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Community Update

Introduction

Welcome to Mount Polley Mining Corporation's (MPMC) 2018 Quarter 1 Community Update newsletter providing the local communities with information about what is happening at the mine.

If you have any ideas for information that you would like to have included in the upcoming Community Updates, please do not hesitate to send an email to Colleen Hughes at chughes@mountpolley.com.

Mount Polley: Operations at a Glance

MPMC is in the process of scaling back operations by June 2018. That is the approximate time when the Cariboo Pit will be suspended. Later in the year, only stockpile ore will be sent to mill. Dredging of tailings from the Springer Pit will continue during that time, and mining in the Springer Pit is planned to resume as soon as the dredging is complete.

Dredging operations start in the Springer Pit, February 2018.



Above: Polley Lake at sample site P2 on March 13, 2018.
Conditions: wind/sun, 4°C

Below: Quesnel Lake at sample site QUL-58 on January 10, 2018.
Conditions: sun/cloud, -17°C



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2018 MPMC Events:

Past event:

February 15:

Public Liaison Committee (PLC) call-in meeting.

Scheduled upcoming events:

Early April:

Implementation Committee (IC) meeting.

September 17-21:

Technical and Research Committee on Reclamation (TRCR) symposium and mine site tour.

Stay tuned for more upcoming meetings and site tours!

Hazeltine Creek looking upstream from Gavin Lake Bridge, January 2018



Wildlife sightings: 2017 overview

In 2017, there was a total of 723 reported wildlife sightings at the MPMC site and surroundings. Highlights of observations are summarized in the table below:

Animal	Sightings
Bald Eagle	38
Black Bear	242
Coyote	27
Lynx	20
Moose	41
Mule deer	64
River Otter	4
Red Tailed Hawk	14
Sandhill Crane	14



Lynx and her cub on the Gavin Lake Road by the TSF, February 2018

Hazeltine Creek: upcoming projects

Ongoing remediation work in Hazeltine Creek is planned from spring to fall 2018. Channel reconstruction, fish habitat features and floodplain mounding and planting is scheduled for Reach 3, immediately below Reach 2 (below the Gavin Lake bridge) which was completed in 2017.

MPMC has also been consulting with the Habitat Remediation Working Group (HRWG) which consists of consultants, government, First Nations and company representatives and is chaired by Department of Fisheries and Oceans. This group is discussing how to return fish into the remediated areas of upper Hazeltine Creek (Reaches 1 & 2). Opening the creek to Rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) as well as Redside shiner (*Richardsonius balteatus*) and sucker (*Catostomus sp.*) spawners from Polley Lake would be the next step in the ecosystem recovery.

Please visit the Imperial Metals website for more information about MPMC's reports and ongoing projects:
<https://www.imperialmetals.com/our-operations/mount-polley-mine/mount-polley-updates>