



**G**reenstone Gold Mines first quarter of 2019 has been busy and productive. On March 26th, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, His Honourable Rod Phillips approved the Provincial Environmental Assessment (EA). This follows the Federal EA approval by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, which was received on December 13, 2018. *"We have crossed a significant*

*milestone for the Project with the approval of both the federal and provincial EA now complete"* stated Eric Lamontagne, General Manager of GGM. *"With these approvals now in place, we look forward to continuing to work with all stakeholders to progress*

*towards the successful development of the Hardrock Project"*. Receipt of the EA approvals now enables GGM to apply for other permits required for the construction and operational phases of the project. Work is progressing on the 2019

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**"Permitting and consultation activities continue to advance."**



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# Hardrock EA Approved

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workplan, which includes advancing detailed engineering; completing an additional 18,000 metres of drilling, targeting areas that are planned to be mined in the first five years of operations; updating the reserves, resources and mine plan; and updating the Project economics.

The Community and Indigenous Relations team have been busy with local events and opportunities to present Hardrock Project updates during the MTW Employment Services/Geraldton District Chamber of Commerce Employer Appreciation Dinner and Longlac Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting events. GGM was pleased to have the opportunity to participate in traditional medicine and cultural values events in Indigenous communities and local schools. The GGM team are not all work and no play. A fun hockey game between the Penguins and Kings took place with the GGM Penguins winning Pepper's Cup. The game was friendly and fast-paced and participants are already excited to see next year's event.

GGM had a booth at the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada Convention in Toronto which boasted the participation of an estimated 25,000 attendees offering GGM

an opportunity to speak to stakeholders including representatives from Indigenous communities and from the Municipality of Greenstone about the Hardrock Project.



“Level of interest at GGM's booth during the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada Convention in Toronto deemed a success.”

The GGM team would like to thank all the Family Fishing Day participants who attended the 2nd Annual event. Fishing, have lunch, roasting marshmallows and competing for great prizes in the sunshine and on the ice was fantastic Northwestern Ontario fun!

As you can see, the first quarter has been busy and the GGM team looks forward to continuing to advance the Hardrock Project in 2019.

As always, we are interested in hearing your feedback and welcome any comments or questions you may have. Please drop by the local Community Relations office at 404 Main Street in Geraldton, or call us at 807-854-1886 or by email at [cr@ggmines.com](mailto:cr@ggmines.com). Happy Spring!

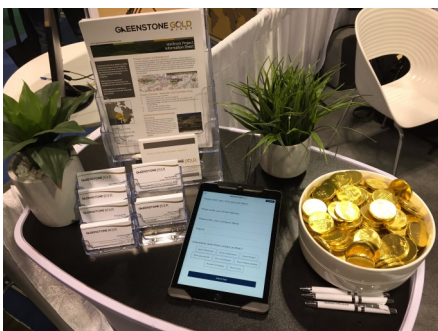


## Environmental Monitoring

### Winter Environmental Field Work

Over the last quarter, Greenstone Gold Mines and the Environmental Monitors from Long Lake #58 First Nation, Anisa O'Nabigon and Ginoogaming First Nation, Jason Chapais conducted flow station monitoring and surface water sampling. Winter sampling and monitoring comes with extra challenges in comparison to other seasons. Working on ice can be dangerous and therefore there are strict guidelines before anyone can work out in the field. Safety equipment including ice picks, heat packs and GPS safety tracking devices are all used in these conditions.

Additionally, winter field work is further complicated since the cold weather can freeze sample equipment and stations require an auger to drill holes in the ice. These events can take a considerable amount of time but they are no less important than the other seasons and must be done. Special thanks to our field technicians and Environmental Monitors for the work that they do; you are all very much appreciated!



Surface Water Monitoring



Greenstone Gold Mines will be participating in local and regional events and we look forward to seeing you there!

# SAVE THE DATE

## 2019 Ontario Prospectors Exploration Showcase “Here we GOLD again?”

April 2 & 3  
Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay  
Booth B60

Greenstone Gold Mines  
presentation  
Hardrock Project Update  
April 3 at 2:40 p.m.



**CIM ICM** GTA West

Hardrock Project  
Update

April 25 at 11:30 a.m.

The Oakville Golf Club

May 3 & 4  
Geraldton Community  
Centre

Geraldton District Chamber  
of Commerce  
Annual  
Trade  
Show



June 18  
Geraldton Waterfront

**GREENSTONE GOLD**  
MINES

Stay tuned for  
further details



June 22  
Marina Park  
Thunder Bay

## Ongoing Engagement

with local communities



Greenstone Gold Mines' Manager of Indigenous Relations, Cheryl Lesperance, and Environmental Supervisor, Laura Vares, participated in the Following the Water Conference in Constance Lake First Nation on February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Two of GGM's Environmental Monitors, Anisa O'nabigon from Long Lake 58 First Nation, and Jason Chapais from Ginoogaming First Nation, also participated in the conference and sat on the event's youth panel discussion related to water. The conference focused on future water projects and water vision in the Matawa communities and included working group sessions for conference participants.

**HOCKEY GAME**  
**PENGUINS VS KINGS**  
 February 27th 8:00 PM



Greenstone Gold Mines and members of AZA, GFN, LLFN and AFN met on the ice to play for Pepper's Cup. (left)

Eric Lamontagne presented the signed NHL jersey to Cole Desmoulin from Long Lake First Nation. (right)



# Indigenous Cultural Activities

Recently Anisa O’Nabigon, GGM’s Environmental Technician for Long Lake #58 First Nation, was invited to share her knowledge about traditional medicine to elementary grades in two local schools. Tamara Vernier, the Native Language teacher for the public schoolboard, knew of Anisa’s passion for traditional medicine and invited her into her classrooms. Anisa’s knowledge is built on a foundation provided to her by her parents, John Sr and Andrea O’Nabigon. This influenced her to start working on a traditional medicine book, containing alternative healing methods using local plants.

The presentation focused on harvesting winter medicine. Students were shown how to identify plants and provided guidelines on how to pick them in a respectful and sustainable manner.

The students enjoyed the Labrador Tea and Chaga Tea prepared for them with local ingredients. They can’t wait for Spring when Anisa is going to take them for a bush walk to pick medicine and make tea with their harvest.



Ember Skye in the tikinagan made by her Kokum, Cheryl as big brother, River Reign looks on



Students of BA Partker Public School learn about traditional medicine

GGM’s Manager of Aboriginal Relations, Cheryl Lesperance, recently had the opportunity to participate in a Tikinaken-making workshop in the community of Biinijitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek.

The translation of Tikinagan means: “tik” means tree or wood, and “nagaan” means a vessel. Tikinagans are used for wrapping and carrying babies, and many teachings are passed down about motherhood and womanhood through the Tikinagans.”

Once the baby is placed in a Tikinagan, it would be strapped to the Mother’s back while she worked or propped against a tree. The child can watch the community and families working close by. The bow protects the baby if the mother falls backwards and it also serves as a means to place a protective covering over the baby.



# Community ENGAGEMENT



## Family Fun

### FISHING DAY

Greenstone Gold Mines hosted its 2nd Annual Family Fun Fishing Day on Kenogamisis Lake amidst blue skies and sunshine. Close to 225 people came out and enjoyed the event's festivities while catching fish, enjoying a hot cocoa, having lunch, winning prizes and socializing with GGM's favourite team member, Pepper the Penguin.

The event took place on Monday February 18th during the Family Day Holiday which coincided with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resource and Forestry's designated license-free period. Although the weather was a bit frigid the sun was shining and people from all ages dressed for the occasion and enjoyed the outdoors.

The success of the event would not have been possible without the support of the community at large and the support of local organizations and businesses.



**FISHING**  
KENOGAMISIS LAKE



**FUN 2019**







Random draw prizes comprising of Ice-Fishing Tip-Up Roads and Ice Safety Kits were drawn just for taking part and having fun. Congratulations to all prize winners!

Check out the **Fishing Day 2019** video on the GGM website.

See you next year!



Child Winners (left to right): Hudson Scott, Gage Scott and Mae Kennedy



Adult Winners (left to right): Elizabeth Jabic, Tom Bull and Brad Gagnon





# Safety Share Spring Driving Safety

After a long cold winter spring has finally arrived. While many people breathe a sigh of relief because winter driving has ended, spring driving can also pose dangerous situations. It's important to understand that each season change brings different driving conditions.

## SAFETY TIPS TO KEEP YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE ON THE ROAD THIS SPRING:

- **Check the weather forecast** - it goes without saying, always check the weather forecast before heading out.
- **Be on the lookout for potholes** - Extreme winter weather takes a toll on our roadways, creating large potholes. Heavy rain can fill them with water making them difficult to see and lead to expensive repairs.
- **Slow down for spring showers** - roads are the most slippery when it first begins to rain so make sure to increase your following distance to allow for proper braking.
- **Watch for animals on the move** - Animal activity increases during the spring. For some, this is mating season and for others, they're waking up from their long winter slumber. Remember, deer and moose are most active at dawn and dusk.
- **Watch for pedestrians on the move** - As temperatures increase, more people are outside walking or bicycling with their families. Slow down in your neighborhood and pay extra attention at crosswalks.
- **Share the road with motorcycles** - Because of their speed and size, motorcycles may quickly come in and out of your blind spots. Always take a second look now that motorcycles are out on the road. In addition, be courteous. Motorcycles have the same right to be on the road.
- **Maintain proper tire air pressure** - During the winter months, tires lose air due to the cold temperatures, causing tires to be underinflated. Warmer temperatures can cause tires to be overinflated. Each situation can lead to increased wear and poor handling.
- **Inspect your tires** - Adequate tire tread is important for wet weather driving. Tire tread actually moves water away from the tires. As tire tread wears, less tread means reduced traction.
- **Pay attention in construction zones** - Be attentive. Construction workers and equipment may suddenly enter the roadway.

Source: <https://www.theilverlining.com/westbendcares/blog/avoid-the-dangers-of-spring-driving-with-these-tips>



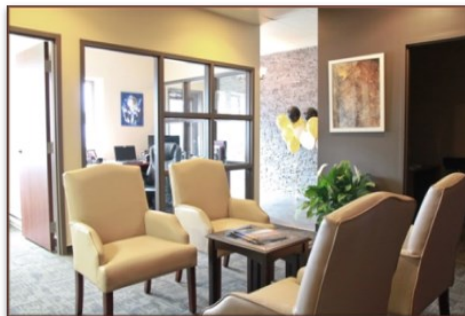
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The Community Relations office serves as a key location for community stakeholders to meet with the Community Relations team, receive updates and discuss issues of interest on the project.

Drop by and visit us. Your comments are important to us!

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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