



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE


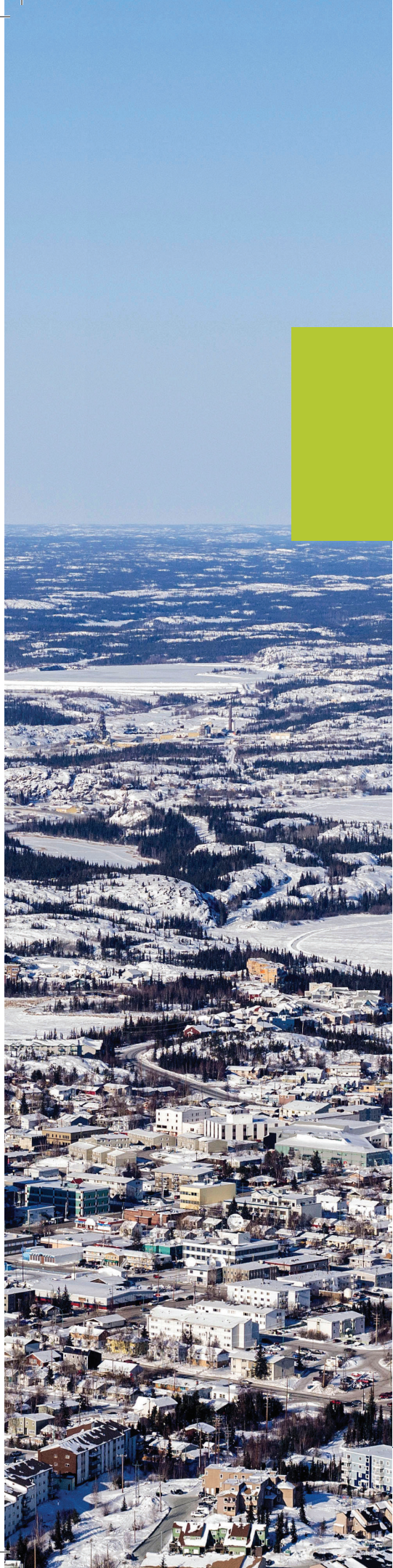
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The Northern and Arctic Logistics Hub



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Yellowknife is a dynamic city with a strong economic foundation, a vibrant culture, and a promising future.

Situated on the shores of Great Slave Lake, Yellowknife is the capital of the Northwest Territories. It's home to nearly half of the NWT's population, with a relatively young demographic with a median age of 35.8 years compared to the median age of 41.4 years for Canada as a nation.

Despite economic fluctuations, Yellowknife boasts a strong economy, with higher-than-average household incomes and a low unemployment rate. As the territorial capital, Yellowknife is a hub for government services and administration. Yellowknife is home to the Territorial legislature and Federal agencies, civic organizations and Indigenous governments, it provides a rich environment for accelerated collaboration and decision making.



Mining is a key industry of the city's past, present and future. The discovery of diamonds in the territory at the end of the century continued the importance of mining to the city.

Critical minerals exploration and development continues to propel the mining industry into the next phase of development for the city.

Tourism is another key sector with the city attracting tourists from all over the world to the unique northern environment and adventures, cultural experiences and the world's best aurora viewing.



Opportunity

Historical Significance:

- Traditional territory of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation
- Founded in 1934 as a gold mining town
- Designated as the territorial capital in 1967
- Diamond discoveries in 1991 revitalized the mining industry

Geographical Location:

- Situated on the northern shore of Great Slave Lake

Mining in the Northwest Territories (NWT) and Yellowknife history are intertwined with the discovery of gold and other valuable minerals. The discovery of gold in region in 1898 by E.A. Blakeney took until 1934 to spark a gold rush.

Con and Negus mines opened in Yellowknife in the late 1930s, followed by the Giant Mine in 1948. These mines, along with others, contributed to Yellowknife's growth and development as a mining town and logistics hub for the NWT.



Mining experienced a decline in the late 20th century, and saw a resurgence in recent years with the discovery and development of diamond mines. The Ekati and Diavik diamond mines, located north of Yellowknife, are two of the largest diamond mines in the world.

Today, mining remains a vital part of the NWT economy, providing employment opportunities and contributing to the region's ongoing economic development.

Cultural Importance:

- Home to the Yellowknives Dene First Nation
- Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre
- Walking trails
- Northern lights (aurora borealis)
- Folk on the Rocks music festival
- SnowKing Winter Festival

Economic Activities:

- Mining (gold, diamonds, critical minerals)
- Tourism
- Transportation
- Communications
- Government services

Population:

- Around 21,000 residents

The NWT mining industry has come a long way in recognizing Indigenous peoples as the keepers of the land.

INDIGENOUS Empowerment

Today, mining companies are engaging with Indigenous communities as early as possible, respecting treaty rights, and encouraging Indigenous participation in the mining sector as owners, suppliers and workers.

The Mineral Resources Act was passed in 2019 and helps companies seeking to operate in the NWT work and collaborate with Indigenous communities.

First Nations, like the Tłı̨chǫ Government, are developing their own natural resources. Indigenous ownership through joint ventures, such as the Det'on Cho Corporation partnering with Dominion Diamond Mines, are proven economic models that continue to grow. The opportunities for investment, partnership, and significant economic return are boundless.

The City works closely with the Indigenous governments - Yellowknife Dene First Nations, North Slave Metis Alliance and Tłı̨chǫ Government, supporting communication and collaboration on all major projects and decisions. The City supports employment and procurement policies, training and capacity development and social impact management. It also works closely with non-government organizations such as the Native Women's Association of Canada, as well as with the Giant Mine Remediation Project.

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The Indigenous participation in the mining sector is nothing short of impressive. In 2019, approximately 1 in 3 employees in the NWT's mining industry are of Indigenous ancestry. The mining sector supports Indigenous families and communities across NWT, providing both income, opportunities and a competitive standard of living.

Indigenous partnerships in mining and construction in Yellowknife are the way we do business. These partnerships offer numerous benefits, including economic development, job creation, and improved services.

In December 2019, the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) and the City of Yellowknife signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which solidified the government-to-government relationship between the neighbouring communities.

Here are programs and businesses available to support Indigenous partnerships in Yellowknife's mining and construction sectors:

Government Support:

- **Indigenous Natural Resource Partnerships (INRP) Program:** This federal program provides funding to Indigenous-owned businesses to support their participation in the resource sector.
- **Critical Minerals Infrastructure Fund (CMIF):** This fund, in partnership with Indigenous governments, aims to unlock critical minerals development in the Northwest Territories.



Capacity-Building and Training:

- **Aurora College:** Offers specialized training programs to develop a skilled Indigenous workforce.
- **Industry Partnerships:** Collaboration between mining companies and Indigenous communities to provide training and employment opportunities.

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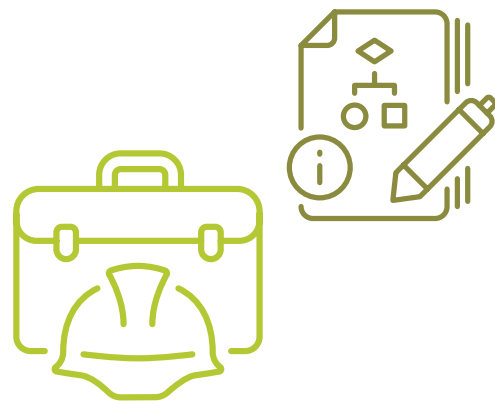


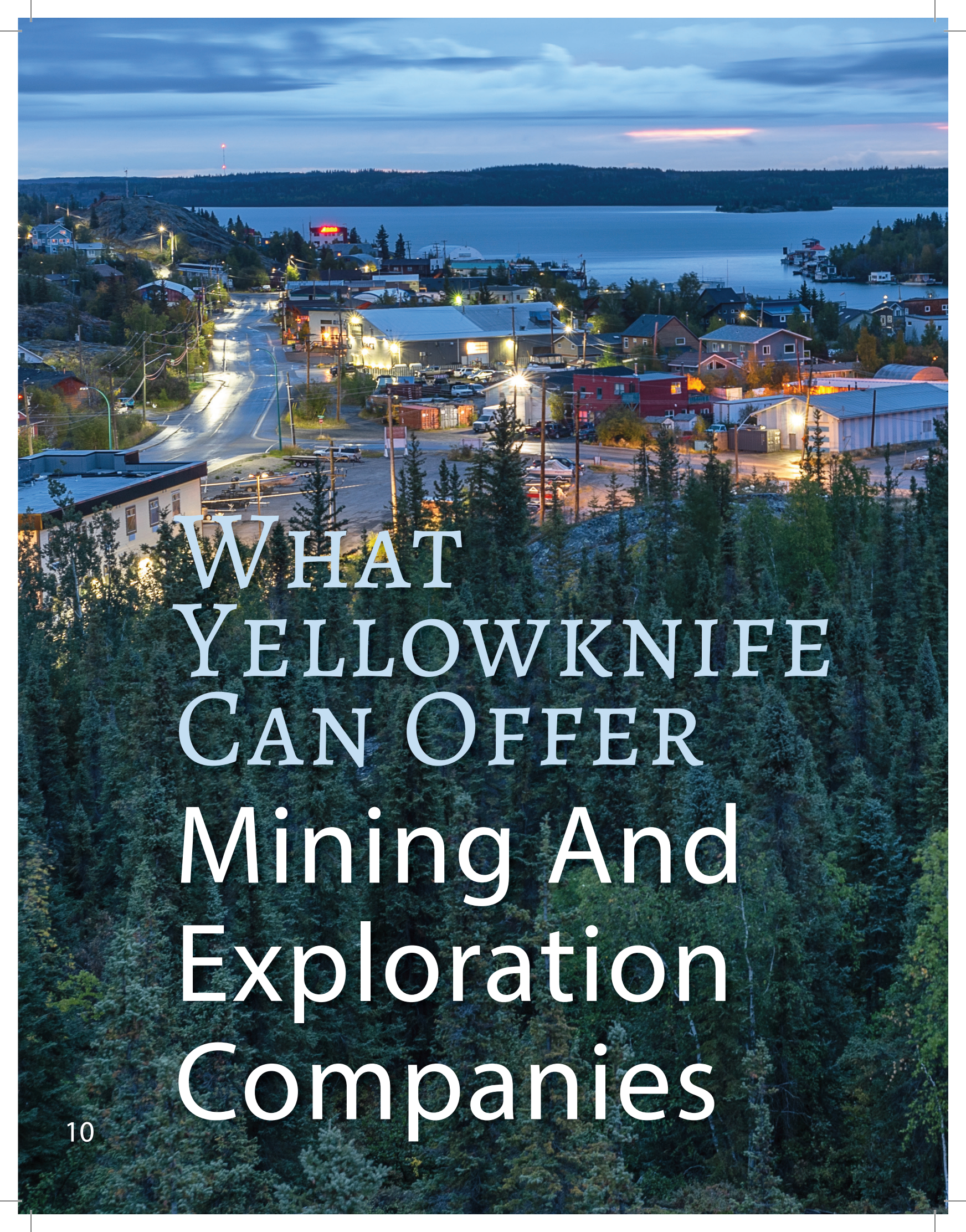
Indigenous-Owned Businesses:

- **Denendeh Exploration and Mining Company (DEMCo):** This 100% Dene-owned company is actively involved in mineral exploration and mining projects in the NWT.
- **Det'on Cho Group of companies has a roster of diverse companies serving the resource sector with services such as:** drilling, environmental, camp services, construction, logistics, mining and remediation, and transportation.
- **Nishi Khon Engineering and Environmental Services:** A Dogrib Treaty 11 company providing engineering and environmental services to the mining industry.
- **DICAN:** A Yellowknife-based company, 51% owned by Aboriginal Diamonds Group, involved in diamond valuation and consulting.
- **Tłı̨chǫ Investment Corporation** and group of companies span various disciplines and industries including civil, commercial and road construction and maintenance, land development, site remediation/reclamation, housing, and more.

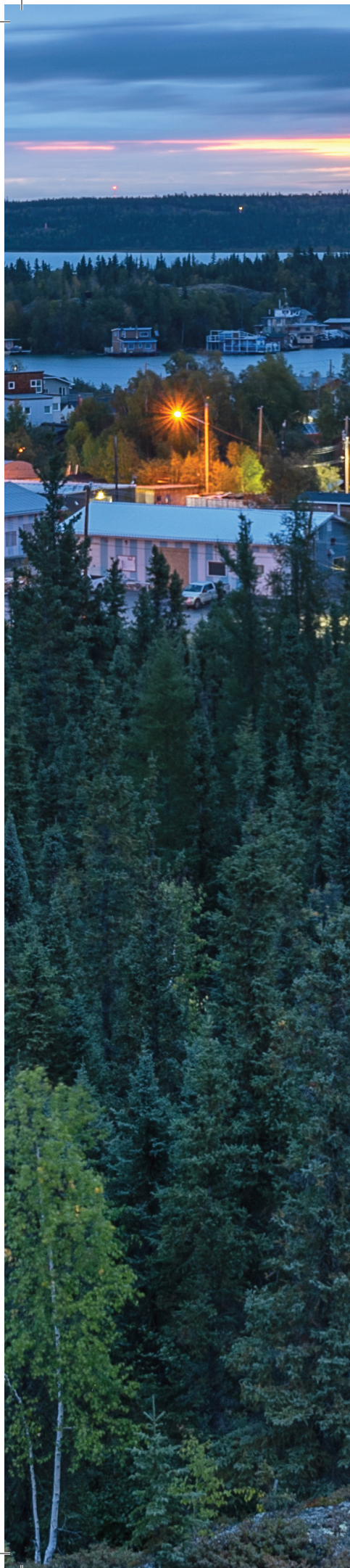
Joint Ventures:

- **Metcon:** A joint venture between the North Slave Métis Alliance, Tercon Contractors, and Rowe's Construction, providing services to the mining industry.





WHAT
YELLOWKNIFE
CAN OFFER
Mining And
Exploration
Companies



Yellowknife's mining foundation and commitment to support the industry offers a compelling package for existing and new exploration and mining companies seeking to establish themselves in the Northwest Territories.

Our value proposition:

Skilled Workforce and Training:

Yellowknife boasts a seasoned mining workforce, honed by the region's rich mining history. Aurora College provides specialized training programs, ensuring a steady supply of skilled labour tailored to industry needs.

- Over 80 years of mining exploration and development.
- Skilled workforce attracted and developed.
- **NWT Mine Training Society:**
 - Training NWT residents for mining jobs.
 - Placed over 800 individuals with mining companies.
- **GNWT Skills for Success program:**
 - Provides training for in-demand jobs.

Comprehensive Services:

The city offers a supportive business environment with a range of services catering to the mining sector. From legal and accounting firms to engineering consultancies, logistics providers, and equipment suppliers, companies can find the resources they need to operate efficiently.

Geological Expertise:

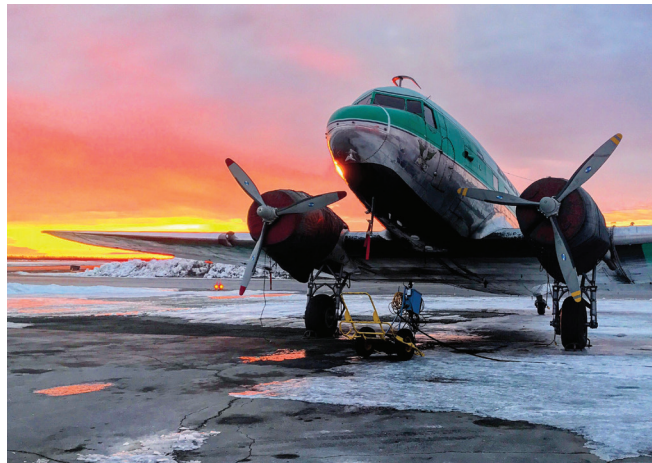
- **NWT Geological Survey (NTGS):**
 - One-stop shop for geological information.
 - Provides research and data on NWT geology and resources.
 - Supports responsible resource development.

Year-Round Access and Infrastructure:

Yellowknife's year-round airport and highways ensure reliable access to the region, Arctic and Nunavut. While the winter ice roads provide affordable access to mining operations. The city's well-developed infrastructure, including reliable power, communication networks, roads, healthcare facilities, and educational institutions, provides a solid foundation for operations.

Yellowknife Airport is located 5 minutes from downtown and is open 24/7, 365 days a year. There are more than a dozen regularly scheduled flights to southern centers like Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto and Vancouver. With on-site fire fighting facilities and emergency services located nearby, the airport is also a major Northern Logistics hub, home to suppliers that understand the specific needs of the mining industry across the Arctic and Nunavut.

Yellowknife is accessible by paved all weather roads leading directly south or west with road transportation playing a major role in the import and export of goods and the base of a sophisticated ice-road network.



Socio-Economic and Community Partnerships: Building strong relationships with Indigenous communities and local stakeholders is essential for successful mining operations in the NWT. Many companies actively contribute to community development and social well-being, fostering a positive and sustainable partnership.

Experienced Logistics, Supply and Services:

Yellowknife businesses provide a wide range of services to the mining sectors in the region, territory, Arctic and Nunavut, contributing significantly to the region's economy. Here are some of the key services:

Core Services:

- **Mining Exploration and Development:** Geological consulting, exploration drilling, geophysical surveys, and project management.
- **Mining Engineering and Consulting:** Mine design, mine planning, mine operations, and environmental engineering.
- **Logistics and Transportation:** Freight forwarding, trucking, aircraft charter services, and supply chain management.
- **Construction and Infrastructure:** Building and maintaining mining infrastructure, including camps, roads, and facilities.
- **Equipment and Machinery:** Sales, rental, and maintenance of mining equipment and machinery.



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Specialized Services:

- **Environmental Services:** Environmental impact assessments, reclamation planning, and waste management.
- **Indigenous Relations:** Community engagement, consultation, and impact benefit agreements.
- **Legal and Financial Services:** Legal advice, tax planning, and financial advisory services.
- **Human Resources:** Recruitment, training, and labour relations.
- **Catering and Accommodation:** Providing food and accommodation services for remote mining camps. Accommodation both short and long term are available in the City with 8 hotels and 6 bed and breakfast suites, plus numerous lodges located in proximity to the city.

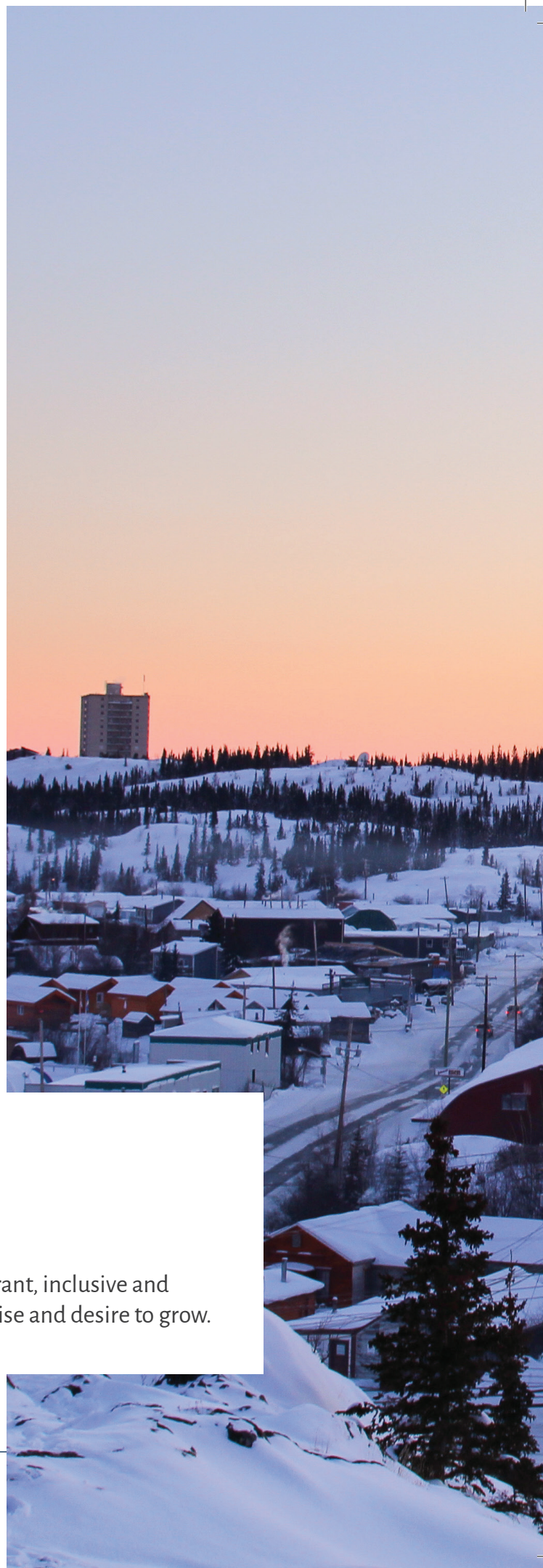
By offering these essential services, Yellowknife businesses play a crucial role in supporting the mining industry, contributing to job creation, economic growth, and the overall development of the region.

Yellowknife's combination of skilled labour, training opportunities, supportive services, access, infrastructure, commitment to community development, and local supply chain make it an attractive destination for exploration and mining companies seeking to operate in the Northwest Territories.

Choose Yellowknife

Shape the future and make history.

Yellowknife is writing its next chapter in supporting a vibrant, inclusive and innovative mining story. Benefit from the services, expertise and desire to grow.



Ready to Explore the Advantages?

Find out how Yellowknife's robust infrastructure, industry leading suppliers and innovative development incentives can work for you.

Contact our economic development team today.

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Equipment Provider

62 Degrees North Inc.

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www.62degreesnorth.ca

Discovery Mining Services Ltd.

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Matrix Camps, Logistics and Aviation Management

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(867) 766-6025

RTL - Westcan Group of Companies

(867) 873-6271

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SMS Equipment Inc.

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Weaver & Devore Trading Ltd.

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Indigenous Development Organizations

Denendeh Food Services Ltd. (DFS)

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denendehinvestments.ca/investments/denendeh-food-services-ltd/

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denendehinvestments.ca

Det'on Cho Group of Companies

(867) 873-6533
detoncho.com

Det'on Cho Logistics

(867) 873-6970
detonchologistics.com

Det'on Cho Nahanni Construction Ltd.

(867) 873-2975
nahannincl.com

Kete Whii Ltd / Procon

(867) 873-6533
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Northern Aboriginal Services Company (Nasco)

867.920.2764
denendehinvestments.ca/investments/northern-aboriginal-services/

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tlicheic.com/index.php/companies/tli-cho-logistics-inc

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aviergroup.com

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Products Ltd.**

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