

YUKON MINE TRAINING ASSOCIATION

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YUKON MINE TRAINING ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHITEHORSE: The Yukon Mine Training Association (YMTA), a newly formed mining & exploration industry and First Nation-led initiative today announced the appointment of their first Board of Directors.

“The Board will be responsible for providing strategic direction and leadership for the YMTA, which includes several initiatives including the Mine Training Fund,” said Bill Dunn, YMTA Chair. “With the expected growth, this partnership intends to proactively address the need to hire and train locally and attract people to the Yukon within this growing labour force shortage.”

The Board members are:

Chair	Bill Dunn, Sherwood Copper Ltd.
Vice Chair	Al Doherty, AURUM Geological Consultants
Treasurer	Ian Robinson, Champagne & Aishihik First Nation
Secretary	Mike McDougall, Klondike Placer Miners Association
Directors:	Harlan Meade, Yukon Zinc Corporation
	Robert Rodger, Tagish Lake Gold
	Pat Van Bibber, Selkirk First Nation/Sherwood Copper
	Gary Wilson, Tr’ondek Hwech’in First Nation
	Justin Himmerlright, Selwyn Resources Ltd.
	Joseph Nayally, Kwanlin Dunn First Nation

“I am confident that with our highly qualified and capable Board of Directors and advisors we will be able to address existing and upcoming training and skilled labour shortages in a strategic, integrated and coordinated manner” stated Dunn. “We will be moving forward with several pilot projects that will result in training for employment opportunities and will be announcing them shortly.”

The Board has also appointed Janet Lee as A/Project Manager to manage the start-up of the organization effective immediately. Her efforts will lead to a fully operational office and programs to support the vision of the Association.

The Yukon Mine Training Association (YMTA) is a partnership between the Yukon's mining industry and First Nations. We are committed to working together to maximize employment opportunities emerging from the growth of the mining sector in the North for First Nations and other Yukoners. The YMTA is managing the Mine Training Fund presenting a multi-level program designed to increase the profile of employment and opportunities in the mining sector, assist in attraction and retention in the work force and facilitate the delivery of targeted skills and training programs in the mining industry in the midst of an expanding sector in the Yukon. The YMTA also ensures that safety training is developed and delivered, meeting industry standards, within the mine training.

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