



Uhtlān Gwēł

(Galore Pack Sack)

Congratulations to the 2012 GCMC/Tahltan Nation Bursary Award Winners

GCMC offers a bursary award program for Tahltan members pursuing post-secondary education. A call for applications is issued in the fall and bursary awards are granted on October 18 in conjunction with Tahltan Day. We wish our 2012 winners much success in their studies. You can read more about some of our 2012 winners in this issue.

Academic

1st place—Taylor Stang—\$2500
2nd Place— Jamie Davignon—\$2500
3rd place—Freda Campbell—\$2000
4th place—Chantel Quock—\$2000
5th place—Carmen McPhee—\$1000

Non-Academic (\$1000 each)

1st place—Candace Quock
2nd place—Dylan Chapdelaine
3rd/4th place—Katrina Framst
3rd/4th place—Phil Fraser
5th place—Corey Nole

2012 Year in Review

With 2012 shortly behind us, it's a good time to update you on some of our highlights of the past year. During the 2012 field season we completed approximately 25,000 meters of exploration and geotechnical drilling. The exploration drilling involves drilling between widely-spaced drillholes to confirm where valuable mineralization is present. The information collected from geotechnical drilling helps us with the design of pit slopes and

infrastructure. We also continued with safety improvements on the project access road, which included reducing road grades to improve sight lines for drivers as well as reducing road right of way sloping along the route. With the improvements made in 2012, grocery and fuel delivery trucks can now drive right into Ch'iyōne Camp. We're looking forward to our 2013 season and will be updating communities as plans are finalized.



*Drill site at night in the Galore Valley
Photo credit: Brendan Weaver*

Photo credit: Brendan Weaver, GCMC geotechnician





*Jamie Davignon
2nd Place academic winner*

My name is Jamie Davignon, I am the granddaughter of Millie Johnstone (nee Edzerza), and the great-granddaughter of the late George and Grace Edzerza. I am taking a Bachelors of Applied Science in Environmental Engineering joint program with the University of Northern British Columbia and University of British Columbia. For the 2012/13 academic year I am a grateful recipient of the 2012 GCMC/Tahltan Nation Bursary Award. I was born and raised in Whitehorse, Yukon, and my smile is biggest when I am outdoors. Every summer I spend time at our fish camp at Winter Creek and learn more about Tahltan territory - those are good times with my family canning fish, hiking and connecting with our extended family. When I graduate I hope to apply my education to the many opportunities available in Northern British Columbia and the Yukon. Thank you to Galore Creek Mining Corporation and the review committee for making this year easier financially.

Tahltan Leadership Tour



Chief Marie Quock, Chief Rick McLean and President Annita McPhee at Uhtlān Camp

It was a pleasure to host the busy Tahltan Leadership on a tour of the Galore Creek Project in early June. It was the first visit for both TCC President Annita McPhee and Chief Rick McLean and the

first tour in a number of years for Chief Marie Quock.

The day of the tour also happened to be Chief McLean's birthday, so the GCMC team celebrated by preparing a special birthday cake for him. The tour was combined with a review of Tahltan businesses involving interviews with all Tahltan Nation Development Corporation (TNDC), Tahltan Nation Exploration Services (TNES) and Spatsizi Remote Services Corporation (SRSC) staff on site, carried out by consultant Celese Fletcher.



Happy 40th Chief Rick McLean

GCMC was pleased to be able to assist the Tahltan Nation with assessing how its businesses are meeting the interests of its members.



*Carmen McPhee
5th place academic winner*

As a recipient of the 2012 GCMC Bursary I want to say thank you with helping with my studies for my Business Administration Diploma. It was great to receive the bursary as it helped me with the purchase of my books and a computer program that I need for my course, greatly appreciated.

Paul Cocklin Named Project Director



Paul Cocklin, GCMC Project Director

Paul Cocklin was named the Interim Project Director for the Galore Creek Mining Corporation in July 2012, when the previous Project Director Henri Letient was awarded the General Manager

position at Teck's Red Dog Mine in Alaska. GCMC would like to thank Henri for his strong leadership over the last five years. Henri has commented that he has learned a lot from the Tahltan Nation that he will utilize in his new position in Alaska.

Paul is well known to many of you and has a long history with the Project, having joined the team before construction began in 2007. He had been serving in the role of Construction Manager and Mine Manager Designate, so the team is very familiar with him.

Paul and his family live in Smithers and he has been a frequent "chef" at our annual Canada Day Barbeques in Dease Lake.

Canada Day Barbecue In Dease Lake

GCMC has been a dedicated contributor to the Canada Day festivities in Dease Lake for the past five years, hosting a community barbecue. All wearing bright red Canada T-shirts, GCMC's Barry Duff, Peter Griffiths, Shannon Wilson and Ann Ball cooked over 650 burgers and served 360 beverages. GCMC Canada Day hats were made and distributed at the event. Donations from community members totalled over \$700, with all proceeds going to the Dease Lake Recreation Center.

GCMC is proud to also support the Recreation Center by sponsoring a dasher board in the arena. We look forward to celebrating Canada Day in Dease Lake again this year!



Ann Ball with Ken Cook and Ava in the background

Geology Presentation to Dease Lake Telegraph Creek and Iskut Schools

Last June, Erin Workman, a professional geologist (P. Geo.) and GCMC's former Manager, Geology & Geochemistry shared with local students her insights on what it's like to be an exploration geologist and work in northwestern British Columbia. Erin joined NOVAGOLD as a geologist on the Galore Creek project in 2003, after graduating from the University of British Columbia with a bachelor's degree in geology. She has been a key part of the Galore Creek team, improving our understanding of the size and characteristics of the copper-gold-silver Galore Creek mineral deposit.

Erin is passionate about getting kids excited about geology and is a dedicated volunteer with the Roundup Rockhounds program for kids and teachers, held each January during the major Mineral Exploration Roundup conference in

Vancouver. Erin gave highly participatory presentations to the students in Dease Lake, Telegraph Creek, and Iskut in June. The students learned how ore deposits form and what it's like to work on an exploration drilling program. They gained hands-on experience identifying various rocks, minerals and field gear. The students learned that there are over 40 active mineral exploration projects within Tahltan

Territory – hopefully that means some students will think about becoming exploration geologist! Erin recently moved on to a senior role with NovaCopper.

GCMC would like to thank Erin for her significant contribution to the Galore Creek project and wish her well in her endeavours.



*Erin Workman answering questions, Telegraph Creek School Students.
Photo Credit: Gerry Brennan, School District #87*

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