



## Yukon Mine Training Association

### YMTA Celebrates Training Successes In Yukon

The Yukon Mine Training Association (YMTA) announced today that its support of training and education in Yukon throughout the summer and fall seasons has been a success.

“Participation in YMTA-funded courses has been high, and a large portion of participants are gaining the skills to work in mining and mining-related industries,” said YMTA Training Manager Dean MacKay. “I’m pleased that there has been so much interest and participation from our partners in the mining industry, and from Yukoners,” he added.

Over 40 Yukoners participated in a two-day Mining 101 course presented by YMTA. The session was an overview of mining in the Yukon Territory including information on exploration, mining, geology and mineral deposits, mineral processing, and environmental review.

Other courses offered by industry partners with YMTA were also well attended.

“There is a strong interest in mining-related training. You can see it in the enthusiastic involvement of all our partners in the training courses YMTA funds,” said YMTA Executive Director Tracy Thomas. “These courses are a big step to increasing the workforce available for the mining industry in Yukon, and opening the door to new opportunities for Yukoners,” she continued.

Initiatives developed in collaboration with YMTA included:

- A Winter Safety Training Program taught by the Northern Safety Network at Yukon Zinc’s Wolverine mine. Twenty-eight people completed the course, which was jointly funded by YMTA and Yukon Zinc Corporation.
- A Truck Driver Training Course presented by Yukon College in collaboration with Vuntut Gwitch’in and Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in. It was funded in part by YMTA. At the end of the course, six participants had earned Class 3 licenses, and six participants had earned their Class 1 licenses.
- A Rock Truck Driver Training Course held at Capstone Mining Corporation’s Minto Mine, and funded in part by YMTA and Pelly Construction. Five people completed the course, and three graduates are now employed as full-time rock truck drivers with Pelly Construction.

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The Government of Canada has contributed funding to this initiative.

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