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# STIBNITE ADVISORY COUNCIL

# 2021 PROGRESS REPORT

REPRESENTING OUR COMMUNITIES

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## INTRODUCTION

In late 2018, eight communities from across the West Central Mountains came together to sign a Community Agreement with Perpetua Resources (then Midas Gold). A key component of the Agreement was the creation of the Stibnite Advisory Council (SAC). Made up of representatives from each of the eight communities, SAC is a direct forum for communication with Perpetua Resources to get our questions answered, identify opportunities and have our voice heard.

The agreement can be found at:  
[www.stibniteadvisorycouncil.com](http://www.stibniteadvisorycouncil.com).

## THIS REPORT

This report highlights the work of the Stibnite Advisory Council since the Community Agreement was signed in 2018. We have worked hard to represent the needs and interests of the communities we represent and we want the opportunity to share with you some of what we have done in the last three years.

# ROLE OF THE COUNCIL

The Stibnite Advisory Council is made up of representatives appointed annually from Adams County, Cascade, Council, Donnelly, Idaho County, New Meadows, Riggins, Yellow Pine, Perpetua Resources Idaho and Perpetua Resources Corp.

The Council meets monthly and serves as the communities' principal forum for communication regarding the Stibnite Gold Project with Perpetua Resources, now and throughout the life of the Project. Representatives are tasked with the responsibility of working through shared issues with Perpetua Resources, providing key information back to the communities they serve and overseeing the implementation of the Community Agreement.

As outlined in the Community Agreement, the Council's primary job is to represent the needs and interests of their communities, to take reasonable steps to understand and educate themselves on the Stibnite Gold Project, and to provide information to help resolve matters related to impacts of the project.

Members of the council engage by asking Perpetua Resources for information on various elements of the project, sharing information with their communities, identifying areas of potential need or concern, and bringing together ideas and parties to seek resolution on matters related to impacts of the project. The Stibnite Advisory Council does its best to work in an efficient, solution-oriented and cooperative manner.

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# MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL

"WE CARE ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORS AND FEEL A DEEP OBLIGATION TO MAKE SURE THEIR VOICES ARE HEARD THROUGHOUT THE LIFE OF THE PROJECT."

All of us who serve on the Stibnite Advisory Council (SAC) represent our communities with pride. We care about our neighbors and feel a deep obligation to make sure their voices are heard throughout the life of the proposed Stibnite Gold Project.

Over the last few years, we have brought forward their questions and been able to get detailed answers from the company. We have shared feedback from our communities and Perpetua has genuinely listened. In some cases, the company has even made adjustments to their plans. This level of collaboration was the intent behind the community agreement. I am proud to say it is working.

As the Stibnite Gold Project moves forward, SAC will continue to advocate for the cities, counties and villages we call home. We believe our work has the potential to impact the Stibnite Gold Project with results that will benefit all Idahoans.

If you ever have feedback you'd like to share, please reach out to your local SAC representative. We would love to hear from you.

SAC CHAIR, JULIE GOOD  
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## CREATING THE FRAMEWORK

### BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

*The Stibnite Advisory Council was designed to provide the influence our communities need in the project design and implementation now, and through the life of the project.*

After the Community Agreement was reached, the Council created bylaws, established a monthly meeting schedule, elected officers, formed working groups to focus on specific areas of interest, and launched a website which houses all SAC documents.

Our website, [www.StibniteAdvisoryCouncil.com](http://www.StibniteAdvisoryCouncil.com) was created so the Council could easily share information with residents of the region.

Currently, the Stibnite Advisory Council has four active working groups:

Environment

Transportation

Workforce

Supporting Industries

The working groups were identified by Council members from community feedback. In the future, new working groups may be added as priorities evolve.

## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The Stibnite Advisory Council has taken seriously its role to become educated on the Stibnite Gold Project. Council members have asked Perpetua Resources for presentations on topics related to the project. Monthly meetings feature in-depth presentations from the company's technical experts.

To date the Stibnite Advisory Council has received presentations and updates on the following topics:

<b>Project Updates</b>	<b>Economic Study</b>
<b>Refinements to the Project</b>	<b>Antimony</b>
<b>Fish Tunnel</b>	<b>Safety Programs (now and future)</b>
<b>Feasibility Study</b>	<b>Workforce</b>
<b>Powerline Upgrades</b>	<b>Transportation, Traffic and Access</b>
<b>Water Management (now and future)</b>	<b>On-site Infrastructure</b>
<b>Administrative Settlement</b>	<b>Reclamation and Closure Plan</b>
<b>Agreement &amp; Order on Consent</b>	

In addition, the Stibnite Advisory Council has invited local leaders to present on issues that impact the region. Those presentations included:

**Housing & Projected Growth**, *Andrew Mentzer, Executive Director West Central Mountains Economic Development Council*

**Cascade Medical Center Strategic Plan**, *Tom Reinhart, CEO Cascade Medical Center*

**St. Luke's Update**, *Amber Green, Chief Operating and Nursing Officer*

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## INFORMED COMMENTS

As part of fulfilling the commitments made in the 2018 Community Agreement, each party provided an informed comment letter to the U.S. Forest Service during the Draft EIS comment period in August 2020. These letters were informed by the participation of the parties' representatives in the Stibnite Advisory Council and through hearing from community members.

## COMMUNICATING TO OUR COMMUNITIES

Members of the Stibnite Advisory Council regularly share updates to their respective cities and counties.

Council members report back through press releases, posting meetings to the Council website, adding content in community newsletters, hosting public open houses in some communities, and presenting information to city council and county commissioner meetings.

# ONGOING WORK

At the request of the Stibnite Advisory Council, Perpetua Resources and the Council have started a number of on-going projects.



## 01 Workforce Survey

In March 2020 an on-going workforce survey was launched for anyone interested in working for Perpetua Resources to help our communities gauge potential needs. You can complete the survey [HERE](#).

Over 200 people have responded and the information collected from the survey is consistent with an economic study on the Stibnite Gold Project conducted in 2016.



## 02 Frequently Asked Questions

The Council created a Frequently Asked Questions document to provide answers to questions asked by community members. The document covers a variety of topics and continues to be updated as new questions are asked and answered.

Questions have come from Council members and community members and can be found [HERE](#).



## 03 Independent Water Monitoring Program

In April of 2021, the Independent Water Monitoring Program was launched to bring increased transparency to water testing surrounding the Stibnite Gold Project. The Independent Water Monitoring Program (IWMP) was created in response to comments from community members and city officials to provide third party transparency. Annual results will be presented to the Council. The announcement can be found [HERE](#).



## LOOKING AHEAD

### GET INVOLVED

The Council will continue to do our best to represent you, ask questions, and advocate for what is in the best interests of our region.

Over the next year, we anticipate more questions will arise about how the project may impact our communities and we will work closely with our communities and Perpetua to help identify solutions.

We encourage you to get involved. You can email your representative through the Stibnite Advisory Council website or observe one of our monthly meetings.

Council meetings are open to the public for observation and can be attended in-person or via Zoom. Meeting information is updated on our website monthly.

Please visit our website to find out more: [www.stibniteadvisorycouncil.com](http://www.stibniteadvisorycouncil.com).





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