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Premier recognizes Mining and Geology Week

WHITEHORSE—Premier Darrell Pasloski paid tribute in the Yukon legislature today to Yukon Mining and Geology Week.

"Mining is Yukon's largest private industry, and Yukon Mining and Geology Week is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the importance of this industry to us all," Pasloski said. "The mining and mineral sector has always been an important part of Yukon's identity and its growth over the past decade has been significant."

Organized by the Yukon Chamber of Mines, one of the key goals of Mining and Geology Week is for Yukon citizens to learn more about the mineral industry and the science of geology. On May 9 and 10 there will be a replica mining exploration and discovery camp set up at Shipyards Park for the public to visit.

This replica camp will feature equipment displays, gold panning, kids' activities, contests, helicopter rides and more.

"Mines and exploration programs hire Yukoners, and they use the services of Yukon businesses. That directly and positively impacts our economy and our communities," said Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Scott Kent.

Learn more:

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