



Canagold Proposed New Polaris Gold Mine Tulsequah River

Technical Working Group

Part of engaging with the mining company Canagold includes establishing a Technical Working Group (TWG) to represent TRT interests.

Under agreement between TRTFN and Canagold, the TWG was established in April 2023 and consists of 4 people from TRTFN and 4 people from Canagold that will work together to discuss all the concerns, questions, and details about the project. That information will then be passed back to the TRT Citizens for consideration.

In Nov/Dec 2022, TRTFN asked the citizens if anyone was interested in joining this Working Group. Barb Dawson and Tara Williams got in touch with the Lands Division and offered to join the group! In addition to those two TRT Citizens, a TRTFN representative and a technical advisor was needed. As your Mining Officer, Jackie Caldwell is the TRTFN rep and Ric Horobin from SLR Consulting out of Whitehorse was chosen to be the technical advisor.

Here is a short write up on each of your representatives in the Technical Working Group!

Barb Dawson

Barb Dawson, as a Taku River Tlingit Citizen has moved back to the Atlin area this last year with her son Amun! She has immediately gotten involved in many aspects of TRT culture and has been looking at other ways to give back to the community.

Barb has a degree in Visual Arts, graduating class of 2020 and was also the class valedictorian! Barb is very keen to learn more about the mining industry and has already spent many hours researching this project as part of that desire to understand and learn more.

Recently Barb participated in a TRT Art Auction, in which all her pieces sold, that was sponsored by a mining exploration company that showcased some of her art in Vancouver in January 2023.

In her spare time, she has been seen volunteering at the Atlin Library, carving a paddle for Hakustiyeé this summer and painting the interior of her house.



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Lànàtk (Tara Williams)

Lànàtk (Tara Williams), a Taku River Tlingit First Nation Kùkhhittàn clan member and grew up in Atlin. Her parents, Khìdudâ (James) and Ƙaatoowu (Colleen Williams), and her grandmother, Sèdayà (Elizabeth Nyman), taught her a lot about respect for her culture, the land and animals. She very much enjoys fishing on Atlin Lake and hunting with her family. As a child, her Uncle Phil and Auntie Nancy took her and her brother to the Taku River for the summer while they operated their commercial fishing business. It was here where they learned of the great power the Taku River has and what it provides for the First Nation.

She has a diploma in Chemical Technology from SAIT, class of '04, and a diploma with honours in Petroleum Engineering Technology, class of '15.

She started her career as a lab technician for an oil and gas service company, was promoted to lab manager after 3 years, and spent 6 years with this company. She moved back to Atlin and worked in TRT's finance office, for the 2nd time, while she sought her next job opportunity. Currently, she works for Indian Oil and Gas Canada which is a regulator for oil and gas assets on First Nation lands for all of Canada, with an exception being BC. She has been with this organization for 11 years.

Jackie Caldwell

Jackie Caldwell moved to Atlin in August 2018 to work for TRTFN as your Mining Officer. Her area of knowledge includes all environmental topics that a mine needs to understand. She worked in Tumbler Ridge at several coal mines for 7 years to gain this knowledge as well as for various other companies working on moose, goat, wolf, caribou, goshawk, and fish studies.

Since 2018, Jackie has been working with the local placer mines to improve their environmental standards and that has resulted in some good work by the local companies and people. She plans to show the TRT citizens these on-the-ground changes over the next couple of years!

When she is not at the office or on a mine site, Jackie likes to kayak the local lakes, visit family in Tumbler Ridge and putter around her yard planting shrubs and flowers to benefit the bees!



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Ric Horobin

Ric Horobin runs the Whitehorse office for SLR Consulting. His area of knowledge includes all things to do with water and mining! He has been involved in work that assesses the environmental impact from mines, wind and solar power installations, roads, and other large projects. He has worked with TRTFN since 2021 when his team worked alongside TRT Citizens at the Otter Creek restoration project!

The company he works for (SLR) has a long history of working on mining projects. Other staff at SLR will be helping him, and therefore help you, to understand how Canagold is planning on mining at the New Polaris mine on the Tulsequah River. He is passionate about making sure technical information is easily understood by all. He's also passionate about protecting the environment and was part of an expedition to northern Yukon in 2018, looking at whether microplastic could be found in remote wilderness environments.

When he's not working, he will usually be hiking or skiing in the mountains or on a lake or river paddling a canoeing!