

# THE SPRINGPOLE EXPLORER

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## 2025 PROSPECTOR AND DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA CONVENTION (PDAC)

The world's premier mineral, exploration, and mining convention, Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (*PDAC*), was held at the Toronto Metro Convention Centre on March 2-5, 2025. The annual convention brings together 27,000 attendees from over 135 countries for its educational programming, networking events, and business opportunities.

Since it began in 1932, the convention has grown in size, stature and influence. Today, it is the event of choice for the world's mineral industry, hosting more than 1,100 exhibitors and 700 presenters. First Mining Gold was pleased to participate in the annual conference this year as an exhibitor, as well as showcasing both the Springpole Gold Project and Duparquet Project in the Core Shack.

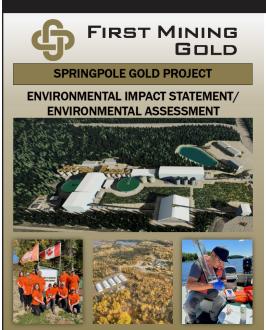


The First Mining Gold PDAC 2025 booth.



First Mining Gold's CEO Dan Wilton examines core samples at First Mining Gold's

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT UPDATE**



October 2024

With the submission of the final Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Assessment last November, First Mining Gold has been engaging with the local community and government regulators on the report, including the technical modelling results and mitigation measures identified. With the official public comment periods concluding, FMG received over 1,200 comments and questions to date which our team of experts and specialists are working diligently to address and respond to.

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#### **2025 SPRING HIGHLIGHTS**





#### **PROSPERITY NORTHWEST 2025 CONFERENCE**

First Mining Gold was pleased to participate in Prosperity Northwest 2025 at the Valhalla Inn on January 28-29. Hosted by the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce and Anishnawbe Business Professional Association, the Prosperity Northwest conference offered great networking with industry professionals, a trade show with 68 exhibitors, and a fantastic lineup of speakers sharing knowledge, strategies and concepts on partnerships and opportunities in our region.

FMG's Vice President of Exploration and Project Operations, James Maxwell, joined industry leaders to discuss gold's role as a stable and valuable mineral driving economic growth in Northern Ontario, while Director of Environment and Community Relations, Shane Hayes, introduced the keynote speaker at FMG's sponsored keynote luncheon.

#### **NEEGANII-IISHAWIN GATHERING 2025**

The Neeganii-lishawin Gathering 2025 was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Northern Economic Development Gathering held at the Valhalla Inn and Conference Centre on February 10-13. First Mining Gold was honoured to participate as an exhibitor at the tradeshow and host an evening networking event on day two of the conference. The gathering featured one of Northwestern Ontario's premier business leaders, JP Gladu, as the emcee who facilitated three incredible days of keynotes from eminent change-makers, networking opportunities and panel discussions on how to build on the powerful foundation of First Nation business.





#### **2025 CARIBOU STUDY**



In February 2025, FMG conducted a caribou study in the area around the Springpole site. The study has been on-going across several years and is required by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, and supports regional scale species management. The objective of the study is to monitor seasonal habitat use areas across the home range, as well as planning future conservation and mitigation strategies. The caribou study will collect important information on caribou movements and habitat use areas.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROGRESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING UPDATE



As the area around the Springpole site welcomes the change in season, members of the Springpole Environmental Team, Darren Thompson and Kelly Keesickquayash resumed the surface water quality monitoring program for the Springpole Project.

### FIRST MINING GOLD YOUR COMMUNITY

#### **Municipal Community Information Sessions**

In late January, First Mining Gold was honoured to spend time in the municipalities of Sioux Lookout, Ear Falls, and Red Lake sharing information on the Springpole Gold Project. Public information sessions were a combination of formal presentations and dropin style meetings with display materials detailing the Environmental Assessment process. These sessions provided an opportunity to share the findings of the final Environmental Assessment submission and answer any questions from the public. The Springpole Gold Project involves the construction, operation and decommissioning/closure of an open pit gold and silver mine.







Sioux Lookout - January 21

Ear Falls - January 22

Red Lake - January 23

#### Ojibway Nation of Saugeen Information Session

On January 20, First Mining Gold visited the Ojibway Nation of Saugeen. Despite the coldest temperatures of the 2025 winter season, many community members gathered to learn more about the Springpole Gold Project and final Environmental Assessment Submission. First Mining Gold would like to thank the community for their hospitality and warm welcome. First Mining Gold looks forward to our next visit.



### **SIJHL Sioux Lookout Bombers Game Day Sponsors** First Mining Gold are proud sponsors of the 2025 SIJHL Sioux Lookout Bombers Jr. Hockey team. On January 31,

FMG were the game day sponsor and had the privilege of dropping the puck at the Sioux Lookout Memorial Arena where the Sioux Lookout Bombers hosted the Dryden Icedogs. Affectionately referred to as The Battle of 72, it was an exciting game with a oneto-one overtime tie to end the game.



#### Mishkeegogamang **Community Information** Session and Missabay **Community School Visit**

First Mining Gold was delighted to spend the day in Mishkeegogamang Ojibway Nation sharing information about the Springpole Gold Project on March 27.

During our time in community, the FMG team visited Missabay Community School to enjoy time with the students during winter carnival, and deliver a subway lunch and some fun snacks for the youth. Thank you to the community of Mishkeegogamang and Missabay Community School for the warm welcome and amazing visit.



#### 17th Annual Lac Seul Ice Fishing Derby

First Mining Gold was happy to sponsor and participate in the 17th Annual Lac Seul Ice Fishing Derby on February 22. The event took place in Whitefish Bay with 250 individuals hoping to snag the top prize. First Mining Gold's Environmental Coordinator, Darren Thomspon, was happy to be present at the derby and spend time out on the ice.





#### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

#### Mishkeegogamang Men's Hockey Team

It's the time of year where communities across the North gather in Dryden, Ontario to face off in the Northern Bands Hockey Tournament. First Mining Gold was pleased to support the participation of the Mishkeegogamang Falcons men's hockey team in the tournament.



#### **Cat Lake Snipers**

First Mining Gold was pleased to support the 2024 C-Side defending champions, the Cat Lake Snipers, in attending the 2025 Northern Bands Hockey Tournament in Dryden, Ontario. The tournament lasted from March 9 - 16.

#### 807 Rush Hockey Team

First Mining Gold was pleased to support the boys spring hockey team from Northwestern Ontario. Players consist of youth from the communities of Sioux lookout, Thunder Bay, Dryden, and Fort Frances. The Rush Hockey Team have been playing together for 4 years and have purchased new jerseys with the help of First Mining Gold's previous sponsorship. FMG wishes you all the best in the upcoming season.

**Cat Lake First Nation** - Cat Wildcats Broomball team

Lac Seul First Nation

- Lac Seul Rockets Broomball team

**Municipality of Sioux** Lookout - Sioux Hudson **Entertainment Series** 

**Municipality of Sioux** Lookout - Sioux Lookout Lion's Club

**Municipality of Red** Lake - 63rd Northern Ontario Firefighters Playdown



#### FIRST MINING GOLD

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

#### **CAMP COOK**

First Mining Gold is looking for a camp cook to help support daily activities and operations at our Springpole exploration camp. As camp cook, you'll be integral in the daily support of site activities focused on hospitality with employees, contractors, and visitors at Springpole. Members of the local communities are strongly encouraged to apply.

#### **GENERAL CAMP LABORER**

First Mining Gold is looking for a general camp labourer to assist with maintenance and daily operations at the Springpole exploration camp. As general labourer, you will focus on general maintenance, care, and upkeep of a remote exploration camp. Members of the local communities are strongly encouraged to apply.



For more information, please contact

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#### **Lac Seul First Nation** Career Fair

MAY 7, 2025

#### **Ear Falls Safety Night**

MAY 15, 2025

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