

Mining is about more than just **rocks**.

It's about creating **opportunities** for your community.



“Mining and minerals have always played an important role in our economy and we want that to continue, while playing an active role in managing our own resources. We have a strong history of negotiation over litigation and refuse to look at situations from an “us” versus “them” perspective. When First Nations and the mining industry sit at the table together as equals, we come up with solutions that work for us all. For the Tk’emlúps, through teamwork, we create action and pride.”

– Chief Shane Gottfriedson,
Tk’emlúps Indian Band

Canada’s mining industry is the largest private sector employer of Aboriginal men and women. In BC, the mineral exploration and mining sector plays an important role in the First Nations’ economy, bringing jobs, economic growth and prosperity to communities like yours. Mining is helping people provide for themselves, their families and the towns and communities they call home.

How Mining Can Benefit Your Community

Mineral exploration and mining today is very different than in the past. Now, companies invest critical resources into consultation and engagement with local communities about the entire lifecycle of mines in their regions; from planning, to building and operating the mines, to reclaiming and restoring landscapes after the mines close. Today, mining in BC is

- **Creating Jobs:** the mineral exploration and mining sector is the largest private sector employer of Aboriginal people in Canada. As well, many jobs in mining are based in remote communities, offering stable employment to locals.

Did you know 14,000 people are employed directly in mineral exploration and mining in BC, and 35,000 people are employed indirectly in sectors that support the mining industry? Maybe there’s a job for you or someone you know?

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“Today, getting things done in business is about building relationships. The mining industry has changed over the last two decades. Today, at New Gold, we work closely with First Nations and other stakeholders because by doing so, we find solutions that bring benefits to the company and to the communities in which we operate. We see far better results taking this approach than we’ve seen when operating without stakeholder support.”

– Ann Wallin,
Human Resources Manager,
New Gold Inc.

Did you know the mining industry accounts for approximately one in every 46 Canadian jobs? In more remote areas, mining is often the major employer. Can mining benefit your community?

- **Bringing Economic Stability:** today, First Nations communities have a vital say in how mining is done in BC; this participation is contributing significantly to the economic, social and environmental well-being of First Nations across the province.
 - **Protecting The Environment And Cultural Traditions:** mining isn’t the industry it used to be. Today, Aboriginal people are using the traditional knowledge of their ancestors to help shape the development of their communities and are working in jobs focused on the environment, as water samplers, environmental monitors, agriculture specialists, and biologists, to name just a few. Mineral exploration and mining provide jobs and a way to bring positive change in your communities.
 - **Helping To Build Critical Infrastructure:** whether it’s connecting communities to more reliable power, building roads, or developing education programs, mining companies are playing an increasingly active role in infrastructure and social program development in the communities where they operate.
 - **Introducing People To Lasting Careers:** many colleges and universities across BC provide education and training for careers in mining. Whether or not people choose to work in their home communities, many skills in mining are transferable. This means your skills travel with you, across projects, the province, Canada and the world – making mining a career for life.
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How Can BC AMTA Help In Your Community?

The British Columbia Aboriginal Mine Training Association (BC AMTA) was created to help connect Aboriginal people to jobs in BC’s mining industry. BC AMTA works in partnership with educators, First Nations communities and mining companies across the province. BC AMTA has trained Aboriginal program staff in Kamloops and Dease Lake to help people get the skills, training and work experience they need to find a career with the potential to last them a lifetime.

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