

## JT Haines

What do you think is missing?

You asked "how should we engage the community." You should engage the community by giving the community the final right to approve or deny a Community Benefit Agreement (before it is signed by MPCA). All of these other questions -- "what should be in it, who should negotiate it, etc" -- will be dramatically enhanced by simply being clear that the community has the last say. If we instead do everything we can to avoid that say, then the conversation will be permanently stuck on the question of whether the engagement was enough, the right kind, etc. I hope that the MPCA would also prefer to avoid this. "The slow way is the fast way," as some have said. Thank you.