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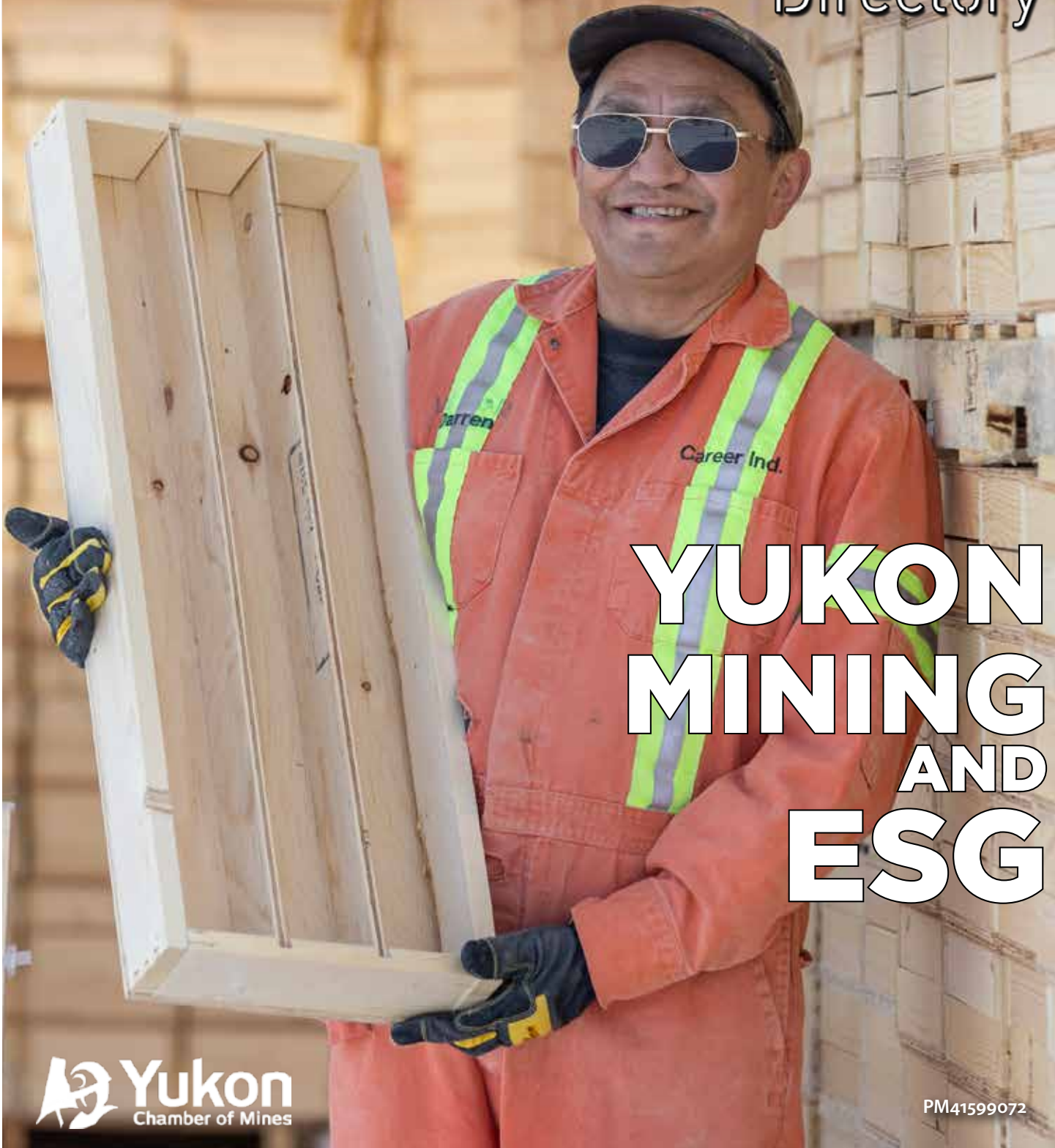
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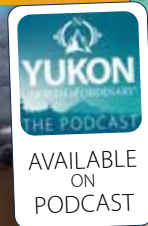


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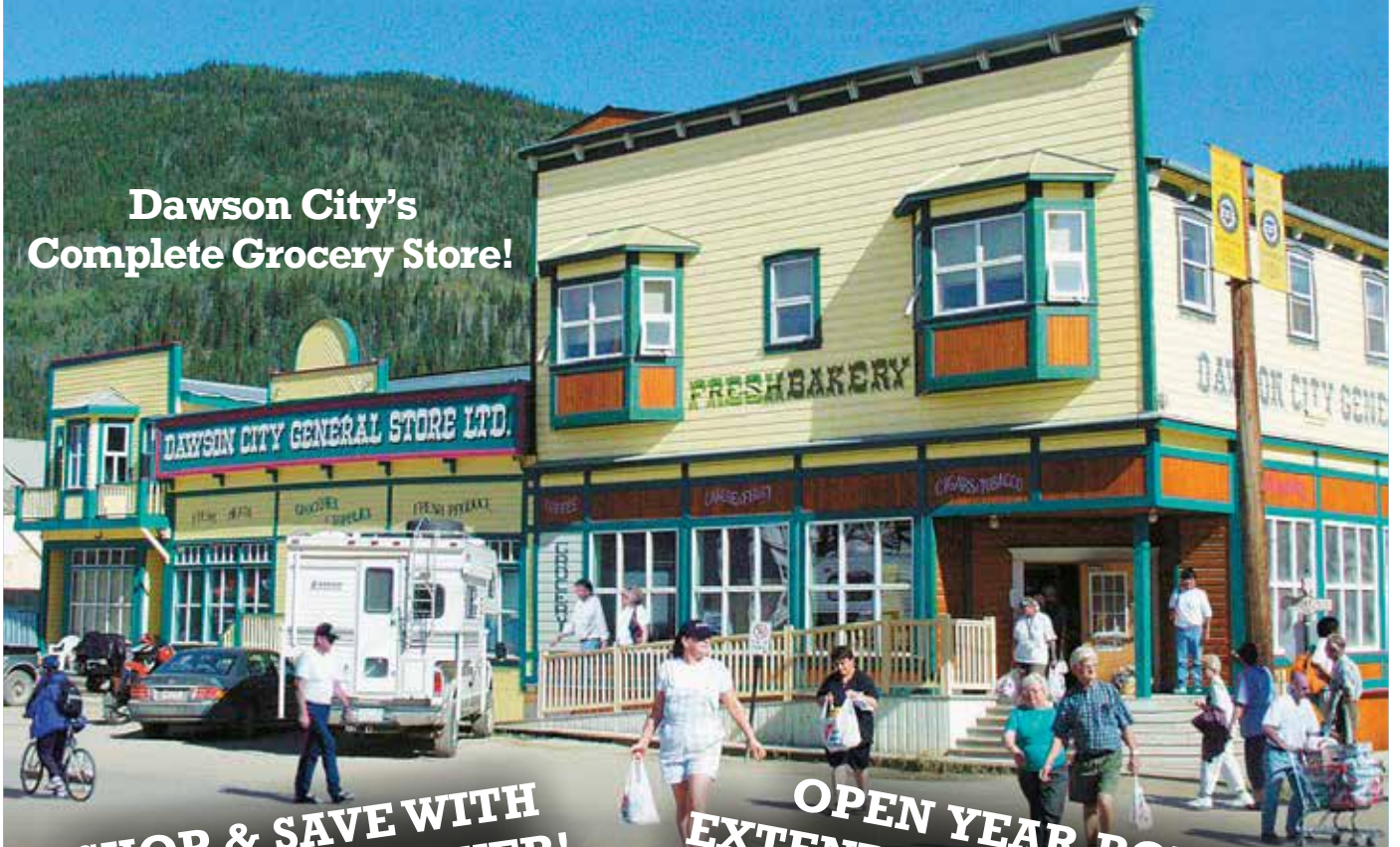
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YUKON CHAMBER OF MINES  
**President's Message**

**T**he Yukon Chamber of Mines (YCM) is pleased to present the 2023 Yukon Mining and Exploration Directory to Yukon households for another year.

The YCM membership is intertwined in the fabric of our Yukon, and this edition offers industry a vital tool to connect with colleagues and the YCM membership. This year's publication theme, encompassing Environment, Social and Governance (ESG), reminds us how far exploration and mining has come in the Yukon and around the world and how much the industry contributes.

Looking ahead, the Yukon exploration and mining industry is staying optimistic despite changes in Yukon legislation and regulations. The operational challenges of the past few years have our industry committed to keeping the Yukon's economy and citizens prosperous. As an industry, we will continue to adapt and contribute to Yukoners in a modern, safe and responsible manner.

Yukon companies continue creating opportunities for new partnerships with a focus on ESG standards, demonstrating Yukon companies can be socially conscious.

There are numerous examples of Yukon companies contributing towards the development of healthier communities. Some examples include Minto Metals' socio-economic monitoring program reports and the Leckie Award winners who protect the natural environment and help to develop a vibrant economy for present and future generations.

These stand alongside the countless contributions made by individuals to advance a sustainable and responsible mining industry in the Yukon.

The Yukon's regulatory regime balances environmental and socio-economic concerns and is globally leading the way towards a green economy.

Allowing responsible development activities to proceed here in the Yukon means irresponsible mining does not occur elsewhere. The need for critical minerals continues, increasing around the globe with society's demands for electric and battery-powered vehicles and green technologies.

Yukoners can be assured the YCM will advocate for the territory to continue contributing to our local, national and global community needs.

On behalf of the Yukon Chamber of Mines board and staff, I would like to thank all our members for their continued support so we can advocate for the Yukon's responsible exploration and mining industry and what we hope will be its valued role in the emerging green economy.

Sincerely,

**Lorelee Johnstone**  
President  
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Hon. Ranj Pillai, Premier and Minister of Economic Development

The Government of Yukon supports a strong, sustainable and responsible mining industry. We recognize that mining is the largest contributor to our private-sector economy, and the industry provides many well-paying jobs to Yukoners.

That's why we're continuing work to help stimulate new discoveries through the Yukon Mineral Exploration Program. Last year, the Yukon supported 25 hard rock and 17 placer projects through the program. These projects spent an estimated \$3.8 million on exploration in 2022.

It's the same reason why we're working with the Municipality of Skagway, Alaska on their port redevelopment project. Our proposal would see the Yukon invest roughly \$17 million USD in this project to ensure Yukon mining companies have access to tide water ore export infrastructure for decades to come.

The outlook for mining in the territory remains strong, and we are well positioned to contribute critical minerals required for a global transition to clean energy. To help prepare for that future, we're also studying the feasibility of connecting the Yukon to British Columbia's electricity grid.



Hon. John Streicker, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources

By developing new minerals legislation with First Nations partners, our aim is to improve the management of the Yukon's mineral resources in a way that respects First Nations' relationships with the land and supports a modern and sustainable mining industry.

Finally, we are also implementing *Our Clean Future*: a strategy for climate change, energy and a green economy. Part of that work includes setting an intensity-based emissions target for the mining industry. We're working towards a target that is ambitious and helps the industry's transition to a clean future. We recognize the hard work that industry has done to date in reducing its emissions and look forward to having future conversations about how the government can further support these efforts.

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YUKON CHAMBER OF MINES  
**Executive Director's  
Message**

**W**elcome and thank you for joining us in sharing this year's Mining and Exploration Directory. This year has been extremely busy for the Yukon Chamber of Mines (YCM). We are back to pre-pandemic schedules, events and engagements and have been furthering initiatives put on hold since 2020.

With no shortage of policy engagements in the last year—Dawson Regional Land Use Plan, new mining legislation, critical minerals, GHG emission targets, federal budget submissions and letters of support for industry—I can safely say my fingers have not stopped typing!

The YCM board and our committees have been hard at work ensuring industry's voice is represented. Seeing industry reflected in our governments' policies and legislation is paramount to ensuring the implementation of those regulations is a success.

The 50th Annual Yukon Geoscience Forum & Trade Show was held in November 2022 and was a resounding success. With a record-breaking 653 delegates and hundreds of students and exhibitors, this keystone YCM event was back to pre-pandemic attendance levels. Opening day had attendees enjoy an incredibly moving talk titled Nun Cho Ga: The Discovery, Cultural significance, and Geology of a Mummified Baby Woolly Mammoth. You can catch the video on our YCM YouTube channel, (68) *Nun Cho Ga*, <https://tinyurl.com/4jfdvxwh>.

Keynotes, Christy Smith, VP of Indigenous and Stakeholder Engagement, Falkirk Environmental Consultants, Keith Halliday, Yukonomist columnist with *Yukon News*, and PDAC President Alex Christopher set the stage for our Geoscience theme: **Resource, Resilience, and Relationships**.

Family Day, Student Tours and our annual Trade Show rounded out a packed four days of educational and informational activities. The poster session and core shack run by the Yukon Geological Survey, along with the technical agenda, saw many familiar faces back in person delivering on their discoveries since last year's Yukon Geoscience 2021 Speaker Series. Many thanks to all the sponsors and members who have been supportive and generous in their sponsorship and donations over the past year. We simply

could not deliver on our mandate without your continued support.

Our annual Yukon Night was also back in person at AME Roundup in January 2023 at the Vancouver Convention Centre. The event was jovial and we extend our sincere thank you to our partners Yukon government and BMC Minerals and all of our exhibitors and sponsors that came together to make this event a success. We look forward to coming back together at AME Roundup next year for Yukon Night on January 22, 2024.

Besides events, YCM has been working hard to deliver on supporting the Yukon's exploration and mining industry through multiple engagements and submissions to government. Through industry's resiliency, I am encouraged to do my best to advocate and engage with multiple orders of government for a regulatory process that is both efficient and transparent. We continue taking part in the development of land use planning, new mining legislation, improvements to infrastructure, resource road regulations and more.

Having witnessed industry's patience with the Yukon's changing regulatory landscape, the YCM will work in partnership with our members and sister organizations, both locally and nationally, to showcase the environmental, social, and responsible governance Yukoners have come to know and expect from our exploration and mining industry.

As we continue transitioning to a green economy, which is driving the global need for critical minerals, Canada will continue looking north for leadership in the mineral extraction industry. From the onset of partnering with Yukon First Nations to exploration and mine development, as Yukoners we know the value that mining brings to our communities and the advantages of doing business here in the territory.

Sincerely,

**Brianne Warner**  
Executive Director  
Yukon Chamber of Mines



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On behalf of the Yukon Party Official Opposition, I extend our sincere appreciation to all the hard-working members of our exploration and mining industry and the service and supply companies that support them.

Their contributions to our social and economic reality are significant, benefitting Yukoners throughout the territory and Canadians from coast to coast to coast.

The Yukon mining industry is a true leader in upholding the highest environmental, social and governance standards and can responsibly provide critical minerals as our territory, our country, and the world, transition to a green economy.

Sincerely,

**CURRIE DIXON**  
Leader  
Yukon Party Caucus





## YUKON CHAMBER OF MINES Board of Directors

### **LORALEE JOHNSTONE** **PRESIDENT**

Loralee was first elected to the Yukon Chamber of Mines board as a Director in 2019. She has over 25 years of experience in community and government relations, environmental management, permitting, policies and procedures. Lorealee has held several senior leadership roles and is currently Minto Metals Vice-President, Environment Social Governance. Previously, she was VP, Corporate Social Responsibility, at Whitehorse Gold Corp. and Director, Permitting & Community Relations, at Coeur Mining. Lorealee has considerable knowledge in the mining industry in B.C. and the Yukon and has also held key local roles including Manager for the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB) and Chair of the Yukon Water Board.

### **ANDREW CARNE** **FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT**

Andrew was first elected to the Yukon Chamber of Mines board as a Director in 2018. He is Vice-President, Corporate & Project Development, with ATAC Resources Ltd. Prior to joining ATAC, he was with Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited, where he worked on a variety of Yukon exploration projects. Andrew has significant exposure to later-stage exploration projects and has been highly involved in Yukon permitting and regulatory processes. He

has a Bachelor of Applied Science in Materials Engineering and a Masters of Civil Engineering specializing in Project Management, both from UBC, and is a registered Professional Engineer in B.C.

### **ALLAN NIXON** **SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT**

Allan is a lifelong northerner who grew up in the N.W.T. and has been a Yukon resident for over 30 years. Prior to joining BMC Minerals in 2019, he led The Borealis Group, a strategic advisory consulting firm serving First Nations development corporations, governments, and the private sector. He also had a long career with Yukon government, with the last eight years spent as Assistant Deputy Minister, Transportation Division, Department of Highways & Public Works, and was responsible for the management and delivery of public road, bridge and airport infrastructure as well as regulatory aspects of transportation within the territory. Allan has extensive experience in First Nations and community relations including direct experience as a Yukon government land claims negotiator. He holds an M.B.A. from Queens University.

### **MIKE BURKE** **DIRECTOR**

Mike is a Yukon-based Consulting Geologist, currently working for Sitka Gold Corp. where he is Director and Vice-President of Corporate Development. Previ-

ously, he was the Chief Geologist for Golden Predator Mining Corp. from 2011 to 2017 and prior to that was the Head of Minerals Services for the Yukon Geological Survey. Since 1983, Mike has worked in the mining industry in B.C. and the Yukon, including at the Ketza River Gold Mine from its exploration through to mine development, production and closure. He holds a B.Sc. in Geology from UBC and is a Professional Geologist with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of B.C. and is a member of the Society of Economic Geologists. Mike is also a member of the Yukon University Board of Governors, the Advisory Committee for the Centre for Northern Innovation in Mining, and the Technical Advisory Committee for the Yukon Geological Survey.

### **PAMELA O'HARA** **DIRECTOR**

Pamela is a Professional Biologist and project leader with extensive experience in obtaining approvals for large transportation projects both across Canada and internationally. She has a B.Sc. in Biology and Oceanography from UBC and an M.Sc. in Environment and Management from Royal Roads University. Currently, as Vice-President Sustainability for Fireweed Metals, Pamela is focused on sustainably advancing critical minerals projects through effective governance and ecologically and culturally conscious plans, which



are socially beneficial and aligned with Indigenous group interests.

**CHRISTIAN ROLDAN**

**DIRECTOR**

Christian is a Chemical Engineer who graduated from the National Polytechnic School in Quito-Ecuador with a Master’s Degree in Metallurgical Engineering from the University of Utah. He was the Mine General Manager for the San Martin Mine in Honduras and the Cerro Blanco Project and the Marlin Mine in Guatemala. Christian joined the Coffee Project Team in 2018 as Study Manager in charge of the project’s Engineering Development for Newmont.

**STUART MURRAY**

**DIRECTOR**

Stuart was born in Whitehorse, where he is currently raising his two young sons. Since 2018, he has been the Chief Operating Officer and a partner at Small’s Expediting and General Services. Stuart brings over 15 years of experience in the Yukon mining industry, primarily focused in the service and supply industry. He began his career in 2002 at Aurora Geosciences as a seasonal assistant and gained increasing responsibilities and field experience in both the Yukon and the N.W.T. Stuart actively supports Yukon communities and First Nation development corporations as an advocate for community involvement in mining projects.

**SEBASTIEN TOLGYESI**

**DIRECTOR**

Sebastien has over 25 years’ experience in the mining industry, 15 of them in the North. After obtaining his B.Sc. in Geology from the University of Montreal and his B.Eng. in Mining Engineering from Laval University, he worked for Glencore, Agnico Eagle, Capstone and Coeur Mining in increasingly senior roles in Geology, Engineering, Construction, Maintenance, Mill and Mine Operation in both underground and open pit environments. More recently, Sebastien was involved as Operations Manager of Silvertip Mine and General Manager of Minto Mine and he is currently the Assistant General Manager at Hecla Keno Hill Division.

**SHENA SHAW**

**DIRECTOR**

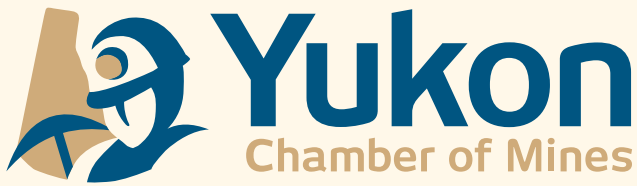
Shena has been managing projects and contributing to environmental assessments across the North for nearly 20 years. She grew up in Whitehorse, where she is raising her family, after graduating from the University of Victoria with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology focusing on First Nations Studies and Geography. A relocation to Yellowknife, N.W.T. introduced her to the mining industry when she joined DeBeers Canada’s Snap Lake Project. She then embarked on a lengthy environmental consulting career, focusing on the responsible development of resource extraction through the environmental assessment and

Indigenous engagement processes of large-scale projects in the Yukon, N.W.T., Alaska and across Canada. Shena participated in the consultation and socio-economic impact assessment work for the Coffee Gold Project, the Eagle Gold Project and the Casino Project—all based in the Yukon. She is deeply familiar with the YESAA process and is currently Vice-President, Environmental & Community Affairs, for Western Copper and Gold Corp.

**DAVE ROULEAU**

**DIRECTOR**

Dave has more than 30 years of operational and management experience in the mining industry. Previously, he was Vice-President of Operations, with Barkerville Gold Mines and spent five years with Taseko as Vice-President of Operations primarily responsible for the Gibraltar Mine. Prior to this, Dave was a key member of the Canadian Natural Resources Senior Management team developing the Horizon Oil Sands Project in Fort McMurray. Dave’s background also includes 17 years with Teck Cominco in various operational and engineering roles at a number of their mine sites. Dave holds a B.Sc. in Mine Engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and a Mine Technology Diploma from the Haileybury School of Mines. He is currently Vice-President, Operations, with Victoria Gold Corp.



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"Career Industries has been supplying the northern exploration industry with our top-quality core boxes and industrial wood products since 1989," says Rick Mombourquette, Career Industries' Manager of Marketing and Sales. "This successful social enterprise model creates a means to provide training and long-term employment to persons with barriers to employment through our non-profit organization, Opportunities Yukon."

Career Industries is wholly-owned by Opportunities Yukon, a local not-for-profit working to empower individuals with diverse needs and abilities to be successful in the Yukon.

Heather Burrell, President of Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited, says, "We believe that the work Career Industries does is critically important to our industry and to all northerners because of the opportunities it affords individuals, families, and our communities."

Steve Wozniak from Victoria Gold Corp echoes Burrell's comments. "Career Industries' values are in line with our own, through recognition that by investing in our communities we can help to create a more inclusive and diverse overall workforce."

"Through our model and with our dedicated and experienced staff, Career Industries' businesses provide a safe and supportive work environment for employees to thrive

» **Left:** Career Industries' Wood Shop Supervisor Michael W. at the core box jig with new hire David T.

**“Career Industries has been supplying the northern exploration industry with our top-quality core boxes and industrial wood products since 1989. This successful social enterprise model creates a means to provide training and long-term employment to persons with barriers to employment through our non-profit organization, Opportunities Yukon.”**

in, while developing skills and experiences that will move them forward to better positions and pay and even onto their dream jobs,” says Opportunities Yukon CEO Cynthia Lyslo.

“Career Industries’ innovative business model makes them an ideal partner for us and a shining example of how to run a business which benefits all of society,” adds Steve Rennalls from Snowline Gold.

On-the-job training and supports are also provided such as counselling and creative scheduling. Career Industries also works with other community service organizations which provide necessities such as housing, education and socialization—all achieved without the need for public funding beyond business training and wage subsidies.

“Our customers are the backbone of our business, and like any business, Career Industries runs on quality, service and competitive pricing,” continues Mombourquette. “The Yukon mining industry is very supportive and in tune with the social needs of the communities in which they work and the fact that they can help with our cause when purchasing from us.”

**To learn more about Career Industries, visit [opportunitiesyukon.ca](http://opportunitiesyukon.ca).** □

## LIMITLESS VICTOR-IES

When Victor first went to Career Industries, he was a young man with almost no work history. Because of his Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, he could neither read nor write. Victor had been labeled “unemployable.”

Well, did Victor prove everyone wrong. Each time a perceived limit was placed on what he could achieve, he continuously exceeded all expectations. Initially not allowed near the table saw for safety reasons, with the correct equipment adaptations he came to know more about the table saw and its operation than anyone else at Career Industries and became the table saw instructor for new staff.

“Victor has a great work ethic, has an infectious laugh, is always on time and is excited to learn new tasks and be part of the Career Industries’ team,” says Rick Mombourquette, Career Industries’ Manager of Marketing and Sales. “Most people may not realize that by employing, or working with someone with a disability and giving them an opportunity to succeed, you very often learn more than the trainee does.”

Born in Whitehorse and a Kwanlin Dün First Nation citizen, Victor likes to hunt, fish and cook outdoors when not at work.

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# WHAT IS ESG?

## Q&A with Sue Craig

Amanda Leslie sat down with Sue Craig, a multi-award-winning professional geoscientist and the first woman to serve as President of the Yukon Chamber of Mines, to help define—and better understand—what exactly is ESG.

### **For those not directly involved in the mining industry, how would you best describe what ESG is?**

ESG stands for Environmental, Social and (Corporate) Governance. It's a set of global standards used to evaluate a company's operational performance relating to its social and environmental impact on the residents and communities within the area it operates.

These standards become a framework a company can then use to ensure it is meeting—or exceeding—its ESG performance goals and metrics. In the big picture, the goal is for companies to explore, develop, operate, close and reclaim their projects in the most responsible manner possible.

### **Can you give some examples of ESG?**

The ESG environmental standard criteria consider how a company safeguards the environment, an example of which would include policies addressing climate change. The social criteria examine how a company's project affects the communities where it operates, as well as how a company manages relationships with its employees and suppliers. Some examples of the governance in ESG deal with a company's leadership, internal controls, stakeholder relationships and shareholder rights.

### **Why is it important for exploration and mining companies to recognize ESG standards and incorporate ESG principles in their business?**

Recognizing and incorporating ESG principles and standards into their business can help lead to a company's long-term success. Companies are increasingly setting goals related to ESG metrics such as energy management, greenhouse gas emissions, water management, reclamation and biodiversity, Indigenous and community involvement, workforce development and diversity and inclusion, local hire, safety, security and health, ethics and integrity.

Once a company establishes and collects baseline data, it then reports publicly on its ESG activities and performance year to year to see if they have achieved their ESG goals and, if not, can adjust accordingly moving forward. It's important to note the goals are not set in isolation by a company. They are set through engagement with, and input from, First Nations, employees, suppliers, governments and shareholders.



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**“Exploration and mining companies in the Yukon have been undertaking ESG principles for decades. It is just recently that metrics are being applied to ESG.”**

**How does the investment community relate to a company’s ESG performance?**

Socially conscious investors are relying more and more on the ESG metrics reported by a company to help determine where they invest. This is key as the majority of mining and exploration companies receive funds from the public market as they explore and spend years determining the feasibility of becoming an actual operational project.

Many people may not know how long it takes for an operating mine to become profitable. Investment, usually from the public markets, is required and then ultimately, when a mine becomes operational it can contribute significant benefits and opportunities to local residents, businesses, governments and communities. And, as our country and our world transition to a net zero economy, where investors allocate their dollars is increasingly tied to a company’s ESG activities and performance.

**As ESG is a concept, or rather a guiding framework, what are some examples of ESG “on the ground” here in the Yukon mining industry?**

Exploration and mining companies in the Yukon have been undertaking ESG principles for decades. It is just recently that metrics are being applied to ESG.

There are so many examples here in the territory, from the negotiation and implementation of agreements with Yukon First Nations going back to the early 1990s and support for family literacy and student attendance projects, trades training and post-secondary education to long-standing support for health care and environmental initiatives such as independent water monitoring and the incorporation of Yukon First Nations’ traditional knowledge into a project’s design or location. There is a lot of great work being done here to support Yukoners spanning many, many years.

**How does the Yukon’s—and Canada’s—goal of net zero emissions by 2050 relate to ESG?**

In simple terms, net zero means cutting greenhouse gas emissions to as close to zero as possible. ESG standards include a company’s disclosure of emissions and increases the understanding as to what is being emitted.

With this understanding, a company can better manage and identify mitigation projects to help decarbonize its operations. It’s important to note that achieving net zero emissions is only feasible if access to a power grid supplied by green energy is available. Although an electrical grid does exist in the Yukon, accessing the grid and a supply of excess power is not always available for remote Yukon projects not connected to the electrical grid.

**In your experience, can mining responsibly and mining prosperously co-exist here in the Yukon?**

Definitely.

For decades, companies exploring and mining in the Yukon have been respectful of their relationships with communities and Yukon First Nations citizens and governments as demonstrated through mutually created and implemented socio-economic or comprehensive benefit agreements. They are also respectful of the environment through their engagement with communities and First Nations in order to minimize and mitigate impacts to the land.

Many companies operating in the territory go beyond existing standards as required by their assessment permits and licensing because they know it is the right thing to do. They have been operating with ESG standards all along, there are just tangible ESG metrics now being applied. There is a financial cost associated with meeting and maintaining ESG standards, however. Companies working here in the Yukon recognize their projects will not succeed without meaningful engagement, community support and benefits from the project that positively impact Yukoners.



» Sue, a member of the Viceroy Resource Corp. team, with a gold doré bar from the Brewery Creek Mine’s first gold pour in November 1996.

Sue Craig has over 30 years’ experience working on projects from the exploration and development stage to construction and production and final mine closure, including working with publicly-listed mining companies, federal and territorial governments, First Nations and industry organizations. She served as the first female President of the Yukon Chamber of Mines and the first female Chair of both the Yukon Minerals’ Advisory Board and the AME Roundup Conference.

Sue was recognized with, Women in Mining Canada’s Trailblazer Award in 2017 and has received numerous other awards, including two Robert E. Leckie Awards from the Yukon government for Excellence in Environmental Stewardship, a Lakehead University Alumni Award for Advocacy for Responsible Resource Development and the Gold Pan Award from AME for Exceptional Meritorious Service to the mineral exploration community.

# THE FUTURE OF MINING **IN** **THE YUKON**

Mining in the territory has evolved.  
General opinion may remain rooted in the past.



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**W**hile the Klondike Gold Rush was an historical event that propelled the territory to the world stage, so much has changed within the industry since the 1890s.

The Faro Mine was constructed and began operating in 1969, and our world and our understanding of—and approach to—environmental and social values has advanced. We all place a far greater value on rights, environmental protection, health and safety and diversity and inclusion in the workplace and we are all more informed. We have evolved.

In the 1960s, seat belt use in vehicles was limited (in fact, most vehicles did not even have seat belts). In the 1970s, smoking was permitted everywhere, including on flights and in the workplace. As information about the health and safety effects of these preventable hazards became available and shared, our collective attitude toward them changed, too.

In February, Yukoners throughout the territory commemorated the 50th anniversary of *Together Today for our Children Tomorrow*, perhaps the most important societal shift the territory has experienced to date. In the 1980s, Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms was finally enacted. In the 1990s, *Yukon First Nation Final and Self-government Agreements* began to be signed, and today, 11 of the territory's 14 First Nations have signed such agreements with Canada and the Yukon.

Moving into the new millennium, the *Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Act (YESAA)* was enacted to conduct independent environmental assessments in the Yukon and same-sex marriage became legal in Canada. Only six years ago, selling marijuana was a criminal offence, and a mere four years ago, government got in the cannabis retail space.

As society evolves, attitudes change and laws and regulations reflect these shifts.

**“Yukon miners live in the territory, raise their families in the Yukon and are committed to being leaders in environmental stewardship, while providing solid economic certainty for the territory and its governments, communities and residents.”**

Regulatory changes drive innovation and innovation improves and benefits society. As society progresses, industry does, too, and mining today is reflective of the same societal changes that make seat belts mandatory in all vehicles today.

The mines of today are not the mines of yesterday, and the mines of tomorrow will be better yet.

As Yukoners are aware, a major challenge facing the world today is climate change and the necessary transition to a green economy.

The Yukon's mining industry is among the most energy efficient in Canada and the world. Modern mines are dedicated to driving innovation forward to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) through the adaption of new technologies and by building efficiencies into their operations.

Miners, businesses that service and supply exploration projects and mines and environmental practitioners are excited to see the industry evolve and become part of an innovative contributor to the Yukon's—and to Canada's—economy and social well-being. We live here, we raise our families here and we are committed to being leaders in environmental stewardship, while providing solid economic certainty for the territory and its governments, communities and residents.



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## **“A strong, responsible exploration and mineral development industry means a stronger Yukon.”**

We understand that water quality and the aquatic environment are key for Yukoners and have made significant progress to ensure water resources are protected through better water quality monitoring systems and adaptive management systems to enable earlier response to changes in water quality. There is continuous collaboration with Yukon University to constantly improve results so tomorrow’s projects are safer and are better for the Yukon.

Our work ahead is to demonstrate to Yukoners what mining looks like now and share some of the significant strides industry has made in its development of lasting and respectful relationships with First Nations and communities, in working to ensure safe and healthy workplaces and in improving environmental compliance and performance.

Continually, the Yukon’s mining industry is innovating. A strong, responsible exploration and mineral development industry means a stronger Yukon. Producing the critical minerals required for the transition to a net zero economy cannot be a task exported to another part of the world where environmental and social concerns do not match Canadians’ high standards and the regulatory landscape is decidedly less robust.

We know that industry can mine correctly and sustainably right here at home, blessed with an endowment of resources, both natural and human. Today’s miners are a new generation and we are excited about the positive changes we see now, and the innovations that lie just around the corner, to ensure there is both a future for responsible mining in the territory and the abundance of the wild places that brought us to—or kept us here—in the territory. □

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# Yukon Mineral Exploration, Development and Mining Activity 2022

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□ porphyry/sheeted vein	● gold	⊗ active mine
● Mississippi Valley Type	● copper	
◇ sediment associated	● nickel ± PGE	<b>Environmental Assessment</b>
◇ skarn/replacement	● lead/zinc	⊗ in progress
◇ vein/breccia	● molybdenum	<b>Mineral Tenure</b>
◇ volcanic associated	● tungsten	■ active and pending
⊕ unknown	● rare earth elements (REEs)	

Note: Large symbols are projects with greater than \$500,000 expenditures. Symbols containing a black dot denote projects that were drilled in 2022.

## Yukon Terranes

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<b>Insular</b>	Stikinia	shelf facies
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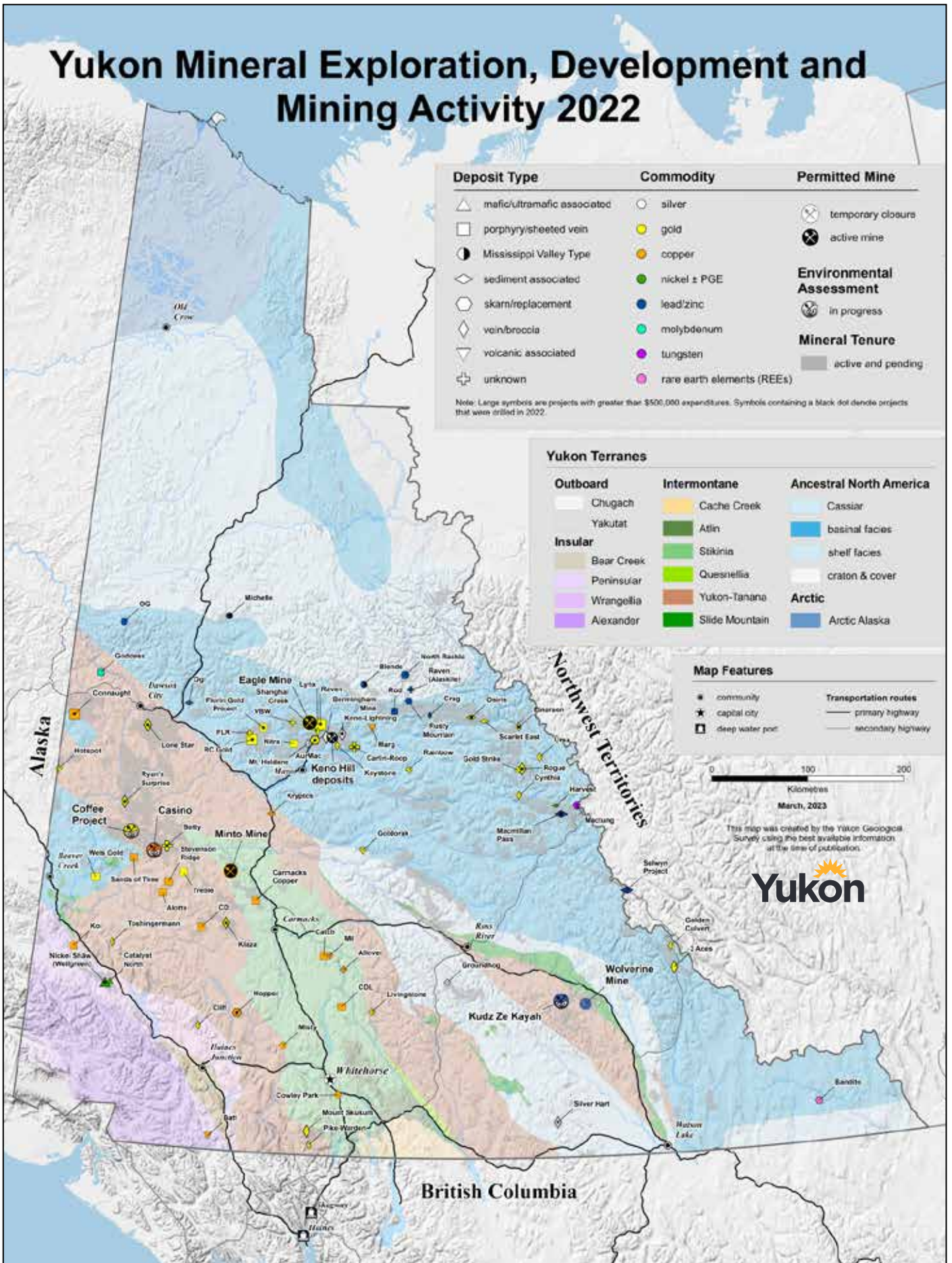
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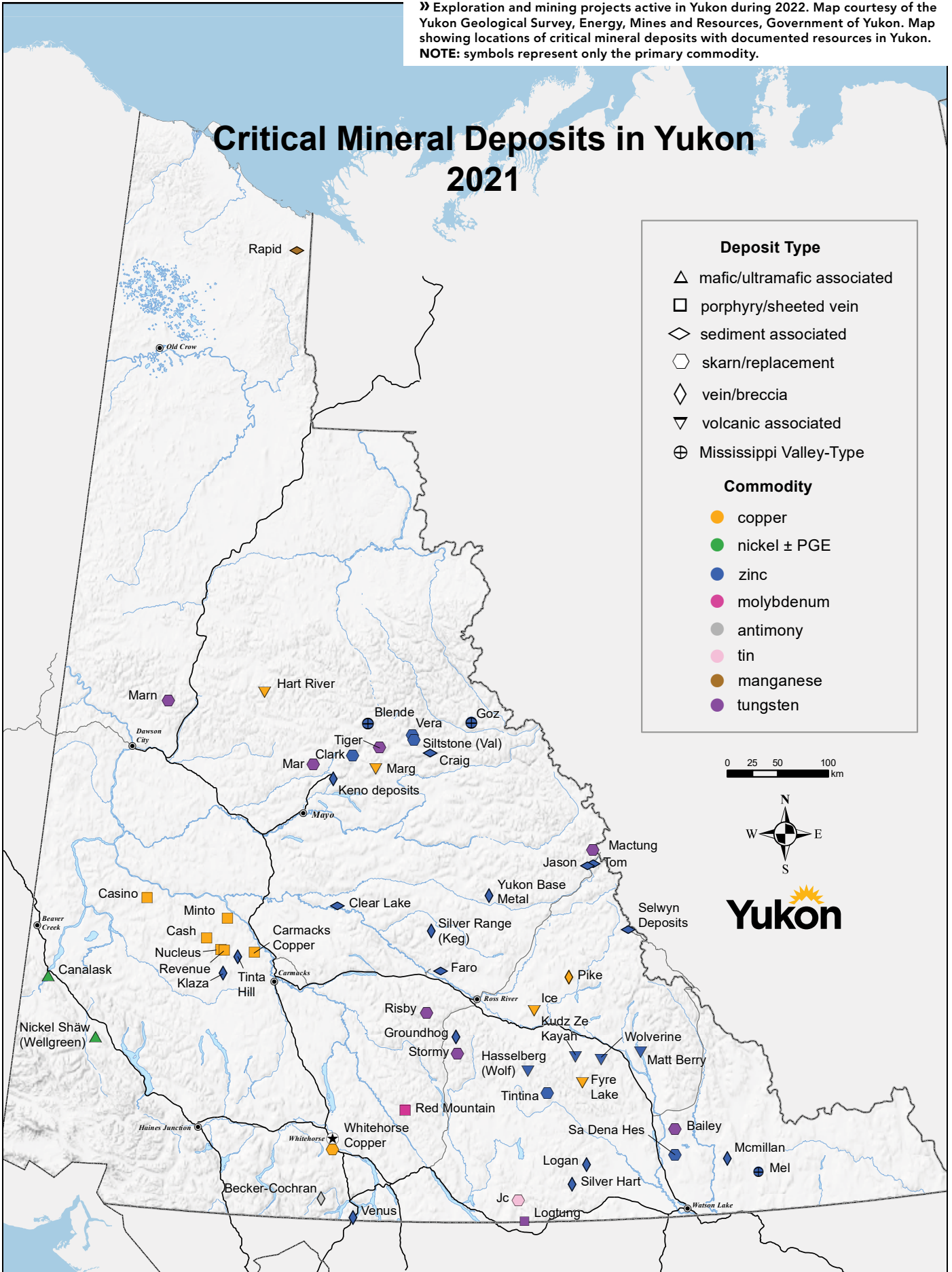
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» Exploration and mining projects active in Yukon during 2022. Map courtesy of the Yukon Geological Survey, Energy, Mines and Resources, Government of Yukon. Map showing locations of critical mineral deposits with documented resources in Yukon. NOTE: symbols represent only the primary commodity.

# Critical Mineral Deposits in Yukon 2021



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# Building Towards a Sustainable Mining Camp

With the increased focus and priority of a Sustainable Mining Camp, mining companies—including Casino Mining Corporation—are looking to improve their carbon footprint.



**T**his path forward can include generating renewable energy on site, reducing fossil fuel consumption and improving a camp's waste management practices, among others.

There are certainly many benefits to making mining camps more sustainable—particularly remote camps. The most obvious is a reduced impact on the environment; however, developing a more sustainable mine also improves a company's overall ESG performance and, with that, its attractiveness to investors and support from communities.

Progressive mineral development companies—like Casino—are pursuing innovations which may help improve the sustainability of their camps. The Casino Project is a proposed copper, gold, molybdenum and silver mine located approximately 300 kilometres northwest of Whitehorse within the traditional territory of five Yukon First Nations, including Selkirk First Nation. The site's remoteness does not allow for connectivity to the Yukon electrical grid.

Although remote, Casino could provide the Yukon—and Canada—with critical minerals required to transition to a carbon-free future.

"A more sustainable camp is a more efficient camp," says Shena Shaw, VP, Environmental & Community Affairs for Casino Mining, from her Whitehorse office. "We are always looking for ways to operate as sustainably as possible and work with community partners to achieve this."

## FOR ONE, DIGEST THIS

One such innovation being researched is anaerobic digesters. This is not some new, untested technology (the first one was built in India in 1859); however, over the past few years they have captured much attention. In very simple terms, an anaerobic digester converts biowaste (kitchen waste, sewage sludge and cooking oil, for example) into a carbon-neutral renewable energy.

In North America and Europe, digesters are being used in larger-scale settings like commercial farms, municipalities and industrial complexes. Some estimates suggest there are more than 200 digesters operating across Canada today.

Devon Yacura, an innovative entrepreneur based in Ausenco's Yukon office, wondered if anaerobic digesters could be adapted to support remote mining camps. In 2020, Devon partnered with local start-up business Balance BioGas to secure grant funding from Yukon University and Yukon government to build a prototype digester in his shed turned laboratory.

» Below: Devon Yacura's anaerobic digester prototype.





» **Left:** Preparing to feed the anaerobic digester.

**“A more sustainable camp is a more efficient camp. We are always looking for ways to operate as sustainably as possible and work with community partners to achieve this.”**

“We wanted to get some hands-on experience building and managing digesters at a small scale to really test the technology,” says Yacura, who credits his mother for inspiring him to always look for a better way, particularly when it comes to the environment. “We focused on making it small scale to match the needs of our remote mine site clients.”

In June 2022, Ausenco reached out to Selkirk Development Corporation (SDC) to begin assessing the feasibility of a digester at Casino through a phased approach to its implementation. With SDC’s support, the project team, consisting of Ausenco, Balance BioGas and Azura Associates, are developing a Sustainable Mining Camp concept design for the Casino Project, which also includes wind and solar energy prefeasibility work. The next stage is a cost-benefit analysis, which will help the Casino team make an informed decision on whether to proceed with these innovations.

“SDC is working with local talent to innovatively bridge the gap between sustainable mining activities and protection of our traditional territory”, says Zachary Fulton, CEO, Selkirk Development Corporation.

The advantage for SDC is that regardless of Casino’s decision to use this technology, Selkirk First Nation and its development corporation SDC will have a leg up in the marketplace to implement anaerobic digestion at other remote sites throughout their traditional territory.

## THE FUTURE IS CLOSER THAN WE THINK

Research projects like the one being supported by SDC and Casino will undoubtedly help solidify the business case and value proposition of these green technologies.

About the digester, Yacura is particularly excited about the potential of farming and harvesting algae at the proposed Casino Mine to produce an on-site energy feedstock. “Algae blooms are common in the North. Lots of sunlight and lots of nutrients make the perfect conditions for algae to flourish,” he adds. “Under the right conditions, we should be able to farm that algae, harvest it, and then feed it into the digester to generate significantly more renewable energy. Algae uses photosynthesis to grow, so ultimately, we are using algae as a tool to harness solar energy.”

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## FAVRON ENTERPRISES

# RECLAIMING MORE GROUND THAN YOU'VE MINED

Placer mining is the Yukon's founding industry. Since the initial gold strike in 1896 that started the great Klondike Gold Rush, it has continued to provide unparalleled opportunities for generations of Yukoners.

**L**isa Favron is one in a long line of Yukon placer miners. Her great-grandfather hiked the famed Chilkoot Trail in '96. Her grandfather in turn was born in Grand Forks, a now-demolished townsite outside of Dawson City at the confluence of Bonanza and El Dorado Creeks, near the location of the famous gold strike. Her father worked on the fleet of dredges for the Yukon Consolidated Gold Company (YCGC). And she herself has been a placer miner most of her life, raising her own children on the creeks. "All five kids have worked on the mine at some point," she says with a sigh mixed with pride. "I guess that makes them fifth-generation miners."

Lisa's husband Guy spent his formative years on the creeks, too; a second-generation miner himself after his father, Paul, started the family business known as Favron Enterprises back in the 1970s. The senior Favron always believed in the importance of progressive reclamation and that it was necessary in order to continue mining.

"My dad really instilled in me to leave the land better than it was when you started," says Guy. "He always said this was his backyard and to treat it that way."

## RESPONSIBLE MINING

Favron Enterprises has since been recognized for their sustainable mining methods by winning the Yukon Government's Robert E. Leckie Award—twice—including the 2022 Award for Responsible and Innovative Exploration and Mining Practices. Their most recent Leckie Award is due in part to their approach to mine planning. Their Sulphur Creek claims are located

in an area that has seen no shortage of historic mining activity from bygone eras when reclamation was not the priority it is today.

"We knew from the beginning we would need to do a creek diversion, so it was properly laid out from the start," says Favron Enterprises Mine Manager Neil Loveless, a fourth-generation placer miner himself. "We had drilled the property previously so we knew where to mine and where not to."

"This ground has been continuously mined for over 100 years. It's located next to where my dad mined decades ago, and we actually bought the ground from Neil's grandfather," continues Guy, pointing out yet another familial and generational community connection.

"We've actually reclaimed more ground than we've mined as a result," adds Neil.



Photo: Favron Enterprises





» **Above:** Fourth-generation placer miner Lisa Favron of Favron Enterprises displays the end result of a cleanup. » **Left:** Favron Enterprises' Guy Favron (centre) and crew inspect the runs of their sluice plant.

**“My dad really instilled in me to leave the land better than it was when you started. He always said this was his backyard and to treat it that way.”**

### MODERN ATTITUDE

As land is increasingly withdrawn from potential mineral exploration and development, the ability to find innovative ways to work previously-mined ground—and reclaim it to its natural state—is imperative to the industry’s future in the territory.

“The ability to open new ground for mining is disappearing, so we have to mine on tailings,” says Lisa, speaking of the historic workings left by previous generations of miners. “But with today’s approach we can reclaim the environment and improve the landscape and wildlife habitat, which allows us to keep mining, and to change how people perceive modern mining. If we’re not allowed to mine, we can’t fix anything.”

### INNOVATIVE APPROACH

Another facet of the Favrons’ operation that was recognized in their recent Leckie Award is the company’s efforts to utilize the lumber resources on their Sulphur Creek claims. Placer miners were not permitted to develop lumber on their claims under previous regulations, but the trees still needed to be cleared prior to undertaking mining activities.

“We had to bury trees for two generations, it was such a waste,” says Guy. “They’re in an old creek bed so it’s big timber, and we just couldn’t bring ourselves to do it anymore.”

“We were frustrated to have to just push over wood with the dozer,” agrees Neil. “Mining licenses do not allow for resale or distribution of timber resources—just personal use—but we had so much really nice wood and we just couldn’t use it all, so we applied for a forest resources permit in order to harvest it as fuel wood.”



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» **Above:** Favron Enterprises' Mine Manager and fourth-generation placer miner Neil Loveless.

*"We've actually reclaimed more ground than we've mined."*

### CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMUNITY

Considering that the territory, which is roughly the size of Spain with only about 44,000 residents, has a shortage of available wood products due to regulatory issues, the Favrons were determined to put the lumber to use. They are working with the Dawson-based Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (TH) to let their citizens know, particularly the First Nation's Elders, that the wood is available locally. In fact, it was Simon Nagano, through his company Klondike H2O, who nominated the Favrons in the first place. "I think as a TH citizen, he wanted to encourage the initiative and to see us recognized in hopes other people would follow," explains Lisa.

### GROWING OPPORTUNITY

"We're not trying to compete with local cutters," adds Guy. "The wood is a spinoff of our mining operation; we just want to see it put to good use. I see trucks rolling on up to Inuvik, NWT, carrying wood. They could be hauling from Dawson instead of from wherever it's coming from further south now."

"This is also an opportunity to keep some of our local staff employed year-round," continues Neil.

"We weren't looking for another full-time job when we started this," concludes Guy. "But I've got lots of kids, so this could be a business opportunity for them. It's another way to give back to the community." □

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# Placer Mining's APP-eal

The Klondike Placer Miners' Association (KPMA) continues its commitment to ESG with the ongoing development of training and educational modules—all part of the organization's app, which hosts numerous resources to help placer miners adapt to the changing regulatory and socio-economic realities of the territory.

In development is a module to help miners gain a greater understanding of Yukon's governance landscape. The module will educate KPMA members on documents like *Together Today for our Children Tomorrow* and the *Umbrella Final Agreement (UFA)* and how they have influenced Yukon's legislative and regulatory regime.

"The concept for this module was driven by the KPMA Board of Directors," says KPMA Executive Director Brooke Rudolph. "They know how important it is for newer placer miners and next generation miners to understand the context and history of this ground-breaking document, which has significantly shaped how we live and work in the territory."

The UFA was signed in 1993, and creates the foundation for *Yukon First Nations Final and Self-government Agreements* of which 11 of the territory's 14 First Nations have signed with Canada and Yukon.

The KPMA has also begun work with Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in to help placer miners working in the First Nation's traditional territory learn about the *Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement* and treaty rights. A cultural-awareness module is to follow.

These new training and education modules are in addition to those released last year: Contouring and Placing Organic Materials; YESAB Online Placer Proposal Form 1; Drones 101; Wetland Classification; Special Waste Permits & Handling; Violence and Harassment in the Workplace; Placer Mining 101; and Heritage Resources.

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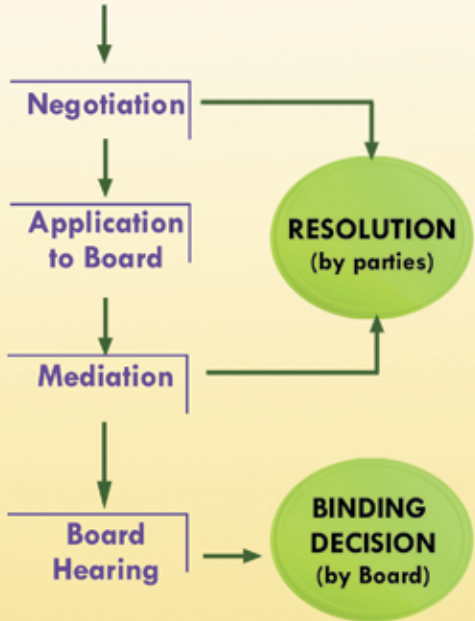
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Additional responsibilities of the Board are set out in other laws and agreements including the *Quartz Mining Act* (Yukon), *Placer Mining Act* (Yukon), *Oil and Gas Act* (Yukon), *Expropriation Act* (Canada), *Radiocommunications Act* (Canada), and individual Yukon First Nation Final Agreements.

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» Above: Yukon Chamber of Mines Director Mike Burke and President Loralee Johnstone at the 2022 Annual Yukon Geoscience Forum.

## YUKON CHAMBER OF MINES

# 2022 YUKON GEOSCIENCE FORUM AWARDS

**In November 2022, during the Golden Anniversary of the Annual Yukon Geoscience Forum & Trade Show, the 50th such event in the history of the Yukon Chamber of Mines, the organization recognized some key industry members and companies for their contributions to responsible exploration and mining in the territory.**

### COMMUNITY AWARD

**Tara Ventures** was recognized with the 2022 Yukon Chamber of Mines Community Award for their work creating a swimming pond for Dawsonites as part of their restoration on Klondike River claims. This work demonstrates value-based reclamation and raises the bar in relation to industry-community collaboration and reclamation.

This swimming hole included an island and sand and created a new community recreation destination for Dawson City residents.

### FIRST NATION AWARD

**First Kaska GP Ltd.** received the 2022 Yukon Chamber of Mines First Nation Award for their socially responsible practices, environmental stewardship and leadership in innovation. First Kaska undertook several activities in 2022 which encouraged First Nations-industry partnerships in sustainable development and the promotion and development of clean technology, including the development of a 5MW solar farm in Watson Lake that will lessen the dependence of future projects on diesel-generated electricity and the engagement of the local First Nation government which led to the training and employment of 68 citizens, including 25 environmental technicians and 10 heavy equipment operators, among others.





» **Clockwise:** Tara Ventures' Marty and Maryanne Knutson, pictured here with former Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Chief Roberta Joseph and their 2022 Yukon Chamber of Mines Community Award; 2022 Yukon Chamber of Mines Member Award Recipient Brad Thrall of Alexco Resources, who garnered the award with Clynt Nauman (not pictured); 2022 Yukon Chamber of Mines First Nation Award recipient Jasper Lamouelle, First Kaska GP Ltd. Pictured here left to right with Oscar Gomez, First Kaska Construction Director; Stephen Charlie, Liard First Nation Chief; and, George Morgan, First Kaska founder and former Liard First Nation Chief and current Community Relations Manager for Casino Mining Corp; 2022 Yukon Prospectors' Association Award recipients Shane and Luke Carlos.

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**MEMBER AWARD**

**Clynt Nauman** and **Brad Thrall** of Alexco Resources were recognized with the 2022 Yukon Chamber of Mines Member Award for their long-standing contributions to community engagement and environmentally responsible development in the territory.

**YUKON PROSPECTORS' ASSOCIATION AWARD**

**Shane** and **Luke Carlos** were the recipients of the 2022 Yukon Prospectors of the Year Award for their outstanding skills in prospecting, which include the discovery of the Valley Gold prospect of Snowline Gold and discoveries made on the 3 Aces project, the Grew Creek deposit and the Warden-Pike project. □



» **Above:** JP Favron, Lisa Favron, Guy Favron, Simon Nagano, who nominated Favron Enterprises for the Leckie Award, Neil Loveless and Victoria Loveless. **Right:** Jordan Sands, crew member, and Nona Loveless, Mine Manager of Little Flake Mine, with their 2022 Leckie Award.



**2022 ROBERT E. LECKIE AWARDS**

**The Yukon is a global leader when it comes to mining in more ways than one.** From the territory's world-renowned mineral endowment to its stable, mining-friendly government and cutting-edge Indigenous partnerships, the Yukon's mineral exploration and development industry is also a leader when it comes to the environment.

Every year, the Yukon government recognizes operators who have demonstrated excellence in environmental stewardship, outstanding social responsibility, leadership and innovation in mining practices. The Robert E. Leckie Awards are given in honour of Robert (Bob) E. Leckie, a Mayo mining inspector and innovator who was dedicated to the development of progressive land use practices for mining.

In addition to the Award for Responsible and Innovative Exploration and Mining Practices presented to Favron Enterprises, (see story on Page 32), the 2022 Award for Excellence in Environmental Stewardship was presented to Parker Schnabel of Little Flake Mining.

Schnabel is best known for his role on the Discovery Channel's hit television show *Gold Rush*, a reality series targeted at a broad, international audience. At times the program portrays the more sensational aspects of Yukon placer mining, such as the challenges of managing heavy equipment and personnel in remote conditions, while the care, time and effort that goes into mine-site reclamation is not always given the same share of the spotlight.

Schnabel's Leckie Award is an important acknowledgement that there is a lot more to successful mining than just the production seen on the surface, ensuring the land is reclaimed for the enjoyment of future generations is worth every bit as the gold itself—and likely more.



**Above:** An ice bear in Klukshu, the focus of Yukon filmmaker Peter Mather's new documentary film *Victoria Gold Presents - Kings of the North - The Search for the Last of the Ice Bears*.  
**Right:** Documentary filmmaker and environmentalist Peter Mather.



# YUKON WILD

## *Victoria Gold Presents -* ***Kings of the North - The Search for the Last of the Ice Bears***

**Victoria Gold Corp was pleased to present Yukon photographer and environmentalist Peter Mather's documentary film *Victoria Gold Presents - Kings of the North - The Search for the Last of the Ice Bears*, the story of Yukon grizzly bears delaying their winter hibernation to fish for salmon and Mather's quest to photograph these ice bears.**

*Victoria Gold Presents - Kings of the North - The Search for the Last of the Ice Bears* premiered in Whitehorse, Haines Junction and Vancouver in April.

Directed by Peter Zenkl with music design by Matthew Lien, ticket proceeds from the Vancouver screening benefitted the Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society's *Every Student, Every Day* initiative to directly support increased student attendance projects in classrooms throughout the territory.

As the ice bears delay their

hibernation into late winter for one last feast of salmon, they become covered in a layer of icicles from fishing in temperatures below -20°C. The documentary also focuses on the natural history of salmon, bears and Indigenous peoples of the area.

Mather, an award-winning photographer and filmmaker focused on wildlife, conservation and northern peoples, says, "I reached out to Victoria Gold to get involved in the film as they are so engaged in Yukon communities and in our territory's youth. Victoria Gold is the first mining company I've seen in my time in the territory so committed to supporting Yukoners, so I thought it a great fit and, happily, they partnered with me."

"Our team was excited to present *Victoria Gold Presents - Kings of the North - The Search for the Last of the Ice Bears*," says Victoria Gold President & CEO John McConnell. "The story of these

bears is one that few people may be aware of, including Yukoners, so we are very pleased to support Peter and help bring this project forward so that we can all gain a greater understanding of these incredible animals and learn more about our environment."

A limited-edition coffee-table book is also being created in partnership with Victoria Gold and will include 94 pictures from the seven-year-long project journey.

*Victoria Gold Corp's Eagle Gold Mine is situated within the Company's 100-per-cent-owned Dublin Gulch Property located approximately 375 km north of Whitehorse and 85 km north, northeast of the Village of Mayo within the traditional territory of the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun. The mine is a significant contributor to the Yukon economy employing approximately 450. □*

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