

BMC Newsletter

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EXPLORATION PROGRAM

BMC has completed another successful year of exploration at Kudz Ze Kayah. We would like to thank our contractors and staff for their hard work at site. The season started in June and pressed on well into November for a full five months of activity on site. During this time, we completed a variety of work to help increase our understanding of the geology beneath the Kudz Ze Kayah property.



Photo by: Jennifer Burgess

Darrin Dawson with Challenger Geomatics surveying at KZK in September 2017.



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Midnight Sun drilling at KZK in October as part of the infrastructure related geotechnical program. Analyses of the findings will help us design and plan site infrastructure appropriate to the ground conditions.

Some of this information such as shallow seismic surveys, geotechnical drilling, terrain hazards analysis and groundwater sampling will be used to help guide final detailed design and construction of the mine. Other activities such as deep seismic and electromagnetic surveys, soil geochemistry, bedrock mapping and diamond drilling will help us find additional mineral deposits on the property.



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Riley Charlie, Jaymie Johannsen & Tommy Smith laying out geophones and assisting with the 2-D seismic survey. A total of 10.5 km was surveyed from the north end of the property to the south.



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Greg George and Peter Jakesta retrieving core from the diamond drill core barrel.

KUDZ ZE KAYAH PROJECT PROPOSAL

In August 2017, YESAB requested additional supplementary information to support their adequacy review of BMC's KZK Project Proposal. BMC responded to the information requests in November 2017. We look forward to YESAB's reply and moving the Project Proposal to the public comment and screening stage of the assessment process.

BMC will be holding community meetings in Ross River, Watson Lake, Faro and Whitehorse in the first quarter of 2018. Specific dates for each meeting will be advertised on local radio stations, newspapers and posters. We hope to see you there!

MEETING IN ROSS RIVER

In November 2017, BMC representatives met with Chief and Council of Ross River Dena Council (RRDC). BMC is committed to seeking input and advice from RRDC and Ross River Elders to help guide the development of a comprehensive mitigation plan for development of the KZK mine and potential impact on Kaska. The development of the Traditional Knowledge (TK) protocol formalizes the process for ongoing TK data collection and continued refinement of mitigation and management measures that BMC will implement to address any potential KZK Project effects on Kaska, including Kaska Title and Rights, Ecological Sites, Cultural sites, and other features of significance to RRDC. BMC look forward to continuing our discussions with Elders and the RRDC TK Team and appreciate their time and commitment in the development of this important program.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

Implementation of our Environmental Management Plan for exploration continued through the 2017 field season. BMC also progressed the collection environmental baseline data including: surface water, groundwater, meteorological, caribou post calving, and moose post calving. Another component of the environmental work this summer included closure and reclamation revegetation research. With the implementation of the Traditional Knowledge Protocol we will further this research with Elders and RRDC TK team in 2018.



Photo by: Kelli Bergh

Cassia Jakesta (BMC Environmental Monitor) implementing the Invasive Species Management Plan. All invasive plants observed were hand shovelled placed in bags and incinerated on site.



Photo by: Jennifer Burgess

Riley Charlie collecting groundwater samples.



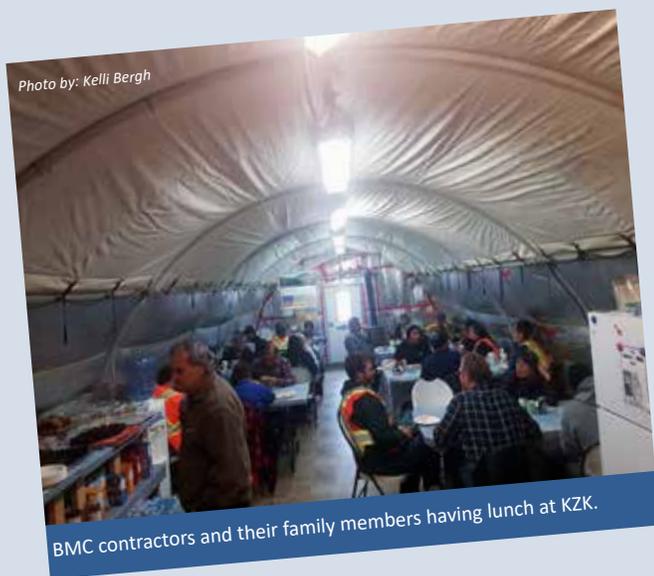
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Lisa Knight (Biologist) training Jody Inkster (BMC Environmental Monitor) on identification and collection of plant species at KZK that could be used for reclamation.

SITE TOURS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

This past summer, we continued to host site tours for groups of people involved in, and important to our success. We hosted site tours for representatives from the Water Board, YESAB and Liard First Nation Chief and Council. The tours were a great opportunity for BMC to present the proposed Project at the site, answer questions and engage in discussion about our plans for the site. Seeing the topography and size of the Geona Creek watershed first-hand rather than just from maps enables custodians, stakeholders and other interested parties to have a more in-depth understanding of the proposed Project.

BMC is committed to promoting a safe and healthy work environment; it is important to us that our employees find their work lives rewarding and fulfilling, and a significant part of this is supporting families in understanding what work life is like at KZK. This summer we held our first annual Family Day at KZK with families coming from Whitehorse, Watson Lake and Ross River. Our contractors and staff showed their family members around the KZK camp, while BMC and Equity BBQ'd for everyone. TransNorth provided an extra buzz with sponsored helicopter tours for families. It was a fantastic day for everyone and we look forward to hosting it again next year.



BMC have been busy supporting a wide range of community events and programs this past season. This has included the sponsoring of the amazing Ahluhlah Dancers performance at the Adaka Cultural Festival, celebrating First Nations arts and culture; supporting a Ross River citizen who suffered a house fire, and our ongoing monthly support of the Ross River School Lunch Program providing community members with a nutritious healthy meal.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

BMC would like to congratulate this year's 25 recipients of the annual KASKA-BMC Student Scholarship Awards. These scholarships will support eight university and college students, and 17 high school students through the 2017/2018 school year. Once again, we were impressed with the response to the program, and the range of post-secondary fields being studied by Kaska students. The program will continue in 2018/19 school year and we are looking forward to similar response. Hats off to the students!



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