



PROSPECTS

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**YMTA welcomes
Paul Birckel,
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to the Board
of Directors.**

MINING. IT'S HERE

This year was one of Yukon's busiest for mining activity. Exploration topped out at 160 million dollars and 115 placer operations pulled an estimated 63,000 crude ounces of gold from the ground. After a 10 year absence of hard rock mining, Yukon welcomed the opening of Sherwood Copper's Minto operation that is now shipping its product to markets around the world. This 100 million dollar mine employs approximately 100 people 50% of whom are from the Yukon.



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GET INTO IT!

Ever think about operating heavy equipment? How about a career in environmental management, or maybe catering? It is possible to run anything from a fork lift to a being a shift supervisor in an operating mine.

These are only a few of the over 100 different jobs available in the mining and related resource industry. Jobs range from truck driver to driller, blaster, engineer, cook, human resource officer, First Nation liaison officer, electrician, welder or mechanic. If you prefer being in the bush, then exploration might be for you. Explore Yukon's backcountry as a geologist, field assistant, line cutter, drill operator, pilot or camp cook.

With the closure of Faro and other mines sites in the Yukon there are also site rehabilitation jobs like environmental technicians, landscapers, and tree planters. If you're into high-tech, there are also jobs for programmers, database programmers, and equipment diagnostics people.

What training do you need for a career in mining? For some jobs you need a few weeks of training while others require a university or trade degree. Attend BCIT's awareness workshops in Atlin or Mayo this December or call the Yukon Mine Training Association to get started.

SAFETY IN THE WORK PLACE

As part of the Yukon Mine Safety Initiative, the YMTA has partnered with the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board to develop, purchase and modify standardized safety training modules for delivery to industry especially the creation of a standardized Shift Boss/Supervisor training module. The overall goal is to promote safety training, prevention of incidents, injuries and illness. Yukon Mine Training Association is assessing and inventorying existing mine related career standards and training programs and identifying gaps. Companies that are demonstrating exemplary practices with regards to standards and training are being recognized so they can be shared as best practices.

The Northern Safety Network Yukon is also working towards this end. They offer a variety of services to all Yukon employers and workers that promote work place safety. They can be contacted at 867-633-6673 or email info@yukonsafety.com.

Find out how you can get involved by calling the YMTA office at 867-633-6463 or email clive@yukonminetraining.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Yukon Mine Training Association:

- Is working to deliver the BEAHR (Building Environmental Aboriginal Human Resources) Environmental Monitoring Technician in the Yukon
- Is working to increase awareness about mining and employment opportunities by bringing BCIT's Mining Awareness Workshop to Mayo and Atlin in December
- Is working with Sherwood Copper's Minto Mine to develop and deliver a Mineral Processing Technician program and train Yukoners for this new employment opportunity
- Is bringing Bob Joseph, working with Louise Parker of Atlin, of Indigenous Corporate Training Inc, to the Yukon on November 29th and 30th to develop a First Nation cultural awareness program
- Works with the NWT Mine Training Society, and will bring their Executive Director here on November 29th, to learn from their successes in delivering \$14 million in training over the past 5 years
- Is working with LedCor and Adanacmoly to train TRT citizens to become rock truck drivers
- Funded a program with Northern Freegold and Bushmasters to train linecutters
- Is working with StrataGold, TRTFN, Northern Cross and other industry and First Nation partners to identify training requirements and find solutions and programs that meet their needs
- Is modifying the Ready to Work North program to deliver in the Yukon
- Can help identify program options for your project and your training needs

YMTA MANDATE



The Yukon Mine Training Association (YMTA) is a partnership between the Yukon's mining and resource sector and First Nations. We are committed

to working together to maximize employment opportunities emerging from the growth of the resource industries in the North for First Nations and other Yukoners. The YMTA also ensures that safety training is developed and delivered, meeting industry standards. The YMTA is funded by industry, First Nations, Yukon government, Workers' Compensation Board Prevention Fund, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the Northern Strategy.



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