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### KINGS OF THE NORTH – THE SEARCH FOR THE LAST OF THE ICE BEARS VANCOUVER PREMIERE

On April 26, the documentary film *Kings of the North – The Search for the Last of the Ice Bears* by award-winning Yukon photographer and wildlife conservationist Peter Mather premiered in Vancouver. Directed by Peter Zenkl, the film was produced by Victoria Gold.

The film premiered in Whitehorse and Haines Junction earlier this month.

The Vancouver event successfully raised \$22,000 for the Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society's *Every Student, Every Day* initiative to directly support increased student attendance in classrooms throughout the territory.

The film documents Mather's seven-year journey photographing Yukon grizzly bears, which delay their winter hibernation for one last feast of salmon for the season. A companion book of the photographs has also been produced by Victoria Gold.

"Victoria Gold's very proud of our collaboration with Peter Mather to highlight the story of these grizzly bears as it provides us with greater awareness of our environment and our role to help protect it," says Victoria Gold President & CEO John McConnell. "We extend our sincere appreciation to Peter and his team and thank everyone who supported the project along the way and who attended the Vancouver premiere in support of *Every Student, Every Day*."

Since its establishment in 2012, *Every Student, Every Day* has raised and distributed over \$1.85 million to Yukon First Nations, schools and community organizations to directly support increased student engagement and student attendance.

"*Every Student, Every Day* appreciates the very generous support we received at the Vancouver film premiere as we fundraise to support Yukon student success," says Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society President Tara Christie.

The premiere's event audience also enjoyed screenings of: *Caribou*, a short-film by Gwitchin filmmaker Caleb Charlie of Old Crow about a year in the life of the Porcupine caribou herd; and, *ŁU GHA, A Place for Fishing* by the Grizzly Bear Foundation, which illuminates how humans and wildlife are co-existing.

To learn more about *Every Student, Every Day*, visit [everystudenteveryday.ca](http://everystudenteveryday.ca).

To learn more about *Victoria Gold Presents – The Kings of the North – The Search for the Last of the Ice Bears*, to view the film trailer and to stay tuned for future opportunities to see the film, visit [peterzenkl-photography.com/kingsofthenorth](http://peterzenkl-photography.com/kingsofthenorth)



Tara Christie, President of the Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society and Banyan Gold Corp, with daughter Katherine McConnell, thanks the audience at the Vancouver film premiere of *Victoria Gold Presents – The Kings of the North – The Search for the Last of the Ice Bears* by Peter Mather.

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## ABOUT VICTORIA GOLD & THE EAGLE GOLD MINE

The Eagle Gold Mine is situated within Victoria Gold's 100 per cent-owned Dublin Gulch Property located approximately 375 kilometres north of Whitehorse and 85 kilometres north, northeast of the Village of Mayo within the traditional territory of the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun. The property is accessible by road year-round and is connected to Yukon Energy Corp's electrical grid. The mine is a significant contributor to the Yukon economy employing 350-400 people.

