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| To      | Joint Communications Committee members                |
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| Subject | <b>Joint Communications Committee Q4 2020 meeting</b> |

Continuing from our agreed strategy during COVID, the residents working group has determined that it is not feasible to meet in person for the Q4 2020 quarterly meeting.

As the group agreed for Q2 + Q3, CSI is providing this memo summary for Q4. A follow up zoom meeting will be organized to hold the Q4 meeting virtually.

## **Mine Operations**

Sand sales in Q4 remained depressed along with general economic conditions in the oil and gas service space in Western Canada. It's expected that sand sales will resume at a moderate for 2021 albeit generally slow in Q1.

CSI continues to receive the Canadian Wage Subsidy program. We continue to attempt to keep all employees and vendors working and employed throughout this downturn.

Overburden removal operations continue in phase 1 of the mine plan through Q4 and are continuing in Q1 2021. Slope conditions in overburden removal remain stable throughout the mine site.

No washing operations occurred during Q4 2020.

Reclamation work is ongoing via progressive backfilling of the mined-out areas with external sloping maintained at reclamation requirements. Areas remain active and will continue to be in active reclamation as the mine moves from phase 1 to phase 2 over the next 3-6 years.

Vegetation control measures are being actively investigated and planned for summer operations to address the issues of invasive species growth around the site. CSI plans to undertake control measures in 2021.

## **Mineral Properties/Exploration**

There is no change in status as to other mineral properties or exploration works/plans since the Q2 update. No exploration work is contemplated at this time.

## **Permitting Updates**

CSI previously discussed that it is continuing its permitting efforts on the redistricting plan. No further updates are available for this since the Q3 meeting.



### **Community group website updates**

CSI has updated the community group website with the latest meeting minutes and memos.

### **EPEA items**

The previous issue raised regarding invasive species of vegetation is planned to be address by CSI during this upcoming summer season.

### **Other**

Members of the committee suggested that a good resource for reclamation vegetation species might be the NAIT Boreal Research Institute. CSI will make contact with them to discuss how they can potentially assist and provide value in its reclamation practices with respect to successful vegetation regeneration.

### **Next Scheduled meeting**

CSI will contact the members to schedule the Q1 review meeting.

Cliff LaPrairie