



## Welcome to the First Edition of the Yellowhead Project Newsletter - The Copperwire!

We're excited to bring you the latest updates, stories, and highlights from Taseko, Yellowhead and our communities. This newsletter is designed to keep you informed about our project, community initiatives, and the people who make it all possible.

In this issue, you'll find updates on Yellowhead, recent community work, partnerships, and upcoming events, along with inspiring stories from our team and local communities. We look forward to sharing our journey with you—thank you for being part of it!

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### The Yellowhead Project: A Vision for the Future

Taseko Mines Limited (Taseko)'s Yellowhead Project is a proposed open-pit copper mine near Vavenby, BC with the potential to create significant employment, contracting, and economic opportunities for the people and communities of the North Thompson region. The project will support ~590 direct jobs over its 25-year operating life and more than ~2180 jobs during a 2-year construction period as described in the BC Stats Report (2020).

Copper is a Critical Mineral that is essential for electrification and considered to be irreplaceable in many applications. In addition to conventional uses in construction, electronics, and other industrial and manufacturing applications, copper is required for EVs, renewable energy generation, and power infrastructure. Experts expect global copper demand to double by 2035, positioning Yellowhead as a potential leader in responsible copper production, backed by clean energy and rigorous environmental standards.

Picture above: Yellowhead Project site

## Opening of Taseko's Yellowhead Project Office

In June 2024, the Yellowhead Project celebrated the grand opening of the Barriere Business Centre and our Yellowhead Project Office. This milestone was hosted in partnership with the District of Barriere, the Barriere & Area Chamber of Commerce, and brought together community members to celebrate. Our team, including Taseko President & CEO Stuart McDonald and COO Richard Tremblay, was on hand and proud to share information about our project and connect with community members.



**Left to Right:** President & CEO Stuart McDonald, Yellowhead Project Manager Korah De Walt-Gagnon, Corporate Affairs Manager Ainsley Wooding and COO Richard Tremblay.

Located in the heart of Barriere, the Yellowhead Project office is open Tuesday to Thursday—stop by to meet the team and learn more about the Yellowhead Project. Unit 2 - 4609 Barriere Town Road.



Taseko's Yellowhead Project Office

## Meet the Yellowhead Team

Taseko is proud to introduce the team driving the Yellowhead Project forward:



### Korah De Walt-Gagnon

Project Manager Korah De Walt-Gagnon and proud member of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc. Korah oversees the project with a deep commitment to fostering collaboration with First Nations and local communities.



### Finn Conradsen

Field Program Manager Finn Conradsen led a successful 30-day Geotechnical Site Investigation Program this summer. Finn brings years of mining industry and site management experience to our team.



### Jenny Maloney

Yellowhead Administrator Jenny Maloney provides essential support for all initiatives, ensuring the project runs smoothly and efficiently.

Together, our team is dedicated to advancing the Yellowhead Project with respect, responsibility, and community at the forefront.

## Site Investigation Program: Building Knowledge for the Future

Last summer, the Yellowhead Project team completed a Geotechnical Site Investigation Program at the proposed project site. The program gathered detailed site characterization data to be used to support the design and permitting of the Yellowhead Project. These steps ensure the project advances responsibly with sufficient technical detail.

Taseko would like to thank the local businesses who played a key role in the success of the program:

- Simpcw Resources Group: First aid services, earthworks, environmental support, and logistics.
- Simpcw Natural Resources: Cultural Heritage Assessments to ensure cultural sites and values were respected.
- Community of Clearwater: Supporting the program with housing, meals, materials, and supplies.



Geotechnical Site Investigation Program at the proposed project site.

## Community Highlights

### Supporting Local Events

Yellowhead was thrilled to support and participate in several community events in 2024:

- North Thompson Fall Fair & Rodeo:** Celebrating 75 years of local traditions and community spirit on Labour Day Weekend, this highly anticipated event celebrates all the North Thompson has to offer and brings community members together. Yellowhead was proudly a sponsor of this event
- Stuff the Cruiser:** Barriere's 'Stuff the Cruiser' Event and Clearwater's 'Cram the Cruiser' event support local food banks, spreading holiday cheer through donations of new toys and personal care items. Hosted by local RCMP detachments, the food and toy donations benefit Food Banks in the local communities.
- Winterfest:** Taseko's Yellowhead Project sponsored Barriere's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winterfest. This community event includes
- Kamloops & District Chamber of Commerce Natural Resource Forum:** Yellowhead Project Manager Korah De Walt-Gagnon moderated a panel exploring how BC's resource sector is embracing innovation and sustainability to drive positive change.
- Simpcw Resources Group (SRG) Golf Tournament:** Taseko staff participated in the annual Simpcw Resources Golf Tournament, raising funds for the Simpcw First Nation scholarship program.



Barriere's 2nd Annual Winterfest

hayrides, book, and candy cane hunts in the local park, gingerbread house building, Santa visits, Christmas tree light up, and more! All that was missing at this widely attended event was snow!



Yellowhead Project Manager Korah De Walt-Gagnon moderated an Indigenous Entrepreneurial Insights Panel at Thompson Rivers University

### Celebrating Indigenous Leadership

At Thompson Rivers University, Yellowhead Project Manager Korah De Walt-Gagnon moderated an Indigenous Entrepreneurial Insights Panel, showcasing stories of perseverance, innovation, and leadership. Key takeaways emphasized representation, community values, and the importance of building capacity for future generations.

## Indigenous Engagement

### Simpcw Community Tour



Simpcw Community Tour

In October 2024, Simpcw community members toured the Yellowhead Project site. The two-day event provided opportunities for important dialogue, starting each day with a community breakfast and sharing a lunch at the project site. Thank you to everyone who attended and shared their perspectives.

### Simpcw Open House



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In November 2024, Yellowhead hosted an interactive open house at Simpcw's Community Hall. Team members from Taseko, Yellowhead, and Gibraltar came together to create engaging booths, share information on mining processes, and hear feedback directly from the community.

### Honouring Culture and Traditions



Simpcw's Cultural Day

Taseko was honoured to support and attend Simpcw's community initiatives this year through:

- Sponsoring the *Honouring Our Young Women Powwow*, helping fund a new Princess Crown to celebrate and preserve cultural traditions.
- Attending Simpcw's Cultural Day our team was grateful to Simpcw First Nation for inviting us to their annual Proponent Cultural Day. Thank you to Tina Donald, the Language and Cultural Department, and the Natural Resources Department for sharing their stories and teachings.

## Events in Our Communities

# Simpcw

## First Nation Career and Job Fair

**FEB**  
**21**

**Date and Time:**  
Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Location:**  
Simpcw  
Community Hall



# Inclusion in Action

## Strengthening Employee Connections

**MAR**  
**04**

**Date and Time:**  
Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
10:30 am to 12:30 pm

**Location:**  
2-4609 Barriere Town Road,  
Barriere, BC

RSVP to  
[JMaloney@Tasekomines.com](mailto:JMaloney@Tasekomines.com)



## Looking Ahead

### Entering a New Phase

Taseko's Yellowhead Project is currently preparing to initiate Environmental Assessment (EA) processes administered by the BC Environmental Assessment Office and Impact Assessment Agency of Canada. These regulatory processes are designed to be thorough, inclusive, and transparent, providing an opportunity to ensure that the Yellowhead Project meets regulatory requirements while balancing environmental, social, and economic considerations.

The multi-year federal-provincial EA process for Taseko's Yellowhead Project is expected to begin in 2025 and provide meaningful, ongoing opportunities for public participation and input. We are committed to keeping local community members informed and engaged throughout this process - your voices matter. We look forward to continuing the conversation, sharing updates, and hearing your feedback as we move into this next chapter.



Taseko team at the Yellowhead Project site

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