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“Our approach to public engagement includes directly responding to what Yukoners want more information about and designing our open houses to reflect their expectations and their priorities.”

Calista Morrison
Director, External Affairs

PROJECT PROGRESS

On June 26, the Casino team held an open house in Whitehorse, which brought together over 40 residents interested in learning more about the proposed Casino Project. Casino’s consultant, Associated Engineering, shared information about the proposed Project’s traffic; including the type and number of vehicles.

“At Casino’s Whitehorse open house in April, we received several questions around the Project’s traffic and that directly informed the topic for our June event,” says Casino’s Director of External Affairs, Calista Morrison. “Open houses will always provide an overview of the proposed Casino Project and be accompanied by specific topics that reflect what Yukoners’ are wanting more details about.”

Feedback from this open house – and events like it – helps to inform the development of the ESE Statement for the proposed Project’s assessment through a YESAB Panel Review; the highest level of assessment in the Yukon.

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

Over the coming months, Casino is planning to host similar events for other communities and will continue to engage with affected Yukon First Nations and communities, regulatory agencies and a wide range of interested parties. If you have a topic you would like to learn more about, please contact info@casinomining.com.

For upcoming events, please visit casinomining.com/news/upcoming-events/

WHY Cu?



Why Copper? It is an essential material component in renewable energy sources including solar, wind and biomass due to its reliability, efficiency and high performing electrical and thermal conductivity.

Copper is also used in plumbing, industrial machinery and construction materials for its durability, corrosion resistance and ability to be cast with high precision.



Davina knows that the green energy transition is significantly increasing the global demand for copper because of its uses in electrical networks and clean energy technologies, including solar panels.

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.

The Casino Project can significantly contribute to the global demand for critical minerals and our country’s transition to a greener economy.

Having re-entered the Yukon’s environmental assessment process, Casino is seeking permission to construct, operate and close and reclaim the proposed mine employing environmental, social and governance best practices.



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Casino’s CEO Sandeep Singh discussing Project highlights in the site’s core shack this June.

CAREER SPOTLIGHT

YOUTH CAREER ENGAGEMENT DAY WITH ALKAN AIR

On June 18, Casino partnered with Alkan Air Ltd. (Alkan) for a Youth Career Engagement Day.

Casino and Alkan brought together an enthusiastic group of Yukon youth interested in learning about the Yukon's aviation industry and how aviation and responsible development can work together.

Hosted at Alkan's base of operations in Whitehorse, participating youth received a tour of Alkan's facility, a short flight around the city and time in the Company's flight training simulator.

"Showing Yukon youth some of the exciting and rewarding career opportunities they have right here in the territory is really important to us," says Davina McLeod, Casino's Community Relations Coordinator/Office Manager. *"We could not have had a better day weather-wise to fly and we extend our sincere appreciation to the team at Alkan Air for working with us on this first – but definitely not the last – youth career engagement event."*

The participants also heard from Casino's Environmental Manager Melanie Dallow about her path from Geology student to her role today. She shared what environmental monitoring means to her and how it can offer a career across a range of industries.

The event also included a walking tour of the Whitehorse Copperbelt from the Yukon Geological Survey to discover some of the area's geology and how copper's proximity to the territory's capital city helped shape its development.

"Casino thanks everyone involved in making this day happen," adds Davina. *"We hope to organize another so that even more Yukon youth have the chance to participate and gain confidence as they set about choosing their career path."*

One lucky youth received an Alkan *Learn To Fly* gift certificate in an end of day door prize draw, which involves one hour's flying time with a certified Alkan pilot.

Please stay tuned for future Youth Career Engagement Day events through Casino's Facebook Page at facebook.com/casinomining.



Some of the participants of the first ever Casino Mining-Alkan Air Youth Career Engagement Day prepare for their flight around Whitehorse on June 18.

BUILDING THE TEAM

The newest member of the Casino team is Environmental and Regulatory Affairs Director John Miller, who started in the role this past June.

A licensed professional geoscientist, John has lived and worked in the Yukon for over two decades and was excited to work with Casino's diverse and experienced team on a project led by Yukoners for Yukoners.

"I was impressed with Casino's focus on community," says John. *"The proposed Casino project could significantly contribute to the Yukon's and to Canada's economy, the job market and a sustainable energy transition and allow the country to help meet the global demand for copper."*

Previously, John worked for Environment and Climate Change Canada and for the Yukon Department of Environment's Water Resources Branch becoming the territorial government's first hydrogeologist. For the past six years, he worked for Yukon Energy, Mines and Resources focused on water monitoring projects with several Yukon First Nations; work John found incredibly rewarding.

"I have been so fortunate throughout my career to work with some amazing teams and fantastic people and I look forward to this continuing in my new role with Casino, which includes incredibly talented individuals including our consultants and community members," adds John.



Casino's new Environmental and Regulatory Affairs Director John Miller hiking with his son Fisher on Mt. Perkins down the Annie Lake Road.

John's journey to the territory reflects a classic Yukon story in that he first came in the summer of 2002 for one month to raft the Alesk River and hike in the Tombstone Mountains with friends and that holiday visit turned into a permanent move.

John has a B.Sc. and an M.Sc. in Earth Sciences specializing in Hydrogeology from the University of Waterloo.

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

As my tenure as Casino's CEO nears the six-month mark, I extend my sincere thanks to Yukoners and to the Casino team for their warm welcome and thoughtful work as we advance the proposed Casino Project together.

I would also like to take this opportunity to officially welcome John Miller, Casino's new Director of Environmental and Regulatory Affairs, who started in the role in June. John brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the Whitehorse team. Welcome John!

Sadly, we are saying good-bye to Melanie Dallow, our Environmental Manager, and wish her every success as she embarks on a new adventure closer to home and family in British Columbia.

Throughout June, we hosted numerous groups and agencies on tours to the Casino Project site that included representatives from Selkirk Development Corporation, the Yukon Conservation Society and the Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee. We plan on facilitating several similar site tours in August as we are always keen to showcase the Project to all interested stakeholders.

Clearly, the heap leach failure at the Eagle Gold Mine this June has consumed the attention of all of us living and working in the Yukon. I'd like to express our collective sadness for the incident. We welcome the fact that the focus seems squarely on limiting the environmental and social damage. The Casino team – like all Yukoners – awaits further information as to the root causes of the failure so that we can incorporate any lessons learned moving forward.

As the first and only project to go through a YESAB Panel Review in the Yukon, we are being held to the highest level in terms of assessment. We are committed to proposing a project design that is sustainable and garners Yukoners' support to proceed.

I hope that you and yours are having an enjoyable and safe summer and I look forward to connecting with you at one of the many Yukon events planned for the fall.

Sincerely,

Sandeep Singh

CEO
CASINO MINING CORP.



Casino CEO Sandeep Singh (background) on his first visit to the Casino Project site earlier this Spring with Casino President Paul West-Sells (middle seat) and new Western Copper and Gold Corporation Board Member Raymond Threlkeld.

SITE SIGHTS

The Casino team was excited to install and unveil a new sign at site created with Selkirk First Nation. The sign welcomes visitors to Selkirk First Nation Traditional Territory, within which Casino's current camp is located, in both English and Northern Tutchone.

"Thank you to everyone involved in the successful creation of this sign," says Shena Shaw, VP Environmental and Community Affairs. "We are honoured to work within the Traditional Territory of Selkirk First Nation and are proud to ensure as soon as visitors to site step off the plane they see it and can acknowledge where we are privileged to work."



Visitors to the Casino Project site are also treated to the culinary creations of **Sam Grimson**. According to Melanie Dallow, *"the feeling of community and the great food provided by our cook and her helper is a true highlight of camp life. Everything is always fresh and homemade and everyone is always appreciative of the delicious food they have to look forward to after a long day in the field."*



Casino Project site cook Sam Grimson.

CASINO CARES SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



Team Total North Communications, which included Whitehorse-born junior hockey star Gavin McKenna, at the Copperbelt Classic Society Charity Golf Tournament on June 7 at the Meadow Lakes Golf Club in Whitehorse. Casino Cares sponsored the event's Safe Ride Home Program provided by Who, What, Where Tours.

The **Casino Cares** sponsorship program was launched in 2005 and supports Yukon-based, grassroots opportunities and partnerships that make a positive and lasting difference in the lives of Yukoners.

So far this spring and summer, **Casino Cares** supported dozens of events and initiatives such as: the **Kluane Mountain Bluegrass Festival** in Haines Junction; the **Association of Yukon Communities** Annual General Meeting in Dawson City; the **Copperbelt Classic Society Charity Golf Tournament** to benefit the **Yukon T1D Support Network** and the **LDAY Centre for Learning**; the **Northern Lights School of Dance** young dancers' trip to Slovenia; **Village of Carmacks Recreation Softball Tournament**; the **Dawson City Music Festival**;

the **Village of Teslin Sport Camp**; the recently-named **Athletics Yukon Casino Mining Track Rascals**; and, **Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in's Bi-Annual Moosehide Gathering**.

If your organization or charity 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



COMMUNITY COMMITMENT



Jenn Bugg, CDC Program Coordinator, with Casino's Shena Shaw, Sandeep Singh and Paul West-Sells during a tour of the centre in April.

On May 6, Casino through its **Casino Cares** sponsorship program, was pleased to announce a donation of \$25,000 to the Child Development Centre (CDC) for the purchase of equipment, materials and tools for the organization's Sensory Room.

With Casino's most recent donation, the Sensory Room can be outfitted and used to its full potential to help Yukon children reach their sensory therapeutic goals.

"We are proud to provide this support to the CDC to help local children with sensory processing needs," says Casino CEO Sandeep Singh. "Whenever you have the ability and the opportunity to help children meet their full potential, it is a privilege to do so."

Last year, Casino donated another \$25,000 to the CDC to support the purchase of equipment for a therapeutic pre-school outdoor playground. The outdoor playground officially opened in September 2023.

"We are grateful for this generous donation from Casino Mining," says Alayne Squair, CDC's Executive Director. "How a child processes sensory information impacts how they can regulate their emotions, pay attention, connect with others and feel ready for learning. This funding will enable us to purchase equipment and resources to ensure the room is a safe space where children can work towards achieving their therapeutic goals."

The CDC is a not-for-profit organization established in 1979 serving over 1100 children a year in Whitehorse and all Yukon communities. To learn more, please visit cdc.yukon.ca

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