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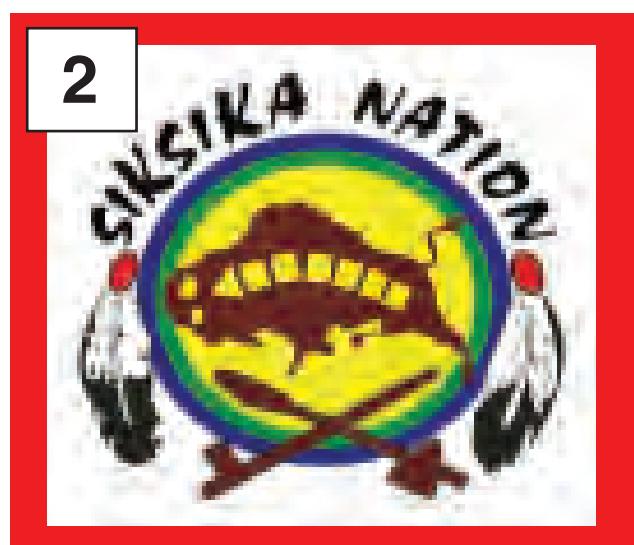
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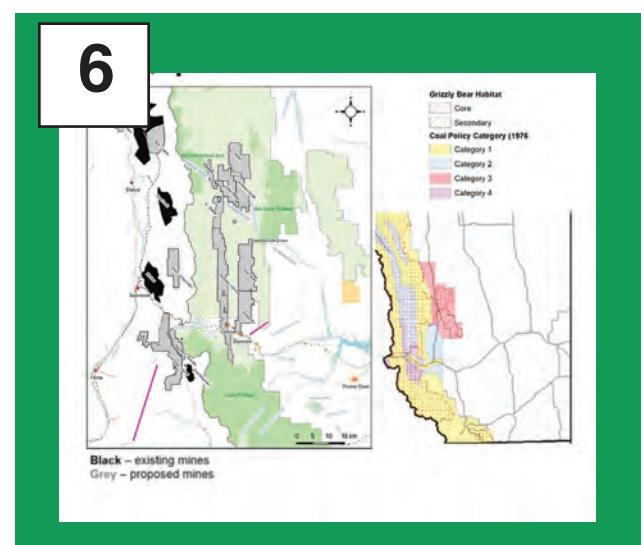
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Chief & Council Updates
Feb. 2021



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Chief & Council Update (Feb. 2021)

Chief & Council Communications
Submitted by Communications Consultant
Lynn Calf Robe



Office of Chief and Council Government of Siksika Nation

Feb 1 – Siksika Nation releases press release ‘Safety Plan for the Nation section of the Alberta Provincial Highways.’ Leadership and the community have been urging the province to lower the speed limit following another casualty from Siksika, a pedestrian, who was hit by a passing vehicle while he was walking on highway 901. Siksika Nation Chief and Council met with Transportation Minister Rick McIver on March 8th to discuss the community’s concerns and recommendations. The province not only agreed to lower the speed limit, but they also committed to installing flashing lights to warn drivers of pedestrians on the busy highway that passes through Siksika Nation. (See press release for more information.)

Feb 2 – Siksika Nation Chief and Council provides COVID-19 video update on the vaccine roll out plan. Siksika Nation Chief and Council continue to work with Siksika Health Services to provide Siksika Nation members with new information. Please visit their website SiksikaHealth.ca and/or follow them on Facebook for regular updates.

Feb 2 – Siksika Nation Chief and Council release the following press release ‘Siksika Nation is pursuing a legal challenge against the Government of Alberta’s decision to rescind the Coal Policy’ (See press release for more information.)

Feb 2 – Siksika Nation Chief and Council release the following press release ‘Siksika Nation response to the Benga Coal Mine’ regarding the Grassy Mountain Mine Project. (See press release for more information.)

Feb 10 – Siksika Nation Chief and Council visited the Deerfoot Sportsplex to view the designated Vaccine Clinic in Siksika. The immunization clinic for Siksika elders 75+ started February 11th. Please visit Siksika Health Services website and/or social media for more information on the COVID-19 vaccine. (Photos)

Feb 23 - Siksika Nation and Alberta Health signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) at the Piiksapi Memorial Arbour on Siksika Nation. This MOU aims to improve health outcomes and services for Nation members. Minister of Health Tyler Shandro also received the Blackfoot name Ksiiistsikomipi’kssii meaning “Thunderbird” from Elder Clement Leather. For more information visit Siksika Health <https://bit.ly/2Mjf4d> (Photos provided by Siksika Health Services.)

Feb 23 – Siksika Nation Chief and Council announce ‘Siksika Women’s Day Call for Video Participants’ initiative. In celebration of Siksika Women’s Day March 8th, Chief and Council are hosting an online event to honour the women of Siksika. (See poster for more information.)

Feb 23 - Siksika Nation Chief and Council announce ‘Nominate an Unsung Hero’ initiative in celebration of Siksika Women’s Day March 8th, Nominate an Unsung Hero in celebration of Siksika Women’s Day, Siksika Nation Chief and Council will recognize 40 Unsung Heroes from Siksika. (See poster for more information.)

Feb 23 – Siksika Nation Chief and Council purchased a billboard along highway 901 honouring the Missing and Murdered Siksika and Indigenous persons. The purpose of the billboard is to bring awareness to the growing number of Missing and Murdered Indigenous peoples in Canada and to the remember those who have passed away or remain missing including those from Siksika Nation.

Feb 25 - Siksika Nation Chief and Council release the following press release ‘Siksika Nation and the Town of Strathmore Resume Talks’ regarding leaderships plan for next steps with the Town of Strathmore. A meeting is called for March 8th and will look at developing a joint action plan that will highlight new initiatives between the neighbouring communities. (See Tribal Admin. social platform for press release or for more information.)

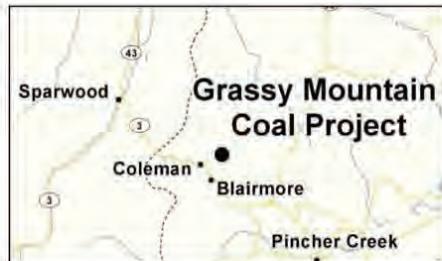
Grassy Mountain Mine Project



Office of Chief and Council
Government of Siksika Nation

The Grassy Mountain Mine Project

Benga Mining Ltd. is seeking approval to operate the proposed Grassy Mountain Mine Project (the “Project”) near Blairmore, AB, about 250 km southwest of Siksika Nation reserve lands. The Project would produce about 4.5 million tonnes of metallurgical coal annually. Metallurgical coal is high quality coal used in the process of making steel and other metals, it is not burned to generate electricity. The coal will be shipped to markets in Asia. The Project will occupy about 2,800 hectares of land (50% private land and 50% Crown land) and operate for about 25 years. Unlike other potential mines in the Crowsnest Pass region, 25% of the Project area is an old mine site that was not reclaimed when the former mine closed. The previous mine was abandoned in 1960 by its owner, Western Canadian Coal which no longer exists.



An application for approval of the Project was submitted to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (“CEAA”), which is now called the Impact Assessment Agency (“IAA”), and the Alberta Energy Regulator (“AER”) in 2016. The Project requires the approval of both the IAA and AER and is currently undergoing a joint hearing by the two regulatory agencies. The hearing is expected to conclude in November 2020. A formal decision on the Project will be made sometime in 2021.

As the Project is about 250 km southwest of Siksika, it will not impact air or water quality on Siksika reserve lands.

Due to the location of the Project in a valley and other factors, an *Air Quality Assessment* conducted in 2016 concluded that: “because Project impacts were local, and regional emissions were near ground level and confined to Highway 3 and communities, the cumulative impacts were also considered to be local... [and] overall, residual air quality impacts relevant to the Project were considered to be not significant.” (111) Even though air quality impacts will be localized to the Coleman/Blairmore/Bellevue area, Benga has committed to a range of steps to mitigate impacts to air quality such as the use of covered conveyor systems, low emission mining equipment, and other measures.

Unlike other proposed mines in the regions, the Project is not in the main headwaters of the Oldman River system. Only two minor creeks, Gold Creek and Blairmore Creek, are within the Project area.

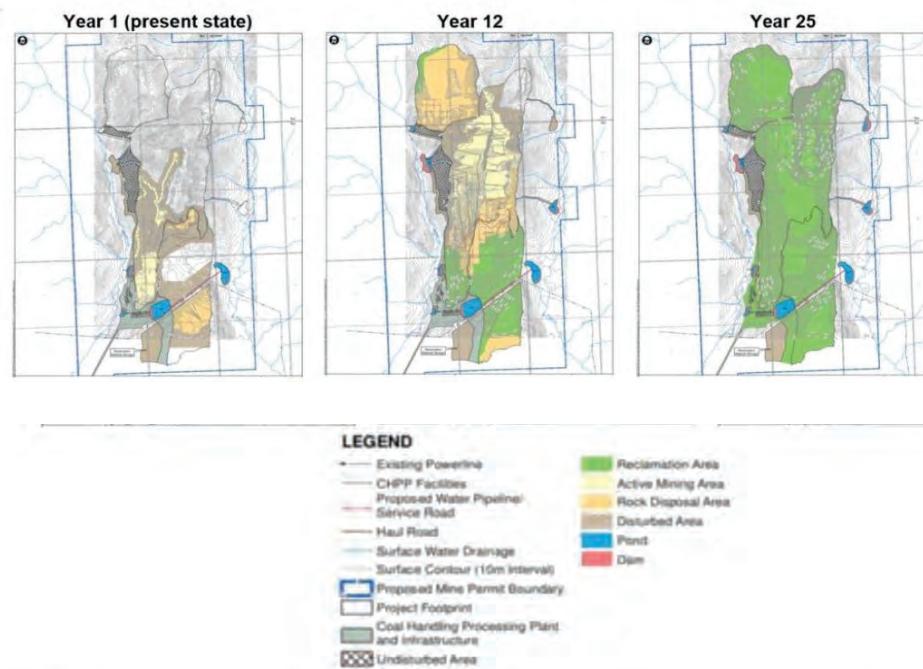
Benga has also invested considerable resources to develop a thorough plan for managing water quality issues associated with its mining operations. The *Surface Water Quality Assessment Report* conducted in 2016 concluded that in light of Benga’s management of water issues “negligible effects are anticipated on water quality from sediment-associated inputs. ... All 21 regulated water quality variables were within Alberta water quality guidelines.” (112-113). All water from the Project must meet water quality specifications to ensure safety and sustainability. Siksika will also have a key role in monitoring the Project with Benga throughout the operation of the mine as discussed in more detail below.

Consultation with Siksika Nation

A great deal of care and effort was invested by Siksika in engagement with Benga over a period of 7 years, starting in 2013. As part of the consultation process with Benga, a cumulative impact assessment study and a traditional land use study were conducted by Siksika, with significant input from Siksika traditional knowledge holders. Those studies informed the development of binding conditions on the Project that Benga has agreed to.

Benga has committed to progressively reclaim the mining area in a manner that will meet or exceed current federal and provincial standards. Progressive reclamation means the lands will be reclaimed and restored as mining occurs. The decision to do progressive reclamation was made based on input from Siksika and other First Nations. Further, Benga has agreed that the reclamation of the mine site will be planned and carried out by way of consensus-based process with Siksika that must take into account Siksika’s traditional knowledge and use of the lands for traditional purposes. The goal of the process is to restore the mine site to a state that can support Treaty rights and traditional land use. The maps below show the present state of the Project area, and in 12 years time and 25 years from now when the mine ceases to operate. The tan area on the first map indicates land that was left unreclaimed from the former mine, and the green shows the progress of reclamation of the Project area over 25 years.

There were several community meetings held both on Siksika Nation and in Calgary, which involved Nation members and provided consultation regarding the Benga mines. These meetings were held between the years 2013 – 2019.



Siksika supports the Project but only on the basis of several binding conditions agreed to by Benga Mining Ltd. (“Benga”), in summary:

1. Benga has agreed to engage in on-going consultation with Siksika throughout the life of the Project including the reclamation of the mine area.
2. In addition to the above, an Environmental Stewardship Committee consisting of representatives from all First Nations in the Treaty 7 region and Benga will monitor the Project for the purpose of identifying and addressing environmental issues.
3. Benga has agreed to a number of significant measures to support Siksika’s connection to and use of the Crowsnest Pass Region.
4. Culturally significant sites identified by Siksika in the mine area will be protected where possible throughout the operation of the mine and the reclamation of the mine area.
5. Benga has agreed to make an annual financial contribution to Siksika for the next 25 years linked to production from the mine. These funds will only be used for community purposes.

It is important to understand the limitations of consultation that result both from the law on the duty consult and the systems and policies used by the provincial and federal governments to carry out and monitor consultation. **Siksika does not have veto over the Project**. However, significant effort was made by Chief and Council and the Siksika Consultation Office to use the duty to consult to ensure that if the Project proceeds it will do so only on the conditions discussed above.

Other Coal Mine Projects

Chief and Council wish to be clear that support for the Grassy Mountain Mine Project does not mean that Siksika will support any further coal mine development in our traditional territory. The Grassy Mountain Mine Project is unique as it will occur on a former mine site that was not reclaimed to a usable state. The conditions negotiated by Siksika for this Project will help ensure that mining is conducted to the highest environmental standards and the mining area is reclaimed and returned to a state that supports our Treaty rights and cultural uses of the land.

Most of the Crowsnest Region was classified as “Category 2” lands under Alberta’s Coal Policy which meant that new open pit coal mining was not allowed in these environmentally sensitive lands and watersheds. A number of other mine projects are proposed in very sensitive Category 2 areas of the Crowsnest Pass Region that have the potential to impact Grizzlies, Big Horn Sheep, Elk and Bull Trout, as well as the headwaters of the Oldman and Livingstone Rivers. The Government of Alberta recently removed the Category 2 protections banning new open pit mines and made this decision without consulting Siksika or other Blackfoot Nations. On November 24 Siksika filed a legal challenge, in partnership with Kainai, against Alberta’s decision to allow new open pit mines. **Chief and Council have clearly and forcefully communicated to the Government of Alberta that Siksika will not accept further coal mining development in environmentally sensitive Category 2 areas of the Crowsnest Pass Region**. The maps below show proposed coal projects and the Category 2 lands that were protected from open pit mining. (Note: The Grassy Mountain Project is not within Category 2 lands).

Black – existing mines
Grey – proposed mines

Light Blue – formerly protected Category 2 lands

Siksika Nation - Alberta Health Relationship Agreement Signing



Photo courtesy of Siksika Health Services' Communications Team

Siksika Nation and Alberta Health signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the Piiksapi Memorial Arbour on Siksika Nation. This MOU aims to improve health outcomes and services for Siksika Nation members. Minister of Health, Tyler Shandro; Siksika Nation Chief Ouray Crowfoot; and CEO of Siksika Health Services Tyler White display copies of the MOU (Relationship Agreement) that was signed.

**Submitted by Siksika Health Communications
Kelsey Solway**

(Siksika Nation, Feb. 23) The Memorandum of Understanding, known to the parties as a Relationship Agreement, supports work to improve health outcomes and services for Siksika Nation members.

Under the agreement, Siksika Nation and Alberta Health will work together to understand, address, and prevent inequities in health services, policies and programs for Siksika Nation members.

The MOU forges a strong relationship and partnership model between Alberta Health and Siksika Nation that will give the Nation increased control and access to quality health services, and an opportunity for government to explore innovative health services with a First Nation partner.

The MOU is the first agreement in Alberta to include the use of the Blackfoot language. The agreement also acknowledges Siksika Nation Elders' Guiding Principles, seeks to eliminate racism, and bring about positive and transformative change in health care for Siksika Nation.

The agreement includes commitments to:

- Pursue a lasting and cooperative relationship;
- Acknowledge that the status quo is not acceptable;
- Commit to bringing about positive and transformative change in healthcare and socioeconomic outcomes for Siksika;
- Reduce jurisdictional uncertainty;
- Address social and economic determinants of health;
- Eliminate systemic racism within the healthcare system in Alberta, where it exists, and ensure that Siksika members are provided culturally safe healthcare services.

Naming Ceremony

On behalf of Siksika Nation, Elder Clement Leather gifted Minister Tyler Shandro with a Blackfoot name: Ksiiistsikomipi'kssii (pronounced: KSIS-TSII-KO-MII-PIIK-SI), meaning Thunderbird.

"Around this time next month is when we hear first thunder," said Elder Clement Leather. "This is when our spiritual people start preparing themselves for ceremony; first thunder is like a wake up call for people to get ready for what's to come."

For the Blackfoot people, a Naming Ceremony is of great significance.

Siksika Councilor, Kent Ayoungman provided context: "Our people have a strong kinship with the whole of our surroundings, with creation. In today's ceremony, blessings are going to be asked for by the Elder;

he is going to call on this special kinship to honour you with a name today. For our people this is very important, it is one of the highest honours a person can receive. Given your work alongside our people here in Siksika, this is why we have chosen to give you a Blackfoot name today."

Minister of Health, Tyler Shandro, said he felt honoured to be gifted with his new Blackfoot Name.

"It's an amazing honour," said Minister Shandro. "I didn't know this was going to be happening today. I don't have any words to describe it, but it is an incredible honour that I can't put words to."

Quotes Regarding Relationship Agreement Signing

"Alberta's government is deeply committed to upholding the expectation that Alberta's health care system treats all patients with dignity and respect. By creating meaningful relationships and listening to our Indigenous partners, I am confident we can work collaboratively with Siksika Nation to ensure community members can access culturally appropriate health services where and when they need them, both on and off reserve." ~ Tyler Shandro, Minister of Health

"A tremendous strength of Siksika Nation is its extensive and effective range of health services. This Relationship Agreement with Alberta Health will further empower Siksika Nation to deliver comprehensive programming and services that are holistic, community-based, and put the health and wellness needs of Siksika first. Today's signing represents an important step forward in Siksika Nation's relationship with Alberta Health as we endeavour together towards equitable health outcomes." ~ Nioksskaistamik, Chief Ouray Crowfoot, Siksika Nation

"At all times, and particularly throughout the pandemic over the past year, Siksika has worked hard to make sure our people are taken care of, and also to take care of our neighbours. This has been a real priority for Siksika Nation: to be intentional about creating relationships that are of mutual benefit. This agreement we are signing today is one such example." ~ Nioksskaistamik, Chief Ouray Crowfoot, Siksika Nation

Quick Facts

- The MOU establishes a process for ongoing assessment of Siksika Nation health needs, issues, and identifies realistic activities to resolve them. This includes:
 - Reviewing existing programs, policies, and services and measuring current demand against capacity;
 - Developing action plans, which could include health care infrastructure, programs, human resources and sustainability needs; and
 - Determining how to use available resources to achieve targeted health outcomes.
 - The MOU will last for five years, after which it will be re-evaluated by all parties.
 - Health-care funding for First Nations is provided by federal government.



Submitted by Lynn Calf Robe

Siksika Nation Chief and Council visited the Deerfoot Sportsplex on Feb. 10 to view the designated Vaccine Clinic in Siksika.

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- Dr. Garet Herget
- Dr. Davis Fox
- Dr. Kayla Leugner-Lavallee



Submitted by Lynn Calf Robe

Chief and Council purchased a billboard along highway 901 honouring Missing and Murdered Siksika and Indigenous persons. Councilor Susan Solway said it is also important to address issues here at Siksika Nation. "It's so important that we openly acknowledge this issue here at home; sometimes we don't realize that these issues are in our own backyards. By bringing awareness and talking openly about those missing or those murdered we are saying that injustices are not acceptable in our community; that domestic violence is wrong, that crime is wrong... we have to help keep each other safe," said Solway.

Coronavirus / COVID-19 INFORMATION

February 24, 2021
 Risk Level: RED HIGH RISK

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| 155726 | 591 | 595 |
| COVID-19 Tests Completed To-Date | Total Cases To-Date | COVID-19 Vaccine First Doses Administered |
| 571 | 18 | 119 |
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February 2, 2021

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Press Release: Siksika Nation is pursuing a legal challenge against the Government of Alberta's decision to rescind the Coal Policy

Siksika Nation is pursuing a legal challenge against the Government of Alberta's hasty decision to rescind the Coal Policy. Under the Policy, open pit mining was not permitted in "Category 2" lands in the Rocky Mountains to protect the headwaters of several major river systems and critical fish and wildlife habitat, particularly in highly sensitive areas of the Crowsnest Pass Region. The legal challenge was filed jointly with the Kainai Nation (Blood Tribe) on November 25, 2020 and will be heard by the courts sometime in 2021.

In 1976, after considerable engagement and studies, the Government of Alberta under Premier Lougheed introduced the Coal Policy to protect critically important areas of the Rocky Mountains and foothills, also known as the Eastern Slopes. The Coal Policy designated most of the Eastern Slopes from Jasper to Waterton under four land categories. Mining was allowed with conditions in areas designated as Categories 3 & 4. In Categories 1 & 2 areas open pit mining was banned in large areas of the Eastern Slopes to protect the head waters of major rivers and critical habitat for Grizzly Bears, Bighorn Sheep, Elk and Bull Trout. The Coal Policy has stood the test of time because it has worked and has been broadly supported. However, earlier this year in response to proposed coal projects in the Crowsnest Pass Region, the Government of Alberta hastily and secretly decided to remove the ban on open pit mines in formerly protected Category 2 lands.

Several coal mine projects are being proposed in very sensitive and mostly undisturbed areas of the Crowsnest Pass Region that have the potential to impact Grizzlies, Big Horn Sheep, Bull Trout, the largest herd of Elk in Alberta, as well as the headwaters of the Oldman and Livingstone Rivers which are source water to Kainai and Piikani reserve lands. Over the past few years, Siksika has clearly and strongly communicated to the Government of Alberta and the coal sector that open pit mining in the areas protected under the Coal Policy would be opposed by Siksika.

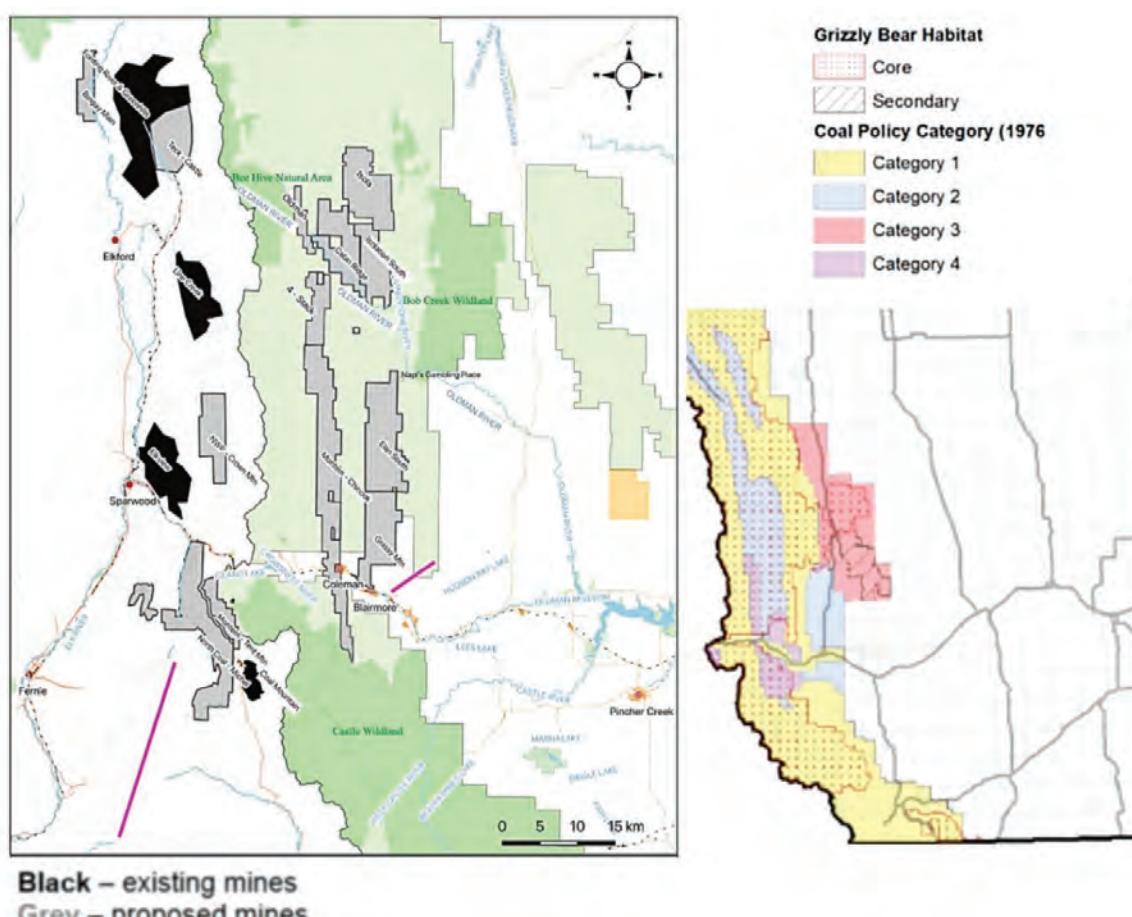
Alberta's regulatory system is limited to assessing the environmental impacts of projects in isolation from one another and other regional factors. Siksika is deeply concerned that without a rigorous assessment of cumulative impacts and robust protection of river basins, the approval of mining in formerly protected Category 2 lands will be an environmental disaster that cannot be undone. Similar mining developments just a few kilometers to the west in BC's Elk Valley have decimated the Fording and Elk Rivers and had major impacts on the environment. Many communities in the Elk Valley now truck in their water supply because the rivers are not safe for human consumption.

Siksika has a connection to the Crowsnest Pass region that dates back time immemorial. The headwaters of the Oldman River Basin are sacred to the Blackfoot Nations and our way of life. Alberta acknowledges this reality in its land use plans for the region and committed to consulting Siksika and other First Nations on key decisions. Even so, the Government of Alberta made its hasty decision to strip protection of the area without any consultation.

Recent announcements by the Minister of Energy cancelling a handful of coal leases and other general assurances from the Minister of Environment about "responsible development" are merely political gestures and will not protect these fragile and highly valued areas of the Rocky Mountains.

The attached map provides a sense of the massive scope of the current and planned coal mines in the region and the areas stripped of protections.

Benga Resource's Grassy Mountain Coal Project was not affected by Alberta's decision to rescind the protection of **Category 2** lands under the Coal Policy because the Project is located on **Category 4** lands where mining is permitted.





Office of Chief and Council Government of Siksika Nation

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Safety Plan for the Siksika Nation Section of Alberta Provincial Highways

February 1, 2021 – Siksika Nation Chief and Council is calling on the Alberta Government and Transportation to enact a safety plan on highway 901 after losing another Nation member on January 5th, 2021 on the highway that runs through Siksika Nation. The safety plan calls to lower the speed limit from 100 km to 80 km through the residential areas, the addition of lights, signage and additional turn lanes through high traffic areas that run through the residential communities along the highway.

In a letter addressed to Honourable Ric McIver the Minister of Transportation, Siksika Nation Chief and Council expressed the urgency of enacting this Safety Plan for a section of provincial highway that runs through the Nation including five residential communities.

"It is from a position of sorrow and extreme concern that we write this letter. Recently, on January 5, 2021, a Nation member was struck and killed by a semi-trailer while walking a portion of Highway no. 901 that runs through Siksika Nation. Sadly, this heavily travelled 23 km stretch of highway has seen many collisions and claimed many lives over the years, this most recent victim is the first of 2021. The 901 is a major artery through our lands and many of our communities are within a stone's throw from the highway's edge. As such, our people walk along its shoulders on a daily basis – often in poor conditions with traffic traveling in excess of 100 km/hour. Currently, Chief and Council are in the beginning stages of developing a safety plan for this stretch of highway, one that will include increased signage and data collection in an attempt to make our portion of the highway less lethal."

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police reported 608 Reported Motor Vehicle Collisions and Traffic Related Offences on 901 from 2004 to 2020 including 6 Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision Occurrences.

Blackfoot Confederacy does have an existing Protocol Agreement with the Province of Alberta, so we are optimistic we can reach a mutually beneficial agreement.

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SIKSIIKA NATION CHIEF AND COUNCIL SIKSIIKA WOMEN'S DAY CALL FOR VIDEO PARTICIPANTS

Are you interested in participating in a collection of video clips?

In celebration of Siksika Women's Day, March 8, 2021, Siksika Nation Chief and Council are hosting an online event to honour the women of Siksika.

Selected video participants will be integrated into our event and featured in a video compilation project which will be showcased on social media this day.

CRITERIA & PROCESS

- Women and girls of all ages are welcome to participate
- 12 participants in total will be selected for this project
- Must be willing to speak Siksika/Blackfoot on camera (each participant will be expected to say one phrase)
- Those interested, please email sncc@siksikanation.com. Include your name, address, email or phone number
- Selected participants will be notified, with further guidelines
- Video participants will receive \$100 gift card and your name will be included in the next issue of Aitsiniki and social media platforms

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March 1, 2021

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- Awareness of drilling/coring techniques an asset
- Basic mechanical skills
- Strong verbal communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
- Flexible to work long hours in the field, in remote and/or varied weather conditions

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist and work closely within a team environment under direction of the Lead Drill Truck Operator
- Support drilling operations with setting up equipment, handling augers, removing soil cuttings, etc
- Clean, lubricate, maintain and repair equipment
- Assist with installing and developing monitoring wells
- Follow strict guidelines and procedures at all times
- Other related duties as directed by your manager

LOCATION

- This position will be based out of Siksika Nation and Southern Alberta.

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit your resume to indigenouscareers@vertex.ca or call Vertex at 587-327-1353 or the Siksika Resource Development Office at 403-734-5244 and leave your name and a call back number.

We would like to thank all applicants for their interest in this position, however only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

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OVERVIEW

Vertex is currently accepting applications for several casual Environmental Technicians and Labourers for upcoming projects throughout Siksika Nation and Southern Alberta. These positions work under the guidance of the Project Manager.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

- Able to work 10+ hour days (rain or shine) in the field supporting environmental activities
- Strong team player but also able to work independently
- Willingness to work and learn about environment and site reclamation
- Education or experience working on environmental projects is an asset, but not a requirement
- Positive attitude, attention to detail and effective interpersonal communication skills
- Possess a valid class 5 driver's license a strong asset

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Support environmental team conducting vegetation and soil assessments
- Recording soil, vegetation and wildlife observations
- Willing to support team needs as required
- Other related duties as directed by the manager

LOCATION

- This position will be based out of Siksika Nation and Southern Alberta

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Successful candidate must provide own steel-toed boots
- All other personal protective equipment will be supplied

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NOMINATE AN UNSUNG HERO

In celebration of Siksika Women's Day, Siksika Nation Chief and Council would like to recognize 40 Unsung Heroes from Siksika.

Nominate an Unsung Hero in your life who, through their hard work and selflessness, goes above and beyond at home, work or in the community. The Unsung hero is that person who does the thankless jobs to ensure that their families, colleagues and/or community are taken care of.

An Unsung Hero is:

- The "go-to-person" that does the little things to get the job done right
- Mentors, trains and educates colleagues
- Demonstrates empathy and compassion
- Engages in outreach and volunteering

The first 40 nominations will be accepted and showcased on our website and social media platforms during the month of March 2021. The nominations will also be included in the April Aitsiniki. All nominees will receive \$25 gift card.

Nomination Form

Please include the following information:

- Name & photo of nominee
- Reason for nomination

Nominations will be accepted by email at sncc@siksikanation.com until March 1, 2021