



# THE SPRINGPOLE EXPLORER

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## ENGAGING CONVERSATIONS AND INSIGHTS AT PDAC 2026



First Mining Gold (FMG) was pleased to participate in PDAC 2026, the world’s premier mining conference, where industry leaders, investors, and stakeholders from around the globe gathered to discuss the future of mining.

During the event, FMG shared updates on its ongoing exploration and development projects, highlighting our commitment to responsible mining, sustainable practices, and community engagement. Our team also participated in insightful discussions with conference attendees, exchanging ideas and perspectives on innovation, environmental stewardship, and collaboration across the mining sector.

We were also proud to host our **Power Play Networking & Appreciation Event**, bringing partners and peers together for an evening of meaningful connection and engagement.

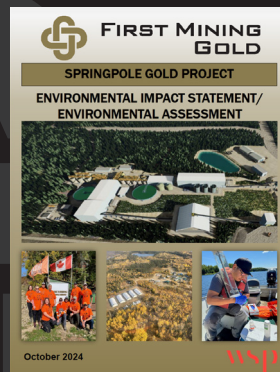
Participation in PDAC underscores FMG’s dedication to advancing opportunities in the industry, fostering meaningful relationships, and contributing to the responsible development of natural resources. We value the opportunity to connect with peers, learn from global leaders, and continue building a strong foundation for future growth.



### ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT UPDATE

The first quarter of 2026 has been a busy and exciting one for the Springpole Project as we move towards concluding the process this year. At the federal level, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) published their draft EA Report and potential conditions for a public comment period which concluded on March 29, 2026. IAAC will now consider all the feedback received during this period in their final EA report and proposed conditions, following which the Minister will make a decision.

Provincially, FMG has continued to work on addressing all reviewer comments and has continued to participate in productive discussions to clarify outstanding questions and align on next steps within the regulatory pathway. It is expected that the provincial review will be released in the coming months and while important work remains, FMG anticipates that the environmental assessment process will conclude in the first half of 2026 with an EA decision expected during that same period. We look forward to maintaining momentum through the year as we continue advancing our Project plans, regulatory reviews and engagement with communities.



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## FIRST MINING GOLD TITLE SPONSOR AT NEEGANI-IISHAWIN 2026

First Mining Gold (FMG) was proud to participate in Neeganii-Iishawin 2026 connecting with leaders, communities, and stakeholders on responsible project development.

James Maxwell, VP of Exploration and Project Operations, delivered his presentation, "Laying the Foundations Together," while introducing the keynote speaker, sparking conversations about collaboration and sustainability.

As Title Sponsor, FMG valued the opportunity to connect, share updates, and discuss future partnerships. Thank you to everyone who visited our booth!



## FIRST MINING GOLD AT PROSPERITY NORTHWEST 2026

First Mining Gold (FMG) participated in Prosperity Northwest 2026 in Thunder Bay on February 27–28, hosted by the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Anishnawbe Business Professional Association.

The event connects professionals across the mining, forestry, bioeconomy, and energy sectors, fostering collaboration and business opportunities.

FMG engaged with attendees, sharing project updates, exploring partnerships, and discussing responsible resource development and community engagement. Events like this highlight FMG's commitment to supporting regional growth and building strong industry relationships.

## SPRINGPOLE ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING UPDATE

### Water Programs Get Underway After Spring Break-Up

Following spring break-up and the start of open-water conditions, several key water-focused environmental programs will move into active fieldwork for the Springpole Gold Project. Work will include ongoing surface water quality monitoring in Birch Lake, with high-resolution sampling and profiling to better understand lake conditions and support hydrodynamic modelling. In parallel, the hydrology program will continue with seasonal maintenance and data collection at hydrometric stations, including manual flow measurements and lake level monitoring.





# FIRST MINING GOLD IN YOUR COMMUNITY

## First Mining Gold Sponsors 2026 KDMA Conference

First Mining Gold was proud to sponsor the 2026 Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) Conference & Annual General Meeting, held February 19–21 in Ignace, Ontario.

The annual conference brings together municipal leaders, provincial partners, Indigenous communities, and regional organizations from across Northwestern Ontario. This year's event focused on key priorities facing Northern municipalities, including infrastructure renewal, economic development, housing, regional service delivery, and community resilience.

Hosting the conference in Ignace provided an opportunity to showcase the community and highlight initiatives across the central corridor of the Kenora District. First Mining Gold is pleased to support events like the KDMA conference that encourage dialogue, collaboration, and regional development.



Group photo with sign (L-R): Paula Haapanen, Vice President of Northern Policy Institute; Jason Veltri, Executive Coordinator of NOMA; Fred Mota, Mayor of Red Lake and Executive Vice President of NOMA; Kevin Kahoot, Mayor of Ear Falls and President of KDMA; Gord Griffiths, Mayor of Machin and Kenora District Representative on NOMA; Andrew Poirier, Mayor of Kenora and Kenora District Representative on NOMA. Photo credit Laura Myers



## First Mining Gold Support Future Leaders Through the Women in Mining Scholarship Fund

Women in Mining Northwestern Ontario (WIM-NWO) continues its mission to advance women in the mining sector with support from FMG, a sponsor of its scholarship fund. Since 2012, WIM-NWO has worked to increase female representation while promoting education, leadership, and inclusive workplaces.

The scholarship program helps offset post-secondary costs, supporting students in their academic and professional growth. WIM-NWO's efforts—and impact—are made possible through the ongoing support of partners like FMG.



## Community Engagement through the Environmental Assessment Process

The First Mining Gold team was pleased to visit Lac Seul First Nation and Cat Lake First Nation as part of the ongoing community-driven Anishinaabe Led Impact Assessment (ALIA) process. During these visits, team members engaged with community members, answered questions, and took part in meaningful discussions about the project.

The company extends its sincere appreciation to both communities for their warm welcome and the opportunity to share in open and respectful dialogue. These conversations are an important part of ensuring that community voices are heard throughout the assessment process.



## First Mining Gold Cheers on the Sioux Lookout Bombers at Annual Sponsorship Game

First Mining Gold (FMG) are proud sponsors the Sioux Lookout Bombers and happy to join Bombers fans in cheering on our team during FMG's sponsorship game on January 30 at the Sioux Lookout Memorial Arena against the Kam River Fighting Walleye.

As a junior ice hockey franchise in the Superior International Junior Hockey League (SIJHL), the Bombers delivered an exciting game for fans. FMG's sponsorship reflects our commitment to supporting local communities, promoting youth sports, and celebrating regional talent.



## First Mining Gold at Northern Ontario Night - PDAC 2026

First Mining Gold is proud to support the communities where we advance our projects, and PDAC 2026 was no exception. FMG was pleased to be a sponsor of Northern Ontario Night 2026, an event that celebrates the region's economic diversity and strength within the resource sector.

The evening brought together industry leaders, community representatives, and partners to recognize the opportunities and contributions of Northern Ontario. First Mining Gold was proud to stand alongside industry and community in celebrating the region's continued growth and collaboration.

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT



## Cat Lake First Nation

Congratulations to the Cat Lake Snipers for their outstanding performance at this year's Northern Bands Hockey tournament in Dryden, ON. Finishing 4th out of 47 teams is an impressive achievement and reflects the team's skill, determination, and strong teamwork. First Mining Gold is proud to support the team and extends its thanks to all the players, organizers, and volunteers who helped make the tournament a success.

## Lac Seul First Nation

First Mining Gold proudly supported the Battle of Lost Lake Snowmobile Drag Race on March 14, 2026. Hosted by Lac Seul First Nation and the Lac Seul Police Service, this annual event brings together riders, families, and visitors to celebrate winter culture, community spirit, and friendly competition.



## Lac Seul First Nation Youth Hockey Team

Congratulations to the Lac Seul girl's youth hockey team on becoming the A-Side Champions! First Mining Gold is proud to sponsor the team and celebrate this fantastic achievement. Your hard work, teamwork, and determination truly paid off. Well done and wishing you continued success on and off the ice!

**Cat Lake First Nation**  
Cat Lake Stars Broomball Team

**Cat Lake First Nation**  
Wildcats Girls Broomball Team

**Lac Seul First Nation**  
Annual Ice Fishing Derby

**Lac Seul First Nation**  
Battle of Lost Lake Snowmobile Races

**Lac Seul First Nation**  
Community Movie Night

**Lac Seul First Nation**  
Lady Tomahawk's Hockey Team

**Lac Seul First Nation**  
LSFN Career Fair

**Municipality of Sioux Lookout**  
Sioux North High School

**Municipality of Sioux Lookout**  
Shane Sakchekapo Canadian Men's Darts

**Municipality of Sioux Lookout**  
Sioux Lookout Shrine Club

**Municipality of Sioux Lookout**  
Sunset Razorback Youth Hockey

**Slate Falls Nation**  
Slate Falls Hockey Team



## UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Mine Opportunity**  
Thunder Bay 2026  
April 23, 2026

**Lac Seul Career Fair**  
April 30, 2026

**Ear Falls Safety Night**  
May 21, 2026



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