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Presents Guest Speaker

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Engagement: Crown, Community and Company

Since Haida and Mikisew Cree the Crown has delegated the responsibility of consultation to the Company. Companies have embraced this responsibility in a number of ways. They have sought early engagement with the particular First Nation or Inuit community, and they usually enter into a Participation Agreement. Although this satisfies possible employment, own source revenue and the potential contracts, the Participation Agreement does not address any operational or environmental aspect of the mining operation.

Outlined in this talk is a case study of the New Afton mine permit M-229. This example is to illustrate that the Crown has an ongoing role in the oversight of a mine that incorporates First Nation continued interest associated with mine water use, waste management, mine expansion, reclamation and closure that will ensure that the post-closure environment is capable of sustaining Aboriginal or Treaty Rights.

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Mills holds her PhD from the Faculty of Law at UBC. Her PHD work focused on Gitksan property law and their management structures as it was spoken during the Delgamuukw trials and the reconciliation period afterwards. Dr. Mills' research is related to administrative law, and legislative reform at the intersection of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Mineral Resource Development.

Dr. Mills is currently the inaugural Finning Resident Scholar for Mining and Communities at the Norman B. Keevil Institute of Mining Engineering. The focus of this position is to engage with First Nation, Inuit or Metis communities related to mineral resource development. This position also facilitates the placement of Senior Undergraduate Students in between First Nation communities and at a Mine Site. Her teaching responsibilities include delivering the graduate seminar Mine 585 Canadian Aboriginal People and Mineral Resource Development, and APSC 261/262 & 450.

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