

Rae Copper Project Engagement Summary Log

September 20th, 2024

Date	Communication Type	Related Groups	Communication Between	Reason for Engagement	Summary of Discussion
2024-02-08	Radio Interview	CBC North	Jenna Dulewich (CBC), Eric Sondergaard (WCM)	Exploration at WCM's Project	JD radio interview of ES for CBC North re: the Rae Copper Project (referred to at that time as the Coppermine Project) and WCM's exploration plans
2024-02-09	Emails	HK	Rod McIllree (WCM), Eric Sondergaard (WCM), Luke Ayaligak (KC)	Funding request for Community First Aid Course	LA reached out to RM seeking funding for a community first aid course, ES responded next day agreeing to fund the course.
2024-04-18	Emails	KitlA	Katsky Venter (on behalf of WCM), Wynter Kuliktana and Tannis Bolt (KitlA)	WCM Introduction and Project Overview	KV reached out to WK and TB to introduce WCM, Eric Sondergaard, and the Rae Copper Project. Provided overview of planned 2024 activities and need for a KitlA Land Use Licence (LUL), and outlined planned permitting and activities for 2025 and requested opportunity to discuss. TB responded April 23 with guidance re: 2024 activities and questions on proposed drilling noting NIRB screening may be needed for those. KV responded April 26 with additional info and clarifying need for a KitlA Class II LUL for proposed 2024 activities and that drilling would be part of separate application to NPC/NIRB/NWB/KitlA/CIRNAC which would be submitted later in 2024 to allow for drilling in 2025.
2024-05-23	Emails	KitlA	Katsky Venter (on behalf of WCM), Wynter Kuliktana and Tannis Bolt (KitlA)	WCM Application for Class I Land Use Licence and seeking meeting	KV submitted WCM's application for Class I Land Use Licence to conduct 2024 aerial survey and ground-based surface sampling programs based out of Kugluktuk. Noted WCM sponsoring First Aid Course later in month and sought KitlA input on whether WCM should host an open house to introduce themselves and their plans. KV sent a proposed meeting invite to KitlA re: 2024 activities and proposed applications for a Type B Water Licence, Class A Land Use Permit, and Class III Land Use Licence applications. WK responded May 28 asking KV to set up meeting with TB as WK unavailable. TB out of office then on duty travel. Meeting set for June 25.
2024-05-28	Emails	KRWB, HTO	Eric Sondergaard (WCM), Amanda Dumond (KRWB, HTO)	WCM Introduction and Project Overview	ES sent WCM Project overview and requested a call to discuss the Project if that was of interest to the KRWB, HTO.
2024-05-29	First aid course (in person)	HK	First aid course attendees: Luke Ayaligak (course coordinator), Christine Kuliktana, George Delmar Algo, Carlo Katiak, Regan Adjun, Robin Sukayak, William Kaiyuina, Mac Ihumatak, Andrew Klengenberg, Scott Nigaktalik, Joe Ovilok, Karlin Akana, Dale Klengenberg, Racing Committee (5 people), Daniel Kuliktana, Kugluktuk Fire Department	Sponsorship of Community First Aid Course	Two day First Aid and CPR training in Kugluktuk for community members and first responders sponsored by WCM covering life saving skills, expert training health and safety procedures, emergency procedures funded by WCM. Information flier on WCM's proposed project distributed to attendees. Some participants expressed an interest in work opportunities with WCM were directed by Luke Ayaligak (course coordinator) to contact WCM (Eric Sondergaard) directly.

2024-05-30	Emails	HK	Eric Sondergaard (WCM), Various Kugluktuk Community Members	Employment Opportunities	Various Kugluktuk community members sent enquiries to ES about employment opportunities between May 30 and June 13, 2024. ES explained that WCM is planning a small airborne geophysical and ground sampling program in 2024 and a drilling program in summer 2025; WCM would be looking to hire from Kugluktuk for the drilling program and would offer on the job training for certain roles. ES indicated he had retained their contact information and would be in touch when more in-depth planning starts.
2024-06-07	Phone call, email	KRWB, HTO	Eric Sondergaard (WCM), Amanda Dumond (KRWB, HTO)	WCM Introduction and Project Overview	ES and AD phone call re: WCM plans for summer 2024 activities and ES asked if there were any concerns. AD indicated exploration was okay provided WCM was avoiding sensitive periods and trying to maintain flight altitude. ES offered to provide information about wildlife sightings, which AD accepted. AD specified they were particularly interested in sick or injured caribou and were also interested in knowing about water levels in the area and noted Bluenose East herd had doubled since last surveyed and indicated happy with the health of the herd. ES also outlined plans for drilling campaign in 2025. AD requested map of work area. ES offered to meet with the KRWB, HTO when it was convenient and would let AD know when he is in Kugluktuk and noted possibility of bringing HTO representative(s) out to the Project area in future. AD noted glad WCM communicating in advance of activities. ES followed up later that day by email with Project map and noted upcoming application for the proposed drill-based exploration, confirmed various discussion points, and noted intent to source personnel locally where possible.
2024-06-25	Meeting (virtual)	KitIA	Katsky Venter (on behalf of WCM), Eric Sondergaard (WCM), Tannis Bolt and Jennifer Amagoalik (KitIA)	WCM Introduction and Project Overview	KV and ES provided TB and JA an overview presentation of the Rae Copper Project, proposed 2024 activities and related Class I Land Use Licence application, proposed 2025 and future activities and planned applications for a Type B Water Licence, Class A Land Use Permit, and Class III Land Use Licence. WCM sought recommendations and input re: whether and when a community meeting or open house should be held, TB recommended postponing until late winter when project (and related work opportunities) more certain. KitIA's Inuit Qaujimagatqangit (IQ)/Traditional Knowledge database was briefly discussed but concluded that this data typically be for more advanced projects/mining rather than initial exploration such as proposed for Rae Copper. WCM indicated intent that to preferentially source materials, services, personnel locally and sought KitIA suggestions on maximizing project benefits. TB noted that local community members were previously hired to mobilize materials to the area via winter trail and believed this was coordinated through the HTO. WCM noted overlap with Bluenose East caribou herd calving and post-calving grounds and that proposed activities would avoid these periods. TB noted she would review WCM's Class I application shortly. No concerns were raised regarding the proposed exploration activities. KV provided e-copy of presentation.
2024-07-02	Emails	KitIA	Tannis Bolt (KitIA)Katsky Venter (on behalf of WCM), Eric Sondergaard (WCM),	KitIA issuance of Class I LUL	TB issued Class I LUL to WCM.
2024-07-08	Emails	KitIA	Katsky Venter (on behalf of WCM), Tannis Bolt (KitIA), Eric Sondergaard (WCM), Gabriella Prager (Intergroup)	Archaeology Support	KV informed TB that WCM had retained an archaeologist (Gabriella Prager of Intergroup) to do a survey of potential camp locations and asked if TB would be willing to provide a letter of KitIA support to help secure the permit before 2024 snowfall. TB responded July 16 hoping permits would be obtained but noting KitIA in midst of multiple applications and no capacity to provide documentation outside of those already in queue.
2024-07-08	Phone call, email	KRWB, HTO	Eric Sondergaard (WCM), Amanda Dumond (KRWB, HTO)	Commencement of 2024 program and meeting/area tour	ES noted plan to conduct archaeological survey to ensure future activities did not conflict with any sites, noted potential to include an HTO member in the survey if interest, and following up re: HTO rates to possible GN engagement funding application. ES followed up July 15 noting 2024 program starting near Kugluktuk following day and asked in WCM geologists could stop in to introduce themselves. Also suggested an HTO member could be shown the Project area by helicopter while working in area over the coming week. Followed up on engagement funding and recommended rates and noted ES would himself be in Kugluktuk in early September and hopes to meet in person then. AD responded following day with rate sheet and asked where WCM would be going noting she was trying to find someone to join. ES responded same day indicated rate sheet did not attach and that would be working ~ 20 km north of Dismal Lakes and followed up next day with a map of study area and noted a moose had been sighted so far but no other animals.
2024-07-09	Emails	HK	Gabriella Prager (on behalf of WCM), John Ivey (HK)	Archaeology Permit Application	GP emailed JI re: application for an archaeological permit for assessment of potential camp and drill sites for Rae Copper. Followed up on July 30 and asked if there were any questions or concerns. JI responded that there were not and that if GP needed a letter of support he could provide one.

2024-07-22	Emails	KRWB, HTO	Eric Sondergaard (WCM), Amanda Dumond (KRWB, HTO)	Wildlife Management Plan	ES noted WCM geologists Olga and Sam may stop by HTO office today to introduce themselves. Noted WCM had developed a Wildlife Management Plan for their upcoming permitting application and wondered if the KRWB, HTO would like to review it. ES indicated that WCM understands this is a sensitive area for caribou, and that they want to make sure they are taking the right precautionary steps. AD replied that they would like to review and she would give it to the board for their next meeting. ES responded July 31 providing Draft WMMP.
2024-07-22	Meeting (in person)	KRWB, HTO	Sam Vaughan and Olga Solovieva (WCM), Amanda Dumond (KRWB, HTO)	WCM In Person Introduction	SV and OS of WCM visited AD at the KRWB, HTO office. They spoke about wildlife sighted during 2024 program, water levels in lakes and streams, and the movement of the Blue Nose West caribou herd. Discussed possible camp location for future WCM activities, and AD commented that the area is not used by hunters/trappers. AD put SV and OS in contact with Rosie Smith, a PhD student from the University of Waterloo, who is studying Char populations in the Kugluktuk area alongside the KRWB, HTO. WCM offered to assist these activities with helicopter hours. Discussed the possibility of a community meeting, AD recommended would best be held next year if we return in the spring (2025) as many people were on holidays in the summer.
2024-07-22	Meeting (in person)	HK	Sam Vaughan and Olga Solovieva (WCM), John Ivey (KK)	WCM In Person Introduction	SV and OS went to the Hamlet office in Kugluktuk and briefly introduced themselves, and briefly outlined WCM 2024 activities and future exploration plans.
2024-07-24	Meeting (in person)	KRWB, HTO	Sam Vaughan and Olga Solovieva (WCM), Rosie Smith, Eric Hitkolok (KRWB, HTO)	Arctic Char Monitoring Support	WCM provided a helicopter for, and participated in, the collection and insertion of new Arctic char monitoring devices at two locations with the HTO. WCM spoke about the company exploration strategy, next steps, and learnt about the research undertaken by the KRWB, HTO and RS regarding the Arctic char movements. SV and OS offered RS and EH accompany them in scouting for a suitable camp location for the Rae Copper Project, but the offer was declined.
2024-07-26	Meeting (in person)	KRWB, HTO	Sam Vaughan and Olga Solovieva (WCM), Amanda Dumond (KRWB, HTO)	WCM In Person Update	SV and OS of WCM visited AD at the KRWB, HTO office on day of their departure from Kugluktuk. Informed AD of three muskox sighted on the WCM Project, and three polar bears sighted 10 miles from Kugluktuk by the Capital Helicopters pilot the day before. SV and OS informed AD that the WCM Project had achieved everything planned.
2024-07-26	Emails	KRWB, HTO	Eric Sondergaard (WCM), Amanda Dumond (KRWB, HTO)	Wildlife Management Plan	ES Followed up with Amanda after SV and OS visited the office. ES informed AD that he would send the WMMP when it is available, and thanked AD for the opportunity to support the HTO with the Arctic Char monitoring program. AD thanked ES for assisting the char monitoring program.
2024-08-09	Emails	KitIA	Katsky Venter (on behalf of WCM), Tannis Bolt and Wynter Kuliktana (KitIA)	WCM in Kugluktuk September 10 to 11 and Possible Community Open House	KV indicated WCM still contemplating hosting a community open house in late August or early September when they would be in Kugluktuk, despite TB's (and the HTO's) indication that this is not necessary at this time.
2024-08-09	Phone call	HK	Katsky Venter (on behalf of WCM), John Ivey (HK)	Introduction and Potential Community Meeting	KV called John Ivey (Kugluktuk HTO) to briefly introduce herself, WCM, thank JI for letter of support for archaeology permit and brief overview of exploration and permitting plans and possibility of hosting a community open house re: WCM's application to conduct a drill-based exploration program at the Rae Copper Project. KV asked who to reach out to re: coordinating hall rental and other logistics. JI referred KV to reception for hall booking and potential recommendations re: a meeting.
2024-08-12	Emails	HK	Eric Sondergaard (WCM), Ryan Nivingalok (KK)	WCM Introduction and Project Overview and Recommendation re: Community Meeting	ES reached out to RN providing overview of 2024 activities, noted WCM's sponsorship of a Kugluktuk first aid course and assistance provided to the Kugluktuk HTO re: their Char monitoring program. ES outlined WCM's plans to submit an application for a land use permit and water licence and asked Mayor Nivingalok's opinion on whether WCM should aim to host a community meeting in 2024. ES indicated that both the Kugluktuk HTO and the KitIA had indicated that it may be better to wait until the Project had advanced further before hostign a community meeting. ES offered to discuss further at any time. ES followed up Aug 20 offering to send an presentation on the Rae Copper Project, 2024 activities, and proposed permitting and exploration scope. RN responded August 22 indicating he did not feel a community meeting was necessary that this time but offering that ES could send a presentation and if he would like to do a presentation to Council that would be up to ES and thanked ES for reaching out.

2024-08-20	Emails	KitIA	Katsky Venter (on behalf of WCM), Tannis Bolt and Wynter Kuliktana (KitIA)	WCM in Kugluktuk September 10 to 11 and Possible Community Open House	WK responding to KV's August 9 email indicating back in office and supportive of proceeding with a community meeting and offering to put KV in touch with relevant contacts if needed. KV responded August 23 updating WK that WCM had ultimately decided to wait until the new year (as suggested by TB) after reaching out to Kugluktuk Mayor Ryan Nivingalok and that he also did not recommend a community meeting at this stage (supporting TB and the HTOs recommendations). KV noted however that Eric Sondergaard would still be in Kugluktuk September 10th and 11th and would like to introduce himself to WK and/or Tannis Bolt if either of them were around. KV reconnected Eric Sondergaard with WK and TB. WK responded Aug 26 that she and Tannis Bolt would be in the office and that ES could stop by when convenient.
2024-08-22	Emails	HK	Eric Sondergaard (WCM), Ryan Nivingalok (KK)	WCM Introduction and Project Overview	ES sent RN a presentation on the Rae Copper Project, 2024 activities, and proposed permitting and exploration scope and offered to discuss at any time. ES also asked that RN let him know of any ideas to assist the community and noted that WCM would aim to hire as many locals as possible for upcoming work programs, and continue sponsoring community initiatives.
2024-09-11	Meeting (in person)	KIA	Eric Sondergaard and Troy Whittaker (WCM), Wynter Kuliktana (KitIA)	Introductions and Project and application overview	ES and TW introduced themselves to WK and TB. Provided overview of Project and proposed plans. KitIA suggested WCM may be able to assist KitIA next summer by allocating some helicopter time to help cleaning up an unrelated site (McGreggor Lake). WK indicated it may be possible to use the community to mobilize fuel in the winter, subject to insurance etc. WK also informed that drilling on KIA land requires a \$75,000 deposit. Wynter provided WCM with additional contact information for other KIA members for guidance on community efforts. WK followed up by email same day with contact information. ES followed up Sept 16 thanking WK for meeting and connection with Kevin Niptanatiak noting that they had now met. ES also indicated would follow up with other contacts to discuss opportunities to get involved in the community and to let him know if other areas KitIA needing help. Also noted existing historic barrels seen in WCM claim areas and would be willing to address but understand from Project archaeologist that they may be considered archaeological sites. A very brief introduction to Tannis Bolt at the end of the meeting.
2024-09-11	Meeting (in person)	HK	Eric Sondergaard and Troy Whittaker (WCM), Kevin Niptanatiak (HK)	Introductions and Project and application overview	ES and TW introduced themselves to KN. Provided overview of Project and proposed plans. Discussed a community meeting, and it was again suggested it was not required at this stage. Spoke at length about Kugluktuk and area. KN noted that more than 50% of the population live below the poverty line. WCM agreed to keep in touch regarding jobs for the local work force and update the HK whenever they felt a need. Following meeting KN and TW exchanged emails of thanks and looking forward to ongoing relationship.
2024-09-11	Meeting (in person)	KRWB, HTO	Eric Sondergaard and Troy Whittaker (WCM), Amanda Dumond and Larry Adjun (KRWB, HTO)	Introductions and Project and application overview and wildlife mitigations	ES and TW introduced themselves to AM and LA. Provided brief overview of Project and proposed plans and that mitigation measures would include closing operations during the calving/post calving period in June. AD and LA agreed this was the largest mitigation step WCM could take. No other recommendations on potential mitigation were provided, but they would be reviewing WCM's draft WMMP with the board when next meeting. AD and LA explained caribou counting methodology outlining why government numbers may not inaccurately low and expressed concern with federal oversight of their traditional harvesting. ES followed up by email Sept 18 (after HTO Board Meeting) to see if any comments on Draft WMMP provided July 30. AD responded same day indicating board meeting had been postponed and WMMP would be reviewed later.

HK = Hamlet of Kugluktuk and community members

IQ = Inuit Qaujimaqatuqangit

KitIA = Kugluktuk Inuit Association

KRWB, HTO = Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board, Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association, Hunters and Trappers Organization

LUL = Land Use Licence

WCM = Whitecliff Minerals Ltd.

WMMP = Wildlife Management and Monitorin Plan