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We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of Treaty 3 Territory, home to 28 First Nation Communities and four Councils of the Métis Nation of Ontario. We give thanks to the stewards of this land and honour their teachings.

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## AIMING FOR EXCELLENCE IN WATER MANAGEMENT

*Submitted by Emily O'Hara, Manager, Water Strategy and Stewardship*

Managing water as a resource is increasingly being recognized as a significant global challenge. This challenge intersects with other pertinent issues such as climate change, biodiversity loss, Indigenous rights, values and interests of the communities in which we operate and human rights. As an active member of the Mining Association of Canada, New Gold supports the Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM) Water Stewardship Policy Framework, and in 2023, our goal is to achieve a AAA rating for the TSM Water Stewardship Protocol. To support this AAA rating, New Gold is building a Company-wide Water Governance Framework to establish transparent governance to key water management activities such as water balance modelling, water risk assessment and mitigation, and water reporting. Between 2021 and 2022, the Rainy River region experienced significant precipitation during the fall and spring which resulted in regional flooding throughout the area. The Rainy River Mine also experienced onsite flooding, which resulted in rapid mobilization of the operational teams

to manage the flows. Through careful management, Rainy River Mine was able to manage the flooding event without any unauthorized discharges to the environment.

As a result of the increased precipitation, the Rainy River Mine accumulated additional water onsite. Throughout 2022, the operations teams took a coordinated and holistic approach to manage the water stored onsite. A key component of this approach was increasing the rate of water treatment, to increase treated discharge flows into the Pinewood River. Maximizing the treatment potential resulted in over three times the water treated in 2022 in comparison to 2021.



## CREATING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY BENEFITS

*Submitted by Anne Marie Rousseau, Community Relations Coordinator*



Rainy River Mine recently donated \$20,000 towards the “Make a Big Splash Spray Park” project. This community-driven initiative will provide a space for kids and families to be active and connect and socialize together for years to come. Playground equipment is on its way, shovels are in the ground and construction has commenced. New Gold’s Community Investment Program supports initiatives such as the Spray Park that create long-term sustainable benefits for the communities in which we operate. In the first half of 2023, \$68,500 was provided to thirty local non-profit groups, organizations, and community events. Some recent donations include: Fort Frances Museum & Cultural Centre Indigenous-Led Art Workshop Series; Earth Rangers School Assembly Program; Local Food Banks; Backpack for Kids; West Rainy River Volunteer Fire Department Training Centre; Rainy River Valley Agricultural Society; and Anishinaabemowin & Cultural Camp.



## EMPLOYMENT DATA

Total # of employees	840	100%
Employees from Ontario	119	14%
Employees hired from the local region	592	70%
Employees hired from Canada	106	13%
Indigenous employees	186	22%
Female Employees	148	18%
Male Employees	692	82%

Data as of May 31, 2023

## MINE RESCUE COMPETITION

Having a Mine Rescue Team that is well-equipped and capable of responding to site emergencies is a vital component of a safe and healthy mine site. Our teams across New Gold at both Rainy River and New Afton mines spend countless hours ensuring their equipment is maintained, keeping their skills top-notch, and training for many different scenarios.

This May, Rainy River's Mine Rescue Team competed at the Thunder Bay District Mine Rescue Competition in Fort Frances. The competition featured various scenarios that tested the team's competencies in firefighting, first aid, underground mine rescue and specialty equipment. 2023 marked Rainy River's third time competing. While the team didn't secure a win and earn a spot in the provincial competition, their performance was a testament to the countless hours of hard work and dedication from each member. Being part of the Mine Rescue Team is a significant commitment that often means time away from families and loved ones to train, respond to emergencies and participate in events like this. A number of New Gold employees and Company leadership watched the competition alongside community spectators at the Memorial Sports Complex in Fort Frances.

Pictured top row left to right: Captain Justin Borger, Brad Robinson, Graham Cumming, Hannah Marcotte, Vice-Captain Jamie Carlson, Tyler Venerus, Bottom row left to right: Briefing Officer Lute Calder, Technician Scott Asselin, Ashley Johnston, Coach/Trainer Jarid Sandelovich.



## SPRING CEREMONY

Submitted by Shannon Stone, Indigenous Community Coordinator

New Gold held its annual Spring Ceremony at the on-site Roundhouse "Miishikiinens O'wiigii'aam" Descending Thunder Bird Lodge. Elder George Kirkruide of Anishinaabe of Naongashiing officiated the Ceremony, blessing cedar tobacco ties and food, and asking the Creator to keep our workers safe and healthy. He gave a teaching on the importance of Ceremony as a time to ask for forgiveness from the Creator and feast and acknowledge the spirits. Joanne Cobiness from Anishinaabe of Naongashiing provided a teaching on "Nibi" water, symbolizing the origin of life. Women traditionally lead the water teachings because of their role as child bearers, they protect and nurture water. Billy Broadbent, a young hoop dancer from Rainy River First Nations gifted attendees with a traditional hoop dance, accompanied by Chad Smith, a hand drummer from Naicatchewenin. The Ceremony was followed by a fish fry lunch. Although the weather was cold, windy, and rainy, a great time was had by all.

## FIRE PIT TEACHING AT THE ROUNDHOUSE

Submitted by Shannon Stone, Indigenous Community Coordinator

Students in grades seven and eight from Sturgeon Creek School were invited to the Roundhouse “Miishikiinens O’wiigi’i’aam” on New Gold’s Rainy River site to assist with building a sacred fire pit, participate in a fire pit teaching and learn about the mine. Elder Gary Councillor from Naicatchwenin First Nation provided the teaching with the assistance of Les Morrisseau from Couchiching First Nation.

The teaching began by offering the students a chance to smudge. An explanation was provided on the importance of this practice and on the four sacred medicines: tobacco, sage, sweetgrass and cedar. These medicines are used for various spiritual practices, including ceremonies and smudging. The practice of smudging cleanses and clears the mind, body, and spirit of negative energy. To smudge, smoke is fanned over the face, head, and body. Both Gary and Les shared their wisdom with the youth and explained the difference between a sacred fire and a campfire or bonfire. A sacred fire is used to start a ceremony or sacred event, whereas a campfire’s main purpose is for warmth and cooking. The sacred fire is used to communicate with the spirit world and ask the Creator to bless the ceremony and the people. After the teaching, the ground was prepared, and rocks were placed around the new fire pit. Each student offered tobacco at the location of the new fire pit and were told that they will forever be a part of it. Bob Hammond, Open Pit Mine Superintendent, presented on the various areas of the mine, department roles and how each employee contributes in their own unique way to the overall success of the mine. Corey Lablans, Geology Supervisor, provided an engaging presentation on the types of rocks found at the mine and their history, and explained the difference between real gold and fools’ gold (pyrite). It was a wonderful and informative day for everyone and a great opportunity to share information and teachings with the students.



## MILL TRAINING CENTRE

Submitted by Laurier Caron, Mill Training Supervisor

Rainy River’s Mill Training Centre is now complete, marking an exciting step towards New Gold’s aim of reaching the highest standard of operational excellence. This dedicated space allows us to create a top-notch learning and development environment with the objective of providing specialized training and education to mill operators and technicians. The training provided at the centre will augment workers’ proficiency and knowledge, while optimizing operations across multiple areas of the mine. The curriculum includes critical safety and emergency protocols such as fall protection and lockout procedures that play an instrumental role in averting accidents and ensuring the protection of workers’ well-being during emergencies. Training extends to various areas of the mine including mill maintenance and operations. “As the Mill Training Team, we are proud to have this new space for our training and are grateful to site services who renovated the centre, exemplifying teamwork in action.”, said Laurier Caron, Mill Training Supervisor.



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