

Giant Mine Designation Options

Ideas for Discussion

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Why designate?

- Recommendation to review from Perpetual Care Workshop
- A place worth remembering for multiple reasons
- Designation(s) may provide other 'watchful eyes'
- Provides access to sharing ideas with other parties
- Possibilities for funding
- Increase tourism recognition
- **Building institutional and societal memory**

What is a “designation”?

- Inventories
- Legal and commemorative
- Municipal, Territorial, National, International



When?

- Most designations take a long time
- Most require a lot of parties to work together
- The process itself could be part of 'healing'
- **Start the discussion**



Inventories

- The start of reclamation process, i.e., figuring out what the problem is
- Leaving 'clean' sites in inventories gives people the opportunity to re-evaluate areas in the future.
- Properly resourced, inventories a part of an ongoing memory system.
- **Resource Federal Contaminated Sites Inventory**

Municipal

- **Recognized Heritage Resource:** commemorative
- **Designated Heritage Resource:** legal
- **Unique zone within the Zoning By-law:** legal
- remediation and ownership issues to sort out before pursuing any municipal designation

Territorial

- **Territorial Historic Site:** commemorative
- (Territorial Heritage Park: legal)



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Territorial Historic Site

- Working towards designation would encourage the multiple stakeholders and interest groups to 'weave' their stories in a way suitable for commemoration
- **Possible step to international designation**

Federal

- (National Historic Site)
- **Withdrawal** under the *Territorial Lands Act*
- AANDC responsibility...pre-devolution
- Legally restrict the types of activities in withdrawn area

International

- All commemorative
- Larger landscape (not mine site)



International

- (World Heritage Site: requires national designation first)
- **Biosphere Reserve:** focuses on natural landscape



Global Geopark



Remembering: daily

- Inclusion in school curriculum
- Inclusion in employee orientation packages
- Inclusion in Chamber of Mines information
- Inclusion in Northern Contaminants Program

Recommendations

- Start the discussion
- Resource Federal Contaminated Sites Inventory
- Territorial Historic Site: commemorative; suits multiple stories; step to international designation



Recommendations

- Land Withdrawal
- Develop school curriculum
- Encourage other daily remembrances
- Network: Sustainable Remediation Forum (SURF)
- Research

