

Co-housing project identifies Telkwa site

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Discussion also took place about the possibility of the development hooking up to the village's biomass heating system.

"The concept of cooperative housing, where the neighbours in the project are there to support each other and have common space for common needs is right in line with our Official Community Plan and integrated sustainability plan," Zitkauskas said.

Now that the group has their sights set on Telkwa, more than half of the original 14 investors lined up for the seniors' co-housing project have backed away.

Because of this, Coulson said they are

considering evolving into a younger, inter-generational model.

Relocating to Telkwa means the co-housing project does not live up to one of its main goals — to be located close to amenities.

Coulson said he thinks the challenge of transportation back and forth to Smithers can be met with a mini-bus and by utilizing the existing bus service available in Telkwa.

As investors, living in a co-housing environment appeals to Coulson and his wife for a number of reasons, he said.

"I think it's a much better way for people to spend their retirement. The community aspect, I think, is important as you get older. Human beings need social interaction in

order to thrive and I think this is a way of providing it."

By living in this type of housing development, Coulson said he believes seniors are able to live longer independently and their quality of life is greatly improved.

"Social interaction is very important in terms of health in general and this is a way of doing it and people are able to live on their own terms.

"It's people coming together with the intention of being good neighbours.

"To help each other, create the atmosphere of a small village. The main idea is to get away from the loneliness aspect of seniors' living."



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Seabridge Gold's KSM Project continues its progress through the EA Process

Almost a year has passed since Seabridge Gold submitted its Environmental Assessment (EA) application and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for its KSM Project (located 65 kilometres northwest of Stewart). The BC Environmental Assessment Office (BC EAO) and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) along with Treaty and First Nations and other government agencies, are currently reviewing the project application. The company is hopeful for a Government decision on the project in 2014.

Reviewers have been evaluating the 35,000-page written EA / EIS application for the past several months. October and November were particularly busy, as many participated in nine, full-day KSM Working Group meetings, where Seabridge presented information about specific aspects of the KSM application and responded to reviewers' questions in person.

The Seabridge team must also respond to questions and comments about the application in writing, addressing requests for technical information as well as more general questions about the proposed KSM mine. Once Seabridge completes its responses, the BC EAO and CEAA will make recommendations to their respective ministers about whether or not to issue an EA certificate for the project.

"We've received a lot of positive feedback from reviewers about the level of detail contained in our application and appreciate the time and effort that's gone into this review process," says Jay Layman, Seabridge's President and Chief Operating Officer. "We believe our application demonstrates that KSM, while complex, is a well-designed and technically feasible project. Even more important, it is environmentally and socially responsible and represents an important opportunity in northwestern BC and across Canada."

Reaffirming its commitment to the communities in which it operates, Seabridge kicked off 2013 with a \$100,000 investment in trades training at Northwest Community College and has continued to sponsor and participate in many community events across the northwest throughout the year, from sports tournaments to career fairs to business development forums.

Seabridge held several community open houses between July and October, in the Nisga'a Nation (in New Aiyansh, Gitwinksihlkw, Laxgalts'ap and Gingolx), in Tahltan Territory (in Telegraph Creek and Iskut) and in Terrace, Smithers and Stewart. These events give people the chance to learn more about the KSM Project from the team of experts who've designed it. Seabridge also continues to meet with municipal and Aboriginal governments and economic development organizations in the northwest, to discuss the benefits of the project to the region and its residents.

Seabridge's project office in Smithers has been open since 2011 and this November, the company opened a new office in Dease Lake. These community offices are open to anyone interested in learning more about KSM.

"It's been another busy year for the KSM Project team," continues Layman. "Many different organizations and individuals have an interest in KSM and we make every effort to meet with as many people as possible." He continues, "We also recognize the importance of thorough oversight for resource development as we continue to work through the EA process with KSM. We look forward to Government's decision on KSM in 2014."



One of the many field crews who provided extensive research for the KSM EA Application.



Learn more about the KSM Project

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