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EXTENDED Q&A

Nuuhchiimiiu Maaskinuw

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

What is happening now and why?

The Nuuhchiimiiu Maaskinuw (ᓇᓴᓴ ᓇᓴᓴ) Project is currently assessing the social acceptability and high-level pre-feasibility of developing a Naskapi-led road through Nuchimiyuschiy (ᓇᓴᓴᓴᓴᓴ). Current work includes:

- sharing information about the project;
- consulting potentially affected communities and stakeholders;
- gathering information about land use, access, environmental and cultural concerns, community priorities and potential road corridors;
- examining preliminary governance, ownership and access-control options;
- preparing environmental, cultural, technical and economic assessments; and
- validating findings with communities before recommendations are finalized.

No road has been approved for construction. This phase is intended to give the community and Naskapi leadership the information needed to decide whether the project should proceed, under what conditions and which options, if any, should be studied further.

Is the Nuuhchiimiiu Maaskinuw Project the same as Torngat Metals' road consultations?

No. The Nuuhchiimiiu Maaskinuw Project is a separate, Naskapi-led regional assessment. Torngat Metals and other mining companies may conduct their own consultations concerning roads proposed for their individual projects while the Nuuhchiimiiu Maaskinuw Project is underway. However, the Nuuhchiimiiu Maaskinuw Project is the only current consultation process concerning a potential Naskapi-led regional road.

Mining proponents may participate in the Nuuhchiimiiu Maaskinuw Project as stakeholders and provide relevant technical, operational or planning information. However, the assessment will independently consider Naskapi rights, interests and priorities, potential regional road options, and the combined implications of multiple mining projects.

A mining company's participation does not give it control over the assessment and does not constitute Naskapi approval of that company's proposed road or mining project.





What risks could affect the cost or timeline of the social acceptability assessment project?

Other risks include:

- While these risks are common in northern infrastructure projects, they can be managed through careful planning and adaptive project design.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Who will be consulted?

The consultation process is expected to include:

- the Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach;
- the Innu Nation of Matimekush-Lac John;
- the Town of Schefferville;
- Innu Takuaihan Uashat mak Mani-utenam;
- the Inuit community of Kuujuaq;
- the Inuit community of Kangiqsualujuaq;
- the Kativik Regional Government; and
- Makivvik.

Within the Naskapi Nation, consultation may include Chief and Council, Elders, land users, community members and relevant organizations. Targeted engagement may also include:

- Naskapi Development Corporation;
- Tshiuetin Rail Transportation Inc.;
- Pimi Naskinnuk;
- the Department of Public Works;





- Naskapi Police;
- CLSC Naskapi;
- Naskapi Land Guardians;
- Naskapi Wildlife Protection Assistants;
- Naskapi Wellness Programs;
- the Naskapi Adult Education Centre; and
- Jimmy Sandy Memorial School.

What activities are included in the consultations?

- 1. Information sharing:** Introducing the project, explaining the approximately 1.5-year process and making it clear that no road has been approved.
- 2. Stakeholder engagement:** One-on-one or small-group discussions about access, road use, safety, maintenance, environmental protection, monitoring, governance and stakeholder requirements.
- 3. Community consultation:** Community meetings and targeted discussions to gather information about land use, travel routes, important places, access needs, environmental concerns, social and cultural considerations, economic opportunities and potential risks.

Will consultations be held in person or online?

Three separate information sessions are planned in the Schefferville region: one for the Naskapi Nation, one for the Innu Nation of Matimekush-Lac John and one for the Town of Schefferville.

The initial Nunavik information session is expected to be held online, pending confirmation from Inuit leadership regarding preferred engagement methods. Later Nunavik consultations are expected to be coordinated with the relevant communities and regional organizations and held in person.

Will Naskapi consultation sessions be livestreamed?

Yes. Naskapi information session and all Naskapi consultation sessions will be livestreamed through social media.



The project team will discuss with the other participating Nations whether similar broadcasting arrangements would be appropriate for their sessions.

For Naskapi sessions, proposed accessibility measures include:

- Food and beverages will also be provided during consultation activities. Similar measures for other communities will be determined with their leadership and local representatives.

The draft schedule is:

- Exact community dates and locations remain to be confirmed.

How will information gathered during consultations be used?

Findings will be documented after each session. Place-based information will be added to the project map on an ongoing basis and made available for review and validation during future engagement activities.

Consultation findings will inform:

- the Rightsholder and Stakeholder Engagement Report;
- the Environmental and Cultural Due Diligence Report;
- the Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use Report;
- the Map of Naskapi History, Knowledge and Interests;
- the Governance, Ownership and Economic Scenarios Report; and
- the Stakeholder Preferences and Requirements Reports.



PROJECT UPDATES

You can also email Nathan Uniam (nuniam@naskapi.ca) at any time to request information, ask questions or leave comments.

Stakeholder engagement is expected to continue throughout the project. To initiate a stakeholder engagement session or simply to share your views, please email Nathan Uniam (nuniam@naskapi.ca).

The plan does not establish a date for approving a road. It describes the current project as the first phase of a staged decision-making process.

Consultation findings will support Chief and Council in determining whether and how the project should proceed to a future feasibility study. The July 2027 consultation will validate key findings before final reports and recommendations are prepared.

Advancing to a feasibility study would not itself authorize road construction.

The project is examining a regional, multi-user corridor rather than a road designed solely for one mining project. If a proposed mine does not proceed, the assumptions concerning road users, traffic, financing, corridor priorities and economic viability would need to be reviewed before the Nation decides whether to advance to a future feasibility phase.

IF A ROAD IS BUILT...

The project aims to prioritize Naskapi participation across all phases, including planning, environmental monitoring, construction, as well as long-term operations and maintenance. Training and capacity-building opportunities will be developed as the project progresses.

Local Naskapi businesses will be prioritized for procurement opportunities wherever possible, including services related to construction, logistics, environmental monitoring, and maintenance.



