

JULY 2024 MONTH IN REVIEW

Yukon

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Laws

Jul 24: CanNor, the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency, is furnishing a \$6 million repayable contribution to Air North. The money will enable the Yukon airline to include the more fuel-efficient 737-800 airplane in its fleet and construct a larger 52,800 square foot hangar.

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Jul 15: Victoria Gold said that there are “no assurances” it will ever resume production at its Eagle Gold mine after last month’s ore-slide disaster. The Yukon government reports that 300M liters of cyanide solution escaped containment at the mine after an ore slide at a heap leach facility that uses the solution to extract gold from ore.

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Jul 9: Yukon renewed its partnership to attract, develop and retain new talent to the region with Mitacs for the fifth consecutive year. Under the renewed agreement, the government will provide the nonprofit national research organization \$80,000 to create internships to help post-secondary students develop skills for critical and high-quality jobs.

CASES

Termination: Court Refuses to Re-Open OHS Reprisal Case of “Vexatious Litigant”

It all began when the Yukon Department of Highways and Public Works terminated a probationary heavy machine operator on the basis of unsuitability. Unhappy to say the least, the operator would go on to file nearly a dozen different legal actions against the government, all of which ended with failure or withdrawal. After 7 years of non-stop litigation, the court declared her to be a “vexatious litigant,” meaning she’d need court permission to file any more lawsuits. Undeterred, she claimed that she had fresh evidence and asked the court to reopen one of the cases. The court refused. “I understand” that losing her job “has been difficult for her, [b]ut, respectfully, her application for leave to re-open the appeal and adduce fresh evidence is misguided and I dismiss it,” the court concluded [[Wood v. Yukon](#), 2024 YKCA 8 (CanLII), July 23, 2024].

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