

## **Part F - Stakeholder Consultation**

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## F. STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

### F.1 STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Connacher Oil and Gas Ltd. (Connacher) has placed significant emphasis on developing its resources in the Great Divide area of north-eastern Alberta in a manner that respects the views of the local and indigenous residents of communities adjacent to its operations. Connacher also strives to responsibly and economically develop these resources in a manner that minimizes its impact on the environment. In order to accomplish these objectives Connacher has developed enduring relationships with all its neighbours adjacent to its Great Divide SAGD Expansion Project (Project).

Starting in 2004 Connacher followed a strategy that ensured that dialogue with local communities adjacent to the Project was open, two way and meaningful. This approach provided information that was understandable and presented in the fashion that, in many cases, was requested by the community involved. These discussions took the shape of informal talks, formal community meetings and presentations with leadership or organizations, open houses and tours of the Project site. One important aspect of all these discussions is that Connacher listened to what was being said and incorporated many suggestions and ideas into its development plans.

In initial discussions with the Government of Alberta (GOA) Connacher advised the Government representatives of the intended scope and location of the Project and requested that the GOA provide Connacher with a list of Aboriginal communities that the GOA required Connacher to consult with for the Project. The GOA, through Alberta Environment advised Connacher of the Aboriginal communities to be included in Connacher's consultation plans for the Project on. The Aboriginal communities included in Connacher's consultation plans are:

First Nations:

- Fort McMurray First Nation #468
- Chipewyan Prairie Dene First Nation
- Heart Lake First Nation

Métis to be informed:

- Willow Lake Métis Local #780
- Fort McMurray Métis Local # 1935
- Chard Métis Local #214

#### F.1.1 Corporate Commitment and Strategy

Connacher believes that all interested stakeholders who may be potentially affected by the company's development plans should be consulted, informed or notified of the company's plans and activities. Connacher started developing its relationship with potentially affected communities to its SAGD operation in 2004 prior to planning and building the first phase of its operation at Great Divide (Pod One), 80km south of Fort McMurray, on Highway 63. In 2008 Connacher built on these relationships and set out a consultation policy using the following steps:

- identified the potentially affected communities through discussions with the Government of Alberta, the Rural Municipality of Wood Buffalo, and with Aboriginal communities close to the Pod One site. Connacher also talked to other companies and organizations who had previously worked in the area;

- developed a list of communities, individuals, groups, agencies and companies based on the information received; and
- developed a strategy that met the following criteria:
  - Connacher would develop long term, transparent relationships that would begin with exploration and last through to reclamation;
  - relationships would provide a basis for two way communication from which Connacher could listen to, document and incorporate the information gleaned, as appropriate, to its plans and operations;
  - ensure that the relationship developed did not only involve matters on a business perspective but on a personal basis were appropriate (put some faces to the names); and
  - use the method acceptable with the identified community for consultation, information or notification.

### **F.1.2 Consultation with Aboriginal Communities**

Consultation with Aboriginal communities included timely, open dialogue between company decision makers and community members, leadership and staff. The objective was to provide understandable information on the Project while listening to and collecting input from community members and their advisors. The input received was recorded and considered by Connacher. Many ideas and suggestions provided by community members were incorporated into the plans for the Project.

Connacher intends to continue this proactive relationship and consultation through to closure and final reclamation of the Project.

Connacher initiated discussions directed at the use of the land, the environment, education, training, employment and economic development as appropriate to the size of the Project. Results of these discussions provided Connacher and the Aboriginal communities with information that will enable them to design and implement programs and policies that will positively impact the communities' experience with industry into the future.

Connacher continued to follow its consultation process with its Aboriginal neighbours established through initial consultation with these communities. The following principles govern this ongoing consultation process:

- recognition that each First Nation or Métis community has its own manner of doing business and therefore Connacher will develop jointly with each Aboriginal community a process designed to address the needs of that community;
- consultation and the resultant programs and policies will be based on a long term, mutually beneficial relationship that will be encouraged until closure and final reclamation of the Project;
- consultation is to be undertaken and completed in a timely manner, recognizing the busy schedules of all the Aboriginal communities, their members and advisors. Information provided will be understandable;
- records of meetings, open houses and informal discussions will be compiled and input received from Aboriginal communities will be fairly considered and where appropriate will be incorporated into Connacher's development plans;
- Traditional Land Use (TLU) information that is gathered during consultation and is proprietary will be treated as such. TLU information gathered and used by Connacher is done so with the permission of the appropriate community; and

- consultation with the Aboriginal communities will meet or exceed all consultation guidelines as outlined by the Province of Alberta.

The consultation plan developed jointly for each community includes the following elements:

- meetings in the communities during which Connacher provided information about its plans for the Project and received input from community members regarding their ideas and issues relating to the Project and development in general. Maps of the area showing the proposed development plans were provided and explained and a booklet describing the Project was also distributed;
- a tour of the Pod One/Algar site for community representatives that included:
  - tour of the existing Pod One production facilities. This included a detailed explanation of the water recycling process currently in use and to be used on the Project;
  - a tour of the Algar construction site;
  - a presentation on the Project describing details of the various elements of the Project and its integration with existing or approved operations and facilities;
  - a helicopter tour of the area of the Project. This was used to identify wildlife, game trails, trappers cabins, vegetation areas and lakes or streams;
  - a discussion on TLU and TEK; and
  - a discussion on identification of issues and possible solutions.
- A process to encourage informal communications to ensure community issues are being addressed and to maintain open communications relating to all aspects of Connacher's development plans and operations in the Great Divide area;
- A process to facilitate ongoing (semi-annual) community meetings to review issues raised by community members and progress in addressing those concerns.

### **F.1.3 Consultation Timing**

Initial steps to begin consultation with key stakeholders began in 2008, prior to commencement of the regulatory approval process for the Project. Preliminary informal meetings were held with many stakeholders advising them of Connacher's plans to proceed with the Project, the company's proposed activities for 2009 and the likely timing of the Project application for approval. During these meetings Connacher asked the community representatives for input into its consultation plan.

In March of 2009 Connacher delivered the proposed Terms of Reference (pTOR) to the Aboriginal communities listed in Section F.1 and informed them of the proposed timelines for the Project.

### **F.1.4 Stakeholder Identification**

[Table F.1.4.1](#) provides a list of the stakeholders that have been identified for the Great Divide SAGD Expansion Project.

<b>Table F.1.4.1 List of Stakeholders</b>	
<p><b>Aboriginal Communities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fort McMurray FN</li> <li>• Chipewyan Prairie FN</li> <li>• Heart Lake FN</li> <li>• Métis Local 1935</li> <li>• Willow Lake Métis Local 780</li> <li>• Chard Métis Local 214</li> <li>• MNA Region 1</li> <li>• Trappers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Industry</b></p> <p>Some examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nexen Inc. &amp; Opti Canada Inc.</li> <li>• Iteration Energy Ltd &amp; Chair Resources Inc</li> <li>• Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.</li> <li>• Rife Resources Ltd</li> <li>• Husky Oil Operations Limited</li> <li>• Altagas Ltd</li> <li>• Talisman Energy Inc</li> </ul>
<p><b>Non-Traditional Land Users</b></p> <p>Some examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-aboriginal trappers</li> <li>• Snow mobile clubs</li> <li>• Fish and Game clubs</li> </ul>	<p><b>Government and Service Provider</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate federal, provincial and municipal government bodies</li> <li>• Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB)</li> <li>• Keyano College</li> </ul>
<p><b>Industry Groups</b></p> <p>Some examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oil Sands Producers Group</li> <li>• Cumulative Environmental Management Association (CEMA)</li> <li>• Wood Buffalo Environmental Association (WBEA)</li> <li>• North-eastern Alberta Aboriginal Business Association (NAABA)</li> <li>• Ft McMurray Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>• Regional Aquatics Monitoring Program (RAMP)</li> </ul>	

### F.1.5 Advertising and Public Notice

Public Notice for the pTOR was advertised in the following newspapers:

- Fort McMurray Today
- Edmonton Journal
- Edmonton Sun
- Calgary Herald
- Calgary Sun
- Windspeaker

Connacher also hand delivered copies of the public notice of the pTOR and the pTOR document to the representatives of the following Aboriginal communities:

Copies of the pTOR were also available to the public at the following locations:

- Fort McMurray First Nation IRC Office
- Chipewyan Prairie First Nation Band Office

- Fort McMurray Public Library
- Oil Sands Discovery Centre
- Anzac RM Office
- Janvier South Municipal Contact Office
- Alberta Registration of Environmental Assessment –Edmonton

## F.2. CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES

### F.2.1 First Nation Communities

#### F.2.1.1 Fort McMurray #468 First Nation

Fort McMurray #468 First Nation (FMFN) and Connacher have had a relationship since the Great Divide Pod One project was initiated in 2006. In 2007 these relations continued when the Algar project was initiated and permitted. In 2008 Connacher became a full funding member of the FMFN IRC. Connacher considers FMFN an important community in its consultation efforts and as such has spent considerable time and effort developing a positive working relationship with the community. Connacher representatives have participated in planning meetings, community events, social gatherings and have assisted with training programs when requested by the community. The formal meetings relevant to the consultation on the Project are provided in [Table F.2.1.1](#).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Topic</b>
August 25, 2008	FMFN Band Office	IRC Staff	Connacher proposed expansion plans
January 20, 2009	FMFN IRC Office	Director IRC	Discussion on consultation process
March 25, 2009	FMFN IRC Office	Director and staff	Presentation on Connacher expansion project
April 7, 2009	Tour of Great Divide	Elders and staff	Tour of existing facilities at Great Divide –discussion
July 6, 2009	FMFN IRC office	Director IRC	EIA, TLU tour and Elders
August 11, 2009	Great Divide tour	Elders and staff	Expansion presentation, tour of EIA area, TLU discussions
February 2, 2010	Fort McMurray	IRC Staff	Discuss information collected over past year

#### F.2.1.2 Chipewyan Prairie Dene First Nation

Chipewyan Prairie Dene First Nation (CPDFN) and Connacher have had a very good working relationship since 2006 when Connacher became a full funding member of the CPDFN IRC. Since that time Connacher has developed an ongoing relationship with leadership of the First Nation and the staff of the IRC office. Connacher staff has participated in events and discussions with the First Nation on a formal and informal basis to ensure that all aspects of Connacher's existing and proposed activities are understood by the First Nation while also ensuring that Connacher is aware of the interests of the First Nation that could influence its ongoing and proposed activities in the future. Connacher has developed its

consultation work plan in conjunction with the IRC staff. The formal meetings relevant to the consultation on the Project are provided in [Table F.2.1.2](#).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Topic</b>
January 27, 2009	Janvier	Chief	General discussion on expansion project and process
February 19, 2009	Ft McMurray	IRC staff	Discussed appropriate process for Consultation
March 3, 2009	Ft McMurray	Director and staff	Set meeting dates and agenda
March 12, 2009	Janvier	Elder Coordinator	Agree on meeting date and agenda
March 24, 2009	Janvier	Elders, coordinator, councillors, public	Presentation on expansion and environmental studies to be completed
April 7, 2009	Ft McMurray	IRC Staff	Discuss pTOR, EIA process
June 3, 2009	Ft McMurray	IRC staff	Plan site tour, TLU discussion
July 9, 2009	Great Divide	Elder and staff	Presentation. Tour, discussion
July 9, 2009	Ft McMurray	Elders and staff	Presentation and TLU discussion
April 21, 2010	Telephone	IRC Environmental Coordinator	Confirmed that information included in Stakeholder Consultation and TLU is correct

### **F.2.1.3 Heart Lake First Nation**

Heart Lake First Nation (HLFN) and Connacher have met and discussed developments at Great Divide since the project started. In January of 2009 the HLFN Consultation Office and Connacher met to discuss the ongoing relationship and a letter of agreement addressing consultation and relationships into the future was signed. HLFN advised Connacher that the Project was on the fringes of the HLFN traditional lands and they suggested the appropriate consultation process to be followed for the Project. Connacher believes the relationship between HLFN and Connacher is excellent and discussions are ongoing. Connacher has supported HLFN's TLU and is awaiting an outstanding report for use in ongoing project planning and consultation. The meetings and selected communications between Connacher and HLFN relating to the Project are listed in [Table F.2.1.3](#).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Topic</b>
January 9, 2009	HLFN	Consultation Coordinator	Consultation Process
February 5, 2009	Exchanged letters	Chief and Consultation Coordinator	Agreed to Consultation Process
March 12, 2009	HLFN Consultation Office	Consultation Coordinator	Delivered pTOR and discussed contents

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Topic</b>
July 6, 2009	HLFN		Planned Elders tour and TLU discussion
July 14, 2009	Great Divide Site	Elders and John	Expansion presentation, tour of facilities and helicopter fly over, TLU meeting
April 21, 2010	email	Consultation Office Staff	Confirmed that information in Stakeholder Consultation and TLU documents is correct

## **F.2.2 Métis Communities**

### **F.2.2.1 Willow Lake Métis Local 780**

Early in 2009 Connacher initiated discussions with the President of the Willow Lake Métis Local 780 (Local 780). Connacher visited the community and learnt who the Local 780 represents and found out that some of the earliest trappers in the Great Divide area were members of the Willow Lake community. Local 780 indicated that it wants to be informed on all aspects of the Project that might affect their community and the land around it. The meetings held with Local 780 relating to the Project are listed in [Table F.2.2.1](#).

<b>Date</b>	<b>location</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Topic</b>
March 12, 2009	Anzac	Municipal Office	Delivered pTOR and brief description of the project
April 8, 2009	Anzac	President WLML	Discuss Connacher's expansion plans and the pTOR
May 11, 2009	Anzac	President	Discuss plan for process
May 23, 2009	Anzac	WLML President and membership	Presentation on Expansion project
June 26, 2009	Great Divide site	President and Members	Presentation, site tour, helicopter tour, discussion after tour
July 31, 2009	Fort McMurray	President and consultant	Discussed process going forward and issues
November 20, 2009	Fort McMurray	President	Went over details of some aspects of expansion project planned Nov 21 meeting
January 23, 2010	Anzac	President and membership	Review information

<b>Date</b>	<b>location</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Topic</b>
			received from previous meetings

### **F.2.2.2 Fort McMurray Métis Local 1935**

Connacher signed a Good Neighbour Agreement in 2007 with the Fort McMurray Métis Local 1935 (Local 1935). In 2008 when plans were being completed for the Project, the Local 1935 and Connacher extended their understanding of the agreement to include their relationship going forward. The meetings held with Local 1935 relating to the Project are listed in [Table F.2.2.2](#).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Dec 17, 2008	Local 1935 office	Office staff	Proposed expansion and discussed process to be followed
March 11, 2009	Local 1935 office	General Manager Local 1935	Delivered pTOR and explained deadlines
March 23, 2009	Local 1935 office	President and General Manager	Agreed on process to follow
May 1, 2009	Local 1935 membership meeting	President, BOD, General Mgr and membership	Presentation on Connacher and proposed expansion project
June 12, 2009	Great Divide tour	President and Elder members of 1935	Presentation, tour, helicopter flight, discussion, visited important sites
August 20, 2009	Local 1935 office	President and GM	Discussed process to date
October 7, 2009	Local 1935 office	President, GM and Staff	Discussed Good Neighbour Agreement, EIA process and other opportunities
January 16, 2009	Fort McMurray	President, BOD, GM and members	Review information collected and discussed issues

### **F.2.2.3 Chard Métis Local 214**

In the fall of 2008 Connacher representatives attended a Board of Directors (BOD) and Elders' meeting in the municipal office in Janvier South (Chard). There were 13 Elders along with the President and the BOD for Local 214. Connacher explained its current Project and explained that there would be a planned expansion beginning with the regulatory process in 2009. The meetings held with Local 214 relating to the Project are provided in [Table F.2.2.3](#).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Fall 2008	Chard Office	President, Elders	Discussion re: Connacher expansion plans and regulatory process
March 12, 2009	Chard office		Delivered pTOR to office in Chard
April 12, 2009	McMurray	President and consultant	Discussed pTOR and process to follow
April 30, 2009	Chard office	BOD, Elders and consultant	Connacher gave expansion project presentation and discussed work plan
August 18, 2009	Chard Office	BOD telephone call to Connacher	BOD gave direction on process and tour
August 25, 2009	Great Divide Site	BOD and Elders	Presentation, tour, helicopter fly around, discussion
January 27, 2010	Chard	BOD, Elder and consultant	Review information collected

### **F.2.2.3 Métis Nation of Alberta Region One**

Since Connacher commenced its oil sands development activities in the Great Divide area, it has kept the Métis Nation of Alberta Region One staff informed. Connacher has attempted to ensure that Region One staff is not only informed about its development plans, but also about the company's meetings with Métis Locals in the area. There have been no issues identified by Region One staff concerning the Project. The meetings held with MNA Region One relevant to the Project are listed in [Table F.2.2.4](#).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Feb 6, 2009, 2009	Edmonton	President, Vice President	Discussed proposed expansion and process to be followed
June 2, 2009	Fort McMurray	President	Discussed project and process with Métis Locals
Aug 20, 2009	Fort McMurray	President	Updated the President on meetings and discussions to date

### **F.2.3 Trappers**

There are both Aboriginal and non Aboriginal trappers in the Great Divide area and Connacher has provided information concerning the Project to each of these trappers. Connacher has met with the

trappers on a number of occasions to ensure that they receive proper notice on all activities on the Project and their trap line. To date, Connacher has been able to resolve all issues relating to trapper compensation resulting from the company's development plans and the impacts of those plans on the ability to trap on their traplines.

## **F.2.4 Other Stakeholders**

### **F.2.4.1 Keyano College**

Connacher consults with Keyano executive and staff on topics that involve the SAGD operation and potential training and education programs for residents of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) and in particular residents of Connacher's identified stakeholder communities. On October 6, 2009 Connacher invited four members of the Keyano College executive and staff to tour the Great Divide project site. The tour included a presentation on the Project, a tour of the Pod One facilities and a drive through the Algar construction site. In discussions at the conclusion of the visit Keyano staff explained ways in which they felt the College could work with Connacher to address some of the challenges faced with the employment of residents of the RMWB.

### **F.2.4.2 Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo**

On March 12, 2009 copies of the pTOR were given to the RMWB planning office in Fort McMurray. On April 22, 2009 Connacher representatives met with 10 staff members of the RMWB. Various departments including planning, transportation, fire and safety and municipal services were represented. Connacher gave a presentation on the Pod One and Algar SAGD projects as well as the Project. On May 4, 2009, six members of the Planning Department toured the Great Divide site. RMWB staff toured the Pod One facility with the Project Superintendent and discussed all aspects of the operation.

### **F.2.4.3 Government**

Connacher has had numerous meetings with the provincial regulators, including Alberta Environment and the Energy Resources Conservation Board, about the Project beginning with the early stages of developing the Project Terms of Reference to refining the technical details. The expansion Project builds on the local knowledge gained during the development of the Great Divide (Pod One) and Algar projects.

## **F.3 NON-PROJECT SPECIFIC CONCERNS**

Through the many meetings that Connacher has had with Aboriginal communities there were a number of concerns that have been consistently raised which are not Project specific.

- Employment – All communities raised concerns about members of their communities not being able to find and maintain meaningful employment within the oil sands industry. Identified barriers to securing employment included: education, appropriate training, discrimination, distances, day care, transportation and addictions.
- Lack of capacity – All communities identified a lack of capacity to address the demands of resource development and associated regulatory processes. The communities indicated that their leadership struggles to meet the expectations of industry, government and their own community members. Additional funding and resources to address this capacity issue was identified as an immediate and future need. Lack of adequate housing was also identified as a barrier to securing adequate human resources to support the community and to more fully engage in review and consultation relating to resource development proposals.
- Access to land – The issue of access to land was raised repeatedly in various community meetings with two distinct and conflicting concerns. Community members expressed concern that oil sands development opened up areas of the boreal forest previously inaccessible to the general public and

that access through roads and cut lines increased interference with caribou in caribou calving areas. Others expressed concern that barriers are erected across old trails and pathways, limiting community members unencumbered access to areas in the bush where they could previously access without interruption from developers.

#### **F.4 TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE & TRADITIONAL LAND USE**

Based on Connacher’s Consultation Plan, the Final Terms of Reference (FTOR) for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report, and the Government of Alberta’s First Nations Consultation Guidelines on Land Management and Resource Development (2007), Connacher has been actively consulting and working with Aboriginal groups (First Nations and Métis) who have traditional interests in or near the Project.

In the context of this assessment, Aboriginal traditional interests include **Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK)** and **Traditional Land Use (TLU)**. TEK is “*a cumulative body of knowledge, practice, and belief, evolving by adaptive processes and handed down through generations by cultural transmission, about the relationship of living beings (including humans) with one another and with their environment*” (Berkes 1999: 8). TLU refers to “*...activities involving the harvest of traditional resources; things like hunting, trapping, fishing, gathering of medicinal plants and berry picking, and traveling to engage in these activities. For any given community or nation, use occurs over a specific geographic area*” (Usher quoted in Tobias 2000: 3).

Connacher’s Consultation Plan (2008: 1) states that the company will work with the Aboriginal communities potentially affected by the Project to develop the appropriate process in order to ensure that each First Nation and Métis community and its members have access to all the information concerning activities in the region.

Information sharing agreements were signed where appropriate and the information in this report is included with the permission of each of the Aboriginal groups that attended TEK and TLU meetings. The information made available in this report has also been verified by each of the pertinent groups.

The Project final Terms of Reference require that Connacher address the following:

##### **TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE AND LAND USE**

[A] Provide:

- a) a map of traditional land use areas (if the aboriginal community or group is willing to have this information disclosed); (Refer to [Appendix 7](#))
- b) a map of cabin sites, spiritual sites, graves and other traditional use sites considered as historic resources under the Historical Resources Act (if the aboriginal community or group is willing to have these locations disclosed) as well as traditional trails and resource activity patterns. (Refer to [Appendix 7](#))
- c) a description of the extent of traditional use of land in both the Project Area and the LSA, including fishing, hunting, trapping, nutritional or medicinal plant harvesting and cultural use by affected aboriginal people; (Refer to [Appendix 7](#))
- d) a discussion of:
  - i) access to traditional lands in the Project Area during all stages of the Project,
  - ii) the vegetation and wildlife used for traditional, food, ceremonial, medicinal and other purposes, and
  - iii) aboriginal views on land reclamation; and

[B] Determine the impact of the Project on traditional uses and identify possible mitigation strategies. (Refer to [Table F.4.2.2](#))

### F.4.1 Methods

With direction from Alberta Sustainable Resources Development and Alberta Environment, Connacher contacted Fort McMurray First Nation, Chipewyan Prairie Dene First Nation, and Heart Lake First Nation in order to discuss their TLU interests in and around the Project study area. Based on their Aboriginal Consultation Policy (2008), Connacher also approached Willow Lake Métis Local 780, Fort McMurray Métis Local 1935, and the Chard Métis Local 214 to discuss their TLU interests in and around the Project study area.

As stated in the Aboriginal Consultation Policy (2008), Connacher acknowledges that each community has its own unique history, culture and therefore set of protocols and traditional ways of life. With this in mind, each community was contacted and informed about the proposed development. The communities had the opportunity to direct Connacher on whether to hold meetings, Elder’s meetings, focus groups, site visits, and verification meetings based on what they felt was most appropriate for their membership. These meetings were held under the supervision of each community’s leadership (Chief and Council or Board of Directors) and under the direction of each community’s Industry Relations Corporation (IRC) or Consultation Office. During the above-mentioned information sharing sessions, knowledge holders were interviewed and TEK, TLU and questions and concerns were recorded. This information has been provided in [Appendix 7](#).

### F.4.2 Results Summary

A number of site visits and verification meetings were held with each Aboriginal group during the process to collect traditional information. These have been summarized in [Table F.4.2.1](#). A description of the activities that took place during meetings and the knowledge shared and concerns expressed specific to each community are provided in more detail in [Appendix 7](#). A summary of the concerns raised during the process are provided in [Table F.4.2.2](#).

<b>Community</b>	<b>Site Visit</b>	<b>Verification</b>
Fort McMurray Métis Local 1935	June 12/09	Jan. 16/10
Willow Lake Métis Local 780	June 26/09	Jan. 23/10
Chipewyan Prairie Dene First Nation	July 9/09	April 21, 2010
Heart Lake First Nation	July 11/09	April 21, 2010
Fort McMurray First Nation	August 11/09	Feb. 2/10
Chard Métis Local 214	August 25/09	Jan. 27/10

<b>Concern</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Connacher's Response</b>
Contamination of water	Inform communities on EIA. Continue with regular consultation and information sessions with communities.	Connacher has a spill response and emergency response plan which are discussed in <a href="#">Section B.9</a> .
Overuse of water	Inform communities on EIA. Continue with regular consultation and information sessions with communities.	Connacher has advanced water treatment and recycle which will minimize water use and is discussed in <a href="#">Section B.6</a> .
Disruption of waterways	Inform communities on EIA. Continue with regular consultation and information sessions with communities.	Surface drainage and watercourses will be maintained during development without disruption. This is discussed in <a href="#">Section D.6</a> .
Fish health and populations	Inform communities on EIA. Continue with regular consultation and information sessions with communities.	The Project is being developed to minimize impacts to the fisheries resource. This is discussed in <a href="#">Section D.2</a> .
Wildlife health and populations	Inform communities on EIA. Continue with regular consultation and information sessions with communities.	The Project is being developed to minimize impacts to the wildlife resource. This is discussed in <a href="#">Section D.11</a> .
Disturbance of fur bearing animals (and therefore decrease in trapping)	Inform communities on EIA. Continue with regular consultation and information sessions with communities.	The Project is being developed to minimize impacts to the wildlife resource. This is discussed in <a href="#">Section D.11</a> .
Air contamination/plant odour	Inform communities on EIA. Continue with regular consultation and information sessions with communities.	The Project is being developed to minimize impacts to air quality. This is discussed in <a href="#">Section D.1</a> .
Impact of Project on caribou migration, health and population	Inform communities on EIA. Continue with regular consultation and information sessions with communities.	The Project is being developed to minimize impacts to the wildlife resource. This is discussed in <a href="#">Section D.11</a> .
Loss of access to area for TLU	Inform communities on EIA. Continue with regular consultation and information sessions with communities.	The Project is being developed to minimize impacts to traditional use. This is discussed in <a href="#">Section D.13</a> .
Increased access of area for recreation (and therefore disruption of TLU)	Inform communities on EIA. Continue with regular consultation and information sessions with communities.	The Project is being developed to minimize impacts to the resources resulting from increased access. This is discussed in <a href="#">Section D.13</a> .
Impact of increased traffic and activity on wildlife	Inform communities on EIA. Continue with regular consultation and information sessions with communities.	The Project is being developed to minimize impacts to the wildlife resource. This is discussed in <a href="#">Section D.11</a> .
Effects of heating the ground with steam on ecosystem	Inform communities on EIA. Continue with regular consultation and information sessions with communities.	The bitumen is over 450 m below the surface and will not have any impact on the surface.
Disruption of caribou moss	Inform communities on EIA. Continue with regular consultation and information sessions with communities.	The Project is being developed to minimize impacts to the vegetation resource. This is discussed in <a href="#">Section</a>

<b>Table F.4.2.2 Summary of Community Concerns Related to Development</b>		
<b>Concern</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Connacher's Response</b>
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Access to berry patches in area	Access open in lease; provide mechanism on approval for access in development areas.	Connacher will meet with the community in June each year to agree on a process to allow access
Contamination of berries in area	Inform communities on EIA. Continue with regular consultation and information sessions with communities.	The Project is being developed to minimize impacts to the vegetation resource. This is discussed in <a href="#">Section D.10.</a>
Potential for environmentally damaging accidents	Provide communities with access to Connacher's safety plan.	Connacher has a spill response and emergency response plan which are discussed in <a href="#">Section B.9.</a>
Elders would like to include TEK and TLU integration in environmental management of the project	Work with communities to develop plans for continued information sharing and consultation.	Annual meetings will include discussions directed at this topic.
Opportunities for community-based monitoring - continual Aboriginal involvement over the next 30 years	Work with communities to develop plans for continued information sharing and consultation.	Connacher will consult and share information with the community.
TEK and TLU use in reclamation	Work with communities to develop plans for continued information sharing and consultation.	Connacher will consult and share information with the community.
Cumulative impact of all projects in the area	Inform communities on EIA. Continue with regular consultation and information sessions with communities.	The Project is being developed to minimize project related and cumulative impacts This is discussed in Section D.
Change in traditional lifeways	Work with communities to develop plans for continued information sharing and consultation. Participate in annual community and on location meetings.	Connacher will consult and share information with the community.
Potential for scholarships	Develop a scholarship policy	Connacher is discussing the appropriate level and process with each community
Local employment and training	Develop and implement a training and employment plan for local persons	Connacher is working with each community on developing this process
Opportunities for spiritual ceremonies before land disturbance	Inform and provide communities with opportunities to practice ceremonies	Aboriginal communities will be invited to participate as appropriate