

# Yellowhead Copper Project

District of Barriere

August 2025



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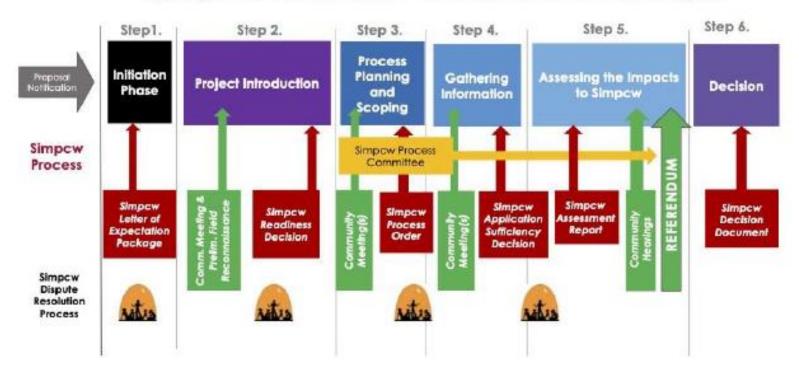
- Engagement with local and regional governments, including TNRD, Clearwater and Barriere ongoing
- Simpcw Environmental Assessment Process and Engagement with Indigenous Nations ongoing
- Open Houses were held prior to submission of the IPD, in Vavenby, Clearwater and Barriere
- Initial Project Description IPD was accepted by Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) and Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC)
- Yellowhead website was launched (www.yellowheadproject.com)
- Technical Report Update on the Yellowhead Copper Project released (www.tasekomines.com/properties/technical-reports/)



## **Simpcw First Nation**

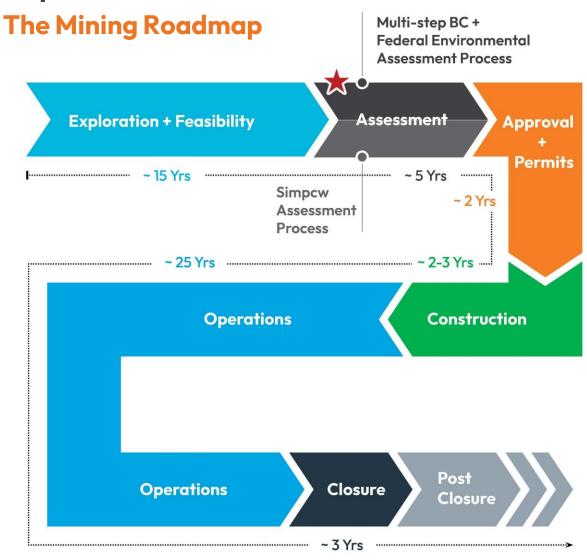
#### **Simpcw Assessment Process**

## Simpcw Process - Overview of 6 Steps



- The Yellowhead Project entered the Simpow Assessment Process in 2024
- Indigenous consent-based process
- Ensures that Project
   assessment appropriately
   considers and respects
   Simpcw Rights, interests,
   laws, values, priorities and
   culture
- The Yellowhead Project is currently in Step 2 of the Simpcw Process

## **Exploration to Closure**



## Approvals required from exploration through closure from:



- Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Low Carbon Innovation
- Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
- Ministry of Forests
- · Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Transportation Infrastructure

## Canada

- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Natural Resources Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Transport Canada

## Initial Project Description (summary)

**EPIC** website of Environmental Assessment

Office: projects.eao.gov.bc.ca

Project overview

Indigenous
Engagement &
Simpcw Process

Project Design & Components

Workforce and Economic Impact

Environmental & Regulatory Considerations

Environmental Management

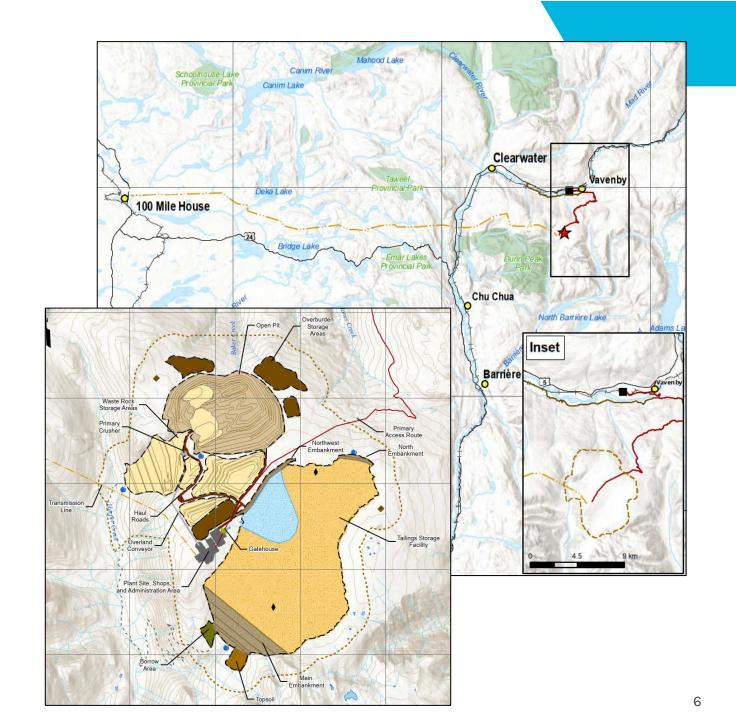
Biophysical Environment (Ecosystems, etc)

**Project History** 

## **Project Components**

#### **Project Site Components**

- Open Pit
- Overburden, waste rock and ore storage areas
- Plant Site
  - Concentrator / Associated
     Infrastructure
  - Process Water Pond / Water
     Treatment Plant
  - Maintenance Facilities / Warehouse
  - Mine Dry / Admin Building
  - Gatehouse / First Aid
- Tailings Storage Facility
- Water Management Infrastructure



#### **Offsite Infrastructure**

#### Transmission Line:

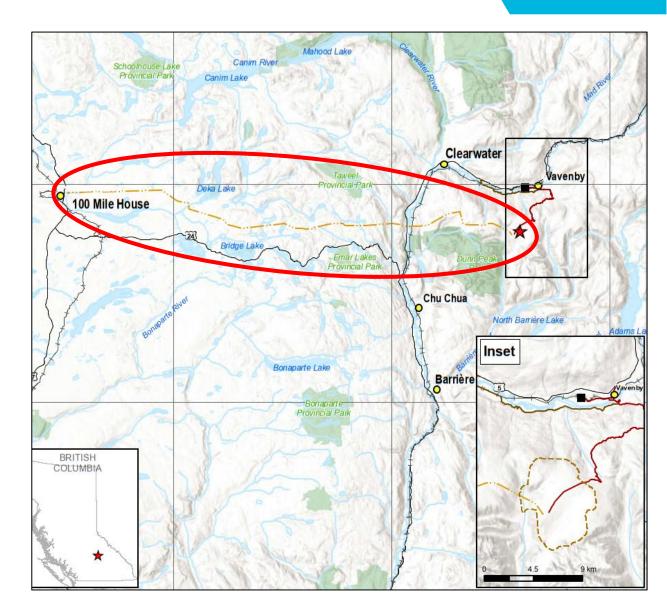
- Taseko to design and permit ~110 km, 230kV overhead transmission line from 100 Mile House to site
- Point of interconnection determined by BC
   Hydro, System Impact Study in progress
- No positive or negative impacts to North Thompson Transmission Line

#### Access Routes:

- Primary access via Highway 5 at Vavenby along
   ~20 km along existing FSRs
- Secondary access for oversized / heavy loads via Highway 5 at Birch Island

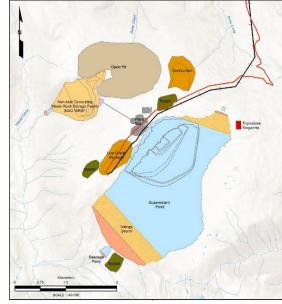
#### Rail Load-Out Facility:

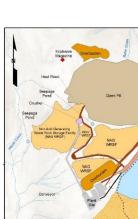
- Former Weyerhaeuser site with rail siding
- ~2.5 km west of Vavenby and ~25 km by road from Project site



## **Project Design Enhancements**

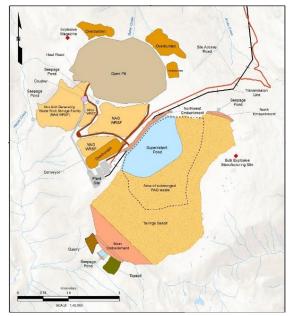
- Improvements to Tailings & Water Management:
  - Reduced stored water by 90% (water treatment)
  - Improved embankment design / construction methodology
  - Increased tailings beach widths
- Improvements to project design:
  - Optimized throughput, cut-off grade, pit size and phasing
  - Improved crusher / plant site location and redesigned concentrator
  - More efficient site layout to minimize disturbance
- Improvements to project economics:
  - o 22% increase in recoverable copper





2014

2020



## **Copper Mining & Processing Summary**



## **Workforce and Housing**

#### Workforce

Project Phase	Duration (years)	Workforce Estimate (jobs)	
		Direct	Indirect and induced
Construction	Approximately 2-3	2,180	1,120
Operations	Approximately 25	590	1,120
Closure	Approximately 7	30	-
Post-Closure	Decades+	1 full-time; 4 part-time	-
Source: BCStats (2020)			

Goal will be to hire primarily from local and regional communities, with a small proportion from outside the region in BC

#### **Construction Camp**

- Full-service camp located onsite near the Plant Site to house the construction workforce
- Single storey prefabricated modular building with services such as dormitories, washrooms, kitchen and dining facilities
- Self-contained, with domestic wastes planned to be transported offsite for disposal
- Decommissioning and removal of camp from site will occur once the construction phase is complete or no longer required

#### **Operations**

 Planned that operations workforce will live in and integrate with local communities

## **Yellowhead Project**

## **What We've Heard**

Category	Feedback	
Business and Employment	<ul> <li>Oportunities for local contractors</li> <li>Jobs, training and education opportunities for community members and youth</li> </ul>	
Jobs and Training	• Interest in understanding the need for the different job on the mine site.	
Project	Details regarding the size of the proposed project footprint.	
Infrastructure/Roads / Bridges	<ul> <li>Interest regarding Vavenby and Birch Island Bridges and potential assessment needs for capacity.</li> <li>Clarification whether the back access road from Barriere would be used to access site (West Saskum, Bear Creek)</li> </ul>	
Engagement	<ul> <li>Information on whether Taseko is engaging with other Indigenous nations.</li> </ul>	

## **Yellowhead Project**

#### **Next Steps**

- EAO and IAAC Open Houses
  - Virtual Open House, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 12pm-2pm
  - In-Person Open House, September 10<sup>th</sup>, Dutch Lake Community Centre, Clearwater, 4pm-7pm
- Public Comment Period
  - Aug 5 Sep 15<sup>th</sup>
  - On EPIC website, Yellowhead Copper Project, engage.eao.gov.bc.ca/Yellowhead-EE
- Coffee and Conversation with Yellowhead Team
  - Third Wednesday of Every Month 10:00-12:00 pm, next Date Aug 20th
- 2025 Site Investigation Program and Environmental Baseline Studies ongoing all summer



## **EPIC.engage**

a engage.eao.gov.bc.ca

#### **Yellowhead Copper - Early Engagement**

The Yellowhead Copper project, a proposed copper mine located near Clearwater and Vavenby B.C., is in the early engagement phase of the environmental assessment process. British Columbia's Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) is seeking public feedback on the Initial Project Description, which outlines the proposed location and activities.

Engagement Dates: Aug 05, 2025 to Sep 15, 2025

#### Visit <u>engage.eao.gov.bc.ca/Yellowhead-EE</u> and click

**Share Your Thoughts** 



