

## **2.0 FIRST NATIONS AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

### **2.1 Pre-Application Consultation**

The Yellowjacket JV is committed to ongoing open consultation and project review with TRTFN, Atlin Community organization (ACID) and community members.

During the exploration phase, project review meetings were held with the TRTFN and approvals obtained for the Pine Creek diversion and 10,000 tonne bulk sampling program. A contract was put in place early in the bulk sampling program with Atlin Tlingit Development Corporation ("ATDC"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the TRTFN. This contract covered environmental monitoring (water quality) sample collection and allowed for fuel purchase from ATDC during the early stage of the bulk sample processing program.

Local Atlin-based contractors have been used throughout the exploration phases of the program, including bulk sample excavation and processing. Upon request to the project manager, community and TRTFN members have been give site tours.

On February 26, 2009, the Yellowjacket JV introduced the project to the NWMDRC in Smithers, BC. With the project site infrastructure already developed during the bulk sampling program, the project is well advanced as compared to most other application proponents at this stage. Comments received from the NWMDRC during and subsequent to the meeting and are addressed in this permit application (see Appendix 1).

Subsequent to the NWMDRC meeting, a further meeting with TRTFN was conducted in order to begin the process of formalizing an Impacts and Benefit Agreement ("IBA") and moving toward TRTFN approval of the Small *Mines Act* Application. A meeting was also held with ATDC to renew the contract for water quality and environmental monitoring, future contract workers and to discuss fuel purchase.

### **2.2 Review Stage Consultation**

During the review stage of the *Mines Act* Permit process, ongoing community and TRTFN meetings will occur. A planned community open house will be held at the Atlin Community Recreation Centre on April 16, 2009. Comments from the local community will be addressed and if necessary amendment to the permit application completed immediately.

A 30-day gazetting period, with notifications posted in the Atlin Government Agent office and published in the British Columbia Gazette and Whitehorse newspapers (the nearest local newspaper to the project site), will commence once the permit

application is submitted. All comments will be collected and posted on the Yellowjacket Joint Venture website ([www.yellowjacketgold.com](http://www.yellowjacketgold.com)) for review.

Consultation will be on-going throughout the permitting process and an IBA with TRTFN is anticipated to be completed prior to permit approval.

The Yellowjacket JV's objective for supporting continued Atlin community and TRTFN relationships is based on the concept of economic and social benefits through robust employment and contracting opportunities and strong support of community values, in concert with sustainable and environmentally responsible resource extraction.