

7.0 Aboriginal Archaeological, Heritage and Cultural Resources

7.1.1 The Proponent shall, for all phases of the Designated Project: avoid known culturally significant sites.

Status Update: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

Culturally significant sites were avoided in 2017.

7.1.2 The Proponent shall, for all phases of the Designated Project: assess additional culturally significant sites, if discovered.

Status Update: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

No culturally significant sites were identified in 2017.

7.1.3 The Proponent shall, for all phases of the Designated Project: establish a procedure for Aboriginal groups to safely access the Project Site for cultural and ceremonial purposes.

Status Update: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

Completed. A formal procedure was identified in Section 4.0 of the Aboriginal Consultation Plan (Provincial Environmental Assessment, Notice of Approval Condition 9).

7.1.4 The Proponent shall, for all phases of the Designated Project: preserve any discovered burial sites.

Status Update: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

No burial sites were discovered in 2017.

7.1.5 The Proponent shall, for all phases of the Designated Project: salvage and preserve any artifacts that cannot be maintained in-situ.

Status Update: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

New Gold had archaeologists on site to excavate archaeological sites as per Provincial Standards and Guidelines. The archaeologists currently hold the artifacts and will make arrangements to transfer the artifacts to appropriate facilities upon consultation with Aboriginal people.

7.1.6 The Proponent shall, for all phases of the Designated Project: transfer artifacts in condition 7.1.5 to a facility identified by Aboriginal groups, in consultation with the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

Status: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

Artifacts will be transferred from the archaeologist once the reports for MTCS are complete and consultation with Aboriginal groups regarding the artifacts is complete.

7.2 The proponent shall consult with the Aboriginal groups on the implementation of condition 7.1.

Status: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

No additional cultural sites were identified in 2017. Throughout the Environmental Assessment process, New Gold had engaged Aboriginal groups on previously identified cultural sites.

Supporting Documentation

There is no supporting documentation for Section 7.0.