

Team Kirkland Lake

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All That Glitters Is Not Gold

Kirkland Lake has always been a world-class gold mining centre. These days, gold is not the only mineral that prospectors are seeking. Diamonds are now being drilled for. Diamonds have been found in the past in the Kirkland Lake area, but with the discovery and possible diamond mine in the James Bay Lowlands by the world's largest diamond producer, DeBeers, the interest has resurfaced.

Dianor Resources has outlined three kimberlitic dykes in Pacaud Township just southeast of Kirkland Lake. Kimberlite is the host material for diamonds. The company plans to continue their drilling program to outline the dykes.

Who knows what future exploration may discover. Possibly, all that glitters is not necessarily gold in Kirkland Lake.

Kirkland Lake Gets a New Hart

It has been a long time since a major retailer opened a store in Kirkland Lake, but on October 1, Hart Department Stores opened in the Kirkland Lake Mall. Hart stores are popular in Quebec and the Maritime provinces with 61 stores in these provinces. The Kirkland Lake store is the first store for the chain in Ontario.

President, Michael Hart, said the new store would keep people shopping in Kirkland Lake. Since

his first visit to town, Hart said he found the people of Kirkland Lake to be friendly and very supportive.

Mayor Enouy indicated that the new store is an exciting event for the community. It will not only help to revitalize the Mall, but will create much-needed jobs. The store presently has 40 employees and future-staffing needs would be determined by the success of the store.

The store has been a welcome addition to the

retail sector. For the first time in a long time, people from outlining communities such as Rouyn and the Tri-Towns are actually coming to Kirkland Lake to shop. Other local retailers are feeling the benefits of having an anchor store in the community to attract both local and regional shopping dollars.

Kirkland Lake can now say it is the only Ontario town with a Hart.

KL Power Corp. Undergoes Expansion

On September 20, 2003, Kirkland Lake Power Corp. announced that the Ministry of the Environment has granted the certificate of approval necessary to begin a \$30 million expansion. The expansion is to be completed by July 2004.

The plant, which has been operating in Kirkland Lake since 1990, employs 36 full-time people and a number of indirect jobs such as in the trucking industry. The expansion will not create any new positions at the plant, but there is hope that this expansion will lead

to other opportunities down the road.

The plant produces electricity through a co-generation process using both wood waste from sawmills in Ontario and Quebec as well as natural gas. It pres-

ently has a capacity of 110 mega watts while the new unit will be able to produce an additional 30 mega watts. The new unit will only be operating during periods when there is high demand on the power grid in Ontario.

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Kirkland Lake Gold Recruits New Employees

A new company purchased five old gold mines in Kirkland Lake in the spring of 2002. The mines purchased were Macassa, Lakeshore, Wright Hargreaves, Teck Hughes and the Kirkland Lake Gold property. The company began an aggressive exploration program and hit nothing but gold. Pleased with the results they even changed the name of the company to Kirkland Lake Gold.

A year and a half later, the company is approaching 200 employees and is seeking new employees daily. They have brought in new employees from all across Canada, which has been a boost to the realty and rental markets in Kirkland Lake. Brian Hinchcliffe, President &

CEO of Kirkland Lake Gold stated that they are looking for above average people to earn above average pay for an above average job. Hinchcliffe indicated that their benefits program is competitive if not better than industry standards.

Kirkland Lake Gold is moving ahead with a plan to spend \$21 million on a surface and three underground programs with shafts two, three and five on the Lakeshore property. Of that \$21 million, \$5.2 million will be spent for a new hoist for shaft five and other development programs. The work will be funded in stages over its three-year life.

Over the past six months, geologists have made a quantum leap in the under-

standing of the structural geology of the Kirkland Lake camp, which led to a number of new zones being discovered and how the camp is being looked at.

Commenting on the announcement Mayor Bill Enouy said, *"This is the best thing since sliced bread for Kirkland Lake. The town has finally gotten the break it has needed. The fact that Kirkland Lake Gold has come up with a plan shows Kirkland Lake's potential is unlimited and probably this is the most encouraging news we've had since the days of Sir Harry Oakes."* He said that the morale in town is hard to measure but he felt that people are more optimistic and have every right to be so.

Kirkland Lake Curling Club Rocks On

The Kirkland Lake Curling Club is open for another fun filled season. Curling is one of Canada's growing sports and with the television coverage it now is getting it will continue to grow. Unfortunately, northeastern Ontario has not experienced the growth that other regions of the province have seen. To try and overcome this and to try to get the youth of our community interested, the Curling Club brought in popular curler Guy Hemmings and his Rockin' the House tour to talk to the curling community.

Hemmings commented that curling is a sport that you can play all your life. It is a sport that you can play at either a social or a competitive level. There are not too many sports that you can play with your wife, kids or your dad.

One of the club's most popular events is the Men's Closing Bonspiel which will be held on March 26 – 28, 2004. This bonspiel is aimed at the social side of the sport and the club emphasizes fun during this weekend. The dinner on Saturday night is usually a surf and turf affair, which all the curlers rave about. The prize table is also considered the best prize table in northeastern Ontario. So if you are looking for some fun at the end of March, call the club at 705-567-4501 and enter your team.



Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Winter Carnival Revival

Back in the 60's and 70's, Kirkland Lake was known across the north for its winter carnival. It was a weeklong event that drew people to town to celebrate winter and all the great things you can do with snow. We still have lots of snow, so two years ago the Festivals Committee decided to revive the winter carnival. It started off small, but it has grown to be a weeklong event once again. This year the winter carnival will run from February 20 – 29, 2004.

The Carnival kicks off with the Rino Robazza Oldtimers Hockey Tournament. This tournament attracts teams from across the province. One of the popular

teams is the XKLers who always come back and put on a good show for the local fans.

Kabaret is back again this year. This entertaining extravaganza, which highlights local talent in various skits and songs, plays to sold out crowds from Wednesday to Saturday at the Lasalle Theatre.

For the kids there will be a Kids Night at Northern College featuring a tribute band that appeals to this generation. There is also the Kids Carnival, which is held at the Joe Mavrinac Community Complex on Saturday, February 28.

The Carnival wraps up with the Northern Tele-

phone Mush for Gold Dog Sled Races. On February 28 – 29, approximately 70 teams from Ontario, Quebec and the northern United States race in four, six and eight dog teams. Click on the Dog sled button on our homepage at www.teamkirklandlake.com to view pictures from previous races.

If you are planning to come back to Kirkland Lake to experience some of our "Winter Gold" then why not make your plans around the Kirkland Lake Winter Carnival. To keep abreast of other activities or surprises that have yet to be announced regarding winter carnival click on the Festivals button on www.teamkirklandlake.com.

Hockey Heritage North Launches Fundraising

Hockey Heritage North, the new 18,000 square foot tourist attraction and museum being built in Kirkland Lake, officially launched its private sector fundraising campaign on October 1.

The centre is designed to celebrate the proud tradition of Hockey in **all** of northeastern Ontario.

People from across the north gathered at the town hall for the unveiling of the fundraising plan and to thank the first sponsors of the facility.

On hand to present cheques to Hockey Heritage North were:

Temfund, Haileybury \$50,000 (Founding Sponsor); Jeff Valin, President of Locomotive Marketing, North Bay, \$15,000 (Gold Sponsor); Ted Irvine representing a group known as the ExKL'ers, \$15,000 (Gold Sponsor); Bernie Penny of Penny & Co., North Bay \$1,000 (Honourary Player); Line Lamontagne, Manager of the Kirkland Lake Howard Johnson Hotel, \$5,000 (Bronze Sponsor).

Kirkland Lake Gold Corporation has transferred the property that house the official site to Hockey Heritage North. The property is located on Highway 66 between the Monette & French Funeral Home and the Miners' Memorial.

Chair Lorraine Robazza thanked each of the sponsors and explained the overall goal of the cam-

paigned to raise \$3,700,000. These funds will be added to the almost \$6,000,000 provided by various levels of government and \$1,000,000 worth of historical artefacts being collected for display. The total cost of the project is \$10,500,000.

The fundraising plan includes opportunities for participation at all levels. Major corporations can attach their corporate identity to a component part of the facility such as the

sons to be proud of our guys and our part of the country. The World's Largest Puck will be made up of the equivalent of 23,401 pucks. It will be 2 ½ feet thick, 8 feet in diameter and weigh 4 tons. As a part of the fundraising campaign people from the north and around the world can purchase a certificate suitable for framing that represents one of these goals scored or games won. Donors will be recognized on the Hockey Heritage

North web site and on the puck itself. Chair Lorraine Robazza said that, at a cost of \$25.00, it is a great, fun way for everyone to show pride in our boys' achievements and to help build Hockey Heritage North. More information on the fundraising campaign and the world's largest puck can be



Fun Zone or Champions Exhibit. Mid sized companies and service clubs will be prominently recognized as corporate sponsors while small businesses and families can participate as honorary Coaches, Captains and Players on the Hockey Heritage North Team.

A planned new exhibit for the facility was also unveiled today: Hockey Heritage North will build **The World's Largest Puck**. Hockey players from northeastern Ontario have scored 18,336 goals in the NHL. Local coaches have won 3,462 games and northern goalies have won 1,603 NHL games. That totals 23,401 re-

found on their website www.hockeyheritagenorth.com



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Rotary's Evening of Excellence

The Kirkland Lake Rotary Club held its first Evening of Excellence highlighting a variety of people and how they have excelled in Kirkland Lake. Bonnie Sackrider, President of the Rotary Club, explained the evening was to pay tribute to outstanding individuals in the community.

Helene Studholme was awarded the Dedication to the Vocation Award. This new award was presented by Rotarian and Kirkland and District Hospital CEO, Hal Fjeldsted who praised Studholme for her work in building up the respiratory department and for taking on the role of physician recruitment coordinator.

Rotarian Joanne Woollings presented the Small Business Award to Cliff

Lafreniere, owner of Pine-wood Park Motors. Pine-wood Park is a very involved corporate citizen and has been recognized by Ford of Canada for its customer service.

Robin Connelly was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship, which is the highest award presented by the Rotary Club. Rotarian Jim Brookfield commented on Connelly's many achievements in his young career and identified him as a person who gets things done. Connelly noted that the Christmas Wish campaign run by his radio station to support the needy at Christmas is the event closest to his heart.

The final award, the Lifetime Achievement Award, was presented to Ron Loach.

In talking about Loach, Rotarian Mike Guimond said he has been a Rotarian for more than 40 years and is a fixture at the club's meetings. He is a past president and a recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship. He was involved as an employee, owner, and partner in a Kirkland Lake business for 46 years and has been a member of the Canadian Cancer Society since 1952. As well he is a 50-year member of the Doric Masonic Lodge.

The Evening also included talks from the Festivals Committee, Kirkland Lake Soccer Association and the DARE Regional Coordinator.

The Rotary Club hopes to make this an annual event to recognize excellence in Kirkland Lake.

Enouy Acclaimed as Mayor

Bill Enouy will be Kirkland Lake's Mayor for another three year term. Enouy was acclaimed when no other candidates came forward to challenge him for the Mayor's office. Enouy stated he worked hard over the past three years to earn the confidence of Kirkland Lake residents and that he was honoured to be acclaimed.

There was an interesting battle for the six council seats: Five of the incumbent councillors sought re-election, while W.G. (Bill) Taylor retired after 23 years on council. All five incumbents were re-elected, but it was newcomer Tony Antoniazzi who led the polls.

Mayor Enouy was pleased with the election of Antoniazzi, saying he worked hard, the people wanted him and he led the polls. He also indicated that with five incumbents returning, it would ensure continuity on council.

The results of the election were as follows:

<i>Tony Antoniazzi</i>	2070
<i>Al French</i>	1886
<i>Linda Cunningham</i>	1538
<i>Todd Morgan</i>	1440
<i>Norm Mino</i>	1401
<i>Don Weisflock</i>	1369
<i>Jim Taylor</i>	1356
<i>Martin Crema</i>	1305
<i>Russ MacDonald</i>	806

The new council was sworn in at an open council meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2003.

Recycling Goes Curbside

Kirkland Lake has upgraded its recycling efforts. Over the past five years Kirkland Lake has had recycling igloos distributed throughout the town where people drop off recyclables. This program became so successful, that it was common for the igloos to be overflowing with material before the weekly pickup arrived.

To overcome this problem and to encourage everyone in the community to recycle, council decided to go to curb side pickup. Local operator, Teck Northern

Roads, won the contract to provide this service. Pickup is every second week and includes glass, metal, PET 1 plastic and fibre.

Teck Northern Roads opened the new recycling facility in the old Kirkland Lake Machine and Welding building on Duncan Ave. Their on previous facility on Rand Avenue will be cleaned up and turned over to the Town. This will move an industrial facility out of a residential area into a proper zoning location.

Kirkland Lake Hockey Book Planned

Local author Richard Buell, Hockey Heritage North and the Town of Kirkland Lake are getting together to publish a book that will illustrate in words and pictures the history of hockey in Kirkland Lake.

The book will be a 296 page, 8 1/2" X 11" hard

cover book and will outline the story of hockey as it pertains to Kirkland Lake from the days of pond hockey to our present AAA midget teams. It will also certainly highlight the players who have gone on to the NHL from the Kirkland Lake hockey program.

All proceeds from the book, after publishing costs, will be donated to Hockey Heritage North to assist in its construction. If all 3,500 books sell it will raise \$100,000 for the project.

The book will be released in the summer of 2004.