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## Project Progress

Since submitting the Environmental & Socio-economic Effects (ESE) Statement to the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB) in October 2025, the Casino Project has continued advancing technical work, engagement activities, and community outreach as the project moves into the next phase of the YESAB Panel Review process.

Following submission of the ESE Statement, YESAB reviewed the document to confirm that all required information had been provided under the ESE Statement Guidelines. Casino has been working on addressing YESAB's questions and continues to work with regulators and technical teams to prepare for the next stages of the Panel Review process.

The future Panel Review process will include technical review, analysis of the information provided in the ESE Statement, public hearings, and preparation of recommendations for Decision Bodies. Throughout each stage, Yukoners will continue to have opportunities to ask questions, provide feedback, and participate in the process.

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## About The Proposed Casino Project

Casino is currently advancing its proposed Casino Project; a copper, gold, molybdenum and silver deposit that is 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, close and reclaim the proposed mine employing environmental, social and governance best practices.

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## Casino Cares Sponsorship Program



In 2025, Casino Cares gave over \$254,000 to community projects throughout the Yukon. These funds supported food security, youth programs, Indigenous and cultural activities, wellness, arts, recreation, and community development.

Since 2005, Casino Cares has backed local Yukon projects that make a real difference for people here. Our core values of community, integrity, and sustainability help guide us as we support efforts that help people feel connected and included.

Mining is still one of Yukon's main economic drivers, and when the industry does well, so do local communities. Responsible development creates steady jobs, supports local businesses, and brings economic benefits that reach non-profits, community programs, cultural groups, and services across the territory.

Recently, our team joined and supported youth events, cultural gatherings, school programs, recreation activities, arts events, and community celebrations across the Yukon. Spending time with students, families, and at local events reminds us how important connection and community are here.



*Team Yukon Gold Ulu Winners at the 2026 AWG: Skip – Fisher Miller, Third – Carter Hinds, Second – Luka Slykhuis, Lead – Brayden Trickett, Coach – Lee Malanchuk*

One major event in March was the **2026 Arctic Winter Games**. Casino Cares helped celebrate northern culture, community, and youth by sponsoring the Traditional Feast and providing team volunteers for the Games. We also supported the **Yukon/Stikine Regional Heritage Fair**, giving Yukon students a chance to share stories, research, and projects about Yukon history and identity.

We continued supporting youth engagement and future workforce development through career fairs, school programs, and industry events such as the **Yukon Women in Mining Safety Forum**.



*Yukon Women in Mining Safety Forum*

Other youth-focused projects introduced students and young Yukoners to careers in mining, trades, aviation, and northern industries. We also focused on community arts and entertainment, supporting groups like the Yukon Arts Centre and its **Wrestle MAYnia** event in Carmacks.



*Yukon Arts Centre – WrestleMAYnia Community Event*

These efforts are part of Casino's wider commitment to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) responsibility as our Project moves through the YESAB Panel Review.

Earlier this year, we shared our 2025 Sustainability Report for the proposed Casino Project through our parent company, Western Copper and Gold. The report explains our approach to responsible development, environmental care, governance, community investment, and long-term work with Yukon First Nations and communities.

HAVE A YUKON PROJECT THAT SUPPORTS CULTURE, HEALTH, EDUCATION, OR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT?

Submit an application for Casino Cares funding at [casinomining.com/casino-cares](https://casinomining.com/casino-cares) or send an email to [info@casinomining.com](mailto:info@casinomining.com).

### Did you know?

The proposed Casino Project could become one of the **largest long-term economic projects in Yukon history**, helping support jobs, businesses, and community opportunities across the territory for decades to come.

#### WHAT THAT COULD MEAN FOR YUKONERS

- **More long-term jobs and career opportunities** for Yukoners across trades, environmental services, administration, transportation, aviation, construction, hospitality, and other local industries.
- **Stronger local businesses** through increased demand for Yukon contractors, restaurants, hotels, suppliers, and organizations that support workers, families, and communities.
- **More money circulating within the Yukon economy**, supporting recreation programs, community services, youth initiatives, arts organizations, events, and other local priorities.
- **Greater opportunities for Yukon youth** to build meaningful careers and futures close to home, without needing to leave the territory.
- **Long-term economic activity** that helps support thriving communities, strong families, and a Yukon where people can choose to stay, grow, and build their lives.

**~1,400 jobs**

supported in the Yukon during operations

**~\$1.31 billion**

contributed annually to the Yukon economy

**~\$12.8 billion**

in taxes and royalties over project life

## 04 Out in the Communities

Casino is proud to live and work in the Yukon, and being involved in community is an important part of who we are as a company. For us, engagement is about showing up, listening, learning, and spending time in the communities connected to the Project.



Shena Shaw (VP, Environmental and Community Affairs) at the 2026 AYC Conference with her daughters.

Our team attended the **Association of Yukon Communities (AYC) Conference**, where we had the chance to connect with community leaders, organizations, and Yukoners from across the territory. It was a great opportunity to hear directly about the priorities, challenges, and opportunities communities are focused on right now.

Earlier this year, members of our team also travelled to Toronto to participate in the **First Nations Major Projects Coalition Conference**. The conference brought together Indigenous leaders, industry, governments, and organizations from across Canada to talk about major projects, economic opportunities, partnerships, and the future of responsible development. We appreciated the opportunity to listen, learn, and be part of those conversations.

Closer to home, our team partnered with Alkan Air to host the **Casino Mining & Alkan Air Youth Career Day** in Whitehorse. The day brought Yukon students together for hands-on activities and conversations focused on careers in mining, aviation, environmental work, and northern industries.

Students had the opportunity to tour aircrafts and equipment, try interactive activities, hear directly from industry workers, and learn more about career opportunities available here in the Yukon. It was a great chance to connect with youth and help introduce students to different pathways and industries in the North.



Casino Mining & Alkan Air Youth Career Day

This spring also marked an exciting milestone for Casino with the opening of our new Whitehorse office location. To celebrate, we co-hosted a **Mining After Hours** community event with Alkan Air, where community members, partners, and local organizations stopped by to connect with our team, tour the new space, and spend time together in a casual setting. We're excited to have a welcoming space to continue conversations as the Project moves through the YESAB Panel Review process.

As we move through summer, you'll continue to see Casino out at events and in communities across the Yukon. We look forward to staying involved and continuing the conversations along the way.

### 05 Building the Team

As the Casino Project continues through the YESAB Panel Review process, our team continues to grow alongside it. We've been excited to welcome several new team members to support the Casino Project, bringing additional technical, operational, and field experience to the project.



**Christian Roldan**  
Vice President, Technical

Christian brings more than 25 years of operational experience in the mining industry, including recent work in the Yukon where he helped guide another major project through the YESAB process. Christian recently moved back to Whitehorse with his family and is excited to once again call the Yukon home. Outside of work, he enjoys hiking, travelling, spending time with his family, and is hoping to learn how to ski during his return to the North.

**Phil Emerson**  
Senior Manager, Field Operations & Logistics

Phil brings extensive experience coordinating field programs, camp operations, logistics, and remote site support within the mining and resource sector. In his role, Phil helps oversee the day-to-day coordination of field activities and camp operations supporting the Casino Project. Outside of work, Phil enjoys hunting, hockey, and cross-country skiing.



**Amelie Guilbeault**  
Summer Student 2026



Amelie grew up canoeing, hiking, and skiing with her family. She is passionate about the outdoors and excited to gain hands-on experience while learning more about the mining industry in the Yukon.

At Casino, we do not just work in the Yukon—we live, raise our families, and build our lives here. That connection to the territory shapes how we approach our work, support communities, and create opportunities that help keep the Yukon a great place to live.

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### 06 Message from the CEO



It has been a busy and exciting time for the Casino Project and for our growing presence in communities across the Yukon.

Over the past few months, our team has advanced technical and environmental work on the project while also spending time where it counts: out in communities, at events, and meeting with Yukoners.

Since submitting our Environmental & Socio-economic Effects (ESE) Statement to YESAB last fall, we have been preparing for the next stages of the Panel Review process. That work moves forward every day behind the scenes, but what has stood out to me most this spring has been the energy around community involvement, youth engagement, and the relationships we continue to build across the territory.

Our team also took part in conferences, community events, career initiatives, cultural gatherings, and sponsorship activities throughout the Yukon. These moments are a reminder of how much value comes from showing up, listening, and engaging with communities.

One of the things I am most proud of is the way our team continues to grow with people who genuinely want to live, work, and build their lives in the Yukon. We welcomed several new team members who bring strong technical, operational, and field expertise to support the Casino Project. Beyond that, they share a real appreciation for the North, its communities, and the lifestyle that makes the Yukon such a special place to call home.



**Sandeep Singh**  
Chief Executive Officer