



WELCOME TO BACK RIVER NEWS!

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We would like to welcome you to the Back River Project's first community newsletter (the Back River Project is a gold project owned by Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.). This newsletter is just one way that we'll communicate with you, and other interested individuals, about the Project.



While every issue will give you the most up-to-date information about the Project, you'll also see regular articles about the people working for the Project, our community relations work and mining in general.

We also want to give our newsletter a name. Send your ideas to John Kaiyogana at JKaiyogana@sabinagoldsilver.com. If we chose your idea, you'll win an iPod Nano and be recognized in our next issue!

You can find this newsletter on our new Back River Project website (www.backriverproject.com). If you

have any ideas for articles you would like to read, please email John at JKaiyogana@sabinagoldsilver.com.

Also, take a minute to go through our website and let us know what you think. We want to hear from you!

EYE ON THE KITIKMEOT Meet our Community Relations Team

The members of our community relations team want to meet you and talk with you about the Back River Project. Here's our team and some information to help you get to know them:

John Kaiyogana is Sabina's Community Liaison Officer, based in Cambridge Bay. John is Sabina's key contact for community members in the Kitikmeot and is responsible for the company's day-to-day community relations.

Jason Prno is Sabina's Community Relations Advisor and helps plan, organize and participate in the company's community relations.

Matthew Pickard is Sabina's Director of Environment and Community Relations and oversees all aspects of the company's community relations, environmental assessment and permitting activities.

You'll continue to see the team in the community and at events as the project moves forward – keep an eye out for us!

We recently opened an office in Cambridge Bay (4 Omingmak Street) that is managed by John Kaiyogana.

Feel free to stop by to ask questions, drop off your resume or learn about the Project.



Left: John Kaiyogana, Matthew Pickard, Jason Prno

IN THE COMMUNITY

Meetings and More

We'll continue to meet with Kitikmeot residents at open houses, public presentations, and other meetings. Further information about our scheduled visits will be posted in each of the Kitikmeot communities once we have final dates. Also, be sure to stop by and visit us at the **2013 KITIKMEOT TRADE SHOW AND 2013 NUNAVUT MINING SYMPOSIUM!**

Since winter is on its way, the camps at George and Goose are shut down. We look forward to the spring when we re-open and start to hire for the season. Feel free to send us your resume throughout the year. You can email your resume to employment@sabinagoldsilver.com or drop it off in-person to John at our Cambridge Bay office. You can also mail it to: Sabina Gold & Silver, 4 Omingmak Street, Box 2239, Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, X0B 0C0.



PROJECT INFO Seeing Gold

With the Back River Project in its advanced exploration and permitting stage, we're working to build a gold mine.

In July 2012, we submitted the Project's permitting applications and started the regulatory process (which is expected to take up to three years).



"To achieve our goals it really takes a strong team and we're building that now," says Rob Pease, Sabina President and CEO. "People who know the area, who are connected in the area – that's very important to us. That becomes a very important part of the Project." "We're working with Kitikmeot residents to build the Back River Project team and to understand the needs of the people in the region."

In addition to establishing a solid team, the mine will need to be built from the ground up. "Back River has its challenges because there is no infrastructure in the area, no roads, no power, and no docks – we have to build it all," says Pease.

It will take about two years to build:

- Open-pit and underground mines at Goose and George;
- All-weather and winter roads connecting these properties and supporting infrastructure like camps, maintenance and processing facilities; and
- A marine laydown area in southern Bathurst Inlet.

Once we complete permitting, put a team in place and build the mine, we hope to begin gold production in 2016/17. The mine should operate for 10 to 15 years.

There's an estimated six million ounces of gold resource in the ground. We expect to process approximately 20 to 28 million tonnes of gold ore (up to 7,000 tonnes per day) producing 300,000 to 400,000 ounces of gold annually.

Once gold production ends, it will take about five years to close the mine and restore the Project area to its natural state.

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY

Through the Back River Project we're building lifelong partnerships that will benefit the Kitikmeot communities and Sabina.

"We will work very closely with the local communities to understand their needs," says Rob Pease, Sabina President and CEO. "We have to merge our plans to build a mine with what's best for the Kitikmeot community, economy and of course the land."

To understand community needs and concerns, we're holding public meetings on a regular basis and we're meeting with local organizations.

"Consulting with community members about the project is not only a legal requirement in Nunavut," says Matthew Pickard, Sabina's Director of Environment and Community Relations, "it's the right thing to do."

We recently signed a traditional knowledge agreement with the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA). This agreement gives us access to valuable local information, which helps us build awareness of the Kitikmeot's unique culture and values.

To fully outline our social, economic and environmental commitments to the Kitikmeot people and region, we'll be negotiating an Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement (IIBA) with the KIA.

We'll also communicate regularly through the internet and social media, our community newsletter, local radio shows, information booths and informational materials.

As a result of these activities, we'll be able to develop plans that will reduce negative environmental, social and cultural impacts that may be caused by building a gold mine.

The Back River Project will also provide significant economic benefits to the Kitikmeot Region. Through employment, training and business opportunities, we'll contribute to the economy in the area.



SAFEGUARDING THE ENVIRONMENT

With the Back River Project, we're committed to building a successful gold mine that benefits the local communities and has little long-term effect on the environment and the land.

"It's quite possible, especially in a place like Back River, to design a mine that will have a minimal environmental impact," says Rob Pease, Sabina President and CEO.

We started our regulatory process when we submitted our permitting applications in July 2012. During this three year period, we'll study the possible positive and negative environmental, social, cultural and economic impacts on the Kitikmeot Region.

We're also doing baseline studies to better understand our impact on the area. Currently, we're studying air quality; archaeology; human health and country foods; land use; traditional knowledge; and freshwater, marine, and land environments (to name a few).

By using northern best practices in our work, the Back River Project can operate in the greatest interest of the Kitikmeot communities and the environment.

PEOPLE ON SITE Help Wanted

From mine construction to operations to closure, the Back River Project will employ thousands of people.

With hiring preferences for local Kitikmeot residents, the Back River Project offers significant opportunities for nearby communities and Nunavut in general.

In 2012, we employed approximately 49 Nunavut residents in jobs such as environmental technician, community relations, geotechnical assistant, camp hand, camp kitchen attendant, housekeeper, carpenter, core cutter, equipment operator, field technician, and sampler/sample preparer.

By using local services and business, we're also helping to bring economic growth to the Kitikmeot Region. In 2011, 27 per cent of all Project expenditures went to Inuit-owned companies.

To learn about upcoming employment opportunities, go to the Employment, Contracts & Training section of the Back River Project website (www.backriverproject.com). You can also send your resume to employment@sabinagoldsilver.com or drop it off in-person at our Cambridge Bay office. You can also mail it to: Sabina Gold & Silver, 4 Omingmak Street, Box 2239, Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, X0B 0C0.



QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR CONCERNS

We want to hear from you, so if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the work we're doing, please feel free to contact John Kaiyogana at JKaiyogana@sabinagoldsilver.com or drop by Sabina's Cambridge Bay office to talk to John in person.

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If we choose your name, you'll win an iPod Nano!

