

Community

CULTURAL AWARENESS

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IN OCTOBER 2011, VICTORIA GOLD AND THE FIRST NATION OF NA-CHO NYAK DUN (NND) SIGNED A GROUNDBREAKING AGREEMENT FOR A JUNIOR MINING COMPANY AND A FIRST NATION; their mutually created and implemented *Comprehensive Cooperation and Benefits Agreement*, or CBA, outlining the benefits and opportunities for NND citizens throughout the life of the Eagle Gold Mine.

Since that time, numerous initiatives supported by the goals of the agreement have been undertaken; including a special focus on the vital importance of cultural awareness for Victoria employees and contractors working and living within NND's traditional territory, in which the Eagle Gold Mine site lies.

To this end, Victoria and the NND Heritage and Culture Department jointly designed and published a cultural awareness training program in 2015. This innovative presentation, titled *Cultural Awareness When Working Within the Traditional Territory of the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun* was the first of its kind in the Yukon.

The presentation creates and fosters awareness of NND's history, cultural values, traditions and perspective on responsible development within its traditional territory.

"Victoria Gold is extremely proud of its partnership with the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun and to upholding the goals of the CBA to ensure we maintain open communication and a collaborative approach to balancing social and economic opportunities with the First Nation's values, priorities and expectations," says John McConnell, President & CEO of Victoria Gold Corp.

Victoria Gold and NND were also proud that this joint cultural awareness presentation won the Yukon Chamber of Mines Community Award and received an Honourable Mention for the prestigious Robert E. Leckie Award at the 2015 Annual Yukon Geoscience Forum and Trade Show.

The agreement's 2018 *CBA Committee Annual Implementation Report* will be published and presented by the committee to NND Council in the coming weeks as it is each spring. This year's report cover features the stunning visual art work of NND carver Garry Brown, who has been working at the Eagle Gold Mine since last summer.



Victoria giving NND representatives a site tour of the Dublin Gulch Property.



To view *Cultural Awareness When Working Within the Traditional Territory of the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun* please visit:
vitgoldcorp.com/community/first-nations-involvement/

"OUR FOOTPRINTS ARE ON THIS LAND. OUR ANCESTORS HAVE TRAVELLED ALL OVER AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO USE THE LAND WELL INTO THE FUTURE."

- NND ELDER

VICTORIA GOLD IS PROUD TO HAVE YUKONERS AT WORK

IF YOU ARE A YUKONER WITH MINING EXPERIENCE, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONNECT WITH US.

Victoria is currently hiring tradespeople, equipment operators, process/crusher operators and other positions to work at the Eagle Gold Mine. Visit the "Work For Us" page on our website at vitgoldcorp.com/contact/work-for-us/ and send your resume to greatpeoplework@vitgoldcorp.com.

ABOUT VICTORIA GOLD & THE EAGLE GOLD MINE

The Eagle Gold Mine, currently under construction, is part of Victoria's 100 per cent-owned Dublin Gulch gold 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 within Yukon Energy's electrical grid.

The Eagle Gold Mine has received all major permits for construction and operations, completed the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB) process and mutually created and

implements the *Comprehensive Cooperation and Benefits Agreement* with the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun. Once in operations, the mine will be a significant economic contributor to Yukon employing 350 to 400 people.

