

Meeting with Ross River/Selkirk First Nations  
Curragh Boardroom, Whitehorse, Yukon

December 10, 1992  
3:30 p.m.

Attendees

Ross River	George Smith Clifford McLeod (Chief) Nora Ladue Sandra ? Mike Smith (legal counsel)	Selkirk	Bill Terrice
Curragh	Colin Benner John Hogg Brian Campion (legal counsel)	Gregg Jilson Gerry Acott	

- \$4.6 million security on Vangorda was upheld by the courts; what is current status? will Curragh appeal?
- Ross River would like to intervene if Curragh appeals; G. Smith requests that we do not appeal the decision; Curragh will take under advisement.
- law states only 30 days to file appeal (from January 16/92); C. Benner awaiting phone call from G. Whyte on status and whether Curragh appealed.
- Appeal status - Curragh has filed notice of appeal; expects case to be heard in February/93; doesn't feel opportunity exists for third party intervention; appeal based on the premise that the judge made an error in law.
- G. Acott explains other decommissioning securities held on Vangorda including:
  - \$943,000 - for mine/dump decommissioning
  - \$560,000 - for long term operation of Vangorda Water Treatment Plant
- Ross River feels securities not adequate; feel Government should match contribution
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- M. Weinstein report complete. Chief C. McLeod will send copies
  - shows impact on Ross River people is largely negative
- C. Benner suggests a meeting after we have read the report
- G. Smith to send a copy of M. Morrell salmon study to Gerry
- G. Acott discusses status on fish and animal tissue analysis; need Ross River assistance to provide background comparison (i.e. tissue samples from non-mineralized areas near Ross River).
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- Ross River people would like someone from Ross River to work with Faro as personnel/public relations officer; C. Benner requested names of qualified people.
- C. Benner commits for Peter Stone to spend some time at Faro until Ross River finds a suitable candidate.
- Socio-economic Agreement at Sā Dena Hes → preferential native employment → reaction of the Union?; C. Benner doesn't believe it would be a problem at Faro.
- C. Benner read Memorandum of Agreement being negotiated with Jean Gleason on behalf of Ross River.

- Chief C. McLeod knows where there is more coal; G. Jilson asks him to call early in spring.
- Bob Ward has copy of the Accord; available to us
- J. Hogg discusses the possibility of re-opening the Xanthate plant (Metafina) in Faro; G. Smith asks for more information; J. Hogg to have Ken Ball prepare some information.