

Preserving the NWT's Mining Heritage

The Northwest Territories (NWT) was built on mineral exploration and development. These activities opened up the North, and brought jobs, people, services and investment. The NWT Mining Heritage Society is committed to saving and preserving the history, stories and artifacts of the NWT's mining past.

Since 2002, the Society has been collecting mining-related photographs, equipment, memorabilia and geological samples from sites throughout the NWT. It plans to preserve, display, share and promote these items in the NWT Mining & Geological Interpretive Centre.

The Society and its members are working towards the development of this Centre which will be located in Yellowknife, NWT. It will serve as the focal point for interior and exterior displays and will house the extensive collection of historical artifacts. It is anticipated that the Centre will open in the summer of 2009.

The NWT Mining & Geological Interpretive Centre will offer a museum, tea room, gift shop and geological walking tours. It will also include the original Giant Mine 'A' Shaft headframe built in the 1940s, power house and some of the original houses from the Giant Mine town site.



The site is a few minutes drive from Yellowknife on the shore of Great Slave Lake. Currently, there is an outdoor display of past and present underground and surface mining equipment. It is a lovely spot to stop and have a look around, take photos and enjoy a picnic.



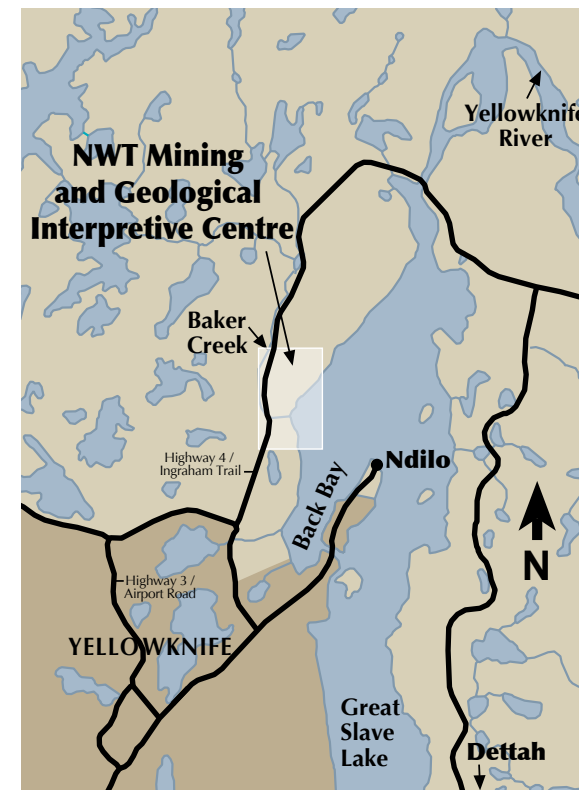
Current and previous Northerners have all shared in the benefits of the mining industry. To preserve this history, please consider offering financial or in-kind support towards making the NWT Mining & Geological Interpretive Centre a reality.

Donations from individuals, businesses, governments and corporations are being sought to help finance this project and to enable work on the entire site to continue. The roof was replaced in 2007 and further work includes interior renovations (construction, electrical, plumbing); building a parking lot; cataloguing and archiving the collection; and purchasing interior furnishings such as display cases and cabinets. Over the long-term, funds will be required to renovate the 'A' shaft headframe, power house and hoist room along with continued interior and exterior improvements.

The Society appreciates the support of its sponsors, donors, members and volunteers, and will be acknowledging them in a variety of ways. For further information regarding the benefits of sponsorship and donor, member and volunteer recognition, **please call (867) 873-5281 or visit the website at www.nwtminingheritage.com.**

About the NWT Mining Heritage Society

The Mining Heritage Society was formed in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories in July 2002 and is governed by a Board of Directors. It is a registered non-profit society in the NWT and has charitable status. The Society and its members are committed to preserving the mining heritage of the Northwest Territories.



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