

# Stk'emlúpsenc te Secwepemc Nation The Pípsell (Jacko Lake & area) Decision

This is the Pípsell Decision of the Stk'emlúpsenc te Secwepemc (SSN) regarding a proposal by KGHM Ajax Mining Inc. (KGHM) to build and operate a copper and gold mine within Stk'emlúpsenc te Secwepemcú'ecw. The project is known as the Ajax mine. The Ajax mine is proposed to be constructed in an area known to us as Pípsell.

The SSN does not give its free, prior and informed consent to the development of the lands and resources at Pípsell for the purposes of the Ajax Mine Project. The Ajax Mine Project in its proposed location at Pípsell is fundamentally in opposition to the SSN land use objective for this sacred site.

**Pípsell is a cultural keystone area which must be preserved in a state consistent with the traditional importance of the site to the Secwepemc people. Pípsell must only be used in ways which preserve and sustain the area, which allow for the culture of the Secwepemc people to be exercised and maintained, and which preserve the use of Pípsell for all Canadians in accordance with Secwepemc law.**

The decision of the SSN Joint Council is made in accordance with Stk'emlúpsenc te Secwepemc Nation's laws, traditions, customs and land tenure systems supported by the evidence and assessments as presented in the Pípsell Report and SSN Panel Recommendations Report, and in recognition that Pípsell is a cultural keystone area with significant spiritual and historical importance to the Stk'emlúpsenc te Secwepemc Nation, which significance is fundamental and undiminished.


Wi7sts re sqw7els re kupkúkwpí7 te Tk'wem7íplem' ne Stk'emlúps. Tsq'ey' n7éne te SSN. Tqwelmin's k'emétens re KGHM te [Ajax Mine Inc.]. Yerí7 re [KGHM] qwenén e tsíqle7cwens k tsqwéscen ell kwelkwáscen [copper and gold] ne tnicws re Tk'emlúpsenc ell ne Secwepemcú'ecw. Stqwelmin'stem pyin te Ajax Mine. Nu7 ne ts7emetú'ecwstem te Pípsell, tsúnse e tsíqle7cwens re tnicw e sk'úlens tek [mine].


Re SSN ta7penhén k stsuns k swet e sw7ec ne tnicws, k stsuns: "Ye7éne rí7 re tnicws-kucw, nerí7es k k'úlentpes k Ajax Mine." Ta7at'rí7. Nu7 ne tsúnse e sk'úlens re [Ajax Mine]. Ta7 rí7 k ts'ílems te sp'tnesmentem tek sw7ec nerí7 ne tnicw.

**Re Pípsell te tnicw, xexe7úl'ecw te tnicw wes ne ets7étsxemes re qelmúcw, me7 tskenstém re tnicw e sta7s e sne7ék's k sw7ec nu7, tsukw k ck'ul'tn-kt me7 t'ekstém. Me7 ts'ílem te ts'ílmes te m-sq'7est.s re sw7ecs ne stk'wenem7íple7tens.**

Re SSN kwens re tk'wenem7íple7tns ne wi7sts te sqw7els ne stscen twécwmentem re Pípsell. Tsukw k le7 tek sw7ec nu7 ne Pípsell me7 t'ekstém ell me7 ts'ílem te ts'ílmes te m-sq'7est.s, tsukw e sw7ecs nu7 re qelmúcw, te sts'ílmes le sw7écs le q'7es te Secwepemc, me7 yucwemín's re tnicw ne Pípsell te stsq'ey's ne tk'wem7íle7tns re Secwepemc, ell me7 tswíkstem re tnicw te qelmúcw ne xuxweyúlecwens ne [Canada].

Witnessed by the members of the Stk'emlúpsenc te Secwepemc in attendance at Moccasin Square Gardens at Tk'emlúps in the traditional territory of the Stk'emlúpsenc te Secwepemc Nation near Kamloops, BC this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

  
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*Re Stk'emlúpsenc w7ec te tsyecwmin'stes re Pípsell*  
The Stk'emlúpsenc who are the caretakers of Jacko Lake & area