

NICO Mine Type A Water Licence
Renewal
Public Hearing Presentation

North Slave Métis Alliance

April 21 to 22, 2026

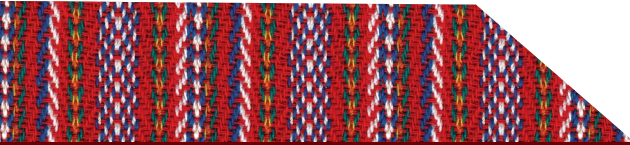


Background

The North Slave Métis Alliance (“NSM”) represents a distinct constituency of the rights-holding Métis community of the Great Slave Lake Area

NSMA members possess and exercise constitutionally-protected Métis rights in the vicinity of the NICO Mine

The NICO Mine will adversely affect NSMA members’ ability to exercise their Métis rights



Summary of Concerns

Fortune's Engagement Record is deficient:

- Does not include all required components
- Demonstrates no meaningful effort to respond to NSMA's concerns

Fortune's Engagement Plan is deficient:

- Developed without NSMA input
- No acknowledgment of NSMA's concerns

Deficiencies in Engagement Record

Deficiencies:

- Exclusion of an Engagement Summary
- An incomplete Engagement Log

Result:

- The Board has insufficient information to assess if meaningful consultation with NSMA has been carried out

Recommendation #1: Fortune should be required to resubmit an Engagement Record that includes an Engagement Summary and Engagement Log that meets the specifications established in the Policy and Guidelines.

Correcting the Engagement Record

- In 2011, Fortune committed to NSMA to begin negotiations to accommodate NSMA.
- Fortune still has not commenced negotiations.
- For the last 15 years, Fortune has repeatedly moved goalposts and made excuses to avoid negotiating with NSMA.
- Result: No meaningful accommodations for impacts on Métis rights have been offered or even discussed.

Correcting the Engagement Record

Fortune's pattern of repeatedly breaching its commitment to negotiate with NSMA is bad-faith engagement.

- Bad faith engagement does not meet the Board's standard for meaningful consultation
- Bad faith engagement is of no assistance to the Crown to satisfy the Duty to Consult

Recommendation #2: Fortune should be required to engage in good faith with NSMA to develop an Engagement Record that is acceptable to the Board.

Deficiencies in the Engagement Plan

Deficiencies:

- The revised Engagement Plan was not developed in collaboration with affected parties
- The Engagement Plan does not detail the unresolved concerns of Aboriginal groups and how/when these concerns will be addressed during the life of the project

Deficiencies in the Engagement Plan

Result:

- The Board has no knowledge of Fortune's plans to address NSMA's concerns.
- NSMA has no assurance that Fortune is interested in protecting Métis rights.

Recommendation #3: Fortune should be required to resubmit an Engagement Plan drafted in collaboration with NSMA that includes a mechanism for affected parties to raise concerns and specifies NSMA's concerns and how these concerns will be addressed by Fortune.

Thank you

