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RESPONSE TO CHAMBER'S QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

1. **What can Yellowknife do to actively support and pursue the opportunities that the six NWT mining projects that are in, or have cleared, the environmental approvals processes?**

Yellowknife is a mining town and already has a lot of supports in place for mining and exploration. This includes an experienced workforce, local businesses skilled in providing the necessary supplies and a skilled transportation sector. The City of Yellowknife has put several projects in place to further support the mines, one example is the proposed 'truck stop' by Highway 4 that will serve the many trucks that drive the winter ice road. Yellowknife can ensure there is housing available to encourage workers to stay here. I am sure there are many other ways the City can actively support these six new projects and I would look to the Economic Development Division to work closely with the NWT and Nunavut Chamber of Mines.

2. **Since Yellowknife's economy is intertwined with the Kitikmeot's, can Yellowknife partner with the Kitikmeot communities in supporting project success for mutual benefits?**

Yellowknife has a long history of supporting projects in Nunavut. For many of the reasons listed above and the fact that the relationships are already in place makes this partnership with the Kitikmeot such a natural match.

3. **In the face of these opportunities, we also know our world class diamond mines won't last forever. Should the City take actions to help sustain those operations?**

The City owes it to all local businesses and industries to actively promote and sustain their operations. We need to develop and sustain relationships with all the players to be proactive. As a new Councillor, I took advantage of the opportunities provided to us to learn more about the mining industry. The city needs to develop and maintain partnerships and keep an active ongoing dialogue to look at development opportunities. We need to investigate what kind of secondary industries can be supported economically in this city.

4. **Should Yellowknife have its own plan Mineral Development Strategy, or will the benefits just naturally flow to Yellowknife? Could Yellowknife leaders proactively support projects for mutual success?**

The City does not currently have the resources to develop its own Mineral Development Strategy. However by working closely with the NWT and Nunavut Chamber of Mines, the NWT and Yellowknife Chambers of Commerce, the Northern Visitors Frontier Centre and the other orders of government, we can and must demonstrate active support for this important industry. The upcoming Geoscience Forum is an excellent example of an event that can be supported by leaders in the community. I am proud to say that I have been a volunteer at the Geoscience NWT Rocks event with school children for the past three years.