

# Dominion Community Newsletter

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## Scholarship Deadline

Did you know that Dominion Diamond has an Ekati Plus Scholarship Program?

Each year we offer two \$2,500 scholarships to northerners living in the NWT. Please see the link below, or email [ekatiplus@ddcorp.ca](mailto:ekatiplus@ddcorp.ca) for eligibility and other information. The deadline is **October 31, 2017**.

<http://www.ddcorp.ca/docs/default-source/careers/ekati-plus---scholarship.pdf>

See Page 3 for a feature of one of our recent recipients!

## Company Update

In July, the Washington Companies announced that an agreement had been reached by which an entity affiliated with Washington will acquire all of Dominion's outstanding common shares. The acquisition is subject to certain closing conditions, including regulatory approvals. Assuming the timely satisfaction of these closing conditions, the acquisition is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2017.

We believe this announcement is in the best interest of the company. Washington plans to extend the mine life of the Ekati mine and is committed to a reinvigorated exploration program.

We continue to operate our business as usual, with a focus on working safely and meeting business plans. We recently announced some exciting plans with respect to

underground projects at the Misery pit and the Fox pit, which, if approved and permitted, will add many years to the mine life.

Dominion and Washington will continue to honour the relationships with communities and other stakeholders.

Local suppliers and northern businesses will continue to be supported; existing Impact Benefit Agreements, the Environmental Agreement, and the Socio-Economic Agreement will be honoured; and scholarship and community development programs will continue.

Sincerely,



*Brendan Bell, CEO*



*Jay Road construction, August 2017.*

## Jay Project Update

The focus areas for the Jay Project this year have been on receiving the water licence and building an access road to the project site.

On May 30, 2017 Dominion Diamond announced that the Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board (WLWB) had amended the water licence at the Ekati mine to include the Jay Project. On July 7, 2017 the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of the Government of the Northwest

Territories approved the Type A Water Licence.

### Jay Road Construction

Road construction to the site began in June and was completed in October. Construction went smoothly, and we thank our contractors and employees for their efforts to work safely, and respect wildlife and the environment during this work.

# Environmental Update

## Environmental Awards

At Dominion Diamond we strive to keep our environmental impact to a minimum and to manage waste appropriately. In 2017, Dominion received two prestigious environmental excellence awards.

### TSM Award

In May 2017, we were awarded the Environmental Excellence Award from Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM) in Montreal for our waste management program at the Ekati Diamond Mine.

The award was presented at the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM) 2017 Awards Gala. It recognizes the comprehensive waste management program that includes composting, incineration, landfill, and hazardous waste management.

### NAPEG Award

Shortly after, Dominion received the Environmental Excellence Award from the Northwest Territories and Nunavut Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists

(NAPEG). This was awarded for our efforts in the preservation of the environment, and practice of sustainable development.

### Ekati Waste Management

Since purchasing the Ekati mine in 2013, Dominion has been working hard to transform how waste is managed at the site to improve sustainability and limit environmental impacts. Various actions throughout the years have significantly reduced the mine's waste and greenhouse gas emissions.

Dominion has received particular recognition for being the first northern mine to compost a significant portion of its waste through its industrial composting unit.

Today, over half of the organic waste at the Ekati mine is composted. We would like to recognize the efforts of the team that worked on the program for many years, including Rodney Gamble, Dustin Chaffee and Joe Poirier, under the leadership of Howard Nowell in his role as Superintendent of Facilities at the time.

*Claudine Lee, Dominion's Head of Environment, receiving the TSM award from Michael Winship, President of CIM.*



## Sable Project Update

At the Sable Project, we are in the final stages of completing the site infrastructure. The frozen core dam at the outlet of Two Rock Lake was completed in April.

The site buildings, including a fuel farm, a maintenance shelter, and an electrical generation and distribution system are nearing completion. Initial dewatering has taken place.

We started pre-stripping in July 2017, many months ahead of the pre-feasibility schedule. Sable is the second new pipe, following Lynx, that Dominion has advanced from an early concept to development, and now mining.





# Community Engagement

## Traditional Knowledge Elders Group (TKEG) Update

The TKEG held meetings in April and September 2017 at the Ekati mine. During the **fourth meeting in April**, the participants:

- Discussed traditional fishing methods to be incorporated in the Jay Project Fish-out
- Continued discussion on the Jay Road construction and design, caribou crossings, and the road crossing at the Misery Esker
- Learned about the Community Caribou Engagement Program at the Ekati mine
- Toured the Sable, Lynx and Misery Pits



During the **fifth meeting in September**, the TKEG:

- Observed caribou crossing the Sable Road
- Reported on the visit to the Jay crusher in July
- Visited the Jay Road construction area to look at the caribou crossings and the road through the esker
- Learned more about the Ekati Reclamation and Closure Plan
- Discussed TK, wildlife research, and the water and fish program

## Ekati Plus Post-Secondary Scholarship Recipient

Dominion Diamond is proud to fund the Ekati Plus Post-Secondary Scholarship for Northerners who want to make a positive difference in their communities and work for a brighter future.

In this edition, we are pleased to feature one of our recent scholarship recipients, Gavin Wilkes!

*Please note the deadline for the next scholarship application is October 31. See page 1 for details.*

### Gavin Wilkes

Gavin Wilkes is from Fort Simpson and attended the University of Alberta's Augustana Campus in Camrose, working towards a Bachelor of Arts degree in Drama (major) and Philosophy (minor).

"My career goals are to act and direct in theatre, film, and television," said Gavin. "I'm excited to integrate Aboriginal culture into the work I will be doing. I also want to continue to be involved in First Nations acting opportunities and, as an actor, be a visual representation of Canadian First Nations art and culture."

"Acting and directing are brilliant ways to express Aboriginal culture, politics, social issues, and create awareness among a wide audience that can and will shape the North. We must focus on the cultural art movement in the North through acting, directing, and theatre opportunities, and through the many artistic individuals who live here."

*Gavin Wilkes, Ekati Plus Scholarship recipient.*





# Community Engagement

## Energy Management at the Ekati Mine

Dominion Diamond has been making a significant effort to save energy and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions at the Ekati mine.

### LED Lighting Project

The Ekati mine recently undertook a number of projects to replace traditional light bulbs with LED lights, which are more energy efficient. In addition to replacing interior lights, over 180 exterior Metal Halide HID light fixtures were replaced with LED

fixtures. The highly-efficient LEDs are estimated to bring savings of over \$130,000 per year in energy and maintenance costs.

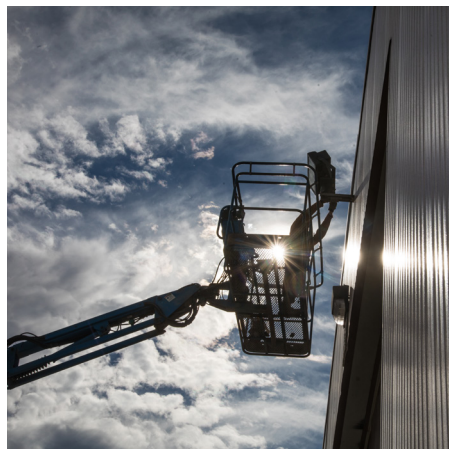
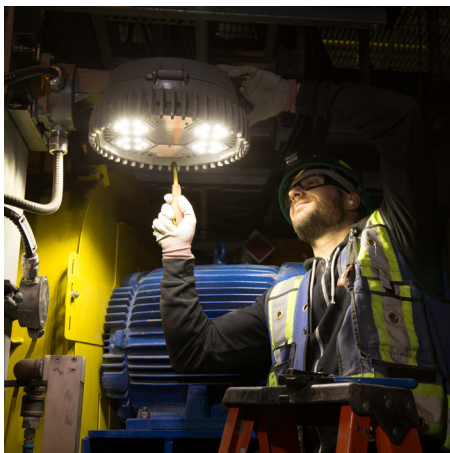
### GHG Reductions

We set ourselves a goal of reducing our (GHG) emissions by 2,000 tonnes of CO2 equivalent this year. We are pleased that we have already well exceeded the target for the year.

This is a result of the efforts each employee and contractor has made

to reduce our fuel consumption and become more energy efficient.

From the major efficiency initiatives led by the electrical team to the work done by the fixed plant and site maintenance team; from our composting efforts to minimizing the idling of equipment; and the individual choices of turning off lights and turning down the temperature in the dorm rooms during the day; it all adds up.



## Habitat for Humanity Housing Project

Dominion Diamond is proud to support the latest Habitat for Humanity project in Yellowknife.

The 3-bedroom 1,400 square foot family home is Habitat for Humanity NWT's second building project in Yellowknife, and provides much-

needed housing for northerners. Dominion has supported Habitat for Humanity since 2013, and is pleased to continue our partnership to build stronger northern communities.

Dominion supports Habitat for Humanity NWT and their efforts to

enable more northerners to become homeowners.

Dominion also provided support for the ReStore program, which accepts and resells materials from other building projects in Yellowknife, not only reducing waste in the landfill, but also providing an additional source of funds for the Habitat organization.





# Community Programs

**Blue Collar Gala:** Dominion is excited to partner with Skills Canada NWT as the title sponsor of the first Dominion Diamond Blue Collar Gala! Journeyman carpenter and celebrity contractor Bryan Baeumler of HGTV will be the keynote speaker for the event in Yellowknife on November 4. Check out [www.skillscanadanwt.org/gala](http://www.skillscanadanwt.org/gala) for more information.

Dominion Diamond and the Ekati Diamond Mine have been proud supporters of Skills Canada NWT for over ten years. Our apprenticeship program has been successful in helping northerners gain the skills, knowledge, and hands-on experience to excel in their chosen fields.



**DOMINION DIAMOND  
BLUE COLLAR GALA**

HOSTED BY CELEBRITY CONTRACTOR  
**BRYAN BAEUMLER**



**Boat for Wekweèti School:** Each year, Dominion Diamond supports northern schools through the Ekati Plus School Partnership program. Check out this beautiful boat that Alexis Arrowmaker School in Wekweèti purchased with Dominion's contribution!



**Boots on the Ground:** Dominion once again supported the Boots on the Ground program in partnership with the Tłı̨chǫ Government, the Wek'eezhi Renewable Resource Board, and the GNWT. It is an indigenous-driven environmental monitoring program that uses Traditional Knowledge to monitor caribou herds.



## **Leadership Development:**

Congratulations to the graduates of the Northern Leadership Development Program (NLDP), through Aurora College: Susan Baines, Bill Cameron, Jeremy Lawson, and Clayton Sparks, pictured here with their Dominion mentors.

The NLDP is an industry-focused program designed to develop talented northerners who have the potential to take on management, supervisory or leadership positions. The program is designed for employees in "front line" industry positions and for those new to supervisory or management roles.

# Activities and Events

Activity / Event	Date
Traditional Knowledge Elders Group meeting at the Ekati mine (Meeting 4)	Apr 26-27
Ekati Student Tour - Łutsel K'e Dene First Nation, Yellowknives Dene First Nation, Ft. Resolution Métis Council, Deninu Kue First Nation	May 8
Yellowknives Dene First Nation Leadership Tour of Ekati	May 10
Paulette Creek Fish Offsetting Meeting in Ft. Resolution	May 18
Ekati Student Tour - Hamlet of Kugluktuk	May 29
Traditional Knowledge Elders Group Tour of Jay Crusher	July 10
Ekati Student Reclamation Program	July 12-19
Kugluktuk Elders Reclamation Tour	July 18
Ekati Student Reclamation Program	Aug 16-23
Traditional Knowledge Elders Group meeting at the Ekati mine (Meeting 5)	Sep 11-13
Traditional Knowledge Elders Group meeting in Yellowknife (Meeting 6)	Dec 5-6

*Note: All forward-looking dates are subject to change.*



## Dominion Diamond is on Facebook!

Please visit and "like" our Facebook page. You can find us at [www.facebook.com/DominionDiamondCorporation](http://www.facebook.com/DominionDiamondCorporation).

We are excited to provide information about the company, our operations at the Ekati mine, and our contributions to the communities. We hope you enjoy it!

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