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Jay Project Public Hearings

Members of the public will have the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the Jay project. Below are the dates and locations of the upcoming public hearings, which will be held from 1 pm to 8 pm:

- September 14-16 in Yellowknife
Sep 14-15: Explorer Hotel
Sep 16: Tree of Peace Friendship Centre
- September 17 in Behchoko
Location: Cultural Centre
- September 19 in Łutsel K'e
Location: Lockhart Centre
- September 21 in Kugluktuk
Location: High School Gymnasium



Dominion Diamond Update

Welcome to the second edition of the Dominion Community Newsletter, which will be issued every two months. Our goal is to keep in touch with the communities and provide updates on our programs.

I am pleased to be able to share the good news that Bob Gannicott is returning from medical leave to resume his duties as Chairman of the Board.

Recognizing that further time will be required for his continuing recovery, Bob has decided to step down from the role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and will now be Non-Executive Chairman. Therefore, effective July 31, 2015, I am pleased to have taken on the position of CEO.

I am delighted that Bob's experience and expertise in diamond mining, his relationships within the mining industry, and his commitment to the

North will continue to be available to the company in this capacity.

I am honoured to take on the role of CEO, and look forward to working closely with you in the future as we extend the life of the Ekati mine and, as a result, the continuing benefits to the North.



Brendan Bell, CEO



Aerial view of the Narrows crossing.

We want to hear from you! Please email laura.worsley-brown@ekati.ddcorp.ca with any questions you may have.

Jay Project Update

The environmental assessment for the Jay Project continues to progress well and on schedule. Dominion Diamond recently responded to a second round of information requests on the project from communities, governments, and regulators.

We are currently preparing for the upcoming public hearings. Please see the schedule to the left for when the hearings are taking place in or near your community.

If you would like to stay up-to-date on the progress of the environmental assessment and the permitting process, please visit the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's website. The website also has an interactive timeline at www.reviewboard.ca/registry/timeline.php?project_id=674.

Quarterly Meetings

Dominion will be visiting communities in August and September for the regular quarterly engagement meetings that include updates about all of our upcoming projects, including the Jay Project. Please look out for the notices in your community or contact your community office for the dates. We look forward to meeting with you!



YKDFN representatives Morris Martin, Angus Martin, Johnathon Goulet, and Blake Rasmussen tour the proposed Jay road crossing at the Misery esker

Environmental Updates

What CAN be composted?

Acceptable materials include:

- All food scraps including meats and bones
- All paper waste and cardboard
- Some take-out containers including sugar-cane clamshells and eco-bowls

What CANNOT be composted?

- Plastics including bottles, wrap, portion packs, and creamer packs
- Rubber gloves
- Batteries, oily rags, razors, aerosols, or needles

Plain Language Report

The plain language summary of the *Water Licence and Environmental Agreement Annual Report* has been released. Printed copies have been distributed to the communities and the report is available on the Wek'eezhii Land and Water Board website at www.mvlwb.ca/Boards/WLWB/SitePages/registry.aspx. Search for the company name and select *Annual Reports* from the menu.

In an effort to be open and accountable with the communities and make technical information more readable, this plain language summary puts the information in terms that are easy to understand. We encourage community members to read the report!

Throughout the life of the Ekati mine, Dominion Diamond is committed to making sure the mine area is clean and safe for people, plants, and animals.

One of our recent initiatives has been the introduction of an industrial composter at the mine site, which will have multiple environmental benefits.

Waste Composter

The Ekati mine is set to be the first northern mine to compost a significant portion of waste when an industrial composting unit is brought online later this year. This will provide a safe, environmentally friendly, and cost-effective method for organic waste disposal.

Food waste, paper, and cardboard is currently incinerated, but will soon be broken down in the new composting unit, measuring 32 feet long and capable of processing 2,000 lbs per day.

This single initiative could reduce diesel consumption at the Ekati mine by 250,000 litres every year and prevent up to 680 tonnes of greenhouse gases from entering the atmosphere.

Organic material will spend 9-10 days in the unit, turning once per hour, before emerging as safe, odor-free, and nutrient rich material. This material will then be laid out in a fully-fenced designated area for up to one year before being used for remediation.



The composter vessel at the Ekati mine



The new composter mixer

Lynx Lake Fish-Out

As one of the steps in the development of the Lynx pit, Dominion Diamond conducted a fish-out of Lynx Lake.

Prior to the fish-out, a Ceremony of Respect was held on June 24th, led by representatives of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN), including the chief and elders, to honour the land, water, and culture.

The ceremony was also attended by community members, senior leadership from Dominion, and staff. The ceremony commenced with a prayer, followed by tobacco burning as part of the feeding the fire ceremony.

Traditional singing and drumming was also part of the occasion. All participants were invited to pay their respects by throwing a willow branch into the lake.

In our next newsletter, we will provide more information and photos of the fish-out activities. Community members from Kitikmeot Inuit Association, Łutsel K'e Dene First Nation, North Slave Métis Alliance, Tłı̨cho Government, and YKDFN participated in the fish-out.

The harvestable fish were distributed to the Impact Benefit Agreement (IBA) communities after being flash-frozen.



Representatives from YKDFN and Dominion Diamond at the Ceremony of Respect for the Lynx Lake fish-out



The Chief and representatives from YKDFN drumming and singing at the Ceremony of Respect for the Lynx Lake fish-out

Community Engagement

Dominion Diamond believes in supporting sustainable development projects that make a positive difference in the communities.

Below are some profiles of a number of exciting projects we are proud to get behind:

Whati Recreation Program

The Whati recreation department delivered a 3-month drumming and handgames program in the Spring of 2015 funded by Dominion. The program allowed for traditional knowledge to pass from the Elders to the youth, who will in turn preserve the skill of drumming and handgames for future generations.

The activities included practice, mentorship, and guidance from the Elders as well as learning how to make and repair drums for community use.

In addition to bridging the gap between the generations, the program assisted youth in building confidence in themselves and pride in their culture. This is the second year that Dominion has funded the program.

Gameti Sewing Club

The Gameti Sewing Club was an initiative that enhanced the artistic sewing skills of many community members in Gameti. Instructor Lynn Turcotte introduced the participants to basic sewing skills, taught them how to use sewing machines, and encouraged them to take on more advanced sewing projects.

The club offered a place for the participants to gather to sew and build a sense of community. In appreciation of the company's contribution, Dominion received samples of some of the final products, which are now on display in the reception area of our Yellowknife office (see photo below).



The participants in the Gameti Sewing Club with some of their impressive handiwork



Some of the bags made by the sewing class were presented to Dominion Diamond, and are proudly displayed in our reception area

Coming Soon

In future newsletters, we will feature the following programs:

- Tłjcho Tse Whii Tse Dah Program
- Pre-Trades Demonstration in Kugluktuk
- Behchoko Traditional Trails Journey
- Yellowknives Dene First Nation Wellness Program

Visit to Taloyoak

On July 20th, representatives from Dominion Diamond visited the community of Taloyoak, Nunavut to meet with the President and Board of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA)

to discuss the Jay Project. During the visit, Dominion executives and staff were honoured to host and serve a community feast.



Dominion Diamond representatives serving at a community feast in Taloyoak



Did You Know?

Dominion Diamond is serious about the safety of its people and operations.

This year, both the surface and underground teams from the Ekati mine won first place overall in the 58th Annual Yellowknife Mine Rescue Competition.

These awards are testament to our employees' dedication to emergency response practices and techniques. Congratulations to all our teams!



Employment Opportunities

Dominion Diamond is looking for qualified people to join our team. That could be you! Please visit www.ddcorp.ca/careers regularly to find out what job opportunities are available. The postings at the time of publication are:

- Equipment Operator - Haul Truck, multiple positions available (deadline August 19)
- Occupational Health & Hygiene Advisor (deadline August 23)
- Production Technician (deadline August 31)
- Mine Engineer (deadline September 4)

Activities and Events

Upcoming Events

Student Seed Reclamation Program	Aug 19-26, 2015
Ekati Community Caribou Engagement	Aug 17-27, 2015
Appreciation BBQ in Gameti	Aug 18, 2015
Quarterly Community Visits	Aug-Sep 2015
Public Hearings on Jay Project <i>(see page 1)</i>	Sep 14-21, 2015



The Ekati Community Caribou Engagement Program will take place in August

Student Seed Reclamation Program

Dominion Diamond invited five youth (high school students) from each of the IBA communities to participate in the Ekati mine's reclamation projects for one week in July. They removed invasive weeds from around the Ekati camp site, participated in a stream enhancement project, planted seedlings at the Long Lake Containment Facility Reclamation Research Area, and removed debris from the Old Camp Reclamation

Project. The students also assisted the Environment Department with their on-site programs, such as wildlife monitoring and water sampling. This program provided the opportunity for young community members to gain first-hand experience working safely at the mine, while actively participating in mine reclamation and environmental monitoring. Another phase of the program will be held in August.



(l to r) Felix Anablak (KIA), Terrel Knapton-Pain (Tijcho), Tassie Lockhart (LKDFN), Nicole Enge (NSMA), and Grace Martin (YKDFN)



Students planting seedlings at Cell B Reclamation Research Area

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