboriginal title includes the exclusive right of First Nations to manage its lands and resources, as well as the right to benefit economically from the land and resources. The Court therefore concluded that when the Crown allocates resources on Aboriginal title lands without the First Nation's consent, it commits a serious infringement of a First Nations constitutionally protected rights that will be difficult to justify.

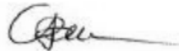
The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Article 32 states:

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for the development or use of their lands or territories and other resources.

2. States shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the indigenous peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their free and informed consent prior to the approval of any project affecting their lands or territories and other resources, particularly in connection with the development, utilization or exploitation of mineral, water or other resources.
3. States shall provide effective mechanisms for just and fair redress for any such activities, and appropriate measures shall be taken to mitigate adverse environmental, economic, social, cultural or spiritual impact.

Yours truly,

ESK'ETEMC



CHARLENE BELLEAU  
Chief

cc: *Prime Minister*  
*Premier of BC*  
*Minister of Aboriginal Relations*  
*Minister of Mines*  
*TNG, NSIQ, SNTC*  
*UBCIC, BCAFN and FNS*

From: s.22

Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017 10:57 AM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Taseko Mine latest proposal

Letter to Honorable Premier Christy Clark; Honorable Minister of Environment Mary Polak;  
Honorable Minister of Energy and Mines Bill Bennett

Dear Premier:

Certainly persons residing in the Cariboo/Chi

lcotin region have many reasons for protesting the advancement of the New Prosperity mine via the work described in "Notice of Work" submitted by Taseko Mines Limited.

I am writing to you to respectfully advise that the local residents, aboriginal and non-aboriginal alike, are not the only British Columbia residents who will be the unfortunate recipients should this preparatory drilling program be allowed to proceed. We, the British Columbians outside the region are also stakeholders in this dispute. I, a resident of greater Vancouver have had, and still have, long standing involvements with Cariboo/Chilcotin.

Specifically:

1. My recognition of the natural unspoiled beauty and quality of the waters and land in and around Fish Lake that I know well. This quality was also recognized by Tourism B.C., by their publication of a B.C. postcard showing a typical beautiful lake of B.C. That was a picture of Fish Lake!

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I therefore feel justified in writing to you to explain the involvement many of us in the recreational and commercial fishery of B.C. feel, and therefore we encourage you to act in behalf of our environment and our group of stakeholders from other parts of B.C. by rejecting Taseko Mines Ltd.'s request for a works permit for the company's benefit which leads to opening up a mine at this location, notwithstanding that it has twice been rejected by Canada's government.

Respectfully submitted,

s.22

(Hard copy to follow by mail)

Original Message-----

From: Clark.MLA, Christy [mailto:Christy.Clark.MLA@leg.bc.ca]

Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 2:00 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: FW: URGENT: Re: Taseko Mines' Notice of Work permit application

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From: s.22

Sent: February 5, 2017 5:30 PM

To: Clark.MLA, Christy

Subject: URGENT: Re: Taseko Mines' Notice of Work permit application

Dear Premier Clark,

In response to Taseko Mines' Notice of Work permit application for the Fish Lake and Little Fish Lake areas, the Friends of Fish Lake is submitting to you a Photo Essay in PDF format, attached below.

As we have been informed by the Ministry of Energy and Mines that a decision may be made soon, we kindly ask for your immediate attention to this submission. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

s.22

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From: Personal Information  
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2017 2:01 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Taseko Mines

Ms. Clark~

Please do not allow the Notice of Work application for Taseko mines at Fish Lake to go through.  
This is not an action that the local majority want to see happening.  
Do not allow Taseko to keep flogging this dead horse!

Sincerely, Personal Information

s.22

February 7, 2017

Honourable Premier Christy Clark  
West Annex, Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, B.C.  
V8V 1X4

Dear Honourable Premier,

**RE: Taseko Mines Ltd. Application to the Ministry of Energy and Mines for  
Permit to do Massive Exploration Work near Fish Lake**

I am taking just a few minutes during a busy day as a farmer/rancher to convey my shock that Taseko Mines Ltd. has an application before the B.C. government to conduct exploratory drilling at Fish Lake. (Tetzan Biny)

As you are well aware, Taseko's Prosperity Mine and later New Prosperity Mine proposals failed exhaustive federal environmental reviews and were both similarly rejected upon appeal to the Federal Cabinet.

Given that, and with 25 years of opposition from the Tsilhqot'in First Nation it is beyond my comprehension why a government would now consider granting the mining company license to carry out exploratory drilling.

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Honourable Madam Premier **please reject** the Taseko Mines Ltd. Notice of Work 0300150.

Allow the Tsilhqot'in Nation and all the residents of the Cariboo and South Cariboo to get on with creating a harmonious and sustainable future rather than responding constantly to the discredited proposals of Taseko Mines.

Yours most truly,

s.22

Cc: Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Energy and Mines  
Honourable Mary Polak, Minister of Environment  
Honourable Donna Barnett, MLA Cariboo South and Minister of State for Rural Economic Development, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations  
Honourable John Rustad, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation  
Honourable John Horgan, Leader of the Official Opposition  
Honourable Andrew Weaver, MLA Oak Bay- Gordon Head

## Response

From: Volk, Frances PREM:EX On Behalf Of OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 11:50 AM  
To: s.22  
Cc: Minister, MEM MEM:EX  
Subject: RE: Taseko Mines Ltd. Application to the Ministry of Energy and Mines for Permit to do Massive Exploration Work near Fish Lake

Thank you, s.22 for your email. We appreciate the time you have taken to share your concerns regarding Taseko Mines' proposed New Prosperity Gold/Copper Project. We want to assure you that the government is working hard to ensure that any development in the mining sector is safe and sustainable. Such measures include conducting rigorous environmental assessments, consultation with First Nations, communities, environmental and industry organizations, as well as the public.

On your behalf, we will be sharing your comments with our Minister of Energy and Mines, the Honourable Bill Bennett, for his review as well. Please be assured that your thoughts will be included in future related discussions.

Again, thank you for writing.

(Sent by email on Feb 5, 2017 to Premier of B.C., Minister of Environment, Minister of Energy & Mines)

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To: Premier Christy Clark,  
West Annex,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

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