CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

MODERN GOLD MINING WORKSHOP

What Has Changed and What Can We Learn from Nunavut?

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026 | 8:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
TREE OF PEACE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

Join us for a day of learning and discussion about modern gold mining, including advances in technology, environmental safeguards, Indigenous participation and lessons from Nunavut.

Attend the full workshop or drop in for the sessions that interest you. No prior knowledge of mining is required. The workshop is free, and lunch and refreshments will be provided.

AGENDA

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER / FACILITATOR	WHAT TO EXPECT
8:30 a.m.	Doors open and registration		Enjoy refreshments, explore gold ore samples, take a mine tour on VR Headsets and visit the Ask a Geologist table.
9:00 a.m.	Opening prayer	Yellowknives Dene Drummers	Opening of the workshop.
9:15 a.m.	Welcome and workshop introduction	City of Yellowknife and Yellowknives Dene First Nation representatives	Learn what the workshop will explore and why these conversations matter to Yellowknife.
9:35 a.m.	Opening activity	Det'on Cho Environmental	Share your questions and what you're interested in learning about modern gold mining.
10:00 a.m.	Indigenous development corporations and the changing mining economy	Mark Lewis, CEO Det'on Cho	Explore what diamond mine closures could mean for Indigenous employment and the North Slave economy.
10:20 a.m.	Learning from the past - Panel	Moderated by Stephen Van Dine, City Manager	Reflect on lessons from historical mining practices and how regulations, environmental safeguards and technology have evolved.
10:50 a.m.	Break / Take a mine tour on the VR Headsets and Visit the Ask a Geologist Table		Refreshments and networking.

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11:05 a.m.	Gold geology and mining technology	Joe Campbell, Professional Geologists	Discover how gold is found, mined and processed, and how advances in technology are changing mining practices.
12:00 p.m.	Exploring Nunavut's modern gold mines	Alan Sexton, Mining Advisor, Kivalliq Inuit Association	Explore videos of operating gold mines in Nunavut and learn about their practices and approaches.
12:25 p.m.	Lunch and networking		Lunch provided. Take a mine tour on the VR Headsets and Visit the Ask a Geologist Table.
1:10 p.m.	Experiences with modern gold mining in Nunavut	Panel discussion moderated by David Connelly, author of the Five-Year Review of the Nunavut Final Agreement	Hear different perspectives on the opportunities, challenges and experiences associated with modern gold mining in Nunavut.
1:55 p.m.	Understanding mining regulations in the NWT	Tanya MacIntosh, Chair, Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board	Learn how mining projects are reviewed, permitted and monitored, including opportunities for public and Indigenous participation.
2:10 p.m.	Understanding NWT mining regulations development process	Dianna Beck, Director, Mineral and Energy Resource Strategy (MERS), Department of ITI, GNWT; Co-presenter, Natasha Hunter (TWG)	Mineral Resources Act Updates: Collaborative process between GNWT and Indigenous Governments on developing the MRA Regulations
2:20 p.m.	Indigenous mine ownership, governance and infrastructure - Panel	Panelist - Mark Lewis, President and CEO, Det'on Cho Group, Darrell Beaulieu, President and CEO, Denendeh Investments, Leigh-Anne Palter, CEO of Tsa Group of Companies	Explore the roles Indigenous governments and businesses can play in mine ownership, decision-making and economic opportunities.
3:00 p.m.	Break / Take a mine tour on the VR Headsets and Visit the Ask a Geologist Table		Refreshments and networking.
3:15 p.m.	Interactive breakout discussions	Det'on Cho Environmental	Share your perspectives, ask questions and discuss what matters most to you about modern gold mining.
3:45 p.m.	Closing reflections	Det'on Cho Environmental	Reflect on key takeaways and questions from the day's discussions.
3:55 p.m.	Closing		End of workshop.