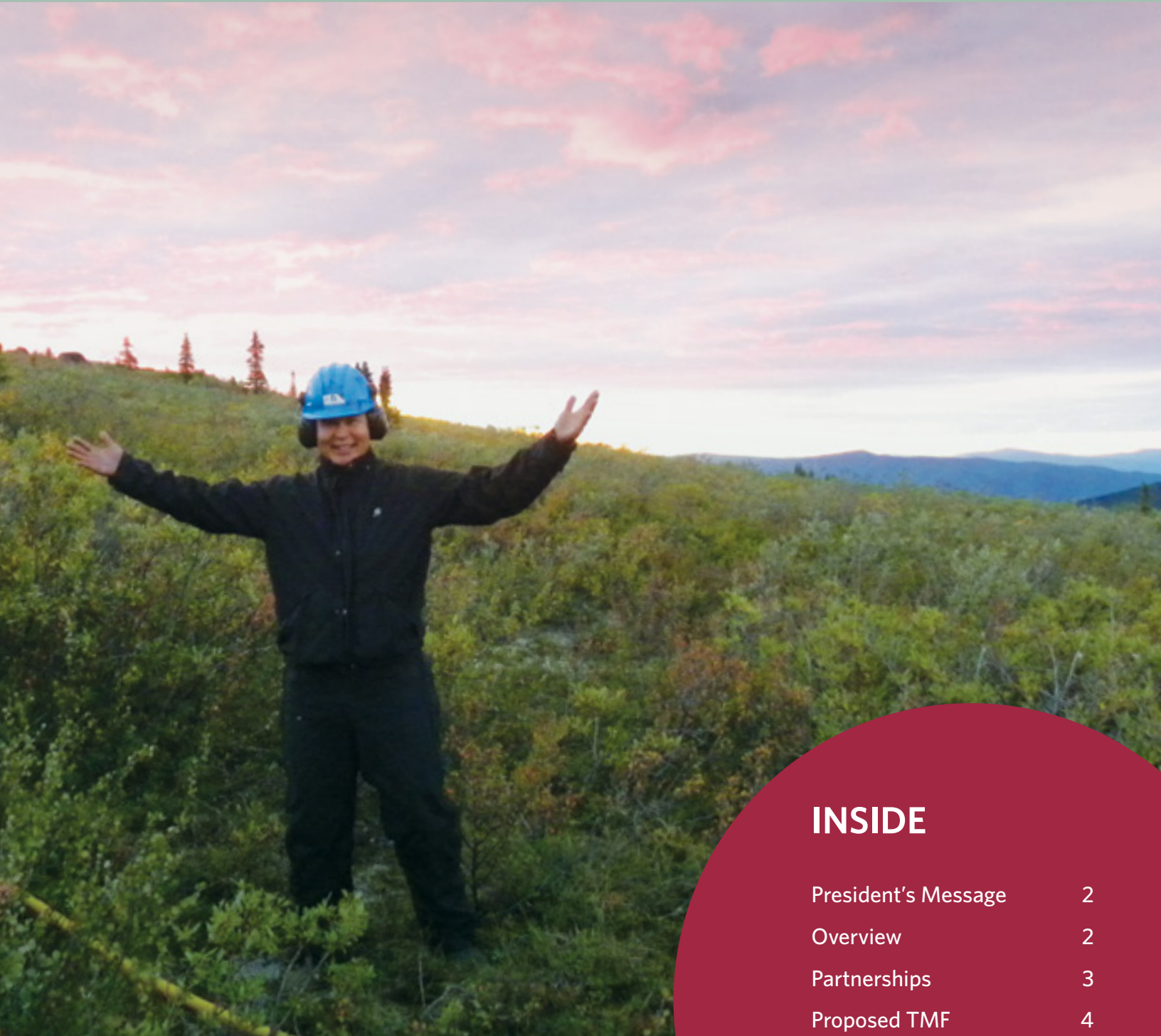


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Casino Mining Corporation (Casino) project team, I hope your summer season was both productive and allowed for some rest, relaxation and quality time with family and friends.

We have been working diligently to refine our key priorities as we move through the YESAB environmental and socio-economic assessment process toward Adequacy for the Casino Project.

Over the past few months, we achieved some key milestones in our efforts to help ensure that our project reflects the needs and values of Yukoners.

In early July, we were pleased to jointly announce an initial *Agreement for Cooperation in Project Assessment and Other Matters* with Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (TH) relating to Casino, as the project lies within the First Nation's traditional territory.

This very important agreement lays the foundation for establishing future agreements and a mutually beneficial, collaborative and respectful relationship moving forward (and joins cooperation agreements previously signed with Selkirk and Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nations).

As we continue to directly engage with these First Nation governments and the communities of Dawson City, Pelly Crossing and Carmacks, Casino is also in "listening mode" and is committed to hearing and addressing questions and concerns about our project and in particular, our proposed Tailings Management Facility – or TMF.

To this end, we have established a TMF Working Group made up of Yukon First Nation governments, territorial and federal agencies and regulators, geo-technical experts and our own team members so that we may solicit input into the proposed design and operation of this very important facility.

We held our first TMF workshop at the end of August, which included more than 30 participants. A number of initiatives that we have undertaken were outlined so that the TMF ensures downstream water quality. We look forward to informing you about the efforts of this group and the outcomes of its discussions.

Thank you in advance for your interest in Casino and for the commitment you share with us to help ensure that our project creates long lasting, multi-generational benefits for all Yukoners.

Sincerely,

PAUL WEST-SELLS, PRESIDENT
Casino Mining Corporation

OVERVIEW

In July, Casino's Senior Management revisited and refined the project's key priorities as our team works to respond to YESAB's Requests for Information (IR) this calendar year and reach project Adequacy before next spring.

If deemed *Adequate* by YESAB, the project will move into the *Screening* phase and the Casino team looks forward to the opportunity for public input to YESAB that this stage of the environmental and socio-economic assessment process will provide Yukoners.

As we work to continually build and sustain support for the Casino Project, we are proud of our guiding principle to be more than just a mining company when it comes to recognizing and responding to the values of Yukon residents and communities.

We are committed to alleviating questions and concerns from Yukoners surrounding our proposed Tailings Management Facility (TMF).

To help accomplish this, we have established an *Independent Engineering Review Panel* (IERP) to focus on the TMF's structural stability and integrity and provide our team with *independent* and *expert* oversight and advice about all aspects of the TMF's design, construction, operational management, monitoring and ultimate closure.

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

The Casino team is working to hear, and then help address your questions, priorities and concerns.

To this end, we encourage your voice, and the voice of all Yukon communities and governments, and have several communications channels established to help ensure that our project and our efforts allow for sincere, responsive and informed two-way conversations.

Please visit our web site at www.casinomining.com to sign up for regular project updates and learn more about how *Casino Cares* or find us on Facebook.

YUKON BENEFITS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

In addition, this past August, a TMF Working Group was formed made up of Yukon First Nation governments, territorial and federal agencies and regulators, geo-technical experts and our own team members so we can solicit input into the proposed design and operation of our facilities – and in particular, the TMF.

We encourage you to visit www.casinomining.com and learn more about our proposed TMF and our commitment to the safety of Yukon residents.

It is estimated that over the mine's four-year construction period, the project will employ 1000 people full-time per year and during the mine's 22-year operational life, 600 full-time jobs, numerous on site training and mentorship opportunities and \$306 million in contracts for Yukon businesses will be available annually.

Casino looks forward to working with Yukoners today, and well into the future, to achieve permitting, licensing, construction, operation and closure and a project that provides multi-generational benefits for our territory's individuals and communities.

Earlier this year, Casino proudly launched *Casino Cares* to capture and celebrate the company's commitment to the communities we serve.

We continually endeavor to support initiatives and engage in partnerships that will benefit all Yukoners including, the significant economic and social benefits our proposed mine will provide once in construction and operation.

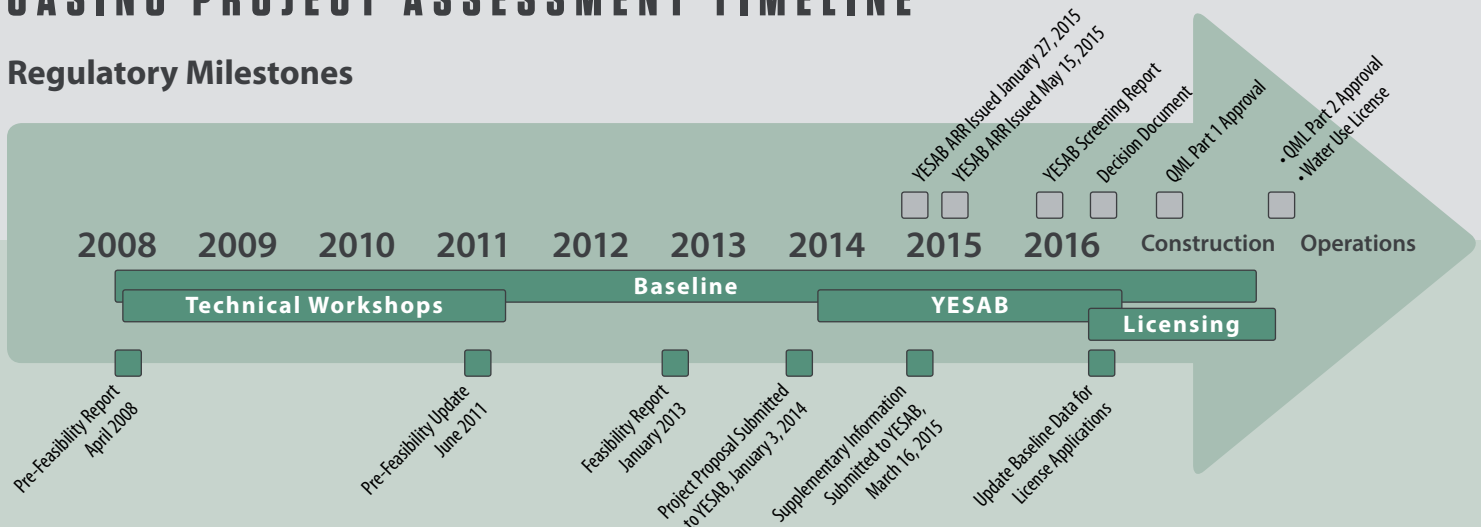
For example, Casino is partnering with Palmer Environmental Group, Genome BC and Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, BC to identify the potential community of microbes, that are responsible for, or contribute to, observed downstream reductions in copper in the project area's Casino Creek and Proctor Gulch, two water bodies that initially contained elevated copper from a naturally occurring source.

A genome is an organism's complete set of DNA, and according to Genome BC, is "basically a blueprint for an organism's structure and function" and genomics is the science that aims to decipher and understand the entire DNA of an organism, in this case, the potential "copper eating microbes" in Casino Creek and Proctor Gulch.

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CASINO PROJECT ASSESSMENT TIMELINE

Regulatory Milestones



Following the completion of this research project, we will have high quality data that may inform the company of a potential natural remediation process at Casino. In addition, the data can augment environmental models used for prediction of metal concentrates over time.

This innovative project aims to identify communities of microbes believed to be responsible for natural copper removal and classify bacterial species known to exhibit metal tolerance for application in environmental mitigation of contaminated water bodies.

If the data demonstrates that these microbes are naturally depleting copper levels or are able to survive and grow in these conditions, it will then be shared to show that natural remediation process is already present at the Casino site.

To learn more about this exciting research, and Genome BC, you are encouraged to visit www.genomebc.ca

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PROPOSED CASINO PROJECT TAILINGS MANAGEMENT FACILITY

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- PAUL WEST-SELLS | PRESIDENT, CASINO MINING CORP.

Casino is firmly committed to the health and safety of Yukon residents and to ensuring cultural and environmental values are protected for our children, for their children and for generations to come.

Listening to the concerns and priorities of Yukoners helps guide every decision we make and every action we take.

This core guiding principle extends to the design, operation, maintenance and closure of the Casino Project's proposed Tailings Management Facility, which is more commonly referred to as a tailings dam, or TMF.

Casino's TMF has been designed to exceed our country's highest industry standards for safety and responsible operation and closure as outlined by the Canadian Dam Association (CDA) Dam Safety Standards.

Over and above this—as part of our commitment to Yukoners—Casino has established an Independent Engineering Review Panel (IERP) to focus on the TMF's structural stability and integrity and provide our team with independent and expert oversight and advice about all aspects of the TMF's design, construction, operational management, monitoring and ultimate closure.

In addition, Casino has formed a TMF Working Group made up of Yukon First Nation governments, territorial and federal agencies and regulators, geo-technical experts and our own team members so we can solicit input into the proposed design and operation of our facilities – and in particular, the TMF.

Casino's 22-year mine life will ensure that the project's economic and social benefits for Yukoners are long lasting and multi-generational.

Yukon children born today will grow up knowing that training, jobs and business opportunities exist right here at home and that Casino is committed to their safety and to the safety and protection of our universally valued environment.

SHARING STORIES

KLUANE DRILLING LTD.

With well over 40 years of experience in the Yukon, Kluane Drilling Ltd. was the clear choice for Casino to undertake its onsite heavy equipment work and drilling during the project's exploration and feasibility phases in 2008.

As Kluane's Heavy Equipment Supervisor, Al Serafinchon oversaw the rebuilding of the site's airstrip and a 24-kilometer stretch of the access road to the project, which was accomplished in six weeks prior to the camp's initial set up that fall.

Al has been with Kluane since the 1970s and recalls how the company was founded by Howard Coyne with some gravel trucks and a loader. Today, Kluane and Howard's five sons provide earth works and drilling services around the globe and can mobilize a drill to any location in the cargo hold of a conventional aircraft. Their innovative drills are compact so that everything, including rods, can be loaded by hand in pick-up trucks or transported by workers on footpaths.

Eric Kositsin has travelled the world with Kluane. Originally from BC, he began his career at Casino as a Driller's Helper, and quickly graduated to running the rigs and supervising and training other drillers. With up to four drills and eight drillers operating at one time, Eric was in charge of geological and geotechnical drilling, taking core inventory, coordinating schedules and keeping good working relationships on site. When asked what drove him to succeed, Eric replies, "I was available and I worked hard."

For both Al and Eric, working at Casino was a great experience. "Casino had the cleanest camp in Yukon; very well organized, good layout, easy to get in and out of and friendly staff," says Al.



Kluane Drilling human resources and health and safety coordinator Teresa Ouellette organizes two weeks of training at the beginning of each field season to assess interest and skills for drilling. Students are required to have their First Aid, WHMIS and a positive attitude.

In this line of work, you have to be very adaptable and motivated to take initiative and solve problems. Al says, "You must have a clear head at all times, a good attitude and good working relationships with others."

When possible, Kluane meets client needs by using local suppliers when possible, including Quantum Machine Works, a world-class custom machining operation in Whitehorse.



CASINO CARES

Casino Cares was developed to help the company more clearly communicate our commitment to sustainability, capacity building and community engagement in Carmacks, Pelly Crossing, Dawson City and across the territory.

Casino is proud to support and invest in grassroots initiatives that can generate lasting and mutual benefits for Yukoners. We look forward continued engagement and building respectful relationships and a stronger understanding about the Casino Project.

For more information, please visit:

www.casinomining.com/community/casino_cares



CASINO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

At the close of the school year this past June, the **Casino Student Achievement Awards** recognized six students who demonstrated exceptional schoolwork. Congratulations go out to: Grade 8 and Grade 5 students Kylie Williams and Keyshawn Sawyer from Eliza Van Bibber School in Pelly Crossing; Grade 12 and Grade 4 students Brittany Stutsman and Lucas Bellmore-Mayer from Tantalus School in Carmacks; and, Grade 12 and Grade 6 students Emily Hume and Alyhea Justine 'AJ' Soliguen from Robert Service School in Dawson City.



TR'ONDĒK HWĒCH'IN FIRST FISH CAMP

In July, Casino collaborated with the Pacific Salmon Foundation and Kaminak Gold Corp. to support the traditional **Tr'ondĕk Hwĕch'in First Fish Camp**, delivered to 15 high school youth at Moosehide Village near Dawson City. Over five days, youth learned about the historical significance of the local Chinook salmon fishery from Elders and other leaders – an experience that will hopefully transpire to a lifelong appreciation for salmon. The camp's success was celebrated at the annual community First Fish Feast which traditionally occurs after the camp and before school begins.



YUKON IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Casino representatives and many other local supporters participated in the May fundraising event in Whitehorse for the **Yukon Imagination Library family literacy program**. Since 2007, the Yukon Imagination Library, in partnership with numerous industry and community partners, has provided Yukon children with one free book every month from their birth to the age of five. Casino encourages families to join the more than 2,000 children enrolled in the program.



28TH ANNUAL YUKON HAND GAMES TOURNAMENT

In mid-July, Casino joined hundreds of other cheering spectators at the **28th Annual Yukon Hand Games Tournament** held at Brooks Brook near Teslin. Casino was honoured to be invited to the competition and support the participation of Selkirk First Nation stick gambling teams from Pelly Crossing. A total of 30 adult and 12 youth teams competed in this double-elimination tournament over two full days, with each team comprising six players and each game lasting from a few minutes to over an hour. Pelly Crossing did well, with the **Hu Cha Hu Dun adult team** placing 4th and **Selkirk Thunder youth team** placing 3rd. Congratulations to all involved!

YUKON MINING AND GEOLOGY WEEK

Along the banks of the Yukon River in Whitehorse in May, Casino joined other industry supporters at the **Yukon Chamber of Mines' Yukon Mining and Geology Week**. The Casino wall tent was one of several attractions that interacted with adults and youth, in an effort of educating the public about the Casino project and its role in our everyday lives and local economy.

LITTLE SALMON/CARMACKS FIRST NATION GREENHOUSE AND GARDEN

Casino is also proud to be actively supporting the development of the **Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation greenhouse and garden** operation. A feasibility study is underway to assess the reality of meeting the growing need that has emerged over the past 15 years, since local greenhouse and garden production first began, for fresh, chemical-free vegetables for community members and tourists, in a manner that contributes to the local food security and sustainable growth of the First Nation and community.



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Casino would like to thank everyone who helped put together this edition. We are particularly grateful for those that have shared their stories including Kluane Drilling Ltd. and Genome BC.

STAY CONNECTED

We encourage you to visit our web site at www.casinomining.com for information about the Casino Project, provide us with your feedback and sign up for regular project updates.

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