

CASINO NEWS

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CASINO CAMP LIFE

Since May, when the proposed Casino Project camp opened for the season, site personnel have had a busy summer.

Three regularly-scheduled flights per week from Whitehorse stock site with food and supplies and transport Casino team members and Project consultants undertaking geotechnical drilling and environmental monitoring programs.

"Opening camp involves de-winterizing the buildings, clearing the runway and roads and hooking up the water and power supply to all buildings," says Casino Environmental Coordinator Melanie Dallow, who spends much of her summer at camp coordinating the environmental program teams.

This year, Casino is completing ongoing environmental work in archaeological, groundwater, surface water and fish habitat assessments.

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"The Casino team is committed to open and robust dialogue so Yukoners fully understand the proposed Casino Project's benefits and impacts. We welcome and encourage Yukoners to visit us in our downtown Whitehorse office this summer to learn more about our team and our approach to the Project."

Shena Shaw
VP, Environmental &
Community Affairs

PROJECT PROGRESS

The proposed Casino Project is preparing to enter a Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB) Panel Review; the highest level of project assessment in the territory and the first such review in the Yukon.

As part of this process, YESAB prepared and issued Draft Environmental and Socio-economic Effects Statement Guidelines (Draft Guidelines) in January. These guidelines set out the information Casino is required to submit in order for the proposed Project to be reviewed by a Panel of the Board.

The YESAB public comment period to review the board's Draft Guidelines closed on May 5, 2023. YESAB will be issuing the Final Guidelines on August 17.

The Casino team encourages all Yukoners to participate in the Casino Panel Review once it commences. You can learn more at yesab.ca/casino-panel-review-23

ABOUT THE PROPOSED CASINO PROJECT

Casino Mining Corporation is currently advancing its proposed Casino Project; a copper, gold, molybdenum and silver deposit located approximately 300 km northwest of Whitehorse.

Casino ranks among the largest copper-gold deposits in the world and can significantly and responsibly contribute to the global demand for critical minerals and the transition to a green economy.

Preparing to enter the Yukon's environmental assessment process, Casino is seeking permission to construct, operate, close and reclaim the proposed mine using today's environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices.



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Of note, Casino is working with a Yukon environmental restoration company this summer. Together, they are assessing the site to establish a seed collection and progressive reclamation program under Casino's current permit and for future reclamation.

A drilling program will take place at site this season to support Casino's geotechnical and groundwater monitoring program and the core will be logged at site.

A camp manager and crew of camp support personnel are on site for the entire summer season supporting drilling and environmental activities and ensuring infrastructure is maintained and operational.

"When camp opened this year, women at site outnumbered the men 3:1, which reflects how the industry is evolving and also, the makeup of our Yukon-based Casino team," adds Melanie.

At its peak this summer, more than 30 people may be at camp at one time.

"The feeling of community at site and the great food provided by our cook and her helper is a true highlight of camp life," continues Melanie. *"Everything they make is always fresh and homemade and everyone at site is always appreciative of the delicious food they have to look forward to after a long day in the field."*

Some other aspects of camp life include improved connectivity this season, which is allowing drone footage to be captured and logged at site (versus back in Whitehorse) to create a fly-over video to help Yukoners better picture and understand the proposed Casino Project scope. Weekly safety meetings are held, trails around site help keep employees and consultants active after their work day and a log is maintained for wildlife sightings at site.

BUILDING THE TEAM

The proposed Casino Project is being advanced by an experienced management team, led in the Yukon by Shena Shaw, VP of Environmental & Community Affairs.

The Yukon-based Casino team includes **Community Relations Coordinator/Office Manager Davina McLeod**, who started with the Company in May 2022.

"I applied to be part of the Casino team because the Community Relations position really aligns with my key interests as a university business major," says Davina, who is currently balancing her post-secondary education with her Casino role. *"I took some courses relating to mining and energy and responsible development was something I wanted to explore further. I believe responsible mining is essential to a stronger social and economic reality for Northerners and that meaningful engagement with Indigenous peoples and governments is a key component in making this happen."*

Davina is also a very strong athlete and frequently donates her skills and time to mentoring and coaching young people.

"The best part about living and working in the Yukon is our close-knit community," continues Davina. *"The territory is home to proud residents who value respect, the environment and looking out for one another. As an Indigenous person, I am pleased to be part of the Casino team and a Company that values responsible mining and wants to create employment and boost the local economy, while upholding Yukoners' environmental and cultural values."*

Davina enjoys connecting with Yukoners at events throughout the territory and looks forward to a busy end of summer and Fall season.





MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of Casino and the entire team, I hope Yukoners are enjoying all that the territory's beautiful summer season has to offer.

At the Casino Project site, camp opened for the 2023 field season in May. Our talented team is busy conducting environmental monitoring programs and hosting numerous tours, including members of the Yukon media; many of whom have never visited an exploration site as advanced as ours in person.

The Yukon Casino team continues to grow and evolve as well.

I would like to formally welcome Calista Morrison, Casino's new Director of External Affairs. Calista, who was born and raised in the territory, has a strong familiarity with the Project through her previous work for Ausenco's Yukon office. Welcome Calista!

This year has been one of significant milestones for the Yukon and Yukon First Nations.

June 13 marked the 125th anniversary of the Yukon becoming a territory and commemorative events are being held throughout the territory this summer and Fall.

May 29 was the 30th anniversary of the signing of the *Umbrella Final Agreement* (UFA) and the *Final and Self-government Agreements* of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, Teslin Tlingit Council, the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun and Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation; the first four Yukon First Nations governments to sign these agreements.

From July 13 to 16, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizens commemorated the 25th anniversary of the signing of their *Final and Self-government Agreements* and the Casino team was pleased to support the celebrations.

On the national stage, the Mining Association of Canada (MAC) released new policies that its nearly 60 members must follow to address issues related to sexual harassment, bullying and gender discrimination within the industry.

As a proud member of MAC, our team is encouraged by MAC's *Towards Sustainable Mining* (TSM) initiative and its new equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) protocol to help attract more women and minorities to Canada's mineral exploration and development industry.

You can view the MAC *Towards Sustainable Mining* EDI protocol at mining.ca/towards-sustainable-mining

As the Casino team works to advance the proposed Project and ultimately, contribute much-needed critical minerals to the world's energy transition along with opportunities and benefits to Yukoners, I hope to connect with you over the summer and early Fall at one of the many events and celebrations taking place throughout the territory.

Sincerely,

Paul West-Sells
PRESIDENT & CEO
CASINO MINING CORP.



CASINO CARES

Casino is more than just a mining company when it comes to recognizing and responding to the values of Yukon residents, communities and governments. The Casino team members are your neighbours; living and working alongside you in the territory.

Casino Cares launched in early 2015 and supports community-based, grassroots opportunities and partnerships in the territory that make a positive and lasting difference in the lives of Yukoners today and for generations to follow.

In the first six months of this year, *Casino Cares* has directly supported numerous Yukon causes and initiatives.

This support includes the Council of Yukon First Nation's 50th anniversary celebrations of *Together Today for our Children Tomorrow*; the 30th anniversary event of Selkirk Development Corporation's establishment; numerous sporting events including the Yukon First Nations Hockey Association, Klondike Road Relay and Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation Slo-Pitch Tournament; and, countless health, mental wellness and literacy organizations and initiatives.

An exciting partnership to announce is Casino's title sponsorship of Camp Engies-Yukon, which will be held in Whitehorse on Friday, September 15 and Saturday, September 16.

Registration is now open for this two-day camp, which inspires young women in Grades 5 through 8 to discover their potential in engineering at an early stage of their educational path. Through fun, hands on activities, led by female engineers, the camp will include guest speakers and engaging workshops.

Successful camps have been held in Ontario, BC and Nunavut and more than 650 young women have been engaged. This is the first time the camp will be held in the Yukon.

Camp Engies-Yukon is free; however, registration is required.



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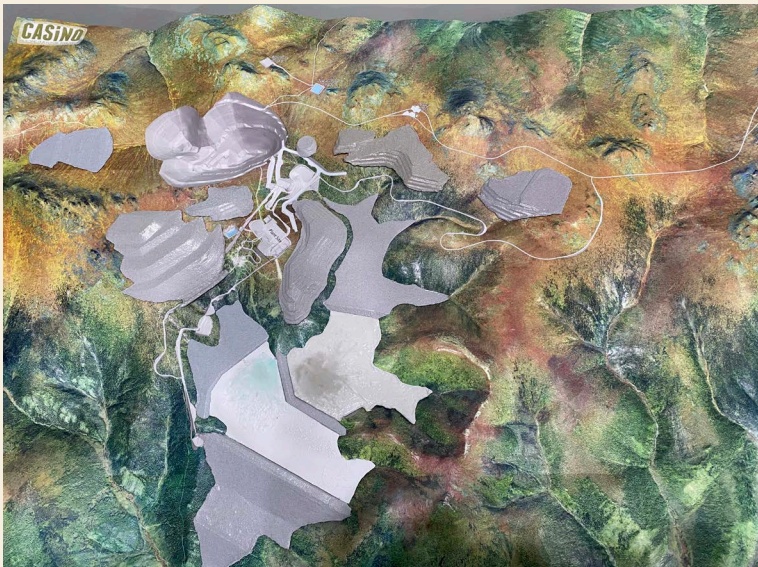
Yukoners are encouraged to visit the Casino office on Strickland Street in downtown Whitehorse to learn more about the proposed Casino Project and talk with the team.

A 3D model of the Project site provides a 'snapshot in time' of several phases of the proposed Project including: its current, pre-development state; points in

between as development advances over the Project's 27-year mine life; and, post-closure when the site is reclaimed.

Visitors can also collect Project hand outs and view Project posters.

The office is open Monday through Friday during traditional office hours.



Casino's 3D model, which demonstrates various phases of the proposed Casino Project from its current state through to post-closure.



Shena Shaw, VP, Environmental & Community Affairs, Davina McLeod, Community Relations Coordinator/Office Manager and Calista Morrison, Director, External Affairs sprucing up the Casino office on Strickland Street in downtown Whitehorse with new plantings.

COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

Casino is also pleased to support the 2023 Yukon Prize for Visual Art Viewers' Choice Award.

The Yukon Prize for Visual Art was created as a biennial event to recognize excellence by Yukon visual artists on the local, national and international stage and serve as a catalyst for the promotion of Yukon visual art across Canada. A shortlist of six Yukon artists was announced on June 14.

This September, an exhibition of the six finalists' works will be open to the public at the Yukon Arts Centre (YAC) Gallery and the 2023 Yukon Prize recipient will be announced at a Gala on YAC's mainstage on Saturday, September 16. The finalist will receive \$20,000.

The exhibition will continue through November and the **Casino Viewers' Choice Award** will be announced on November 9. To learn more about the 2023 Yukon Prize for Visual Art, please visit yukonprize.ca

If your organization has a project or initiative you believe would benefit from *Casino Cares*, please fill out a sponsorship request form at casinomining.com/community/casino-cares and submit it to the *Casino Cares* Sponsorship Committee at info@casinomining.com.

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