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1 Introduction

The Government of Yukon contracted SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc. (SRK) to facilitate two workshops related to the Mount Nansen Closure Options as described in the report Mount Nansen Options for Closure prepared by Lorax (March 2011). A risk assessment workshop was held in July 2011, and served as input to an options evaluation workshop held one week later. Both workshops were attended by representatives of the Yukon Government, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, and the Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation. This report provides a summary of the two workshops and their outcomes.

2 Purpose

The overall objective of the Mount Nansen risk assessment and options evaluation process was to provide further input to the three governments to inform decision making in selecting the final closure plan for the site. The specific purpose of the risk assessment workshop was to identify and come to agreement on any risks associated with each of the proposed closure options; that level of agreement was fundamental to the subsequent evaluations. The objectives of the options evaluation workshop were to examine how well each of the proposed options would meet the closure objectives of each party, and to do so in a manner that allowed the perspectives of each party to be taken into account by the other groups.

3 Mount Nansen Closure Options

Six closure options for the tailings and waste rock at the Mount Nansen site have been developed and evaluated:

- Options 1A and 1B: Tailings Dam Upgrade with Water Cover (Option A denotes waste rock in place; Option B denotes pit backfill with waste rock);
- Options 2A and 2B: Tailings Dam Upgrade with Saturated Soil Cover (Option A denotes waste rock in place; Option B denotes pit backfill with waste rock);
- Option 3: Tailings (Wet) Backfill into Pit with High Infiltration Cover, Waste Rock in Place; and
- Option 4: Tailings (Dry) and Waste Rock Backfill into Pit with Low Infiltration Cover.

There are also common elements that must be closed. These include the mill site, haul roads, transmission lines, etc. All of the options are documented in the 2011 Lorax report, and that report served as the basis for the risk assessment workshops. In other words, it was assumed that the report presents a complete picture of the options. Some changes to the options were added after the risk workshop, but these were limited to editorial changes or minor modifications to deal with specific risks without significantly changing the options.

4 Risk Assessment Workshop

4.1 Participants

The one and a half day risk assessment workshop was held in the SRK offices in Vancouver, BC on July 14 and 15, 2011. The following individuals participated:

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|------------------------|---|
| Yukon Government: | Frank Patch Stephen Meade Patricia Randell |
| AANDC: | Kriss Sarson (AANDC Yukon Region) Jason Berkers (AANDC Yukon Region) Lou Spagnuolo (AANDC HQ) |
| LSCFN: | Robert Moar Leta Blackjack Bill Slater |
| Technical Consultants: | Leslie Gomm (Gomm Consulting) Justin Stockwell (Lorax Environmental Services) Kendall Thiessen (AECOM Canada) |
| SRK representatives: | Daryl Hockley and Dirk van Zyl (workshop facilitator). |

Members of the Technical Advisory Committee of the LSCFN met in a separate room and the three representatives above consulted with them during breaks to get their inputs.

4.2 Risk Assessment Process

The risk assessment was carried out using a consequence-likelihood method based on AANDC's risk rating procedure. A summary of the procedure was distributed to all participants before to the workshop. Appendix A provides that summary. This document provided an overview of the process as well as the likelihood, consequence-severity and risk matrices that were used in the workshop.

The next step was to review each of the options, identify risks, and agree on their rating. To make the reviews as efficient as possible, the following sequence of options was adopted:

- Tailings with water cover
- Tailings with soil cover
- Waste rock reclaimed in place
- Waste rock backfilled in pit
- Common elements
- Option 3
- Option 4

4.3 Risk Assessment Results

The results of the risk assessments are provided in Appendix B. Appendix C shows the risks re-grouped by option. The latter form was used as input to the options analysis workshop.

The results are included as appendices only, because their primary purpose was as input to the options evaluation process described in the remainder of this report.

5 Options Evaluation Workshop

5.1 Participants

The one and a half day options evaluation workshop was held in Whitehorse, YK on July 20 and 21, 2011. The following individuals participated in the workshop:

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Yukon Government: | Frank Patch Stephen Meade Patricia Randell |
| AANDC: | Kriss Sarson (AANDC Yukon Region) Jason Berkers (AANDC Yukon Region) Lou Spagnuolo (AANDC HQ) |
| LSCFN: | Robert Moar Leta Blackjack Bill Slater |
| Technical Consultants: | Justin Stockwell (Lorax Environmental Services) |
| SRK representatives: | Dirk van Zyl and Daryl Hockley (workshop facilitator). |

Members of the Technical Advisory Committee of the LSCFN met in a separate room and the three representatives above consulted with them throughout the development of the options analysis.

5.2 Options Analysis Process

Over the last two years, the three governments had developed a set of closure objectives for the Mount Nansen site. These are provided in Appendix D.

A series of statements was developed by SRK to rephrase the closure objectives in a manner that allowed easy tracking of agreement and disagreement. Table 1 shows the statements. The initial objectives and the rephrased statements are compared in Appendix E.

In the workshop, each group reviewed each statement as it applied to each of the tailings and waste rock closure options. The process included first reviewing the components of an option and then working in groups to determine responses to each statement. The options were "strongly disagree", "disagree", "neutral", "agree" and "strongly agree". Each group presented its assessment and a summary table was created. Items where there was significant differences of opinion were discussed, and groups were then given an opportunity to review their assessment. Groups were asked to keep notes of their deliberations about each option. Transcripts of those notes are provided in Appendix F.

To get a sense of priority amongst the various closure objectives, the groups were next asked to provide their opinions about the importance of each closure objectives to their stakeholders. The options were: "high importance", "medium high importance", "medium low importance" and "low importance".

Table 1: Statements Used to Evaluate Closure Options

| | |
|-----------|---|
| 1 | This option will remove physical hazards to human safety |
| 2 | This option will minimize the risk of human exposure to contaminants |
| 3 | This option will minimize contamination of harvest animals and vegetation |
| 4a | This option will minimize contamination of receiving waters |
| 4b | This option will minimize erosion impacts on receiving water |
| 5 | This option will allow vegetation to return to natural succession |
| 6 | This option will support traditional land uses |
| 7 | This option will support other non-traditional land uses |
| 8 | This option will maximize job opportunities for LSCFN |
| 9 | This option will minimize adverse socio-economic effects on LSCFN and the local community |
| 10 | This option will maximize economic benefits to other Yukoners/northerners |
| 11 | This option will minimize long-term maintenance requirements |
| 12 | This option is financially practicable |
| 13 | This option is technically feasible |

The workshop participants were then next asked to provide individual rankings of the options. To further examine individual preferences, the participants were asked to select one of the following statements for each option: “this is one of my favourite options”, “this is not my favourite but I would accept it”, and “this option would be unacceptable to me”. The individual assessments were intended only to validate the workshop process by confirming that individuals agreed with the general sentiment of their group ratings.

5.3 Options Analysis Results

The final results of the group assessments of each option are shown in Tables 2 to 7. For ease of comparison, Tables 8 and 9 show all of the options analysis results on one page.

Table 10 summarizes the opinions of the importance of each objective to each group. The outcomes of the individual ranking are shown in Appendix G.

As noted above, the individual rankings were only intended to validate the workshop process. Tables 2 to 9, showing the group ratings, received much more careful deliberation and review, and should therefore be considered the definitive results of the options assessment.

Table 2: Evaluation of Option 1a

| Objective | | LSCFN | YG | AANDC | Notes |
|-----------|---|----------|----------|---------|--|
| 1 | This option will remove physical hazards to human safety | Disagree | Disagree | Agree | LSCFN - Open pit is still there over long term. Installation of liner on dam face is also risky. YG - Berm will mitigate but not remove long-term open pit, plus open water area on tailings impoundment. AANDC - Berms will reduce hazards. |
| 2 | This option will minimize the risk of human exposure to contaminants | Disagree | Agree | Agree | LSCFN - High risk of ongoing seepage. Spillway icing, permafrost thawing - earthquake causes of tailings releases. YG - Related the seepage and tailings release risks to receiving water than to human exposure. Little potential for human exposure. AANDC - Same as YG. Water cover reduces tailings exposure. |
| 3 | This option will minimize contamination of harvest animals and vegetation | Disagree | Agree | Agree | LSCFN - Concern about caribou and moose contacting tailings, as well as fish downstream. There will be a perception of contamination. YG - No pathways leading to harvest animals. Also fish are well downstream. Tailings are covered. No vegetation pathways. |
| 4a | This option will minimize contamination of receiving waters | Disagree | Neutral | Neutral | LSCFN - Risk assessment notes risk of tailings releases, risk that attenuation will be less than estimated. AANDC - Modeling indicates this is option has lower arsenic loadings. But waste rock still a source. YG - Although there are differences in the predicted water quality, residual risks of catastrophic failure remain and dominate YG's water quality concerns. |
| 4b | This option will minimize erosion impacts on receiving water | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | LSCFN - Diversion and spillway construction and maintenance, and failure risk. AANDC - Water cover provides time for settling of sediments. Waste rock still there but far from receiving waters. YG - Diversion failure risk. |
| 5 | This option will allow vegetation to return to natural succession | Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | LSCFN - Pit still there and pond on tailings. AANDC - Pond will become wetland habitat. YG - No growth on dam itself. Aquatic habitat in pond would not be "natural succession" |
| 6 | This option will support traditional land uses | Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | LSCFN - Presence of tailings will discourage use of area. YG - Same. Perception of risk will restrict traditional land use. AANDC - Pond would support wildlife. |

| Objective | | LSCFN | YG | AANDC | Notes |
|-----------|---|-------------------|----------|----------|---|
| 7 | This option will support other non-traditional land uses | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | AANDC - Would allow re-processing of tailings, and access to pit. LSCFN - Community willingness to accept mining would not be resolved, so likelihood of a successful mine permit application is low. YG - Tailings are not a high value resource. Landform aesthetics would be a negative for other recreational land uses. |
| 8 | This option will maximize job opportunities for LSCFN | Disagree | Agree | Agree | LSCFN - This option would provide the least employment. Mostly small contractors for specialized work. YG - Job opportunities will largely be driven by implementation approach, rather than by total volume of work. More opportunities for long-term monitoring and maintenance work. AANDC - Agree there is less volume but the work requires less specialized equipment so that local opportunities would be greater. |
| 9 | This option will minimize adverse socio-economic effects on LSCFN and the local community | Disagree | Agree | Agree | LSCFN - Jobs would be short duration only, with higher potential for negative impacts on community. AANDC - Similar to above. YG - Agree that there are differences but don't think there will that much difference amongst the options. |
| 10 | This option will maximize economic benefits to other Yukoners/northerners | Disagree | Agree | Agree | LSCFN - Other options provide more economic benefits. YG - Less technically complex so might allow for more local opportunities. Local contractors might benefit from shorter time frame. |
| 11 | This option will minimize long-term maintenance requirements | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | |
| 12 | This option is financially practicable | Disagree | Disagree | Agree | LSCFN - Risk of additional costs for shear key, and long-term monitoring and maintenance costs. AANDC - It is the lowest cost option. There is a long-term risk but low likelihood. There are cost risks but most can be mitigated in the design phase. YG - High risk of major cost consequence, likely to be incurred long after FCSAP funding is exhausted. Option might be lower in current estimate but uncertainties and possible cost over-runs overlap. Maintenance costs require institutional control over long term. |
| 13 | This option is technically feasible | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | YG - Long-term uncertainty about maintaining frozen conditions. Also concern about effectiveness of diffusion barrier. LSCFN - Also seepage flows. |

Table 3: Evaluation of Option 1b

| Objective | | LSCFN | YG | AANDC | Notes |
|-----------|---|-------------------|----------|----------------|--|
| 1 | This option will remove physical hazards to human safety | Agree | Neutral | Strongly Agree | All parties agree that filling of the pit reduces hazards to human health. LSCFN - Still a risk associated with installation of liner. YG - And on remaining pit wall. AANDC - Remaining pit wall will have a berm. |
| 2 | This option will minimize the risk of human exposure to contaminants | Disagree | Agree | Agree | |
| 3 | This option will minimize contamination of harvest animals and vegetation | Disagree | Agree | Agree | |
| 4a | This option will minimize contamination of receiving waters | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | AANDC - Modeling indicates a significant reduction in cadmium and zinc concentrations. LSCFN - Agree it is better than 1a, but still concern about long-term risks. |
| 4b | This option will minimize erosion impacts on receiving water | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | |
| 5 | This option will allow vegetation to return to natural succession | Disagree | Neutral | Neutral | |
| 6 | This option will support traditional land uses | Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | |
| 7 | This option will support other non-traditional land uses | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | |
| 8 | This option will maximize job opportunities for LSCFN | Neutral | Agree | Agree | LSCFN - More work moving waste rock, likely available to LFCSN citizens. Also possible capacity development that could be carried forward to other projects. YG - Agrees but still thinks that differences are in range of uncertainties in implementation. AANDC - Agree. |
| 9 | This option will minimize adverse socio-economic effects on LSCFN and the local community | Neutral | Agree | Agree | LSCFN - More work moving waste rock, likely available to LFCSN citizens. Also possible capacity development that could be carried forward to other projects. |
| 10 | This option will maximize economic benefits to other Yukoners/northerners | Neutral | Agree | Agree | LSCFN - More work moving waste rock, likely available to LFCSN citizens. Also possible capacity development that could be carried forward to other projects. |
| 11 | This option will minimize long-term maintenance requirements | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | |
| 12 | This option is financially practicable | Disagree | Disagree | Agree | YG - High risk of major cost consequence, likely to be incurred long after FCSAP funding is exhausted. Option might be lower in current estimate but uncertainties and possible cost over-runs overlap. Maintenance costs require institutional control over long term. |
| 13 | This option is technically feasible | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | |

Table 4: Evaluation of Option 2a

| Objective | | LSCFN | YG | AANDC | Notes |
|-----------|---|-------------------|----------|----------|--|
| 1 | This option will remove physical hazards to human safety | Disagree | Disagree | Agree | See 1a |
| 2 | This option will minimize the risk of human exposure to contaminants | Disagree | Agree | Agree | See 1a |
| 3 | This option will minimize contamination of harvest animals and vegetation | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | YG - Vegetated cover on tailings could attract animals and lead to increase in contaminant uptake. |
| 4a | This option will minimize contamination of receiving waters | Disagree | Neutral | Neutral | See 1a |
| 4b | This option will minimize erosion impacts on receiving water | Disagree | Neutral | Neutral | AANDC - Greater likelihood of erosion from soil cover. LSCFN - Also discussed this but it didn't change rating. |
| 5 | This option will allow vegetation to return to natural succession | Disagree | Disagree | Agree | AANDC - Tailings are now revegetated. YG - Agree with respect to tailings, but pit and waste rock areas would not reach natural succession. LSCFN - Also discussed this but concluded that there still wouldn't be natural succession. |
| 6 | This option will support traditional land uses | Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | See 1a |
| 7 | This option will support other non-traditional land uses | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | See 1a |
| 8 | This option will maximize job opportunities for LSCFN | Disagree | Agree | Agree | See 1a |
| 9 | This option will minimize adverse socio-economic effects on LSCFN and the local community | Disagree | Agree | Agree | See 1a |
| 10 | This option will maximize economic benefits to other Yukoners/northerners | Disagree | Agree | Agree | See 1a |
| 11 | This option will minimize long-term maintenance requirements | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | See 1a |
| 12 | This option is financially practicable | Disagree | Disagree | Agree | See 1a |
| 13 | This option is technically feasible | Neutral | Disagree | Agree | YG - Would be difficult to maintain long-term saturation of cover, and at same time keep channel over cover. LSCFN - Also discussed this but did not change rating. |

Table 5: Evaluation of Option 2b

| Objective | | LSCFN | YG | AANDC | Notes |
|-----------|---|-------------------|----------|----------------|--|
| 1 | This option will remove physical hazards to human safety | Agree | Neutral | Strongly Agree | See 1b |
| 2 | This option will minimize the risk of human exposure to contaminants | Disagree | Agree | Agree | See 1b |
| 3 | This option will minimize contamination of harvest animals and vegetation | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | YG - Vegetated cover on tailings could attract animals and lead to increase in contaminant uptake. |
| 4a | This option will minimize contamination of receiving waters | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | See 1b |
| 4b | This option will minimize erosion impacts on receiving water | Disagree | Neutral | Neutral | AANDC - Greater likelihood of erosion from soil cover. LSCFN - Also discussed this but it didn't change rating. |
| 5 | This option will allow vegetation to return to natural succession | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | AANDC - Tailings are now revegetated. YG - Same reason. LSCFN - Also discussed this but concluded that there still wouldn't be natural succession on tailings. However pit and waste rock areas are revegetated. |
| 6 | This option will support traditional land uses | Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | See 1b |
| 7 | This option will support other non-traditional land uses | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | See 1b |
| 8 | This option will maximize job opportunities for LSCFN | Neutral | Agree | Agree | See 1b |
| 9 | This option will minimize adverse socio-economic effects on LSCFN and the local community | Neutral | Agree | Agree | See 1b |
| 10 | This option will maximize economic benefits to other Yukoners/northerners | Neutral | Agree | Agree | See 1b |
| 11 | This option will minimize long-term maintenance requirements | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | See 1b |
| 12 | This option is financially practicable | Disagree | Disagree | Agree | See 1b |
| 13 | This option is technically feasible | Neutral | Disagree | Agree | YG - Would be difficult to maintain long-term saturation of cover, and at same time keep channel over cover. LSCFN - Also discussed this but did not change rating. |

Table 6: Evaluation of Option 3

| Objective | | LSCFN | YG | AANDC | Notes |
|-----------|---|----------------|---------|----------------|---|
| 1 | This option will remove physical hazards to human safety | Agree | Agree | Agree | |
| 2 | This option will minimize the risk of human exposure to contaminants | Neutral | Agree | Neutral | |
| 3 | This option will minimize contamination of harvest animals and vegetation | Agree | Agree | Agree | |
| 4a | This option will minimize contamination of receiving waters | Neutral | Neutral | Disagree | AANDC - This option has the worst water quality performance, plus there are relatively high risks associated with performance. YG and LSCFN agree with that rationale, but overall performance of options is similar. |
| 4b | This option will minimize erosion impacts on receiving water | Neutral | Agree | Neutral | YG - Risk is primarily during the tailings transfer, but would be short term. |
| 5 | This option will allow vegetation to return to natural succession | Disagree | Neutral | Neutral | LSCFN - Some area on tailings will remain unvegetated, where we want water to infiltrate. AANDC - There will be some vegetation on the tailings and partial revegetation on the waste. YG - Large area of waste rock is not entirely revegetated. |
| 6 | This option will support traditional land uses | Agree | Agree | Agree | |
| 7 | This option will support other non-traditional land uses | Agree | Agree | Neutral | AANDC - Removal of trails and roads would limit ATV access. Presence of tailings would limit future exploration. YG - Agree that future mining would be restricted. But public road will still provide opportunity for any other access to area, and mine footprint will be small. YG - Future mining would not be that limited because it would be underground access. New mill and tailings would be needed - better than before. |
| 8 | This option will maximize job opportunities for LSCFN | Strongly Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree | |
| 9 | This option will minimize adverse socio-economic effects on LSCFN and the local community | Agree | Agree | Agree | |
| 10 | This option will maximize economic benefits to other Yukoners/northerners | Strongly Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree | |
| 11 | This option will minimize long-term maintenance requirements | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | YG - Requirement to inspect/maintain dam and spillway. Requirement to monitor tailings saturation and water in pit, waste rock seepage, and vegetation success. AANDC - Dam may not be classified as requiring long-term monitoring. YG - Long-term monitoring costs would be different than Option 4. |

| Objective | | LSCFN | YG | AANDC | Notes |
|-----------|--|----------|---------|----------|--|
| 12 | This option is financially practicable | Disagree | Agree | Disagree | AANDC - Cost and risk associated with slurry/blending operation and consolidation are high, leading to operational risk and a wide uncertainty in cost estimates that will persist even after design is advanced. YG - Agrees that there are cost uncertainties, but not enough to rule it out. Costs still remains within range of uncertainty in others. LSCFN - Agree with concerns about operational cost risks. |
| 13 | This option is technically feasible | Disagree | Neutral | Disagree | AANDC - Water volumes are uncertain. Slurrying, blending and consolidation are significant concerns, as is installation of cover on saturated base. Three to four year window might be questionable. LSCFN - Tailings can be moved, and risks get transformed to costs. Blending remains a challenge. YG - Agree that this has the highest degree of uncertainty. Could turn into Option 4 if it doesn't perform well. |

Table 7: Evaluation of Option 4

| Objective | | LSCFN | YG | AANDC | Notes |
|-----------|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| 1 | This option will remove physical hazards to human safety | Strongly Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree | |
| 2 | This option will minimize the risk of human exposure to contaminants | Agree | Strongly Agree | Strongly Agree | |
| 3 | This option will minimize contamination of harvest animals and vegetation | Strongly Agree | Strongly Agree | Agree | |
| 4a | This option will minimize contamination of receiving waters | Agree | Agree | Agree | |
| 4b | This option will minimize erosion impacts on receiving water | Agree | Agree | Neutral | |
| 5 | This option will allow vegetation to return to natural succession | Strongly Agree | Agree | Agree | |
| 6 | This option will support traditional land uses | Agree | Strongly Agree | Agree | |
| 7 | This option will support other non-traditional land uses | Agree | Agree | Neutral | |
| 8 | This option will maximize job opportunities for LSCFN | Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree | |
| 9 | This option will minimize adverse socio-economic effects on LSCFN and the local community | Agree | Agree | Agree | |
| 10 | This option will maximize economic benefits to other Yukoners/northerners | Strongly Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree | |
| 11 | This option will minimize long-term maintenance requirements | Agree | Neutral | Agree | AANDC - Significantly less monitoring and maintenance than other versions. |
| 12 | This option is financially practicable | Agree | Agree | Disagree | AANDC - This is the most expensive option, even if it goes as planned. And there are cost risks associated with moving the tailings and constructing a liner. |
| 13 | This option is technically feasible | Agree | Agree | Neutral | AANDC - Concern about the tailings relocation process. Assumption of frozen tailings and winter construction could delay progress. Long-term water balance is also a concern. |

Table 8: Summary of Evaluations by Option

| Option 1a | | | | Option 2a | | | | Option 3 | | | |
|-----------|-------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|---------|----------------|
| | LSCFN | YG | AANDC | | LSCFN | YG | AANDC | | LSCFN | YG | AANDC |
| 1 | Disagree | Disagree | Agree | 1 | Disagree | Disagree | Agree | 1 | Agree | Agree | Agree |
| 2 | Disagree | Agree | Agree | 2 | Disagree | Agree | Agree | 2 | Neutral | Agree | Neutral |
| 3 | Disagree | Agree | Agree | 3 | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | 3 | Agree | Agree | Agree |
| 4a | Disagree | Neutral | Neutral | 4a | Disagree | Neutral | Neutral | 4a | Neutral | Neutral | Disagree |
| 4b | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | 4b | Disagree | Neutral | Neutral | 4b | Neutral | Agree | Neutral |
| 5 | Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | 5 | Disagree | Disagree | Agree | 5 | Disagree | Neutral | Neutral |
| 6 | Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | 6 | Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | 6 | Agree | Agree | Agree |
| 7 | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | 7 | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | 7 | Agree | Agree | Neutral |
| 8 | Disagree | Agree | Agree | 8 | Disagree | Agree | Agree | 8 | Strongly Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
| 9 | Disagree | Agree | Agree | 9 | Disagree | Agree | Agree | 9 | Agree | Agree | Agree |
| 10 | Disagree | Agree | Agree | 10 | Disagree | Agree | Agree | 10 | Strongly Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
| 11 | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | 11 | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | 11 | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral |
| 12 | Disagree | Disagree | Agree | 12 | Disagree | Disagree | Agree | 12 | Disagree | Agree | Disagree |
| 13 | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | 13 | Neutral | Disagree | Agree | 13 | Disagree | Neutral | Disagree |

| Option 1b | | | | Option 2b | | | | Option 4 | | | |
|-----------|-------------------|----------|----------------|-----------|-------------------|----------|----------------|----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | LSCFN | YG | AANDC | | LSCFN | YG | AANDC | | LSCFN | YG | AANDC |
| 1 | Agree | Neutral | Strongly Agree | 1 | Agree | Neutral | Strongly Agree | 1 | Strongly Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
| 2 | Disagree | Agree | Agree | 2 | Disagree | Agree | Agree | 2 | Agree | Strongly Agree | Strongly Agree |
| 3 | Disagree | Agree | Agree | 3 | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | 3 | Strongly Agree | Strongly Agree | Agree |
| 4a | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | 4a | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | 4a | Agree | Agree | Agree |
| 4b | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | 4b | Disagree | Neutral | Neutral | 4b | Agree | Agree | Neutral |
| 5 | Disagree | Neutral | Neutral | 5 | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | 5 | Strongly Agree | Agree | Agree |
| 6 | Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | 6 | Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | 6 | Agree | Strongly Agree | Agree |
| 7 | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | 7 | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | 7 | Agree | Agree | Neutral |
| 8 | Neutral | Agree | Agree | 8 | Neutral | Agree | Agree | 8 | Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
| 9 | Neutral | Agree | Agree | 9 | Neutral | Agree | Agree | 9 | Agree | Agree | Agree |
| 10 | Neutral | Agree | Agree | 10 | Neutral | Agree | Agree | 10 | Strongly Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
| 11 | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | 11 | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | 11 | Agree | Neutral | Agree |
| 12 | Disagree | Disagree | Agree | 12 | Disagree | Disagree | Agree | 12 | Agree | Agree | Disagree |
| 13 | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | 13 | Neutral | Disagree | Agree | 13 | Agree | Agree | Neutral |

Table 9: Summary of Evaluations by Organization

| LSCFN | | | | | | YG | | | | | | AANDC | | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------------|----|----------|----------------|----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 1a | 1b | 2a | 2b | 3 | 4 | | 1a | 1b | 2a | 2b | 3 | 4 | | 1a | 1b | 2a | 2b | 3 | 4 |
| 1 | Disagree | Agree | Disagree | Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree | 1 | Disagree | Neutral | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Agree | 1 | Agree | Strongly Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
| 2 | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | 2 | Agree | Agree | Agree | Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree | 2 | Agree | Agree | Agree | Agree | Neutral | Strongly Agree |
| 3 | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree | 3 | Agree | Agree | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree | 3 | Agree | Agree | Agree | Agree | Agree | Agree |
| 4a | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | 4a | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | 4a | Neutral | Agree | Neutral | Agree | Disagree | Agree |
| 4b | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | 4b | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | Agree | 4b | Agree | Agree | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral |
| 5 | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Agree | 5 | Disagree | Neutral | Disagree | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | 5 | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | Agree | Neutral | Agree |
| 6 | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | Agree | Agree | 6 | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree | 6 | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | Agree |
| 7 | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | Agree | 7 | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | Agree | 7 | Agree | Agree | Agree | Agree | Neutral | Neutral |
| 8 | Disagree | Neutral | Disagree | Neutral | Strongly Agree | Agree | 8 | Agree | Agree | Agree | Agree | Agree | Agree | 8 | Agree | Agree | Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree | Strongly Agree |
| 9 | Disagree | Neutral | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Agree | 9 | Agree | Agree | Agree | Agree | Agree | Agree | 9 | Agree | Agree | Agree | Agree | Agree | Agree |
| 10 | Disagree | Neutral | Disagree | Neutral | Strongly Agree | Strongly Agree | 10 | Agree | Agree | Agree | Agree | Agree | Agree | 10 | Agree | Agree | Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree | Strongly Agree |
| 11 | Strongly Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Neutral | Agree | 11 | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Neutral | 11 | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree |
| 12 | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | Agree | 12 | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree | Agree | Agree | 12 | Agree | Agree | Agree | Disagree | Disagree | Disagree |
| 13 | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Disagree | Agree | 13 | Neutral | Neutral | Disagree | Neutral | Neutral | Agree | 13 | Agree | Agree | Agree | Disagree | Disagree | Neutral |

Table 10: Opinions on the Importance of Each Objective to Each Party

| Objective | | LSCFN | YG | AANDC |
|-----------|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | This option will remove physical hazards to human safety | Medium - High | High Importance | Medium - High |
| 2 | This option will minimize the risk of human exposure to contaminants | High Importance | High Importance | High Importance |
| 3 | This option will minimize contamination of harvest animals and vegetation | High Importance | High Importance | Medium - High |
| 4a | This option will minimize contamination of receiving waters | High Importance | High Importance | High Importance |
| 4b | This option will minimize erosion impacts on receiving water | Medium - High | Medium - High | Medium - High |
| 5 | This option will allow vegetation to return to natural succession | High Importance | Medium - Low | Medium - Low |
| 6 | This option will support traditional land uses | High Importance | Medium - High | Medium - High |
| 7 | This option will support other non-traditional land uses | Low Importance | Medium - High | Medium - Low |
| 8 | This option will maximize job opportunities for LSCFN | Medium - High | Medium - High | Medium - High |
| 9 | This option will minimize adverse socio-economic effects on LSCFN and the local community | Medium - Low | Medium - High | Medium - High |
| 10 | This option will maximize economic benefits to other Yukoners/northerners | Medium - High | Medium - High | Medium - High |
| 11 | This option will minimize long-term maintenance requirements | Medium - High | High Importance | Medium - High |
| 12 | This option is financially practicable | Medium - High | Medium - High | High Importance |
| 13 | This option is technically feasible | High Importance | High Importance | Medium - High |

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Appendices

APPENDIX A – Risk Assessment Methodology

Appendix A-1: Risk Rating Tools

Appendix A-2: Consequence Severity Matrix

Appendix A-3: Likelihood Terminology

Appendix A-4: Risk Matrix

Appendix A-1: Risk Rating Tools

The risk rating method employs the three charts on the following pages.

The "Consequence-Severity Matrix" lists various types of negative outcomes, and classifies their severity from "Low" to "Critical". The matrix shown here is taken from the INAC-CSP guidance.

The "Likelihood" chart defines a series of terms used to define the likelihood that a consequence (from the previous chart) will be realized. The columns of the table give examples to guide the selection of the appropriate term.

The "Risk Matrix" assigns each combination of severity and likelihood to a "risk" level. Different parties will place different priorities on each level of "risk".

Appendix A-2: Consequence Severity Matrix

| Consequence Categories | Very Low | Minor | Moderate | Major | Critical |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|
| 1. Environmental Impact | No impact. | Minor localized or short-term impacts. | Significant impact on valued ecosystem component. | Significant impact on valued ecosystem component and medium-term impairment of ecosystem function. | Serious long-term impairment of ecosystem function. |
| 2. Special Considerations | Some disturbance but no impact to traditional land use. | Minor or perceived impact to traditional land use. | Some mitigatable impact to traditional land use. | Significant temporary impact to traditional land use. | Significant permanent impact on traditional land use. |
| 3. Legal Obligations | Informal advice from a regulatory agency. | Technical/Administrative non-compliance with permit, approval or regulatory requirement. Warning letter issued. | Breach of regulations, permits, or approvals (e.g. 1 day violation of discharge limits). Order or direction issued. | Substantive breach of regulations, permits or approvals (e.g. multi-day violation of discharge limits). Prosecution. | Major breach of regulation – wilful violation. Court order issued. |
| 4. Consequence Costs | < \$100,000 | \$100,000 - \$500,000 | \$ 500,000 - \$2.5 Million | \$2.5-\$10 Million | >\$10 Million |
| 5. Community/Media/Reputation | Local concerns, but no local complaints or adverse press coverage. | Public concern restricted to local complaints or local adverse press coverage. | Heightened concern by local community, criticism by NGOs or adverse local /regional media attention. | Significant adverse national public, NGO or media attention. | Serious public outcry/demonstrations or adverse International NGO attention or media coverage. |
| 6. Human Health and Safety | Low-level short-term subjective symptoms. No measurable physical effect. No medical treatment. | Objective but reversible disability/impairment and /or medical treatment injuries requiring hospitalization. | Moderate irreversible disability or impairment to one or more people. | Single fatality and /or severe irreversible disability or impairment to one or more people. | Multiple fatalities. |

Appendix A-3: Likelihood Terminology

| Likelihood | Descriptor 2 | Frequency Descriptor | Probability of occurrence over twenty years | Probability of occurrence in any one year |
|-----------------------|--|--|---|---|
| Almost Certain | Happens often | High frequency (more than once every 5 years) | 98% | 17.8% |
| Likely | Could easily happen | Event does occur, has a history, once every 15 years | 75% | 6.7% |
| Possible | Could happen and has happened elsewhere | Occurs once every 40 years | 40% | 2.5% |
| Unlikely | Hasn't happened yet but could | Occurs once every 200 years | 10% | 0.5% |
| Very Unlikely | Conceivable, but only in extreme circumstances | Occurs once every 1000 years | 2% | 0.1% |

Appendix A-4: Risk Matrix

| Likelihood | Consequence Severity | | | | |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Low | Minor | Moderate | Major | Critical |
| Almost Certain | Moderate | Moderately High | High | Very High | Very High |
| Likely | Moderate | Moderate | Moderately High | High | Very High |
| Possible | Low | Moderate | Moderately High | High | High |
| Unlikely | Low | Low | Moderate | Moderately High | Moderately High |
| Very Unlikely | Low | Low | Low | Moderate | Moderately High |

APPENDIX B: Risk Assessments Results

Appendix B-1: Tailings in Options 1a and 2a

Appendix B-2: Tailings in Options 2a and 2b

Appendix B-3: Waste Rock and Pit in Options 1a and 2a

Appendix B-4: Waste Rock Backfilled into Pit in Options 1b and 2b

Appendix B-5: Wet Tailings in Pit

Appendix B-6: Dry Tailings in Pit

Appendix B-7: Common Elements

Appendix B-1: Tailings in Options 1a and 2a

| B1 Tailings in Options 1a and 2a | | | | | | NOTES |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------|----------|---------------|-----------------|--|
| | | Consequence | | Likelihood | Risk Rating | |
| | | Type | Severity | Probability | Descriptive | |
| 1 | Flooding causes erosion of the spillway inlet and loss of tailings material into Victoria Creek | Env. Imp. | Moderate | Possible | Moderately High | Do we know the flood event required to cause this? Current design has erosion protection on inflow but not at outlet. Could be less severe if tailings volume is small. |
| 2 | Degradation of permafrost below shear key is not detected or repaired, in combination with earthquake, causing liquefaction and ultimately leading to settlement of dam crest, breach and release of about 1/3 of tailings to Victoria Creek. | Env. Imp. | Major | Unlikely | Moderately High | If permafrost is "almost certain" to degrade, then likelihood is driven only by what level of earthquake is needed to liquefy zone of degraded permafrost. But there will be monitoring of thermosiphon performance. Thermosiphons are expected to work for 60-70 years under linearly increasing climate. Then soil would take some additional time to thaw. |
| 2 | | Conseq. Costs | Major | Unlikely | Moderately High | Cost for cleanup of spilled tailings PLUS cost of stabilizing the remaining tailings. Could go into the Extreme category. |
| 3 | Spillway blockage by ice leading to overtopping breach of dam and release of about 1/3 of tailings | Env. Imp. | Major | Possible | High | There is an option to use the current diversion as a secondary spillway, but not in the current design. There is 1 m of freeboard that may store some freshet flows - need to check that and reduce likelihood if storage is significant. |
| 3 | | Conseq. Costs | Major | Possible | High | Cost for cleanup of spilled tailings PLUS cost of stabilizing the remaining tailings. Could go into the Extreme category. |
| 4 | Flood event greater than design event, either due to flood being large or design event being incorrectly estimated, leading to breach and release of 1/3 of tailings. | Env. Imp. | Major | Very Unlikely | Moderate | Current design is for 1:10,000 flood. |
| 5 | Earthquake greater than design event leading to breach and release of about 1/3 of tailings. | Env. Imp. | Major | Very Unlikely | Moderate | |
| 6 | Piping along abutments or possibly related to spillway, above level where toe berm filter is constructed, resulting in breach and release of about 1/3 of tailings. | Env. Imp. | Major | Very Unlikely | Moderate | Gradients do not increase significantly above the current situation. There is some additional mitigation from the repair of the liner on the dam face. |
| 7 | Degradation of permafrost below shear key is detected and leads to a requirement to adopt alternative stabilization measures. | Conseq. Costs | Major | Possible | High | A number of factors could lead to a requirement to adopt alternative measures, including climate change, excessive seepage, other factors discovered in detailed investigation or design. |
| 8 | Climate change results in tailings becoming dry and releasing acidity. | Env. Imp. | Minor | Very Unlikely | Low | Humidity cells remain neutral after one year of testing, so tailings would need to be exposed for many years. |
| 9 | Seepage quantity is higher than expected causing increase in loading to downstream environments, leading to exceedance of downstream water quality objectives. | Env. Imp. | Minor | Unlikely | Low | Localized exceedance of water quality objectives only. |
| 10 | Contaminant concentrations in seepage are higher than expected, leading to exceedance of downstream water quality objectives. | Env. Imp. | Moderate | Unlikely | Moderate | Root cause is a loss of contaminant attenuation and/or a change in contaminant source term. Sensitivity analyses show possibility of exceedances in winter low flow conditions. |
| | | Conseq. Costs | Moderate | Unlikely | Moderate | A range of mitigation costs is conceivable, including active treatment with higher costs that would rate as Major-Very Unlikely. |
| 11 | Contaminant concentrations in water cover are higher than expected, not addressed, and discharged into creek. | Env. Imp. | Moderate | Unlikely | Moderate | Root cause is diffusion layer not functioning properly or change in source term. Water quality in current pond is much better than seepage quality, even without the diffusion barrier. But re-routing of Dome Creek will increase flows, meaning that loadings could go up even if concentrations do not increase. How it is built needs to be addressed in feasibility design. |
| 12 | Difficulty in constructing the upstream liner in the tailings beach. | Conseq. Costs | Moderate | Possible | Moderately High | Bill reports that people who worked on the original construction say that there is a liner in place, so this activity might not be necessary. Water treatment cost is not included in current design. |
| 12 | | Human H&S | Major | Very Unlikely | Moderate | Needs to be dealt with in further design and planning. |
| 13 | Spillway failure leads to requirement for replacement of armouring | Conseq. Costs | Minor | Possible | Moderate | Current cost estimate for ditch protection does not indicate that it will be built for long term. |

Appendix B-2: Tailings in Options 2a and 2b

| B2 Tailings in Options 2a and 2b | | Consequence | | Likelihood | Risk Rating | NOTES |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------|----------|---------------|-----------------|--|
| | | Type | Severity | Probability | Descriptive | |
| 1 | Flooding causes erosion of the spillway inlet and loss of tailings material into Victoria Creek | Env. Imp. | Moderate | Very Unlikely | Low | Surface channel across tailings is armoured. |
| 2 | Degradation of permafrost below shear key is not detected or repaired, in combination with earthquake, causing liquefaction and ultimately leading to settlement of dam crest, breach and release of about 1/3 of tailings to Victoria Creek. | Env. Imp. | Moderate | Unlikely | Moderate | Consequence is lower than in Option 1 because there is no pond to drive the outflow and breach. (If permafrost is "almost certain" to degrade, the likelihood is driven only by what level of earthquake is needed to liquefy zone of degraded permafrost. But there will be monitoring of thermosyphon performance. Thermosyphons are expected to work for 60-70 years under linearly increasing climate. Then soil would take some additional time to thaw.) |
| 2 | | Conseq. Costs | Major | Unlikely | Moderately High | (Cost for cleanup of spilled tailings PLUS cost of stabilizing the remaining tailings. Could go into the Extreme category.) |
| 3 | Spillway blockage by ice leading to overtopping breach of dam and release of about 1/3 of tailings | Env. Imp. | Major | Possible | High | There are differences from Option 1 but not enough to change categories. (There is an option to use the current diversion as a secondary spillway, but not in the current design. There is 1 m of freeboard that may store some freshet flows - need to check that and reduce likelihood if storage is significant.) |
| 3 | | Conseq. Costs | Major | Possible | High | Cost for cleanup of spilled tailings PLUS cost of stabilizing the remaining tailings. Could go into the Extreme category. |
| 4 | Flood event greater than design event, either due to flood being large or design event being incorrectly estimated, leading to breach and release of 1/3 of tailings. | Env. Imp. | Major | Very Unlikely | Moderate | Current design is for 1:10,000 flood. |
| 5 | Earthquake greater than design event leading to breach and release of about 1/3 of tailings. | Env. Imp. | Moderate | Very Unlikely | Low | Lower consequence than Option 1 because there is no pond to drive breach or tailings outflow. |
| 6 | Piping along abutments or possibly related to spillway, above level where toe berm filter is constructed, resulting in breach and release of about 1/3 of tailings. | Env. Imp. | Moderate | Very Unlikely | Low | Lower consequence than Option 1 because there is no pond to drive breach or tailings outflow. (Gradients do not increase significantly above the current situation. There is some additional mitigation from the repair of the liner on the dam face.) |
| 7 | Degradation of permafrost below shear key is detected and leads to a requirement to adopt alternative stabilization measures. | Conseq. Costs | Major | Possible | High | A number of factors could lead to a requirement to adopt alternative measures, including climate change, excessive seepage, other factors discovered in detailed investigation or design. |
| 8 | Climate change results in tailings becoming dry and releasing acidity. | Env. Imp. | Minor | Very Unlikely | Low | Even less likely than in Option 1, because soil cover would tend to remain wet. (Humidity cells remain neutral after one year of testing, so tailings would need to be exposed for many years.) |
| 9 | Seepage quantity is higher than expected causing increase in loading to downstream environments, leading to exceedance of downstream water quality objectives. | Env. Imp. | Minor | Unlikely | Low | Localized exceedance of water quality objectives only. |
| 10 | Contaminant concentrations in seepage are higher than expected, leading to exceedance of downstream water quality objectives. | Env. Imp. | Moderate | Very Unlikely | Low | Water overflows in channel rather in pond of Option 1, so less likely. (Root cause is a loss of contaminant attenuation and/or a change in contaminant source term. Sensitivity analyses show possibility of exceedances in winter low flow conditions.) |
| | | Conseq. Costs | Moderate | Unlikely | Moderate | A range of mitigation costs is conceivable, including active treatment with higher costs that would rate as Major-Very Unlikely. |
| 11 | Contaminant concentrations in water flowing over soil cover are higher than expected, not addressed, and discharged into creek. | Env. Imp. | Moderate | Unlikely | Moderate | Root cause is diffusion layer not functioning properly or change in source term. Water quality in current pond is much better than seepage quality, even without the diffusion barrier. But re-routing of Dome Creek will increase flows, meaning that loadings could go up even if concentrations do not increase. How it is built needs to be addressed in feasibility design. |
| 12 | Difficulty in constructing the upstream liner in the tailings beach. | Conseq. Costs | Moderate | Possible | Moderately High | Bill reports that people who worked on the original construction say that there is a liner in place, so this activity might not be necessary. Water treatment cost is not included in current design. |
| 12 | | Human H&S | Major | Very Unlikely | Moderate | Needs to be dealt with in further design and planning. |
| 13 | Spillway failure leads to requirement for replacement of armouring. | Conseq. Costs | Minor | Possible | Moderate | Current cost estimate for ditch protection does not indicate that it will be built for long term. |
| 14 | Surface water escapes channel and erodes soil cover. | Conseq. Costs | Very Low | Possible | Low | Settlement of tailings creates distortions in channel and requires channel to be repaired. |
| 15 | Uptake of contaminants by vegetation. | Env. Imp. | Minor | Unlikely | Low | |

Appendix B-3: Waste Rock and Pit in Options 1a and 2a

| B3 Waste Rock and Pit in Options 1a and 2a | | | | | | |
|--|--|---------------|----------|---------------|-------------|--|
| | | Consequence | | Likelihood | Risk Rating | NOTES |
| | | Type | Severity | Probability | Descriptive | |
| 1 | Degradation of water quality during and immediately after regrading of waste leading to increased contaminant in Dome Creek (or Pony). | Env. Imp. | Minor | Unlikely | Low | Movement of waste will expose surfaces that have not been flushed, leading to increases in contaminant concentrations in seepage, lasting for 5 years. |
| 2 | Contaminant source terms predictions higher than expected, no additional measures taken, deep groundwater pathway ultimately delivers higher than expected level of contaminants into receiving water. | Env. Imp. | Moderate | Unlikely | Moderate | Current predictions use conservative estimates of groundwater flow and seepage chemistry. Upper estimates in model runs show exceedances of zinc and cadmium at least 50% of the year in Victoria Creek. |
| 2 | | Conseq. Costs | Moderate | Unlikely | Moderate | This is less than the cost difference between the "a" options and the "b" options, under the assumption that incremental measures would be taken. |
| 3 | Pit lake water quality degrades over long term leading to risk of exposure. | Env. Imp. | Very Low | Possible | Low | No receptors that would contact the pit water directly. Outflow via groundwater is covered under scenario 2 |
| 4 | Pit water level rises and hydraulic bulkhead fails, leading to release of water to Pony Creek and then to Victoria Creek. | Env. Imp. | Moderate | Very Unlikely | Low | Current design includes allowance for building hydraulic plug. |
| 5 | Vegetation islands do not propagate as planned, leading to need for additional measures. | Conseq. Costs | Minor | Likely | Moderate | |
| 6 | Uptake of contaminants in vegetation and then by wildlife. | Env. Imp. | Minor | Possible | Moderate | |
| 7 | Loss of life due to ATV or snow machine going over pit wall. | Human H&S | Major | Very Unlikely | Moderate | |
| 8 | Safety issues during pit backfill. | Env. Imp. | Very Low | Very Unlikely | Low | NOT RELEVANT IN THIS CASE |
| 9 | Dust dispersion during waste rock regrading. | Env. Imp. | Very Low | Likely | Moderate | Less of a concern than in relocation cases. |

Appendix B-4: Waste Rock Backfilled into Pit in Options 1b and 2b

| B4 Waste Rock backfilled into Pit in Options 1b and 2b | | | | | | Consequence | Likelihood | Risk Rating | NOTES |
|--|--|---------------|----------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--|
| | | Type | Severity | Probability | Descriptive | | | | |
| 1 | Degradation of water quality during and immediately after relocation of waste rock leading to increased contaminant in Dome Creek (or Pony). | Env. Imp. | Minor | Possible | Moderate | | | | Longer period of time and higher volume increases risk in comparison to "a" options. Movement of waste will expose surfaces that have not been flushed, leading to increases in contaminant concentrations in seepage, lasting for 3-5 years. |
| 2 | Contaminant source terms predictions higher than expected, no additional measures taken, deep groundwater pathway ultimately delivers higher than expected level of contaminants into receiving water. | Env. Imp. | Moderate | Unlikely | Moderate | | | | Deposition of waste rock into pits leads to a change in geochemical conditions that would lead to increased arsenic concentrations. But tailings are still by far the dominant source of arsenic. Waste rock accounts for a greater proportion of cadmium and zinc. Relocation of the waste rock to pit could change zinc and cadmium concentrations slightly, but the flux through pit is much less than through the pile, and pit lake water quality is already bad. Upper estimates in model runs show exceedances of zinc and cadmium at least 50% of the year in Victoria Creek, very similar to "a" options. |
| 3 | | Conseq. Costs | Moderate | Unlikely | Moderate | | | | This is less than the cost difference between the "a" options and the "b" options, under the assumption that incremental measures would be taken. In this case covering the waste would be lower cost than water treatment. |
| 4 | Pit lake water quality degrades over long term leading to risk of exposure. | Env. Imp. | Very Low | Very Unlikely | | | | | NOT RELEVANT IN THIS CASE |
| 5 | Pit water level rises and hydraulic bulkhead fails, leading to release of water to Pony Creek and then to Victoria Creek. | Env. Imp. | Moderate | Very Unlikely | Low | | | | Current design includes allowance for building hydraulic plug. |
| 6 | Vegetation islands do not propagate as planned, leading to need for additional measures. | Conseq. Costs | Minor | Likely | Moderate | | | | Footprint of former waste rock area and backfilled pit. |
| 7 | Uptake of contaminants in vegetation and then by wildlife. | Env. Imp. | Minor | Possible | Moderate | | | | |
| 8 | Loss of life due to ATV or snow machine going over pit wall | Human H&S | Major | Very Unlikely | Moderate | | | | Remaining pit slope would be much less |
| 9 | Safety issues during pit backfill. | Human H&S | Major | Unlikely | Moderately High | | | | Further stabilization or safe work processes to be defined during further design. |
| 9 | Dust dispersion during waste rock relocation. | Env. Imp. | Minor | Likely | Moderate | | | | Needs further consideration during design. |

Appendix B-5: Wet Tailings in Pit

| B5 Wet tailings in Pit | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--|---------------|----------|---------------|-----------------|--|
| | | Consequence | | Likelihood | Risk Rating | NOTES |
| | | Type | Severity | Probability | Descriptive | |
| 1 | Failure of the pumping or piping system leads to uncontrolled discharge to the environment. | Env. Imp. | Minor | Possible | Moderate | |
| 2 | Costs of controlling the dredging operation to achieve blended material are significantly higher than expected. | Conseq. Costs | Moderate | Likely | Moderately High | Wide range. Additional field control would only add \$200,000, but a thickener could be \$1,000,000. |
| 3 | Costs for treating water are greater than expected. | Conseq. Costs | Minor | Likely | Moderate | Current cost estimate is based on treating one porewater volume, but includes a significant capital cost. |
| 4 | Increase in seepage during dredging operation. | Env. Imp. | Moderate | Unlikely | Moderate | Seepage capture system is in place but sized for smaller flows. |
| 5 | Pond level increase to initiate dredging leads to dam failure. | Env. Imp. | Major | Very Unlikely | Moderate | Pond was drained to improve stability, but pond would only need to be raised for only a few weeks. |
| 6 | Risk of human fatality during dredging operation. | Human H&S | Major | Very Unlikely | Moderate | |
| 7 | Risk of fatality in the pit during dam construction, tailings deposition or tailings covering. | Human H&S | Major | Unlikely | Moderately High | |
| 8 | Tailings do not consolidate as rapidly as expected, and cover construction is delayed. | Conseq. Costs | Very Low | Likely | Moderate | 90% consolidation could take up to 20 years, but it is logarithmic so much of it will happen in first year. There is allowance for cover maintenance, but could it be delayed enough to require remobilization. This has limited cost implications - mob costs only. |
| 9 | Poor consolidation during tailings deposition leads to delay in tailings relocation. | Conseq. Costs | Moderate | Likely | Moderately High | Could also be solved by a thickener. |
| 10 | Failure of pit wall dam over long term, leading to discharge of tailings. | Env. Imp. | Minor | Very Unlikely | Low | Dam would be founded on pit bedrock and constructed of waste rock with a liner on face. Waste rock is available for buttressing. Most of the time there would be no water available to push tailings out of pond. Tailings would not even reach Dome Creek valley. |
| 11 | Drought conditions lead to dry tailings and increased oxidation, leading to need to install Pony Creek diversion or other source of water. | Conseq. Costs | Minor | Possible | Moderate | |
| 12 | Blending of tailings is incomplete, leading to dry areas and higher oxidation, and deep groundwater pathway ultimately delivers higher than expected level of contaminants into receiving water. | Env. Imp. | Moderate | Unlikely | Moderate | Need blend of fine and coarse tailings to get desired soil moisture characteristics, so plan is to dredge fine and coarse and blend slurries. Slurry would then be deposited into pond. If tailings are dry, source concentrations would reach those of Option 4, but infiltration rates would be much higher. |
| 13 | Higher rates of contaminant sources, loading and/or transport are detected and additional mitigation measures are taken. | Conseq. Costs | Moderate | Possible | Moderately High | Range of mitigation measures are conceivable, with different costs associated with different times of detection. |
| 14 | Leakage around Adit Plug discharges contaminated water to Pony Creek. | Env. Imp. | Moderate | Very Unlikely | Low | Plan includes additional adit plug |
| 15 | Complete failure leads to release of tailings and water to Pony Creek. | Env. Imp. | Moderate | Very Unlikely | Low | Plan includes additional adit plug |
| 16 | Water overflowing to Pony Creek carries contamination from tailings. | Env. Imp. | Minor | Unlikely | Low | Outflow is only expected under extreme wet years. |
| 17 | Tailings remain saturated as predicted, but some combination of contaminant concentrations, flowrates, and attenuation leads to contaminant loadings to Dome Creek that are higher than predicted. | Env. Imp. | Moderate | Unlikely | Moderate | Source terms are conservative. Groundwater flowrates through pit are uncertain. Attenuation may be less than assumed. |
| 17 | | Conseq. Costs | Major | Unlikely | Moderately High | Assumes nothing is done until problem is in the environment. But then water would be collected from pit and treated. |
| 18 | Volume of contaminated soils below tailings is greater than expected. | Conseq. Costs | Minor | Possible | Moderate | Assumes six inches of soil will be moved to the pit and that the contaminants will be contained in the organic layer. May be more optimizing of pit volume and dam height. ~350,000 for half a meter; this material is not intended to be moved by dredge. |

Appendix B-6: Dry Tailings in Pit

| B6 Dry Tailings in Pit | | | | | |
|------------------------|--|---------------|----------|---------------|-----------------|
| | | Consequence | | Likelihood | Risk Rating |
| | | Type | Severity | Probability | |
| 1 | Spillage of tailings along haul routes. | Env. Imp. | Very Low | Likely | Moderate |
| 2 | Costs of the excavation operation is higher than expected. | Conseq. Costs | Moderate | Possible | Moderately High |
| 3 | Costs for treating water are greater than expected. | Conseq. Costs | Minor | Unlikely | Low |
| 4 | Increase in seepage during dredging operation. | Env. Imp. | Very Low | Very Unlikely | |
| 5 | Pond level increase to initiate dredging leads to dam failure. | Env. Imp. | Very Low | Very Unlikely | |
| 6 | Risk of human fatality during excavation operation. | Human H&S | Major | Very Unlikely | Moderate |
| 7 | Risk of fatality in the pit during dam construction, tailings deposition or tailings covering. | Human H&S | Major | Unlikely | Moderately High |
| 8 | Tailings do not consolidate as rapidly as expected, and cover construction is delayed. | Conseq. Costs | Very Low | Possible | Low |
| 9 | Unfrozen conditions lead to increased costs of depositing tailings into pit. | Conseq. Costs | Minor | Possible | Moderate |
| 10 | Failure of pit wall plug over long term, leading to discharge of tailings. | Env. Imp. | Very Low | Very Unlikely | Low |
| 11 | Drought conditions lead to dry tailings and increased oxidation, leading to need to install Pony Creek diversion or other source of water. | Conseq. Costs | Very Low | Very Unlikely | |
| 12 | Blending of tailings is incomplete, leading to dry areas and higher oxidation, and deep groundwater pathway ultimately delivers higher than expected level of contaminants into receiving water. | Env. Imp. | Very Low | Very Unlikely | |
| 13 | Higher rates of contaminant sources, loading and/or transport are detected and additional mitigation measures are taken. | Conseq. Costs | Moderate | Very Unlikely | Low |
| 14 | Leakage around Adit Plug discharges contaminated water to Pony Creek. | Env. Imp. | Moderate | Very Unlikely | Low |
| 15 | Complete failure leads to release of tailings and water to Pony Creek. | Env. Imp. | Very Low | Very Unlikely | |
| 16 | Water overflowing to Pony Creek carries contamination from tailings. | Env. Imp. | Very Low | Very Unlikely | |
| 17 | Relocation and covering perform as predicted, but some combination of contaminant concentrations, flowrates, and attenuation leads to contaminant loadings to Dome Creek that are higher than predicted. | Env. Imp. | Moderate | Unlikely | Moderate |
| 17 | | Conseq. Costs | Major | Unlikely | Moderately High |
| 18 | Volume of contaminated soils below tailings is greater than expected. | Conseq. Costs | Minor | Possible | Moderate |
| 19 | Cover needs to be replaced at some point in future. | Conseq. Costs | Moderate | Possible | Moderately High |

Appendix B-7: Common Elements

| B-7 Common Elements | | | | |
|---|------------------|----------|------------------------|--|
| | Consequence Type | Severity | Likelihood Probability | Risk Rating Descriptive |
| | | | | |
| 1. Other sources of additional contamination to Dome Creek. | Env. Imp. | Very Low | Very Unlikely | NOT RATED |
| | | | | <p>Contaminant loadings in Dome Creek are already high below mill, tailing and pit area and relatively little. Possible sources above or around mill include Heustis Adit, unknown buried adit, and historic tailings below mill. Potential sources during remediation also include contamination released by mill demolition.</p> |

APPENDIX C: Risk Assessments for Each Option

Appendix C-1: Risk matrix for Option 1a

Appendix C-2: Risk matrix for Option 1b

Appendix C-3: Risk matrix for Option 2a

Appendix C-4: Risk matrix for Option 2b

Appendix C-5: Risk matrix for Option 3

Appendix C-6: Risk matrix for Option 4

Appendix C-1: Risk matrix for Option 1a

| <u>Likelihood</u> | <u>Consequence Severity</u> | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| | Very Low | Minor | Moderate | Major | Critical |
| Almost Certain | | | | | |
| Likely | a.9E | a.5c | | | |
| Possible | a.3E | 1.1C, 1.13C, a.6E | 1.1E, 1.12C | 1.3E, 1.3C, 1.7C | |
| Unlikely | | 1.9E, a.1E | 1.10E, 1.11E, 1.10C, a.2E, a.2C | 1.2E, 1.2C | |
| Very Unlikely | | 1.8E | a.4E | 1.4E, 1.5E, 1.6E, 1.12S, a.7S | |

Appendix C-2: Risk matrix for Option 1b

| <u>Likelihood</u> | <u>Consequence Severity</u> | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| | Very Low | Minor | Moderate | Major | Critical |
| Almost Certain | | | | | |
| Likely | | b.5C, b.9E | | | |
| Possible | | 1.1C, 1.13C, b.1E, b.6E | 1.1E, 1.12C | 1.3E, 1.3C, 1.7C | |
| Unlikely | | 1.9E | 1.10E, 1.11E, 1.10C, b.2E, b.2C | 1.2E, 1.2C, b.8S | |
| Very Unlikely | b.3E | 1.8E | b.4E | 1.4E, 1.5E, 1.6E, 1.12S, B.7S | |

Appendix C-3: Risk matrix for Option 2a

| <u>Likelihood</u> | <u>Consequence Severity</u> | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| | Very Low | Minor | Moderate | Major | Critical |
| Almost Certain | | | | | |
| Likely | a.9E | a.5C | | | |
| Possible | 2.14C, a.3E | 2.13C, a.6E | 2.12C | 2.3E, 2.3C, 2.7C | |
| Unlikely | | 2.9E, 2.15E, a.1E | 2.2E, 2.10E, 2.10C, a.2E, a.2C | 2.2C | |
| Very Unlikely | | 2.8E | 2.1E, 2.5E, 2.6E, 2.11E, a.4E | 2.4E, 2.12S, a.7S | |

Appendix C-4: Risk matrix for Option 2b

| <u>Likelihood</u> | <u>Consequence Severity</u> | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| | Very Low | Minor | Moderate | Major | Critical |
| Almost Certain | | | | | |
| Likely | | b.5S, b.9E | | | |
| Possible | 2.14C | 2.13C, b.1E, b.6E | 2.12C | 2.3E, 2.3C, 2.7C | |
| Unlikely | | 2.9E, 2.15E | 2.2E, 2.10E, 2.10C, b.2E, b.2C | 2.2C, b.8S | |
| Very Unlikely | b.3E | 2.8E | 2.1E, 2.5E, 2.6E, 2.11E, b.4E | 2.4E, 2.12S, b.7S | |

Appendix C-5: Risk matrix for Option 3

| <u>Likelihood</u> | <u>Consequence Severity</u> | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|----------|
| | Very Low | Minor | Moderate | Major | Critical |
| Almost Certain | | | | | |
| Likely | 3.8C, a.9E | 3.3C, a.5C | 3.9C | | |
| Possible | | 3.1E, 3.11C, 3.18C, a.6E | 3.2C, 3.13C | | |
| Unlikely | | 3.4E, 3.16E, a.1E | 3.12E, 3.17E, a.2E, a.2C | 3.7S, 3.17C | |
| Very Unlikely | | 3.10E | 3.14E, 3.15E | 3.5E, 3.6S | |

Appendix C-6: Risk matrix for Option 4

| <u>Likelihood</u> | <u>Consequence Severity</u> | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------|
| | Very Low | Minor | Moderate | Major | Critical |
| Almost Certain | | | | | |
| Likely | 4.1E | | | | |
| Possible | 4.8C | 4.9C, 4.18C | 4.2C, 4.19C | | |
| Unlikely | | 4.3C | 4.17E | 4.7S, 4.17C | |
| Very Unlikely | 4.10E | | 4.13C, 4.14E | 4.6S | |

APPENDIX D – Mount Nansen Closure Objectives

Mt. Nansen Mine Closure Project Objectives

The following closure objectives were established by Yukon Government (GY), Government of Canada (Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), Environment Canada (EC) and Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)), and Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation (LSCFN).

1. Protect human health and safety.

LSCFN

- People using the area will be safe from remaining mine hazards.
- Animals, plants and berries around the mine site are safe to harvest and will stay that way.
- Water at mine site and downstream will be as clean and safe for people to use.
- Mine dust will not be able to build up on plants and soils in years to come so that people are safe.

GY

- Protect human health and safety.

INAC

- Reduce, mitigate and eliminate, where possible and financially practical, risk to human health and safety.

2. Protect and restore the environment including land, air, water, as well as fish and wildlife and their habitats.

LSCFN

- People and animals using the area will be safe from remaining mine hazards.
- Water at the mine site, in the ground, and downstream will be as clean and safe as possible for the health of animals, plants and bugs.
- Mine dust will not be able to build up on plants and soils in years to come to make the health of plants, animals and soils better.
- Restore the land and water so that plants and animals can live there in the way they did before the mine.

GY

- Reduce and mitigate current and future negative environmental impacts.
- Protect ground water and surface water quality.
- Ensure the protection of and restore to the extent possible, aquatic and terrestrial habitat. Reclamation conducive to natural regeneration where practical.

INAC

- Reduce, mitigate and eliminate, where possible and financially practical, risk to environmental health.

DFO

- Reduce the risk of current and future impacts from the Mt. Nansen mine on the aquatic resources and fish habitat to support healthy, productive fish populations in the Victoria/Nisling watershed.
- The valley of Dome Creek should be reclaimed to the extent practicable, to ensure physical stability and reduce the risk of transport of particulate matter to Victoria Creek.

EC

- Adverse impacts of surface and groundwater from the site are reduced to the extent possible and otherwise do not alter the value of the receiving environment.

3. Return Mine Site to an acceptable state that reflects original, traditional and pre-mining land use.

LSCFN

- Quality of water at mine site and downstream will be as clean and safe as possible so it will not limit traditional use. - Move to 2
- The opportunity for traditional uses of the area will be restored and as close to before mining use as possible.
- Make the clean up so good that, as the years go by, we will not have to do much work at the minesite to keep it clean and safe. - Move to 5

GY

- Return land to an acceptable state that doesn't inhibit future land use.
- Ensure the protection of and restore to the extent possible, aquatic and terrestrial habitat. Reclamation conducive to natural regeneration where practical.

INAC

- Return mine site to an acceptable state that reflects original use where possible and financially practical.

4. Maximize local, Yukon and First Nation benefits.

LSCFN

- Local people will be hired to help clean up at the mine. The economic development chapter of the LSCFN Final Agreement should be followed.

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GY

- Provide economic opportunities for Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation members, Carmacks area residents and Yukoners in general.

INAC

- To maximize the social and economic benefits that may accrue to First Nations, and northerners when carrying out activities.

5. Manage risk in a cost effective manner.

GY

- Reduce long term risk in a cost effective manner.
- Design of reclamation to minimize to the extent possible, long-term maintenance activity at the site.

INAC

- Reduce federal liability for this site in the long term.
- Reduce long term site risk in a practical and cost effective manner.

APPENDIX E – Rephrased Objectives

Appendix E – Rephrased Objectives

| Rephrased Mt. Nansen Closure Objectives LSCFN: Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation GY: Yukon Government INAC: Indian and Northern Affairs Canada DFO: Department of Fisheries and Oceans EC: Environment Canada | | Remove Physical Hazards to Human Safety | Minimize the Risk of Human Exposure to Contaminants | Minimize Contamination of Animals and Vegetation | Minimize Contamination of Receiving Waters | Minimize Erosion Impacts on Receiving Water | Allow Vegetation to Return to Natural Succession | Technically Practicable | Financially Practicable | Minimize Long-Term Maintenance Requirement | Maximize Economic Benefits to Other Yukoners/Northerners | Maximize Job Opportunities for LSCFN | Allow for Other Land Uses | Support Traditional Land Uses |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|---|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Protect human health and safety | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LSCFN | People using the area will be safe from remaining mine hazards | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Animals, plants and berries around the mine site are safe to harvest and will stay that way | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Water at mine site and downstream will be as clean and safe for people to use | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| | Mine dust will not be able to build up on plants and soils in years to come so that people are safe. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | |
| GY | Protect human health and safety | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| INAC | Reduce, mitigate and eliminate, where possible and financially practical, risk to human health and safety | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| 2. Protect and restore the environment including land, air, water, as well as fish and wildlife and their habitats. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LSCFN | People and animals using the area will be safe from remaining mine hazards | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Water at the mine site, in the ground and downstream will be clean and safe as possible for the health of animals, plants and bugs | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| | Mine dust will not be able to build up on plants and soils in years to come to make the health of plants, animals and soils better | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Restore the land and water so that plants and animals can live there in the way they did before the mine | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ |
| GY | Reduce and mitigate current and future negative environmental impacts | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| | Protect groundwater and surface water quality | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| | Ensure the protection of and restore to the extent possible, aquatic and terrestrial habitat. Reclamation conducive to natural regeneration where practical | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| INAC | Reduce, mitigate and eliminate, where possible and financially practical, risk to environmental health | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| DFO | Reduce the risk of current and future impacts from the Mt. Nansen mine on the aquatic resources and fish habitat to support healthy, productive fish populations in the Victoria/Nisling watershed | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | |
| | The valley of Dome Creek should be reclaimed to the extent practicable, to ensure physical stability and reduce the risk of transport of particulate matter to Victoria Creek. | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| EC | Adverse impacts of surface and groundwater from the site are reduced to the extent possible and otherwise do not alter the value of the receiving environment | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| 3. Return Mine Site to an acceptable state that reflects original, traditional and pre-mining land use. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LSCFN | The opportunity for traditional uses of the area will be restored and as close to before mining use as possible | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ |
| GY | Return land to an acceptable state that doesn't inhibit future land use | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Ensure the protection of and restore to the extent possible, aquatic and terrestrial habitat. Reclamation conducive to natural regeneration where practical | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | ✓ |
| INAC | Return mine site to an acceptable state that reflects original use where possible and financially practical | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | ✓ |
| 4. Maximize local, Yukon and First Nation benefits. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LSCFN | Local people will be hired to help clean up at the mine. The economic development chapter of the LSCFN Final Agreement should be followed | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| GY | Provide economic opportunities for LSCFN members, Carmacks area residents and Yukoners in general | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| INAC | Maximize the social and economic benefits that may accrue to First Nations, and northerners when carrying out activities | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 5. Manage risk in a cost effective manner | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LSCFN | Make the clean up so good that, as the years go by, we will not have to do much work at the mine site to keep it clean and safe | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| GY | Reduce long term risk in a cost effective manner | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| | Design of reclamation to minimize to the extent possible, long term maintenance activity at the site | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| INAC | Reduce federal liability for this site in the long term | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| | Reduce long term site risk in a practical and cost effective manner | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |

APPENDIX F – Participant Notes

From the workbench of:

Date:

Assessment: very high

3-5

YG Option 1a

1. Pit risk still present - open water on tailings area (thin ice in water) created

→ assume berm NOT fence - sided wall

2. Risks during construction working in tailings - mitigable & small scale - assume no risk to humans thru contact
- dust issues //

3. Minimal contact through waste rock contact - vegetation limit - d/s creek browsing.

4a. Moderate risks identified due to water issues - most are unlikely to very unlikely however, residual risk remains of catastrophic failure leading to significant effects attenuation issues

4b. Minor erosion during construction - acknowledged then in future - likely to need significant construction - residual risk of dam failure

5. Water cover / open pit & vegetation islands - //

From the workbench of:

Date:

6. Large flooded tailings area, open pit \Rightarrow physical restrictions & increased perception risk leading to reduced trad. use.
7. Landform aesthetic may influence rec use in long term reducing opps for local operators (tourism) etc. - hunting/trapping - even though access same & minimizing impacts future exploration same
8. (Perpetual mining \Rightarrow Greater jobs) *
Job opp's materially driven by implementation approach
(50% less person hours than 03 - could go neutral)
9. Impacts driven by implementation approach - schedule shorter but not significant enough)
10. Less technically complex but shorter term & lower requirements \Rightarrow mainly driven by implementation approach
11. Maintain dam - frozen conditions & spilling = thicinosiphos
Monitoring
Barris & warning barriers
Maintenance of water management structures - diffusion layer - aprons etc. cost higher & likelihood of major construction/replacement more likely.

From the workbench of:
Date:

12. Major uncertainty on cost issues related to shear key integrity & construction of liner issues → associated risk to institutional ability to pay in 100 yrs.

13. Tech uncertainty about our long term ability to maintain the frozen condition

- long term issues related to both physical integrity & performance of diffusion layer

→

Option #1A

Group AANDC

| Objective | Rating* | Notes |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1 This option will remove physical hazards to human safety | AGREE | - BERMS AROUND PIT |
| 2 This option will minimize the risk of human exposure to contaminants | AGREE | - TAILINGS COVERED |
| 3 This option will minimize contamination of harvest animals and vegetation | AGREE | - COVER TAILINGS |
| 4b This option will minimize erosion impacts on receiving water | AGREE | - WASTE ROCK POTENTIAL LOW - WATER COVER ELIMINATES SEDIMENT IN WASTE TAILINGS FACILITY |
| 5 This option will allow vegetation to return to natural succession | NEUTRAL | - WASTE ROCK NOT COVERED - PIT WOULD NOT HAVE ANY VEGETATION |
| 6 This option will support traditional land uses | AGREE NEUTRAL * | - WASTE ROCK NOT COVERED - POND SUPPORTS WILDLIFE |
| 7 This option will support other non-traditional land uses | STRONGLY AGREE AGREE * | - TAILINGS CAN BE REPROCESSED |
| 8 This option will maximize job opportunities for LSCFN | AGREE | - SHORTER TIME FRAME - LOWER RESOURCE REQ'TS |
| 9 This option will minimize adverse socio-economic effects on LSCFN and the local community | AGREE | - SAME AS #8 |
| 10 This option will maximize economic benefits to other Yukoners/northerners | AGREE | - SAME AS #8 |
| 11 This option will minimize long-term maintenance requirements | DISAGREE | - THERMOSYPHONS (DAM MAINTENANCE), SAILWAY, ETC - LITTLE/LOW MONITORING OF PIT/WASTE ROCK |
| 12 This option is financially practicable | AGREE | - LOWEST COST - |
| 13 This option is technically feasible | AGREE | - WATER BALANCE - THERMOSYPHONS |

*Rating choices are: Strongly Agree - Agree - Neutral - Disagree - Strongly Disagree

4a minimize contamination of receiving waters

NEUTRAL - WASTE ROCK POTENTIAL NOT ADDRESSED

Option 1(a)Group LSCFN

| Objective | Rating* | Notes |
|---|-------------------|---|
| 1 This option will remove physical hazards to human safety | Disagree | - open pit - dam liner installation |
| 2 This option will minimize the risk of human exposure to contaminants | Disagree | - seepage - Failure & tailings within - Dam liner installation - pit pollution not addressed |
| 3 This option will minimize contamination of harvest animals and vegetation | Disagree | - carbon mouse scratching drinking downstream - fish |
| 4(a) This option will minimize erosion impacts on receiving water | Disagree | - High risks of tailings release due to ice blockage of gullways - most high risk of failure due to earth - seepage not addressed fully, eliminated. - attenuation risk |
| 4(b) This option will allow vegetation to return to natural succession | Disagree | - diversion & spillway issues Pit remains Tailings area remains |
| 5 This option will support traditional land uses | Disagree | Tailings in valley will discourage use |
| 6 This option will support other non-traditional land uses | Neutral | - better for future mining - aesthetics poor - won't resolve controversy over mess which would promote mining ed. |
| 7 This option will maximize job opportunities for LSCFN | strongly disagree | This will be provide the minimum employment to LSCFN |
| 8 This option will minimize adverse socio-economic effects on LSCFN and the local community | Disagree | shorter term jobs |
| 9 This option will maximize economic benefits to other Yukoners/northerners | strongly disagree | - other option clearly provide more economic benefits |
| 10 This option will minimize long-term maintenance requirements | strongly disagree | - Dam, thermosyphons, spillway, diversions, water monitoring make this the worst. |
| 11 This option is financially practicable | Disagree | - Risk that rock caissons have to be installed already installed modern High - ongoing endless costs of monitoring & maintenance |
| 12 This option is technically feasible | Neutral | - risk of thermosyphon failure, seepage → big cost risks |

*Rating choices are: Strongly Agree - Agree - Neutral - Disagree - Strongly Disagree

From the workbench of:

Date:

Option 1b

- 1- Pit gone, tailings in place
↳ except wall → mitigable
- 2- Same as before
↳ lost from regarding tailing
↳ PEE mitigation
- 3- Minimal contact - with waste rock
↳ less due to placement in pit.
↳ possible minimal through seepage areas.
- 4a- Moderate ~~risks~~ risks identified - most are unlikely to very unlikely catastrophic risks remain
- 4b, Minimal difference but performance remains
- 5, Is improvement due to rework on ~~at~~ underlying material rather than waste rock enough
- 6, Air perception - filled pit but maybe perception driven by dam?
7. Not change

From the workbench of:

Date:

8. Same - few more doors but not significant enough
as 1a
to change performance

9 Same as 1a - few changes " " "
to change performance

Same as 9

10 Requirements driven by dam & tailings

"

12 ~~Different~~ No difference - cost risks remain same -

same uncertainty on cost estimates prior performance

driven by major cost risks over others

13. Same -

~~13~~ ~~Different~~

Option #1B

Group A AND C

| Objective | Rating* | Notes |
|---|-----------------------------|---|
| ① This option will remove physical hazards to human safety | STRONGLY AGREE | - BERM NEEDED ON OF ONLY ONE PIT FACE |
| 2 This option will minimize the risk of human exposure to contaminants | AGREE | |
| 3 This option will minimize contamination of harvest animals and vegetation | AGREE | |
| 4b This option will minimize erosion impacts on receiving water | AGREE | |
| 5 This option will allow vegetation to return to natural succession | NEUTRAL AGREE | - ONLY POCKETS ON WASTE ROCK & WHERE IT WAS LOCATED |
| 6 This option will support traditional land uses | NEUTRAL | - TAILINGS IS DRIVER MORE THAN TAILINGS |
| 7 This option will support other non-traditional land uses | AGREE | - REDUCTION DUE TO FILLED PIT NOT SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH TO ADJUST RATING |
| 8 This option will maximize job opportunities for LSCFN | AGREE | - NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE FROM 1A |
| 9 This option will minimize adverse socio-economic effects on LCFSN and the local community | AGREE | - DITTO |
| 10 This option will maximize economic benefits to other Yukoners/northerners | AGREE | - DITTO |
| 11 This option will minimize long-term maintenance requirements | DISAGREE | - WASTE ROCK NOT LARGE COMPONENT OF MONITORING |
| 12 This option is financially practicable | AGREE | - _____ / _____ COST RISK |
| 13 This option is technically feasible | AGREE | - _____ / _____ TECHNICAL RISK |

*Rating choices are: Strongly Agree - Agree - Neutral - Disagree - Strongly Disagree

④a

MINIMIZE CONTAMINATION
OF RECEIVING WATER

AGREE - MODELLING

Option

1 B

Group

LSCFN

| Objective | Rating* | Notes |
|---|---------|--|
| 1 This option will remove physical hazards to human safety | A | Dam liner installation Some remaining hazard @ pit |
| 2 This option will minimize the risk of human exposure to contaminants | D | Risks re. failures Seepage flows, Dam liner installation |
| 3 This option will minimize contamination of harvest animals and vegetation | D | Caribou + moose @ tailings Fish d/s |
| 4b This option will minimize erosion impacts on receiving water | D | Diversion + spillway issues Potential erosion of tailings cover |
| 5 This option will allow vegetation to return to natural succession | D. | Pond + Dam remain as disturbed area |
| 6 This option will support traditional land uses | D. | Tailings in valley will discourage use. |
| 7 This option will support other non-traditional land uses | N. | |
| 8 This option will maximize job opportunities for LSCFN | N. | More opportunities re. WR relocation |
| 9 This option will minimize adverse socio-economic effects on LSCFN and the local community | N. | More potential for new opportunities business opportunities + capout development |
| 10 This option will maximize economic benefits to other Yukoners/northerners | N | See #8 |
| 11 This option will minimize long-term maintenance requirements | SD | Dam, thermosiphons, spillway, tailings cover |
| 12 This option is financially practicable | D | See rationale re. 1A. Significant cost risk @ tailing Also, additional benefit from moving rock is small. |
| 13 This option is technically feasible | N | Risks re. Thermosiphons |

*Rating choices are: Strongly Agree - Agree - Neutral - Disagree - Strongly Disagree

4a option will minimize
contaminants of receiving waters

D

Same issue as 1A esp seepage flows through
But some improvement re. cd/zn
See key

From the workbench of:

Date:

Option 2a

- TEMPORAL CONSTRUCTION RISKS → LINER REPLACEMENT

1. PIT STILL OPEN - SLIGHTLY LESS STANDING WATER

2. WATER INGESTION ONLY IF WE GET POORER WQ THAN EXPECTED
- VERY UNLIKELY

3. INCREASE FREQUENCY OF WILDLIFE USE DUE TO WETLAND →
UPTAKE FOR VEGETATION

4.a. HIGHEST LOADINGS FOR ZINC AND CADMIUM ≠ DIFFUSIONAL

LAYER PERFORMANC. + RESIDUAL DAM FAILURE RISK

b. SOIL COVER & WATER COVER → ↑↑ EROSION ISSUES MORE

THAN COST → RESIDUAL DAM FAILURE

5. Ratio of pit/waste rock : tailings → 3x. Open pit
remains although tailings

6. Pit & dam → hi likelihood of restricted T.

7. Marginally better than 1a - not significant

8. → Implementation Plan
→ long-term monitoring opp. - reves
efforts.

9. Implementation planning.

10 -

11

11

11 - Dam, spillways, diversion
environmental monitoring

From the workbench of:

Date:

12 - Cost consequences.

- certain that there will be a future req for future action & ∴ a cost risks.
- institutional risks → gov. ability to expend resources at an unknown time.

13 - Dam → permafrost erosion same as 1
- maintaining uniform saturation more difficult relying on performance of the cover etc.

Option 2b

1. Pit risk removed
2. No change to 2a
3. Impacts of moving waste rock limited
- 4a. No change to 2a
- 4b. Minimal addition to waste rock relocation - not significant
5. No difference to 2a
6. Perceptual driver
7. Improvement due to pit & waste rock - not significant

8. A 11. No difference

10. A

12. D 13. D

2a as

↓ Dis

Option

2A

Group

AANDC

| Objective | Rating* | Notes |
|---|-----------------------------|--|
| 1 This option will remove physical hazards to human safety | AGREE | - BERM AROUND PIT |
| 2 This option will minimize the risk of human exposure to contaminants | AGREE | - CAP TAILINGS - WASTE ROCK STILL PRESENT (BUT NOT NOT BIG CONTRIBUTION) |
| 3 This option will minimize contamination of harvest animals and vegetation | AGREE | - POTENTIAL STILL EXISTS w/ WASTE ROCK ALTHOUGH LOW - THICKER COVER |
| 4b This option will minimize erosion impacts on receiving water | NEUTRAL | - WASTE ROCK STILL AN ISSUE BUT FAR FROM WATER - TAILINGS COVER IS POTENTIAL ALTHOUGH VEGETATION SHOULD MINIMIZE - ARMOURLED CHANNEL |
| 5 This option will allow vegetation to return to natural succession | AGREE | - TAILINGS REVEGETATED - WASTE ROCK ONLY RECEIVES MINIMAL VEGETATION |
| 6 This option will support traditional land uses | AGREE NEUTRAL | - TAILINGS AND DAM STILL EVIDENT |
| 7 This option will support other non-traditional land uses | AGREE | - PIT AVAILABLE FOR INVESTIGATION, TAILINGS COULD BE REPROCESSED - TRAILS/ROADS RECLAIMED |
| 8 This option will maximize job opportunities for LSCFN | AGREE | - RELATIVELY HIGH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES |
| 9 This option will minimize adverse socio-economic effects on LSCFN and the local community | AGREE | - SEE #8 |
| 10 This option will maximize economic benefits to other Yukoners/northerners | AGREE | - SEE #8 |
| 11 This option will minimize long-term maintenance requirements | DISAGREE | - DAM MAINTENANCE (THERMOSYPHONS) - COVER MAINTENANCE - PIT/WASTE ROCK SHOULD BE STABLE |
| 12 This option is financially practicable | AGREE | - BIGGEST RISK IS DAM (COST) - LOW OVERALL COST |
| 13 This option is technically feasible | AGREE | - HAS BEEN DONE AND CONTINUES TO BE DONE. |

*Rating choices are: Strongly Agree - Agree - Neutral - Disagree - Strongly Disagree

4a MINIMIZE CONTAMINATION
OF RECEIVING ~~WATER~~

NEUTRAL

~~WASTE~~ CADMIUM/ZINC HIGH (MODELING)

Option

2A

Group

LSCFN

| Objective | Rating* | Notes |
|---|---------|---|
| 1 This option will remove physical hazards to human safety | D | Pit Hazard Hazard of Dam liner installation |
| 2 This option will minimize the risk of human exposure to contaminants | D | Long term risks of exposure re: tailings in valley + dam risks |
| 3 This option will minimize contamination of harvest animals and vegetation | D | Potential contaminant risks re: "wetland" @ tailings |
| 4b This option will minimize erosion impacts on receiving water | D | Similar to 1A is erosion risks @ spillway + diversion |
| 5 This option will allow vegetation to return to natural succession | D | Pit + Tailings area remain afforested → vegetation on tailings not likely to be "natural succession." |
| 6 This option will support traditional land uses | D | still remaining perception + aesthetic issues that will affect traditional use. |
| 7 This option will support other non-traditional land uses | N | |
| 8 This option will maximize job opportunities for LSCFN | D | smallest employment requirements. similar to 1A |
| 9 This option will minimize adverse socio-economic effects on LSCFN and the local community | D | shorter term jobs |
| 10 This option will maximize economic benefits to other Yukoners/northerners | D | See no. 8. |
| 11 This option will minimize long-term maintenance requirements | SD | Dam, thermosyphons, spillway. |
| 12 This option is financially practicable | D | Risks re. rock canyons, long term maintenance costs |
| 13 This option is technically feasible | N | Risks re. thermosyphons, especially managing seepage flows through ice key |

*Rating choices are: Strongly Agree - Agree - Neutral - Disagree - Strongly Disagree

4a This option will minimize contamination of receiving waters D

concerns re. seepage from tailings, attention risks, pit W.Q. not addressed.

Option

2B

Group

LSCFN

| Objective | Rating* | Notes |
|---|---------|--|
| 1 This option will remove physical hazards to human safety | A | Most of Pit Hazard is gone Some remaining hazard re: dam lines installation |
| 2 This option will minimize the risk of human exposure to contaminants | D | Long term exposure re: tailings in valley + dam risks |
| 3 This option will minimize contamination of harvest animals and vegetation | D | Potential Contaminant re: "wetland" @ tailings |
| 4 This option will minimize erosion impacts on receiving water | D | Similar to other options with dam in valley - concern re: spillway, diversion |
| 5 This option will allow vegetation to return to natural succession | N | Pit will be revegetated, still concern re: "natural succession" in wetland |
| 6 This option will support traditional land uses | D | Some improvement from 2A re: pit backfill, but primary primary issue of concern re: tailings in valley still relevant |
| 7 This option will support other non-traditional land uses | N | |
| 8 This option will maximize job opportunities for LSCFN | N | Waste rock relocation offers better opportunities |
| 9 This option will minimize adverse socio-economic effects on LSCFN and the local community | N | More opportunities for contracts that will bring capacity building |
| 10 This option will maximize economic benefits to other Yukoners/northerners | N | |
| 11 This option will minimize long-term maintenance requirements | SD | Dam, tremors/sphers, spillage |
| 12 This option is financially practicable | D | Risks re: rock caissons, long-term maintenance costs |
| 13 This option is technically feasible | N | Risks re: tremors/sphers, especially managing seepage flows through toe |

*Rating choices are: Strongly Agree - Agree - Neutral - Disagree - Strongly Disagree

4a This option will minimize contamination of receiving water D. Concern re: seepage from tailings, attention risks. When pit addresses cd/zn, but not enough to change category

Option #2B

Group AANDC

| Objective | Rating* | Notes |
|---|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 This option will remove physical hazards to human safety | STRONGLY AGREE | - PIT FILLED |
| 2 This option will minimize the risk of human exposure to contaminants | AGREE | - WASTE ROCK NOT BIG CONTRIBUTION |
| 3 This option will minimize contamination of harvest animals and vegetation | AGREE | - SAME AS #2 |
| 4b This option will minimize erosion impacts on receiving water | NEUTRAL | - SAME AS #2 |
| 5 This option will allow vegetation to return to natural succession | AGREE | - WASTE ROCK NOT SIGNIFICANTLY |
| 6 This option will support traditional land uses | NEUTRAL | - SAME AS #2 |
| 7 This option will support other non-traditional land uses | AGREE | - ALTHOUGH PIT IS FULL |
| 8 This option will maximize job opportunities for LSCFN | AGREE | - SAME AS #2A OPTION |
| 9 This option will minimize adverse socio-economic effects on LCFSN and the local community | AGREE | — 1 — |
| 10 This option will maximize economic benefits to other Yukoners/northerners | AGREE | — 2 — |
| 11 This option will minimize long-term maintenance requirements | DISAGREE | — 1 — |
| 12 This option is financially practicable | AGREE | — 1 — |
| 13 This option is technically feasible | AGREE | — 1 — |

*Rating choices are: Strongly Agree - Agree - Neutral - Disagree - Strongly Disagree

4a MIN CONT

AGREE - BETTER CD/N1 MODEL RESULTS

From the workbench of:

Date:

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Option 3

1. Pit lake & side walls + tailings pond

- hazards & risk during construction will be difficult to mitigate & pit walls (reduced) have been remediated to avoid HHES risks in long term.

- risk is temporal & limited to construction period

2. Construction hazard to workers remains

- long term all sources of contamination mitigated - only exposure may occur if human drinks water that may be contaminated - very unlikely.

- construction risk related to health relies on inhalation / human contact - mitigated thru' PPE so assuming failure of worker controls

3. Risks 1/4/5/10/12/14/15/16/17

- Risks to environment fall mid-range between options from the risk assessment

- assuming option has worst predicted water quality

for most COC between options - assuming risks

of COC showing in receiving env. drives contamination of animals & veg. - uptake is minimal

From the workbench of:

Date:

* Calibration Assumption

pro 4a

4b Over long term - stability & erosion of reclaimed valley minimal; during construction and in the immediate post construction phase - risks remain of erosion.

≡ Strongly Agree → Agree due to temporal risk - recognize smaller/limited risk due to removal/regading of waste rock - no water involved & after construction, risks minimal → long distance to receiving aquatic environment

5. Valley bottom presents good opportunity for natural vegetation succession - risks remain due to 'unassisted' natural vegetative processes on waste rock pile - footprint of waste rock exceeds footprint of tailings footprint [50ha vs 15ha]

6. Physical barriers mainly removed

- habitat largely restored in the long term
- likelihood of aquatic impact to fish (Victoria Creek) is low

- mostly mitigated issues on plots/barriers to residual

From the workbench of:

Date:

issues (minimal) to waste rock productivity

Perception remains - maybe impacted by dam removal, but LSCFN is better placed to answer (spitway & new dam removal & pit still present => agree)

7. Only non-traditional use impacted likely to be future mineral usage => Strongly to Agree

8. Large number of labourers - but benefits to LSCFN will largely be effected by implementation approach meaning little difference options

9. Long schedules - less boom/bust
More likelihood of external labour which may impact socially & economically (both +ve/-ve)
- can establish implementation approaches to mitigate

10. More likelihood of external labourers due to relaxation but more local opp's due to revegetation

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1. Dam requires annual inspections } may result in
 - Water levels require monitoring } maintenance
 - Significant monitoring of vegetation efforts → possible need for additional work
 - Long term env. monitoring required
2. Several (5) moderate cost risks remain which speaks to financial security
 - overall cost range between range is ± 30% of
 the cheapest range - actual costs of each option
 fell within range of (estimate accuracy + contingency).
3. Highest degree of uncertainty: cost backfill →
 consolidation - behaviour of saturated tailings at levels
 - ability to maintain saturation (which may lead to
 option 4.)
 - construction risks - volumes

Option #3

Group AANDC

| Objective | Rating* | Notes |
|---|--|--|
| 1 This option will remove physical hazards to human safety | AGREE | - SOME RESIDUAL RISK W/ PIT REMAINS - SOME CONSTRUCTION CONSTRUCTION HAS RISKS |
| 2 This option will minimize the risk of human exposure to contaminants | NEUTRAL | - RISKS ASSOCIATED W/ PERFORMANCE (RELATIVELY HIGHER) - CURRENT HH RISKS ALREADY LOW |
| 3 This option will minimize contamination of harvest animals and vegetation | AGREE | - REMOVES TAILINGS FROM VALLEY - RISKS ASSOCIATED W/ PERFORMANCE (RELATIVELY HIGHER) - NEUTRAL ON WASTE ROCK |
| 4a This option will minimize ^{CONTAMINATION} erosion impacts on receiving water | DISAGREE | - RISKS ASSOCIATED W/ PERFORMANCE (RELATIVELY HIGHER) - WORST WATER QUALITY PERFORMANCE MODELING |
| 5 This option will allow vegetation to return to natural succession | AGREE NEUTRAL | - WASTE ROCK NOT COVERED - NO REVEGETATION OF TAILINGS COVER |
| 6 This option will support traditional land uses | AGREE | - VALLEY REHABILITATION RESTORED - WASTE ROCK NOT COVERED |
| 7 This option will support other non-traditional land uses | DISAGREE NEUTRAL NEUTRAL | - TAILINGS IN PIT MAY LIMIT FURTHER EXPLORATION - REMOVAL OF TRAILS/ROADS LIMITS ACCESS |
| 8 This option will maximize job opportunities for LSCFN | STRONGLY AGREE | - HIGHEST PY, LABOUR REQ'TS - MOST CONSISTENT WORK LOAD OVER 4 YRS |
| 9 This option will minimize adverse socio-economic effects on LSCFN and the local community | AGREE | - BASED ON TIMELINE/RESOURCE REQ'TS |
| 10 This option will maximize economic benefits to other Yukoners/northerners | STRONGLY AGREE | - SAME AS #8 |
| 11 This option will minimize long-term maintenance requirements | NEUTRAL | - POTENTIAL FOR LONG TERM MAINTENANCE OF VALLEY (AFTER RECLAMATION) - POTENTIAL FOR LONG TERM CONSOLIDATION ISSUES - CREATION OF A DAM W/ ASSOCIATED MAINTENANCE |
| 12 This option is financially practicable | DISAGREE | - COSTS ASSOCIATION W/ CONSOLIDATION & SLURRY OPERATION AS PER RISK EVALUATION RISK & OPERATIONAL RISK VS DESIGN RISK (4 MODERATELY HIGH) |
| 13 This option is technically feasible | DISAGREE | - WATER RECIRCULATION VOLUMES UNKNOWN - SLURRY + BLENDING - CONSOLIDATION (ADDITIONAL DAM ON NORTH END?) - COVER ON A SATURATED BASE WILL BE A CHALLENGE |

*Rating choices are: Strongly Agree - Agree - Neutral - Disagree - Strongly Disagree

4b EROSION/SEDIMENT

NEUTRAL

- WASTE ROCK POTENTIAL REDUCED
- VALLEY HAS POTENTIAL FOR EROSION

Option

3

Group

LSCFN

| Objective | Rating* | Notes |
|---|------------|---|
| 1 This option will remove physical hazards to human safety | A | Risk |
| 2 This option will minimize the risk of human exposure to contaminants | N | Risk during tailings relocation Area subject to uptake is medium → re: plants & animals have been |
| 3 This option will minimize contamination of harvest animals and vegetation | A | Area subject to uptake is medium. Loading to aquatic env. similar in all options - but risks higher for opt 3. |
| 4 This option will minimize erosion impacts on receiving water | N | Erosion re: valley restoration, but should be clean material. |
| 5 This option will allow vegetation to return to natural succession | D | Pit will remain un-vegetated. Risk re: duration for natural succession. |
| 6 This option will support traditional land uses | A | Placing material back in pit will encourage traditional land use |
| 7 This option will support other non-traditional land uses | A (re: #1) | |
| 8 This option will maximize job opportunities for LSCFN | SA | |
| 9 This option will minimize adverse socio-economic effects on LSCFN and the local community | A | Longer term job opportunities. |
| 10 This option will maximize economic benefits to other Yukoners/northerners | SA | |
| 11 This option will minimize long-term maintenance requirements | N | Retains maintenance requirements re: pit facilities (spillway, dam). Also re: maintaining pit water balance. |
| 12 This option is financially practicable | N | Operational risks that cannot be resolved by design. |
| 13 This option is technically feasible | N | Potential risks re: tailings relocation by dredging. |

*Rating choices are: Strongly Agree - Agree - Neutral - Disagree - Strongly Disagree

4a This option will minimize contamination of receiving waters N

All options similar re: expected performance, but some risks. Sensitivity relatively minor.

Covers/updates re: risks for mines

Option

3

Group

YQ

| Objective | Rating* | Notes |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 This option will remove physical hazards to human safety | Agree | (would be willing to go to neutral) |
| 2 This option will minimize the risk of human exposure to contaminants | Agree | (could move to strongly agree) |
| ③ This option will minimize contamination of harvest animals and vegetation | Neutral Agree | |
| ④ _b This option will minimize erosion impacts on receiving water | Agree | |
| 5 This option will allow vegetation to return to natural succession | Neutral | |
| 6 This option will support traditional land uses | Agree | |
| 7 This option will support other non-traditional land uses | Agree | |
| 8 This option will maximize job opportunities for LSCFN | Agree | |
| 9 This option will minimize adverse socio-economic effects on LCFSN and the local community | Agree | |
| 10 This option will maximize economic benefits to other Yukoners/northerners | Agree | |
| ⑪ This option will minimize long-term maintenance requirements | Disagree Neutral | |
| 12 This option is financially practicable | Agree | |
| 13 This option is technically feasible | Neutral | |

*Rating choices are: Strongly Agree - Agree - Neutral - Disagree - Strongly Disagree

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Neutral

From the workbench of:

Date:

Option 4

1. Moderate, temporal - moderately high - temporal - S/T

All gone in long term - reduced from S/A

2. Minimum for removal & ~~moderate~~ moderate with risk that would be ~~have~~ compounded by someone ingesting in immediate receiving env.

3. Synthetic liner / removed tailings / very minimal exposed waste rock : some risk of uptake in Dore Creek but v. minimal

4a. Agree - recognize risk due to cover performance but related to unlikely and moderate.

b. Erosion / sediment during construction & in valley during reestablishment - construction is dry - using waste rock & placing cover

5. Need cover maintenance to minimize deep rooting - large revegetation effort.

From the workbench of:

Date:

6. Reduced perception risks & maximized productive habitat

7. Slight aesthetic improvement but no change performance

8. 2nd highest labor requirements increased light equipment requirement - longer schedule

9. Same as others

10. same as 8.

11. No dams/spillways - additional cover monitoring - but like option 3 trading dam vs cover

12. Cost rates focus on temporal issues during construction - lower long term risks than dam-in-place

Logic about capital costs remains

13. Only issue is cover performance - harder to detect an issue but easier to respond

Option #4Group AANDC

| Objective | Rating* | Notes |
|---|----------------|---|
| 1 This option will remove physical hazards to human safety | STRONGLY AGREE | - PIT IS FULL |
| 2 This option will minimize the risk of human exposure to contaminants | STRONGLY AGREE | - EXTENSIVE CAP |
| 3 This option will minimize contamination of harvest animals and vegetation | AGREE | |
| 4b This option will minimize erosion impacts on receiving water | NEUTRAL | - VALLEY HAS POTENTIAL - WASTE ROCK STILL PRESENT |
| 5 This option will allow vegetation to return to natural succession | AGREE | - PIT IS RECLAIMED ALTHOUGH WASTE ROCK STILL NOT 100% |
| 6 This option will support traditional land uses | AGREE | - VALLEY RESTORED - WASTE ROCK STILL PRESENT |
| 7 This option will support other non-traditional land uses | NEUTRAL | - TAILINGS + WASTE ROCK IN PIT |
| 8 This option will maximize job opportunities for LSCFN | STRONGLY AGREE | - HIGHEST (2 nd) PY EMPLOYMENT - RELATIVELY CONSISTENT EMPLOYMENT OVER 4 YRS |
| 9 This option will minimize adverse socio-economic effects on LCFSN and the local community | AGREE | |
| 10 This option will maximize economic benefits to other Yukoners/northerners | STRONGLY AGREE | |
| 11 This option will minimize long-term maintenance requirements | AGREE | - NO DAM - WATER BALANCE NOT A CONCERN |
| 12 This option is financially practicable | DISAGREE | - HIGHEST COST - RISK OF MOVING FROZEN TAILINGS - POTENTIAL FOR FIXING LINER |
| 13 This option is technically feasible | NEUTRAL | - RISK OF MOVING FROZEN TAILINGS |

*Rating choices are: Strongly Agree - Agree - Neutral - Disagree - Strongly Disagree

4a MIN CONTAMINATION ON
RECEIVING WATER

AGREE - MODELING

Option

4

Group

LSCFN

| Objective | Rating* | Notes |
|---|---------|---|
| 1 This option will remove physical hazards to human safety | SA | Least hazard of all options - very minimal pit wall hazard |
| 2 This option will minimize the risk of human exposure to contaminants | A | Some hazard during relocation - short term |
| 3 This option will minimize contamination of harvest animals and vegetation | SA | Wb similar on all. Some dust during relocation. Long-term - very minimal re. cover |
| 4 This option will minimize erosion impacts on receiving water | A | Only remaining risk is restored some creek channel. |
| 5 This option will allow vegetation to return to natural succession | SA | Best chance of effective re-veg. Almost Almost all area can be re-vegetated. |
| 6 This option will support traditional land uses | A | Similar to option 3 option 3. |
| 7 This option will support other non-traditional land uses | A | Similar to option 3. |
| 8 This option will maximize job opportunities for LSCFN | A | High High work requirements + less specialized than option 3. |
| 9 This option will minimize adverse socio-economic effects on LSCFN and the local community | A | Longer term job opportunities - see option 3. |
| 10 This option will maximize economic benefits to other Yukoners/northerners | SA | My offer more opportunities than option 3 due to type of work (not dredging) |
| 11 This option will minimize long-term maintenance requirements | A | Minimum requirements of all options → but still need ongoing monitoring |
| 12 This option is financially practicable | A | Cost risks are smaller than option 3 + some can be addressed in design - e.g. relocation methods. |
| 13 This option is technically feasible | A | Some technical challenges re. relocation, but this has been done. |

*Rating choices are: Strongly Agree - Agree - Neutral - Disagree - Strongly Disagree

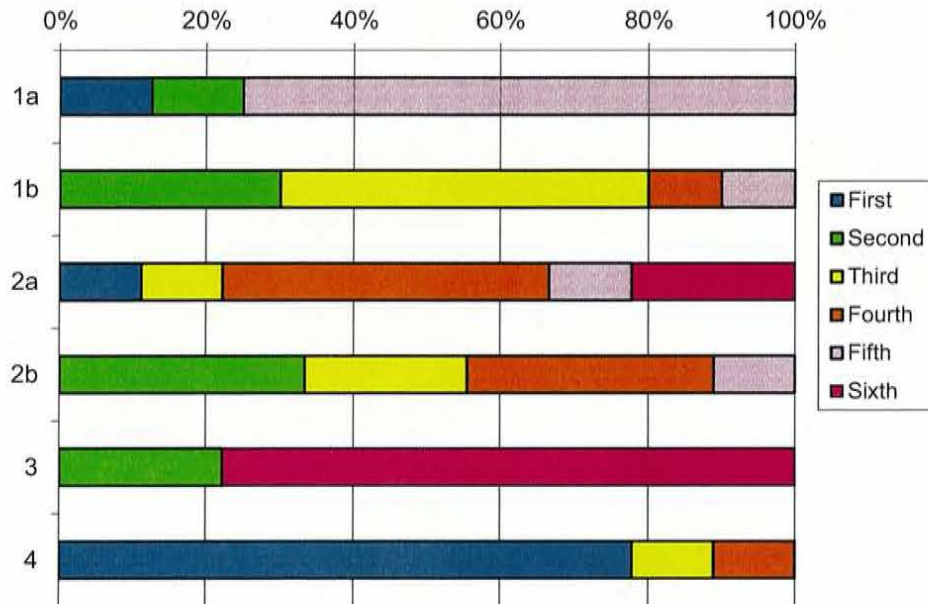
4a Option will minimize contamination of receiving water A

Options all similar re expected performance. ~~Option~~ Option not very sensitive re. potential WQ risks. ∴ less risk

APPENDIX G – Individual Ranking of Options/Preference

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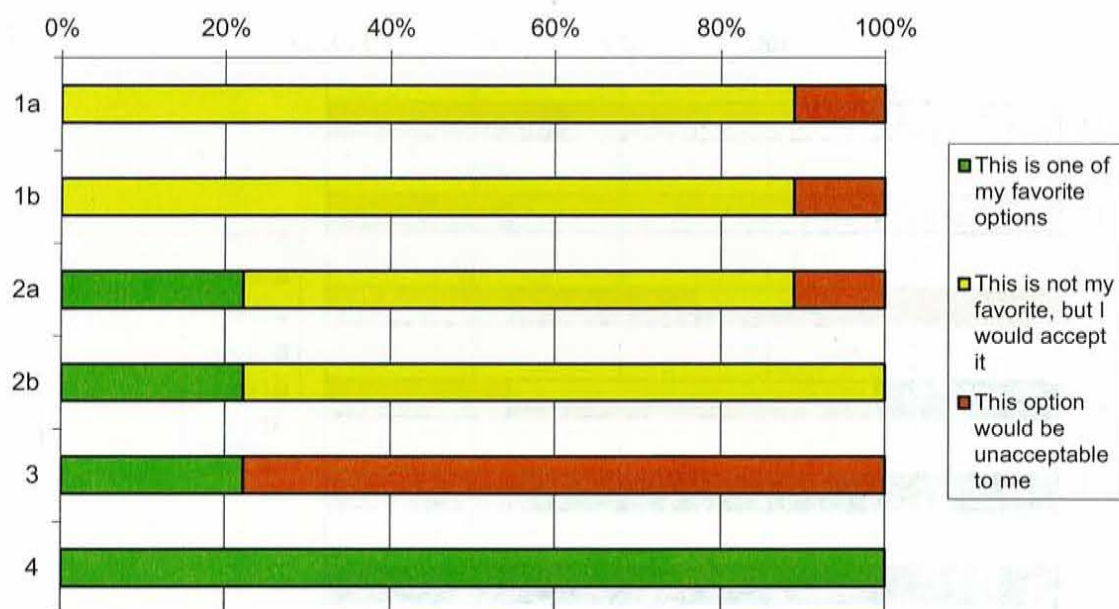
Individual Ranking of Options



| Options | First | Second | Third | Fourth | Fifth | Sixth |
|---------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
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| 1b | 0 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 2a | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| 2b | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
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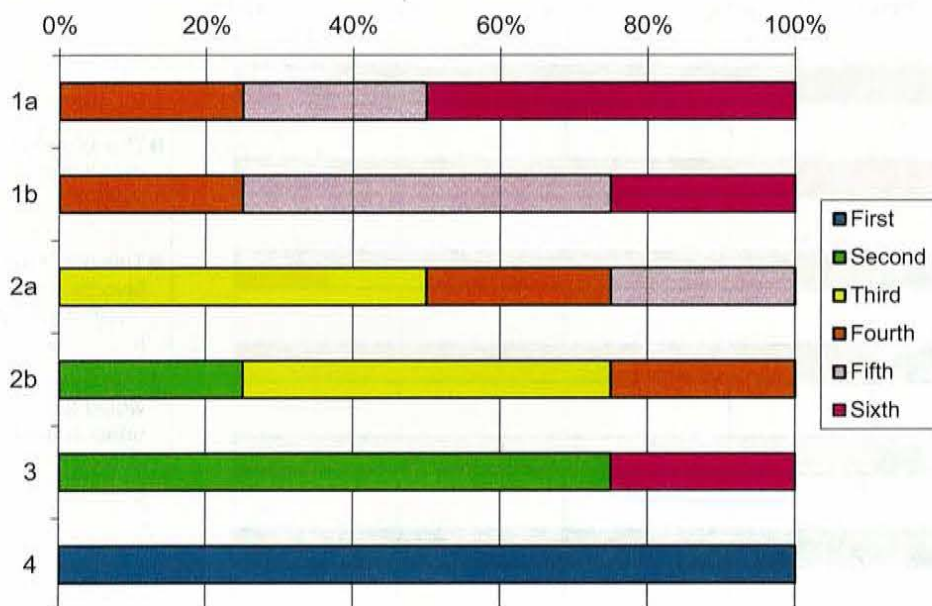
Individual Preferences



| Options | This is one of my favorite options | This is not my favorite, but I would accept it | This option would be unacceptable to me |
|---------|------------------------------------|--|---|
| 1a | 0 | 8 | 1 |
| 1b | 0 | 8 | 1 |
| 2a | 2 | 6 | 1 |
| 2b | 2 | 7 | 0 |
| 3 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| 4 | 9 | 0 | 0 |

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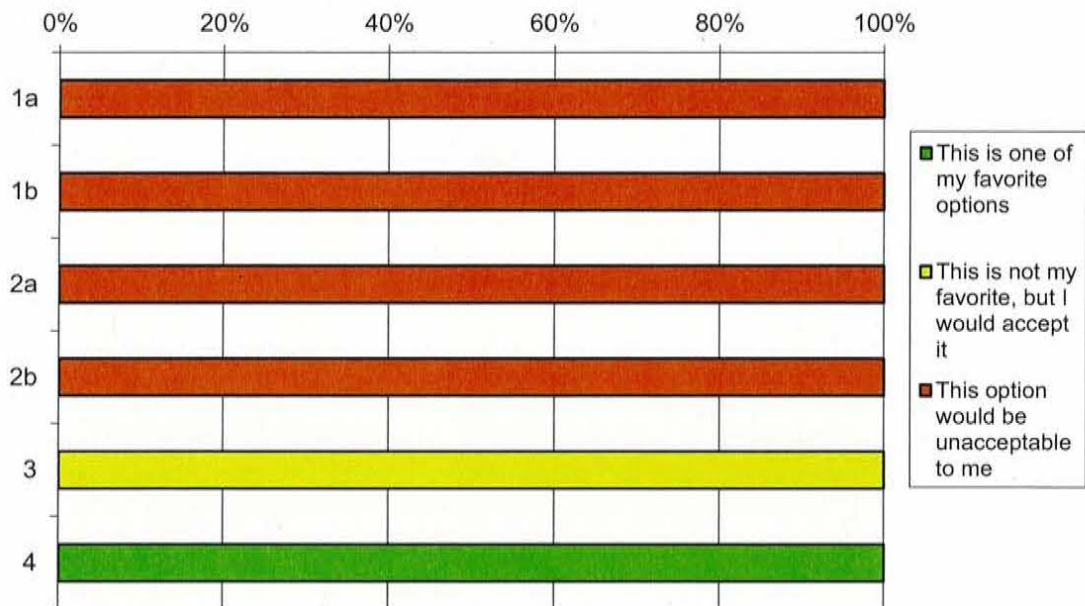
Individual Ranking of Options - LSCFN TAC



| Options | First | Second | Third | Fourth | Fifth | Sixth |
|---------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| 1a | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 1b | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 2a | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| 2b | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | |
| 3 | | 3 | | | | 1 |
| 4 | 4 | | | | | |

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Individual Preferences - LCFSN TAC



| Options | This is one of my favorite options | This is not my favorite, but I would accept it | This option would be unacceptable to me |
|---------|------------------------------------|--|---|
| 1a | | | 4 |
| 1b | | | 4 |
| 2a | | | 4 |
| 2b | | | 4 |
| 3 | | 4 | |
| 4 | 4 | | |

