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Project Approval

Thank you for reading this edition of the Dominion Community Newsletter. There have been some exciting developments recently. We are pleased that the Jay Project received approval from the GNWT Minister of Lands, the Honourable Robert C. McLeod.

This is an important milestone for Dominion Diamond and for the Northern economy.

We thank Minister McLeod and the GNWT for their work, and look

forward to a timely completion of the permitting process. Please see further details in the article below.

We remain committed to operating a safe, efficient business that creates jobs, strengthens the northern economy and delivers shareholder value, while upholding our commitments to the land, the North, and all who live here.



Brendan Bell, CEO



Dene Languages Conference

Dominion Diamond Corporation was pleased to co-sponsor the Dene Languages Conference in Yellowknife on June 6-7, hosted by the Yellowknives Dene First Nation.

Dominion recognizes the important role that language plays in preserving traditional knowledge and culture, and is pleased to support efforts to strengthen the Dene languages.

Jay Project Update

On May 19, Minister Robert C. McLeod accepted the recommendations of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board that the Jay Project be approved, subject to the measures described in the Report of Environmental Assessment.

Next Steps

Dominion Diamond is filing water licence and land use permit applications, the next step in the environmental approval of the project.

Jay Feasibility Study

On May 31, Dominion provided an update on the Jay Feasibility Study. Thanks to changes to the Ekati mine plan, which will allow for a continuous supply of ore, the company is able to delay major construction on the Jay project by a year. These changes

include availability of Sable ore, deepening of Koala underground, and slower processing to increase diamond recovery. Dominion is completing the Feasibility Study on a revised development schedule.



What does this mean?

The new plan involves the same activities as the previous plan, but on a revised schedule. This schedule includes pre-works activities to assemble a new crusher continuing this summer, construction of the access road from Misery Road to the project site in 2017, and construction of the dike in 2018 to 2020.

Dike instrumentation, dewatering, and the start of mining is planned in 2021, and processing of Jay kimberlite by late 2022.



Environmental Update

Lynx Lake Fish Offset Project

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:

- Environment Coordinator (closing June 10)
- Supervisor Reporting and Data (closing June 11)
- Process Control Technician (closing June 14)
- Financial Accountant (closing June 15)
- Journey person Millwright (closing June 27)

As part of the development of the Lynx pit at the Ekati mine, Dominion Diamond conducted a fish-out of Lynx Lake last summer, during which 50 pounds of fish were flash-frozen and sent to each IBA community.

Part of the fisheries authorization for the development includes a community-based fish offset project at Jackfish Creek near Łutsel K'e.

In early May, information was collected on the fish that use the creek. The approved plan involves making improvements to the creek to allow pike to get from Great Slave Lake to their spawning area.

The Jackfish Creek project is designed to offset the loss of fish and habitat from the development of the Lynx project.



Elder Ernest Boucher (LKDFN) and Paul Vecsei (Golder) collected information at Jackfish Creek outside Łutsel K'e at the beginning of May.

Student Visits to the Ekati Mine



On May 9, students and chaperones from Chief Jimmy Bruneau High School in Behchokq visited the Ekati mine.



On May 30, students from Mezi Community School in Whati, Jean Wetrade School in Gameti, and Alexis Arrowmaker School in Wekweeti toured the Ekati mine.

Community Engagement

Ekati Plus School Partnership

Each year, Dominion Diamond reserves funding specifically for IBA schools to spend on projects that they identify as priorities. To thank the schools for their partnership, Dominion provided sweatshirts to students in the following schools: Alexis Arrowmaker School in Wekweètì, Chief Jimmy Bruneau School in Behchokò, Deninu School

in Fort Resolution, Elizabeth Mackenzie School in Behchokò, Jean Wetrade School in Gamètì, Jimmy Hikok School in Kugluktuk, K'alemi Dene School in N'dilo, Kaw Tay Whee School in Dettah, Kugluktuk High School, Łutsel K'e Dene School, and Mezi Community School in Whatì. Each school's logo is on the back of the sweatshirts.



Students at K'alemi Dene School in N'dilo with their new sweatshirts.

Inuit Tattoo Revitalization - Kugluktuk

Dominion Diamond is proud to be a sponsor of the Inuit Tattoo Revitalization Project. We are excited to give you some insight into the project through the words of the tattoo artist Angela Hovak Johnston herself:

“On April 24 we arrived in Kugluktuk and got set up at the museum. Elder Alice Hikoak Ayalik opened and closed the project with the lighting of the *Qulliq*.

Over the next several days we spent 12-13 hours each day doing tattoos. On April 28, we did a school presentation that was designed to empower high school girls.

Then we had a much needed on-the-land outing to recharge, before doing more tattoos the next day. A community feast was held at the end of the project.

It was quite an emotional experience. The community was honoured that their community was selected. This has touched not only Inuit women in Kugluktuk, but women all over Nunavut and Canada.

Not only Inuit women - I have women of different ethnic backgrounds come to me and thank us for doing this, saying they are very inspired. This project has given life back to a tradition that was almost lost.”



Summer Safety Guide

Please enjoy a fun, safe summer with these safety tips!

Water Safety

- Wear properly fitted life jackets
- Take swimming lessons if you don't know how to swim
- Don't leave children unattended near water
- Avoid diving headfirst into water
- Review boat safety and navigation rules

Bike Safety

- Wear properly fitted helmets
- Use reflective tape
- Avoid busy streets
- Know and obey traffic rules

Sun Safety

- Avoid staying in the sun for too long, to prevent sunburn and heat-related incidents
- Wear hats and protective clothing
- Wear sunscreen outdoors and reapply often
- Drink plenty of water

Source: Canadian Red Cross



What is next?

“On June 5, I am scheduled to go back up to Kugluktuk with a photographer to take photos of healed tattoos. I will do touch-ups on some tattoos and will do a few more that were on the waiting list.”

Dominion would like to thank Angela for her commitment to the project and congratulate her on such a successful event!



Photo Credit: Cora DeVos, Little Inuk Photography

Activities and Events

Activity /Event	Date
School Visit to Ekati Mine: Chief Jimmy Bruneau High School (Behchok̓)	May 9, 2016
Pre-Trades Demonstration in Fort Resolution	May 19-20, 2016
Sable Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program (AEMP) Workshop	May 19, 2016
School Visit to Ekati Mine: Mezi Community School (Whati), Jean Wetrade School (Gamèti), Alexis Arrowmaker School (Wekweèti)	May 30, 2016
Women in Mining Strategy Session	June 3, 2016
Dene Languages Conference	June 6-7, 2016
Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program (AEMP) Re-evaluation Workshop	June 7, 2016
Kugluktuk Community Engagement Meeting	June 8, 2016
Tłı̄ch̓ (Wekweèti) Community Engagement Meeting	June 9, 2016
Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency (IEMA) Site Tour	June 15, 2016
Traditional Knowledge Elders Group Meeting	June 17, 2016
National Aboriginal Day	June 21, 2016
Kugluktuk Site Tour	June 21, 2016
Tłı̄ch̓ Site Tour	June 22, 2016
Ceremony of Respect for Sable Lake	June 23, 2016
Tłı̄ch̓ What'aa Meeting	June 23, 2016
YKDFN Engagement Meeting	June 23, 2016
Tłı̄ch̓ (Gamèti) Community Engagement Meeting	June 27, 2016
Tłı̄ch̓ (Whati) Community Engagement Meeting	June 29, 2016
Tłı̄ch̓ (Behchok̓) Community Engagement Meeting	June 30, 2016
YKDFN Site Tour	July 4, 2016
North Slave Métis Alliance Engagement Meeting	July 8, 2016
Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Workshop	July 19-21, 2016

Note: All forward-looking dates are subject to change.



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