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A Message from the President

What a Year 2006 Promises to Be!

Wow, another Geoscience Forum and Roundup season is over and what a year 2006 promises to be! Metal prices are at historic highs right across the board and investment dollars are being offered up in unheard of quantities.

We at the Chamber are bracing ourselves for what looks to be another banner year for exploration in the Yukon Territory. We feel that we are just breaking through to a rebirth of mining that is going to last long into the future.

The Board of Directors has been very busy of late addressing regulatory issues that continually seem to crop up out of nowhere, as well as participating in and promoting some very innovative programs to ensure the continued well being of the mining industry here at home.

The Yukon Mining Training Center initiative is a crucial part of these initiatives and we are confident that the program will come to fruition and begin to enable and empower Yukon community partners with a skill set vital to participating in the mining industry.

NRCAN is forecasting a need for 600 placer mine workers and 1700 hard rock mine workers in the Yukon over the next five years. In order to fill the demand and foster an inviting climate for mine development in the North, it is absolutely crucial to begin the process of skill enhancement and dedicated mine training as soon as humanly possible.

The Sustainable Development Initiative is another project that the Chamber has been involved with from its inception. The SDI is being developed to promote better lines of communication between industry and the various community and government organizations.

A better understanding of the wants, needs, fears, and desires of all parties affected by mine development is an important part of the mining sector's ability to earn and maintain and valid social license in all Yukon communities. We support the initiative and have been

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working very hard with industry, the KPMA, and the facilitator of the project, Tara Christie, to ensure that all stakeholders are able to maximize the benefits offered by the creation of successful operating mines.

In closing, the Board of Directors of the Yukon Chamber of Mines would like to take this opportunity to offer our heartfelt thanks to our members and all supporting corporations. Without your faith in us and the financial contributions that you so selflessly provide, the Chamber would not be the vibrant, energetic organization that it is today.

Thank you and we wish you every success in your projects in 2006.

Sincerely,

John Witham
President
Yukon Chamber of Mines

The Yukon Chamber of Mines Permitting Committee requests your feedback on experiences under the new YESAA regime.

The Chamber has formed a Permitting Committee with special focus on monitoring the implementation of the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act (YESAA). The Permitting Committee members are:

Gary Lee
Rob Carne
Mike Anderson

Anyone who has experiences on specific permitting issues related to the YESAA and the YESSA Board (YESSAB) processes, positive or negative, is invited to contact the committee in confidence.

We are collecting this information to monitor the implementation of the new process and to support our lobbying efforts to promote an efficient and timely permitting process for mining industry projects in the Yukon.

Contact the Permitting Committee:
c/o Joanne Hainer, 667-2090, jhainer@ycmines.ca

**Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada Conference
(PDAC) March 4—8, 2006 Toronto**

Advertise at this International Mining Conference

For more information see Page's 8 & 9

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NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS 05/06

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Meetings are held at 3:00 p.m. in the Yukon Chamber of Mines Board Room on the following dates.

Scheduled Board Meetings:
 February 14
 March 14
 April 18
 May 16

Addressing the Board

If you wish to address the Board or have an item added to the Board agenda, you must notify the Chamber at least one week prior to the scheduled Board meeting.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Membership Meetings are held at 7:00 PM in the Yukon Chamber of Mines Board Room on these dates:

Scheduled General Meetings:
 February 16
 March 16
 April 20
 May 18

Reminder

Membership meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month, unless otherwise advised.

Board Meetings are held Two days before the General Meetings

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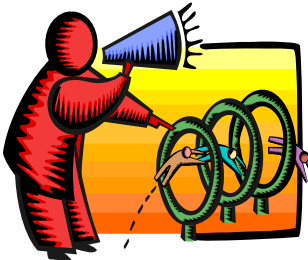
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Bits and Bytes

Yukon Mineral Exploration Tax Credit Continues

Yukon Government - News Release
January 24, 2006

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon Government is continuing the Yukon Mineral Tax Credit (YMETC) program to March 31, 2007.



“Yukon’s mineral exploration tax credit has proven to be very successful”. Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Archie Lang said. “It has helped pave the way for upcoming mine developments in the territory and to rejuvenate our mining sector. Government will continue to offer it with a limit on the refundable amount a company is eligible to receive.”

The Yukon Mineral Exploration Tax Credit is a refundable corporate and personal income tax credit of 25 per cent of eligible exploration expenses for off-mine site exploration. It was introduced in 1999 to stimulate exploration during the last mining downturn. The Yukon government committed to examine the YMETC if market conditions improved and exploration spending exceeded \$30 million.

“Now that we’ve reached that threshold and anticipate exploration spending to be in the \$50 million range in 2005 we have begun a full assessment of the program,” Lang said. “The success of our mineral tax credit program, combined with the rebound in exploration, lead to us putting a cap of \$300,000 on the amount a company will be able to receive for work undertaken in the upcoming year.”

Generally, Yukon’s overall tax regime is competitive with the rest of the country. However, as a number of mineral projects move from exploration to the production and development phase, the Yukon government is looking at new options for mining tax policies and incentives to support mining at those stages. For information: ymetc@gov.yk.ca or yukonmining.com.

Mining Exploration to boom, Lang predicts

Whitehorse Star by Chuck Tobin
January 25, 2006

Mineral exploration expenditures could hit \$60 million to \$75 million this year, says Energy, Mines & Resources Minister Archie Lang. Lang said there is a buzz afoot in the exploration industry, with some 6,000 people attending the annual Mineral Exploration Roundup, compared to 1,600 to 2,000 just a couple of years ago.

The exploration industry peaked in the mid-1990’s during the Finlayson staking rush, with about \$56 million spent in 1996. But expenditures declined steadily since ‘96, and hit rock-bottom at approximately \$6 million four years ago.

With the turnaround in the price of metal, interest has grown consistently since 2002 and expenditures hit a recent high of an estimated \$50 million-plus last year.

**Yukon Environmental and
Socio-economic Assessment Act
(YESAA)**

Comes fully into Force!

January 5, 2005

The *Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act* (YESAA) received Royal Assent and became law on May 13, 2003. The passage of the Act marked an important step in meeting land claims commitments in the Yukon by implementing the development assessment process as set out in Chapter 12 of the *Umbrella Final Agreement*.

On November 28, 2005 the *Assessable Activities, Exceptions and Executive Committee Projects Regulations* and *Decision Body Time Periods and Consultation Regulations* were made by the Governor in Council and were registered as SOR/2005-379 and SOR/2005-380 respectively. With the registration of these regulations the process under the *Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act* became fully operational. Publication of these regulations in the Canada Gazette Part II occurred on December 14, 2005.

Enclosed are copies of the *Assessable Activities, Exceptions and Executive Committee Projects Regulations* and a guide to readers for these regulations, as well as the *Decision Body Time Period and Consultation Regulations*.

(enclosure available at Chamber office upon request—Office received January 30, 2006)

Governments will be able to make informed decisions on assessor’s recommendations and continue to provide technical expertise as part of the assessment process. The Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB), its Designated Offices and government regulators are working together to make this process work as efficiently as possible.

With YESAA now fully operational the YESAB and its Designated Offices are now conducting assessments for activities in the Yukon.

Ron Chambers
Manager—YESAA
Implementation
Gov of Canada

Jeff O’Farrell
Director—DAP Branch
Government of
Yukon

Gail Barnaby
Manager Natural Resources
& Environment
Council of Yukon First Nations

BC & Yukon Chamber of Mines Name Change

The BC & Yukon Chamber has officially changed their name to

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Association of Mineral Exploration for British Columbia

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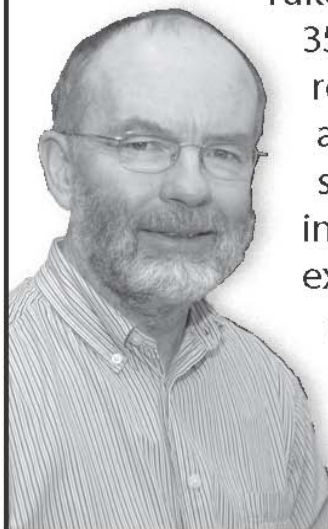
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Director Appointed to Yukon Geological Survey

The Yukon government's Department of Energy, Mines and Resources is pleased to announce the appointment of Grant Abbott to the position of Director of the Yukon Geological Survey (YGS). Grant becomes the first director of this recently formed branch.

Grant has been with the YGS in its many incarnations for over 25 years and he has worked in the Yukon for more than 35 years. He is a well respected colleague and has provided strong leadership in the provision of excellent YGS client service. Please welcome Grant to this prestigious position.



2006 Yukon Mining & Exploration Directory

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YMET Yukon Mining and Exploration Training Trust Fund was created under an agreement between Yukon Chamber of Mines and Yukon Government to develop a strategy to train, retrain, upgrade and/or improve the occupational skills of Yukon residents in the mining industry. During the three years since its inception it has received thirteen applications and has funded six for a total funding expenditure of \$24,445.59. More information and applications are available at the Yukon Chamber of Mines.

Training provided in the 2005 / 2006 year:

- Basic Prospecting Course (16 students)
- Exploration Safety Awareness Seminar
- Advanced Prospecting Course
- Exploration Training Program
- Drillers Helper Training Program

For more information on mine training:

Al Doherty, Chairman
YMET Trust Fund
Aurum Geological Consulting (867) 667-4168
or email: aurum@yknet.ca

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- Hats\$15.00
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Prospectors & Developers Association Conference (PDAC) Toronto March 5—8, 2006

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Over 14,000 delegates attending this conference
(plus over 10,000 Trade Show & Investor representatives)

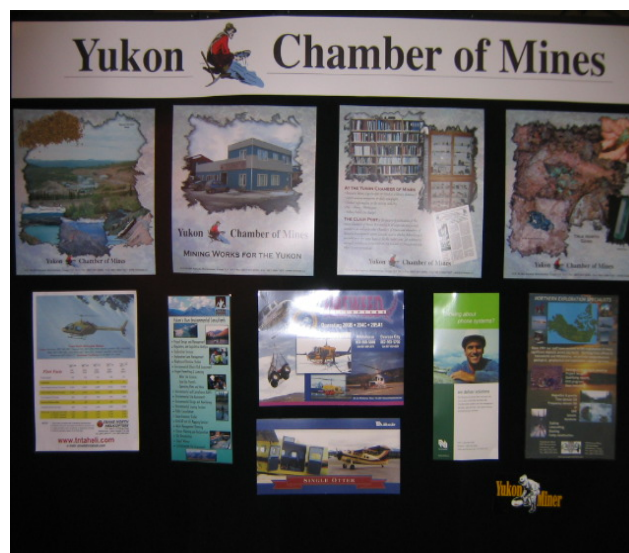
Here's How!

We are going to do a draw for a beautiful nugget necklace and a man's sluice box ring to encourage delegates to go to the Yukon booth's. We will have someone dressed in period costume and hand out draw forms to attendee's to encourage more visitors to our display.

Advertising Opportunities:

1. Sponsor \$100.00 towards the door prize.
2. Pay \$50.00 to have brochures or handouts displayed at our booth.
3. Pay \$50.00 to place a poster on our display unit.
(see photo below)
4. Advertise in our newsletter which will be handed out at the conference along with the directory & disks. (see rates next page).

To be included see Page 9 for rates and more information on how you can be a part of this International Mining Conference through this advertising opportunity.



Special Edition PDAC Claimpost Newsletter

Advertising Information

Conference March 5—8, 2006 Toronto

Over 14,000 delegates and 10,000 trade show attendee's are at the Prospectors & Development Association Conference (PDAC) and we are going to be there to promote the Yukon. This is an opportunity to promote your business at an international level with the mining sector.

We will be distributing a special edition of our quarterly newsletter at the conference as well as any handouts with each Miner's Directory and we are providing you with an opportunity to advertise at a minimal cost in this special edition. Also, we are offering you the opportunity to provide us with some brochures or business cards to be placed on our table and a laminated poster to display on our display unit at our booth. The newsletter will also be posted on our website for one year.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Brochures & Poster	\$ 50.00	+\$ 3.50	= \$ 53.50*	
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Total: \$ _____

** (Poster Size 11" x 17" maximum laminated. Brochures approximately 100 maximum)*

- All ad's, brochures & posters must be received no later than March 1, 2006 or shipped to the Toronto Conference Center by March 4th (Booth 526).
- Advertising design and production rate is \$50.00 / hr

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Thank you Sponsors Of Yukon Night

Yukon Night was held on January 23, 2006 at Roundup. This year we had a little more money in sponsorship so to make the event even more spectacular we added a Chocolate Fountain. The response was very positive with the fountain being the most popular food item we provided.

Prize Winners:

- 1st: Bev Weichel
- 2nd: Terry Eisenman
- 3rd: Valerie Tangen
- 4th: John Thurston
- 5th: Ben Hudson
- 6th: Dan Wiebe
- 7th: Melissa Bowerman
- 8th: James Adams
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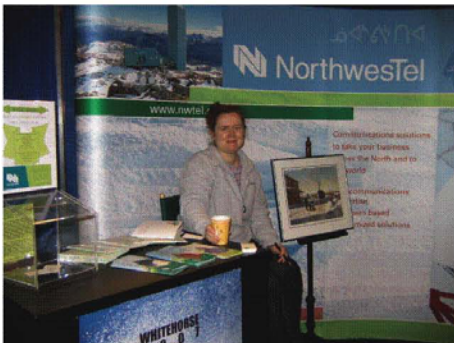
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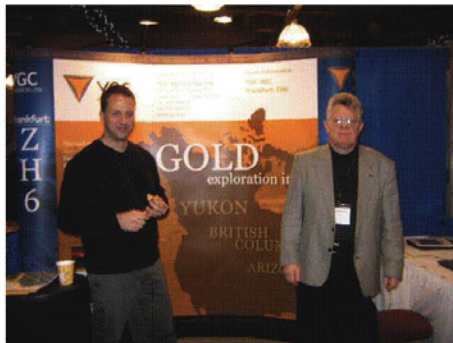
Grand Prize winner of Trade Show Draw:

Winner Darrell Long of Laurentian University with Joanne Hainer Presenting the Prize (\$1,400 value)

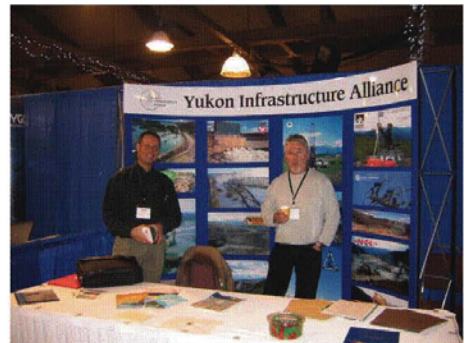
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- ★ \$10,000 in just one year with ★
- ★ close to 200 individual mem- ★
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YGS Resources



Yukon Infrastructure Alliance

New Yukon Mine Reclamation and Closure Policy Now In Effect

The Yukon government has approved the new Mine Site Reclamation and Closure Policy for new hard rock mines in the Yukon. It is now in effect.

The policy is designed to encourage early reclamation and closure planning, to recognize progressive reclamation, and to ensure that public risk for closure liability is minimized.

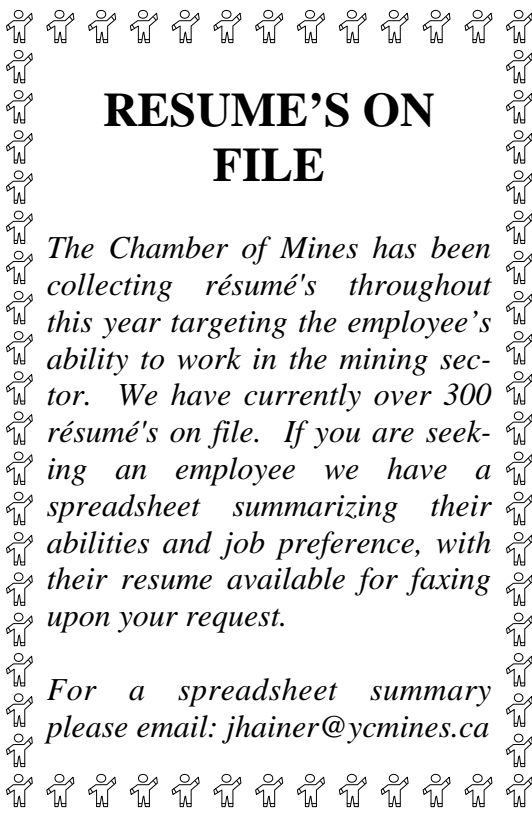
Extensive consultation with First Nations, mining industry representatives, environmental groups and government agencies took place to help guide development of the policy, which is consistent with policies in other jurisdictions across Canada.

We are in the process of completing detailed technical and financial guidelines to complement the policy. These guidelines will address the specific conditions for reclamation standards and the forms of acceptable financial security. Further public consultation will be undertaken to finalize the guidelines, which are slated for completion by April 2006.

We would like to acknowledge and thank all who contributed to the development of this policy. It is an important step in our continuing efforts to develop a vibrant, responsible resource industry and an effective policy framework for guiding new mine developments in the Yukon

Yukon Mine Site Reclamation and Closure Policy
<http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/mining/reclamation%20and%20closure%20policy.html>

News Release
<http://www.gov.yk.ca/news/2006/files/06-011.pdf>



RESUME'S ON FILE

The Chamber of Mines has been collecting résumés throughout this year targeting the employee's ability to work in the mining sector. We have currently over 300 résumés on file. If you are seeking an employee we have a spreadsheet summarizing their abilities and job preference, with their resume available for faxing upon your request.

For a spreadsheet summary please email: jhainer@ycmines.ca

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Mining Reclamation Award Winners

Robert E. Leckie Awards For Outstanding Mining Reclamation

The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources annually presents the Robert E. Leckie awards to acknowledge the great efforts by exploration and mining companies, operators and others who go above and beyond the normal call of duty in responsible mining and reclamation.

This includes adding features to the land that notably enhances the area and local community; returning mined land to a condition that is not only structurally sound but also aesthetically pleasing; and/or cleaning up sites previously mined and before mining land use regulations came into effect.



Klondike Placer Miners' Association President Mike McDougall (far left) and Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Archie Lang (far right) present Tara, Dagmar and Jim Christie with the 2005 Robert E. Leckie award for outstanding placer reclamation practices.



Gimlex Enterprises Ltd.: Outstanding Placer Mining Reclamation

Dr. Jim Christie and his family operated on Dominion Creek from 1996 until 2004, mining a large portion of the wide valley bottom, a short distance upstream from the confluence with Sulphur Creek. They conducted progressive reclamation from the start.

Old mine cuts have been sloped to shallow grades, creating natural looking ponds with vegetation growing right up to the edge. These ponds are already providing seasonal waterfowl habitat.

Tailing piles and other waste piles were contoured to a gentle slope and stockpiled overburden was spread throughout the area, which has resulted in rapid natural re-vegetation over wide areas.

In addition, a considerable amount of work was done to create a system of stable ditches which provide ongoing control of surface drainage and prevent erosion of reclaimed areas.

Honourable Mention A-1 Cats

Operator Ross Edenost of A-1 Cats has mined on Dominion Creek in the Dawson district since 2002.

Since the start of operations, A-1 Cats has done ongoing reclamation. Stripping and tailings piles are kept in low relief. Organic overburden is stockpiled for spreading on contoured areas to facilitate rapid re-vegetation.

The camp was set up near mine cuts from a previous leasee of the property. At the start of operations A-1 Cats utilized some of these historic cuts in their operations for settling ponds. The subsequent contouring and topsoil spreading is leaving an area of ponds with gentle slopes that are more accessible to wild life.



Yukon Chamber of Mines' Past President Scott Casselman (l) and Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Archie Lang (r) present the President of Eagle Plains Resources, Tim Termuende, with the award for best quartz reclamation practices.



Eagle Plains Resources Ltd.: Outstanding Quartz Mining Reclamation

Rusty Springs was first discovered in 1975 and was explored by several companies through to 1986. A winter road and all weather airstrip were constructed during this period.

In 1994 the property was transferred to Eagle Plains Resources. They conducted several exploration programs including diamond drilling and trenching. Each of their programs has included a major component of environmental clean-up and reclamation. The company, through good management practices, has steadily cleaned up the legacy of the 1975 through 1986 exploration.

In 2005 contractor Aurora Geosciences removed old fuel drums and up to 2000 pounds of steel rods and various metal pieces, an old jeep, many plastic buckets and other debris from around drill sites. The crew cleaned up the old camp and burned the wood, tidied up the road and strip. They then cleaned up their drill sites and camp site. Every backhaul flight removed waste.

Honourable Mention Strategic Metals Ltd.

Strategic Metals Ltd. is a Vancouver-based company doing grassroots exploration at Logtung, near Rancheria.

The site has seen activity since the 1970s and the company has been cleaning it up for several years. In 2004 they removed 300 forty-five gallon drums, part of a bulk sample left on site.

The drums, drum lids and metal bandings were crushed and removed to the Whitehorse landfill or recycled. The plastic liners were removed from site and the pallets burned.

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