

ECS Lunch and Learn Chat Log

November 17, 2020

[Yesterday 11:51 AM] Kate Goodale

I have a question about engagement outside of the duty to consult. Is there a formal process that we should be following so that our requests are coordinated?

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[Yesterday 11:51 AM] Kate Goodale

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[Yesterday 11:53 AM] Neil Taylor

Thanks Tony and Kathryn. A question about TEK - this has always struck me as difficult to integrate with western ecological science - are there any frameworks and/or projects in the GTA or Ontario you can think of that provide a good template/example?

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[Yesterday 11:54 AM] Valerie Francella

Great presentation! Is there recourse for indigenous communities if duty to consult is not met? Say in the context of a MZO.

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[Yesterday 11:57 AM] Courtney den Elzen

It would be great to see those examples you mentioned, Tony. Perhaps you or Sharon could send to the group as a follow up?

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[Yesterday 12:00 PM] Courtney den Elzen

Thanks, Sharon

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[Yesterday 12:01 PM] Valerie Francella

Thanks Mary-Ann!

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[Yesterday 12:03 PM] Stephanie Parish

I'm interested to hear from the audience what projects TRCA has taken on to engage or consult with Indigenous communities that are not a part of the mandated process

[Yesterday 12:05 PM] Sonya Meek

West Bolton SNAP has engaged indigenous groups with very meaningful input to our design concepts

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[Yesterday 12:06 PM] Lisa Turnbull

I work on duty to consult projects so I don't have non mandated projects to share. Kate Goodale - would Morningside Park be a good example?

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[Yesterday 12:07 PM] Kate Goodale

yes! It is a great example

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[Yesterday 12:07 PM] Adriana Gomez

SNAP has consulted indigenous groups to incorporate their perspective in our neighbourhood action plans

[Yesterday 12:09 PM] Kate Goodale

The Morningside Park project is a collaborative engagement project where we have hired an Indigenous consultation firm to lead engagement to create an Indigenous gathering space in the park.

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The space will be designed through that engagement process, incorporating TEK and Indigenous input

[Yesterday 12:10 PM] Jill Attwood

Morningside Legacy has been an incredible learning experience regarding treaty holders vs indigenous interest groups. there has been great uptake by treaty holders

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[Yesterday 12:11 PM] Kate Goodale

Yes thanks Jill!

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Jill is the lead from TRCA on that project, if anyone is interested in learning more

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[Yesterday 12:12 PM] Stephanie Parish

In 2018 and 2019, an Indigenous Elder, Elder Whabagoon, and UofT partnered with our Education team to provide a youth employment program (Nikibii Dawadinna Giigwag) for Indigenous youth to provide work experience in restoration and green infrastructure design, and connect with Traditional Knowledge

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[Yesterday 12:13 PM] Valerie Francella

The Toronto Remedial Action Plan ran an "Eat Safe Fish" campaign with Hamilton and Niagara to encourage people in the Mississauga's of the Credit FN to fish and eat species that are safe (ie. low in Mercury/PCBs). It was a year long project that included surveys of what people were eating to inform our remedial actions; printed resources for the community; presentations; and a fish fry at the community center!

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[Yesterday 12:15 PM] Adriana Gomez

Sonya, please go ahead

[Yesterday 12:18 PM] Renee Afoom-Boateng

Thanks

[Yesterday 12:22 PM] Stephanie Parish

Four Colours Drum Circle also partner with Heart Lake, Community Based Restoration, and Education for the care and engagement around the Medicine Wheel Garden at Heart Lake CA

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[Yesterday 12:22 PM] Celene Mariano

Neil Taylor I spent quite a bit of time in Ontario's north in my previous career working with mining companies and nuclear waste orgs, often consulting with Indigenous groups. In terms of TEK, we certainly used the information in our reports, EAs, EIS, etc. For example, if we were looking at potential property, we would often look to TEK for information that would otherwise be unknown such as sensitive habitat, sacred or ceremonial grounds, understanding how the land was historically used, etc. Due to the sensitivity of the TEK, we often couldn't include the information in our reports, but it certainly provided knowledge we weren't able to find elsewhere (not in other reports, journals, convos with locals, municipalities, the Ministry, etc.). We didn't really have a framework per se, but we listened and spent a lot of time with the Indigenous groups. Not sure if that helps, but would be happy to chat offline.

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[Yesterday 12:23 PM] Lisa Turnbull

We also work with the City of Toronto on trail projects to include the moccasin project when appropriate.

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[Yesterday 12:23 PM] Neil Taylor

Thanks Celene Mariano

[Yesterday 12:23 PM] Tony Morris

Thanks Sharon!

[Yesterday 12:24 PM] Jill Attwood

Thank you!!

[Yesterday 12:24 PM] Mary-Ann Burns

This was great. Thanks, Tony and Sharon!

[Yesterday 12:24 PM] Celene Mariano

Thanks everyone. Great presentation!

[Yesterday 12:24 PM] Larissa Mohan

Thanks everyone!

[Yesterday 12:24 PM] Shauna Fernandes

Enjoyed this, thanks so much

[Yesterday 12:24 PM] Nasim Shakouri

Thanks everyone!

[Yesterday 12:25 PM] Harsimrat Pruthi

thank you everyone