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### City of Yellowknife launches YouTube Channel for Con Mine Community Energy System

The City of Yellowknife has launched a YouTube channel of short videos related to the Con Mine Community Energy project. The channel currently hosts several videos including one filmed during the public information sessions on January 17 and 19, and a range of interview clips from industry experts in the field of community energy systems.

The channel can be found at [youtube.com/conmineproject](http://youtube.com/conmineproject). Residents wanting to submit videos are invited to send a message through YouTube or email [conmineproject@yellowknife.ca](mailto:conmineproject@yellowknife.ca). Depending on public interest, more videos may be posted on the site in the weeks leading up to a March 14 public referendum on the project.

The YouTube channel is one of the tools the City is using to help inform residents about the Con Mine project in advance of the March 14 vote. The City has also posted detailed project information on [Yellowknife.ca](http://Yellowknife.ca) that includes FAQs, a project timeline, the business case study, and a summary of project milestones. Information boards have been posted at the Multiplex, the Ruth Inch Memorial Pool, and Javaroma. A Con Mine Energy News publication is also being produced each month to provide residents with the latest information about the project.

Last week, the City held two well-attended public information sessions with presentations from City staff, consultants working on the project, and project managers from similar systems. Over 100 people came out to learn more and discuss the risks and benefits of setting up a community energy system for Yellowknife.

#### **Background on the Con Mine Community Energy Project**

The City of Yellowknife is evaluating the potential for a community energy system to provide heating services to buildings in the downtown core using heat from Con Mine. The basic concept involves recovering heat from the abandoned mine approximately one kilometre outside of downtown Yellowknife to heat buildings via distributed piping. Ownership of the system will be determined after the City receives proposals from private sector investors. However, in any scenario the system would be revenue-financed (rather than tax financed) through user fees over time. Natural Resources Canada has committed to funding between \$10 and \$20 million on this \$60-million project.

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