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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of Casino Mining Corporation (Casino) and our entire project team, I hope you had a good winter and anticipate a productive summer season for you, for your employees and for your families.

Casino has been very busy over the past months as our Casino Project Proposal progresses through the territory's environmental assessment and permitting process to allow for the construction and operation of our proposed mine.

We will continue to be active over the next months as our team engages with Yukoners in support of our commitment to communities and partnerships through our new *Casino Cares* initiative.

Many Yukon residents have questions about the future of mining in the territory and the role Casino plays. To help answer these, we encourage you to visit our web site to find comprehensive and user-friendly information about the project and our team and to sign up for regular updates.

Some Yukoners also have questions about the project's proposed Tailings Management Facility – or TMF. In response to the expectations of the communities we proudly serve, I am pleased to announce we have established an Independent Engineering Review Panel (IERP) to provide independent expertise surrounding the TMF. Made up of four internationally recognized experts, the IERP will provide ongoing advice to ensure that Casino's TMF is designed, constructed and closed according to international standards of good practice.

This panel is just one part of our approach to advance Casino in a manner that respects and protects the environment, while enhancing benefits to all Yukon residents and communities.

We look forward to connecting with you in person at community events over the coming months.

Sincerely,

PAUL WEST-SELLS, PRESIDENT
Casino Mining Corporation

OVERVIEW

The Casino Project is a world-class copper and gold deposit located 300 kilometres northwest of Whitehorse, 115 kilometres west of Pelly Crossing and 200 kilometres northwest of Carmacks.

The property lies within the traditional territories of Selkirk and Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nations and borders Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in to the north.

Casino is directly engaging with these First Nation governments and with their communities of Pelly Crossing, Carmacks and Dawson City.

There has been significant interest in the Casino Project Proposal (the "proposal"), which is currently in the adequacy phase of the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB) review following the company's submission of the proposal to YESAB in early January 2014.

The Casino team continues to support information requests from YESAB. In addition, almost 25 different parties, many consultants working for territorial, federal, and First Nation governments, have commented on the proposal. The majority of the work the Casino team is currently undertaking involves responses to questions about the project from these groups.

The team is optimistic that YESAB will move the proposal into the public review phase in the coming months so that all Yukon residents can participate in the review by providing their comments.

Your participation will help Casino develop a project that truly reflects the needs, priorities and values of the communities it serves.

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

Casino values your comments throughout the YESAB process.

To participate, please visit the YESAB Online Registry or www.casinomining.com.

YUKON BENEFITS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

Casino is proud of its 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.

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, and beyond, the significant economic opportunities and social benefits the proposed mine will provide once in construction and operation.

For example, last spring, Casino partnered with Yukon College and the Yukon Research Centre on an important research project to construct eight laboratory-scale wetlands in order to better understand how they may naturally remove metals from the water when it comes time for the mine to close.

Due to low maintenance and operational costs and high metal removal capacity, wetlands use natural processes to remove metals from water and have been utilized successfully at mine sites throughout Canada.

This wetlands project for Casino garnered the interest of — and a visit by — Prime Minister Stephen Harper when he was in Whitehorse last August. Moving forward, the project will undergo further laboratory and field-testing.

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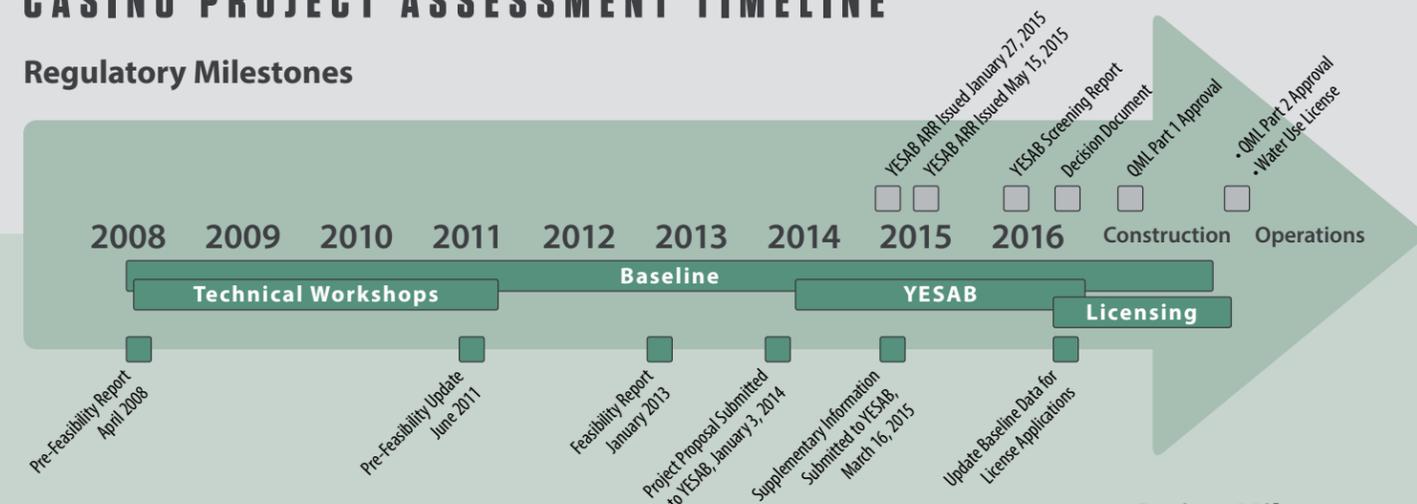
Salmon project - Palmer Environmental Consulting Group Inc.



Yukon Research Centre, Yukon College

CASINO PROJECT ASSESSMENT TIMELINE

Regulatory Milestones



Casino Milestones



Palmer Environmental Consulting Group Inc.

YUKON BENEFITS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS *continued from page 3*

Casino is also exploring ways to improve habitat for Yukon River Chinook salmon.

Juvenile Yukon River salmon spend the first year of their lives in freshwater habitats that provide food and protection from predators, and conditions suitable for surviving the winter. Good conditions in this first year of life are critical for preparing fish for the long and arduous journey ahead, as Yukon River Chinook salmon are notable for having some of the longest salmon migrations in the world.

As part of the environmental assessment and permitting process, Casino is working with project partners, including Selkirk and Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nations and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in to identify options to improve Chinook salmon freshwater habitat.

One opportunity being explored is the reinstatement of a historical watercourse channel adjacent to the Yukon River, just north of the Casino property. If restored, the channel would provide new high-quality habitat for Chinook salmon seeking early-life refuges.

You are encouraged to learn more about the project at www.casinomining.com and can also keep up to date via Twitter and Facebook and by signing up on our web site for regular updates.

PROPOSED CASINO MINE

REVENUES

- \$274 million increase in the Yukon's annual GDP
- \$130 million in taxes and an average of \$60 million in royalties to the Yukon Government each year
- Opportunity for resource revenue sharing agreements between the Yukon and First Nation governments
- Opportunity for existing local businesses to develop through partnerships and new ones to be created

PARTICIPATION

- 1000 full-time jobs during construction, 600 full-time jobs during operations and on-site training and mentorship opportunities
- \$306 million in annual contracts for Yukon businesses

LOCATION

- 300 km northwest of Whitehorse, 115 km west of Pelly Crossing, and 200 km northwest of Carmacks
- On crown land administered by Yukon Government
- Within the traditional territories of the Selkirk and Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nations and bordering Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in' to the north

ACCESS

- By plane for work crew rotations
- Along the Freegold Road for concentrate and supply shipments

OPERATION

- Open-pit, truck and shovel mining for 22 years
- Flotation mill will process 120,000 tonnes of ore per day
- Heap leach facility will process 150 million tonnes of gold ore in total
- Power source will be from liquefied natural gas that will be trucked in and gasified on-site

PRODUCT

- 3.7 billion pounds of copper
- 6.0 million ounces of gold
- 32 million pounds of molybdenum
- Concentrates will be trucked to Skagway, Alaska, and loaded for transport to overseas smelters

TAILINGS

- Crushed rock and slurry waste from the milling process facilities will be stored and managed in the Tailings Management Facility (TMF)
- Closed loop system will be used during operations, where no mine effluent is discharged to the environment during the operations period

CLOSURE

- Mine will be closed, decommissioned and reclaimed after a planned mine-life of 22 years
- Engineered wetlands in the TMF will be used as a passive and long-term treatment method of open pit water and tailings discharge
- Post-closure activities will include monitoring the effectiveness of the reclamation and ensuring the protection of the environment

SHARING STORIES

SPOTLIGHT ON KATHY SPALDING, EXPEDITER

Kathy Spalding is a veteran expeditor of more than 30 years. She started her career in Watson Lake and made the move to Whitehorse in 1988.

Owner of *Over the Top Adventures*, Kathy has supplied expediting, logistics and transport services for the Casino camp since 2008. Using locally based providers including Independent Grocers (formerly Extra Foods), Ajax Steel and Alkan Air, Kathy fills grocery orders and sends parts and supplies of every kind on inbound flights, and on the return, offers shipping and deliveries such as water and rock samples to labs, as well as compost and recycling services.

"We produce minimal waste," says Kathy, who delivers surplus groceries to the Mary House, a local charity in Whitehorse.



"They bend over backwards to accommodate our needs," Kathy says about her rewarding relationship with suppliers. "They take good care of us because they understand the short season demands of the industry and the importance of quick responses."

Expediting is an exciting and rewarding job. "Everyone at Casino is so dedicated and my work experience offers something different every day," says Kathy.

During the off-season, Kathy focuses her attention to her other passion, which is creating delicious dessert toppings in her commercial kitchen using old family recipes. "We all need to be versatile and creative because of the seasonal and cyclical nature of this business."

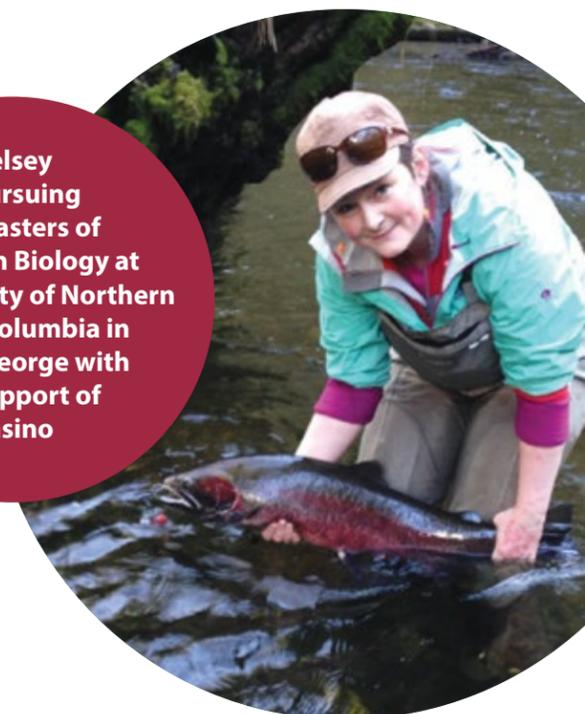
UPDATE FROM KELSEY RUSSELL

"It's been a very busy semester with coursework, data analysis and proposal writing and I hope to have some preliminary research results by the end of the summer (re: *caribou behaviour in burns based on movement patterns*).

Based on some preliminary analyses, it seems that approximately 20 per cent of the Klaza caribou herd's annual range (one of two caribou herds in the Casino property region) has burned in the last 50 years and, although I'm still waiting on the final year of late-winter collar data, it looks like about 8 per cent of collar locations in late-winter are located in burns, and ~72 per cent of collared individuals do move through burns during late-winter.

In the coming months I will be focusing on these locations in burns and conducting further research to see what kind of habitat and/or terrain attributes Klaza caribou are selecting for or avoiding in burns."

Kelsey is pursuing her Masters of Science in Biology at the University of Northern British Columbia in Prince George with the support of Casino



CASINO CARES

Earlier this year, Casino launched *Casino Cares* to more clearly communicate the company's commitment to sustainability, capacity building and community engagement in Carmacks, Pelly Crossing, Dawson City and across the territory.

We work diligently to communicate project developments and maintain several open channels for your feedback to help us better understand and address your concerns and expectations so that ultimately, we may all make informed decisions about the project.

Casino is also working to support partnerships that strengthen relationships with individuals and local organizations, reflect our company's values and meet the needs, values and priorities of the Yukon communities in which we live and work.

Casino Cares supports community programs and initiatives, which we hope will last for generations and make a positive difference in people's lives.

As the project advances to construction and operation, strong partnerships will ensure Yukoners not only benefit from employment and contracts of goods and services but also from the development of careers, transferrable skills and vibrant business opportunities.

For more information, please visit:
www.casinomining.com/community/casino_cares



CARMACKS GIRLS' NIGHT OUT CLUB

Since December 2014, Casino has been honoured to support the *Carmacks Girls' Night Out Club*, a program initiated by Alma Wrixon, the Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation's Community Education Liaison Coordinator (CELC).

"I've always wanted to do this, to give the girls something to do together after school, and I'm grateful to Casino for their support," says Alma.

The program aims to offer fun and instructional after school workshops to girls in Grades 5 to 12 in a social atmosphere that will create healthy relationships and inspire and motivate them to make good choices throughout their lives.

So far, Casino has helped coordinate and fund special guests from Whitehorse to deliver each workshop, which have included photography with artist/engineer Leslie Leong, West African Bogolan traditional cloth making with Mahamadou Traoré Sangaré, sushi making with chef Lyn Fabio, and the perfect manicure, pedicure and skin care techniques with business owner Ammanda Partridge of Elements Esthetics Studio and her crew of Yukon College aesthetics students.

Consequently, Casino also supported the aesthetics college students, as a portion of the workshop proceeds went towards their graduation tool kits. Testimonials from students, teachers and parents suggest the workshops are well-received spurring inquiries from male students about a *Boys' Night Out Club*.

"We hope to deliver more workshops next year for both girls and boys and invite local, as well as outside guests, to share their expertise," says Alma.

Tantalus School principal Morgan Douglas-Alexander is thrilled about the initiative. "We hope the Club will become a mainstay program for the school, complementing other youth programs in Carmacks," says Morgan.

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PELTY CROSSING GIRLS' NIGHT OUT CLUB

Casino was delighted to be invited by Eliza Van Bibber School in Pelly Crossing to support their *Girls' Night Out Club* and brought special guest Ammanda Partridge, from Elements Esthetics Studio in Whitehorse, and her crew to demonstrate to the group how to apply makeup, give great manicures, and create easy hairstyles.

School Guidance Counselor Shannon Boyce has created and coordinated the *Girls' Night Out* program over the past two years, which is delivered twice a month. Each session begins with a home cooked meal, followed by an arts workshop. The program has been well attended by students and well supported by both the school and the community.

The program aims to provide girls with an opportunity to develop positive relationships with each other as well as with school staff and community members – relationships that form a support network for the girls as they move through school.

"I am happy to be able to provide a program that brings the girls together to foster community and create a support network; all while having fun and learning new things," says Shannon.

Casino looks forward to participating in and supporting more events. Shannon adds, "We are grateful for Casino's contribution to this program and we look forward to more opportunities to work together in the future."

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CASINO SUPPORTS SCHOOL'S SELF-REGULATION PROGRAM

Earlier this year, Casino donated funds to purchase materials for Eliza Van Bibber School's Self-Regulation Program in Pelly Crossing. The program is being offered for students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 with the goal of helping them become aware of their moods and behaviours, and be able to adjust themselves so they are able and ready to learn.

Through this program, Casino is proud to be part of helping students improve their success at school and in life.

L to R: Hugh Kitchen, Yukon Chamber of Mines Past President; Paul West-Sells, President & COO Casino Mining Corp; Hon. Scott Kent, Minister of Yukon Energy, Mines & Resources

Credit: Rick Massie Photography

CARMACKS ADDICTIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Casino was honoured to support and participate in the 18th annual *National Addictions Awareness Week* in Carmacks this past November.

A variety of workshops and a dinner were held for community members and their families and Casino participated in the *Community Sobriety Walk* in support of individuals who are seeking a path to a healthier lifestyle.



43RD ANNUAL YUKON GEOSCIENCE FORUM AND TRADE SHOW

Last November at the Yukon Geoscience Forum and Trade Show in Whitehorse, Casino was honoured to receive the *2014 Yukon Chamber of Mines Member Award* recognizing the company's exceptional contributions to the Yukon mineral industry and its ongoing efforts to making a positive difference in the territory.

The Casino team joined hundreds of delegates at the Forum. In addition to receiving the award, highlights for the company included a breakfast hosted by Casino President Paul West-Sells and participation in Yukon Government's community engagement booth.



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STAY CONNECTED

We invite you to visit our website at www.casinomining.com for more information about the Casino Project. We also encourage you to give us your feedback and stay connected by signing up for our regular project updates.

Front Cover: Hydrogeological sampling and well monitoring at the Casino Project site. Catriona Jackson and Jason Plamondon, Engineers, Knight Piesold Consulting. Photo by GBP Creative

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