MOOSE AND MINERALS: FIRST NATION OF NACHO NYÄK DUN ELDERS’ PERSPECTIVES ON CHANGE

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LACE - Labour mobility and community participation in the extractive industries: case studies in the Canadian north Research Project 2014 – 2019; JOJO Fieldwork

Oral History Project – Elders’ Opinions on the Impact of the Extractive Industry

aim: add to the understanding of the “complex pattern of mutual involvement and unequal impacts” (Winton and Hogan 2015:93)

13 Oral History Interviews; 30 - 90 minutes; mix between semi-structured and narrative/life-history interviews: 10 more narrative/life-history based, 2 more semi-structured, (depending on age and knowledge about the mining industry), 1 “ice-fishing” interview/discussion between 2015 and 2017

oral accounts and subjective memories accounts are treated as centre-piece to academic inquiry (Cruikshank 1990)

Presentation of preliminary findings (booklet) to Elders in 2016
Verification of Transcripts in 2017 and 2018
Poster: Memories of Mining > Timeline of Major Events
Book: Dän Hùnày – Our People’s Story 2019
Online @ Dän Hùnày
Memories of Mining: First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun Elders’ perspectives
DÄN HÜNÄY

OUR PEOPLE'S STORY

FIRST NATION OF NACHO NYÅK DUN ELDERS' MEMORIES AND OPINIONS ON MINING

FIRST NATION OF NACHO NYÅK DUN ELDERS
WITH SUSANNA GARTLER, JOELLA HOGAN AND GERTRUDE SAKINGER
FIRST NATION OF NACHO NŸÄK DUN ELDERS who participated in the project.
Presentation and signing of books by Elders in Mayo in November 2019

Leonard Linklater from CBC Radio and Gertie in Mayo on the day of the presentation
Presenting the book in Dawson City at the Renewable Resource Council Meeting

Three happy co-authors: Joella Hogan, Gertrude Saxinger, Susa Gartler (left to right)
Book presentation in Whitehorse at the MacBride Museum with relatives of participants reading sections out loud.
CONCLUSION

• Nacho Nyäk Dun Elders’ perspectives shed very different light on recent history of the Yukon and contact than common narratives of ‘discovery’, ‘empty lands’ and previous accounts of past events that are purely oriented towards mining proponents and processes

• more nuanced understanding of how mining colonialism was/is experienced

• ONLINE VERSION OF Dän Hûnây is available on fnnnd.com/heritage

• Second print run already planned

• Continuing research relationship with First Nation of Nacho Nyäk Dun and other First Nations across the Yukon

• Continuing collaboration with individuals

• Next step: Write-up Dissertation, Presentation of Results to Community in Fall 2020.