

# BUILDING COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS



## 09.2021



### **OUR ACTIVITIES**

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### **IN THE COMMUNITY**

Osisko Development and Barkerville Gold Mines is a founding member and sustaining partner of the Wells Community Foundation, to invest in the hardworking organizations within the Wells community.



### **EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT**

Roxanne Hillard joined the Osisko Development - Barkerville Gold Mines Division team in April 2021 as a core cutter for the Exploration Department.

### **LOOK FOR US ONLINE**

Look for information on the Cariboo Gold Project, the EA, job postings, our current newsletter and more on our website <https://osiskodev.com/cariboo-gold-project/>.



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## OPERATIONS



### Introducing the Health and Safety Department

The Health and Safety Department is one of many that make up the Operations Department at Barkerville Gold Mines Ltd. They are responsible for tasks that include but are not limited to COVID-19 testing, site orientations, site inspections, occupational health monitoring, mine rescue training and practice, and being a resource for site-related health, safety and training matters.

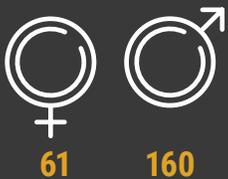
Our Health and Safety Department is made up of:

- **Colin Fenton** – Health and Safety Manager
- **Emily Lindstrom** – Health and Safety Coordinator
- **John Kimmie** – Health and Safety Advisor
- **Joseph King** – Health and Safety Advisor
- **Douglas Zdanivsky** – QR Mill Site Health and Safety Advisor
- **Bonnie Watkiss** – Occupational Health Nurse, RN
- **Emily Massong** – Administrator/Licensed Practical Nurse
- **Igor Morozov** – Security Guard
- **Connie House** – Security Guard



## EMPLOYEE STATISTICS:

As of August 2021, Barkerville Gold Mines has 221 employees and has a total of 142 contractors on-site.



### Current Job Postings

#### QR Mill Site

- Assayer
- Haul Truck Operator
- Mill Operator

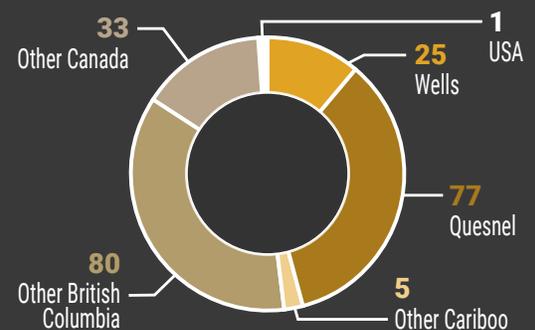
#### Wells Site

- Underground Miner

Stay up to date on career opportunities by visiting the careers page at [osiskodev.com/careers](https://osiskodev.com/careers).

To apply, please mail your resume to [jobs@barkervillegold.com](mailto:jobs@barkervillegold.com) with the job title in the subject line.

### Employees by Locations



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## CARIBOO GOLD PROJECT

### EA Public Comment Period

The Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) public comment period on the Cariboo Gold Project Draft EA Application documents is open September 7 to October 7, 2021. During the public comment period, the EAO will be hosting two virtual open houses September 22 from 5–7 p.m. and September 23 from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. See the attached notice for more information.

To find the Draft Application documents, submit a comment, or find details on how to connect to the open houses, please visit: [projects.eao.gov.bc.ca](https://projects.eao.gov.bc.ca), click on 'List of Projects,' then search 'Cariboo Gold.'

*Community members can also contact the Community Relations Office to pick up a USB with the Draft Application documents for review.*

### Community Workshop Series

More workshops are coming! Watch our [Facebook page](#) for dates and topics of our next community workshop. Meeting details will be emailed out to our mailing list. If you would like to be added to the mailing list or if there are topics you would be interested in seeing for future workshops, please email us at [feedback@osiskodev.com](mailto:feedback@osiskodev.com).

## EXPLORATION

### New Ballarat Camp

The Ballarat Camp is nearing completion thanks to the combined efforts of JDS Contracting, Evolution Catering, the Exploration Department, the Operations Department, and many others who made this project possible. BGM's Hy-Tech Drilling and Paycore Drilling contractors moved into the camp at the end August. With new, quieter generators, slope re-vegetation projects, and noise-reducing features, we are looking forward to occupying a facility that supports BGM's growth while fitting in to the community and the natural surroundings.



# OUR ACTIVITIES



## WORLD FIRST AID DAY : JULY 17



Many of us take for granted that an Occupational First Aid attendant will come to our aid with knowledge, skills, and supplies to help if we are injured on the job site. This is a privilege we have thanks to many wonderful organizations and the founding father of First Aid, Dr. Friedrich von Esmarch (1823-1908).

St. John Ambulance was the first organization to use the concept of first aid in the United Kingdom after lectures by Dr. Esmarch were published as "First Aid to the Injured (1882)." Esmarch's was a practicing military surgeon and from his experience, "the primary objective of first aid is to protect the fresh wound from any insanitary factors that can be encountered during the patient's transportation to the hospital. Every little move during the transportation may cause the wound to deteriorate; therefore, the wounded part should be fixed appropriately."

First Aid procedures were initially intended for trauma encountered on battlefields. However, as industrialization and workplace accidents increased, first aid learned on battlefields was being implemented on worksites around the turn of the century in Canada and other colonized nations.



In the early 1900s, B.C.'s population and workforce were growing rapidly. Forestry, fishing and mining were the province's core industries. Working conditions in the woods, on boats, and in mines were often dangerous with many health hazards. Minor wounds could become major injuries if not cared for quickly and effectively in the field – especially because there was no compensation for lost work time due to on-the-job injuries.

Prior to 1917, the only option for compensation following an injury at work in B.C. was to sue the employer. That changed with an historic compromise call the Workman's Compensation Act (1917) in which workers gave up their right to sue their employer and employers agreed to fund a no-fault insurance system.

This new legislation provided:

- A compensation rate to pay people who missed work due to injury or illness.
- Monthly pensions for widows of deceased workers.
- Government safety inspections.
- Full medical aid for workers.

Thus, the Occupational First Aid Attendant (OFA) was born. OFAs perform a unique service in the workplace. While they are not intended to replace doctors or nurses, OFAs alleviate suffering and, on occasion, save lives with their quick actions at an accident scene. In addition, effective injury management can often shorten the healing time of the injury, allowing the worker to resume normal activities sooner.

At Osisko Development we are dedicated to a strong Health and Safety Culture. We are committed to training our employees with, at minimum, Occupation First Aid Level 1 with a Transportation Endorsement. From COVID-19 testing to Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee meetings, ODV is committed to a safe workplace and healthy employees.

Article Contributor: Bonnie Watkiss – Occupational Health Nurse, RN



# IN THE COMMUNITY

## COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS MONTH IN CANADA

### Wells Community Foundation

September is Community Foundations Month, and Osisko Development and Barkerville Gold Mines would like to highlight the Wells Community Foundation, to which we are a Sustaining Sponsor. In addition to providing monetary support, Osisko Development and Barkerville Gold Mines have also organized tourist rooms for rent in exchange for a minimum donation to the Wells Community Foundation. Prior to COVID-19, this program has raised more than \$2,000 for the Foundation. Osisko Development and Barkerville Gold Mines are also proud sponsors of the Quesnel Community Foundation.

Community Foundations are a unique opportunity for people to give where they live. Unlike charities, who collect donations for a particular cause, community foundations collect and invest endowments, then disperse the dividends as grants to local organizations and non-profits.

The Wells Community Foundation is an independent, volunteer-driven society. It was established in 2017 through a \$50,000 donation from Barkerville Gold Mines, and a \$50,000 NDIIT Community Foundation Matching Grant. As a Regional

Partner of the Prince George Community Foundation their investment team manages the endowment fund on behalf of the Wells Community Foundation.

Donations to the Foundation are invested for the long term, so it's the income generated from that investment that flows back out to the hardworking organizations within the community. This strategic giving to organizations in every sector – the arts, environment, education, health, recreation and more – means funds can be used to support the community's greatest needs and priorities as well as helping to promote a healthy, vibrant, livable community with enhanced overall civic engagement. With your help, we are growing a foundation that will provide local benefits, for good, forever.

The Wells Community Foundation is currently looking for new members for their Board of Directors. Visit the Wells Community Foundation Facebook page (@WellsCF) to find out more about the foundation created by and for the residents of Wells and the surrounding area.

Article Contributor: The Wells Community Foundation

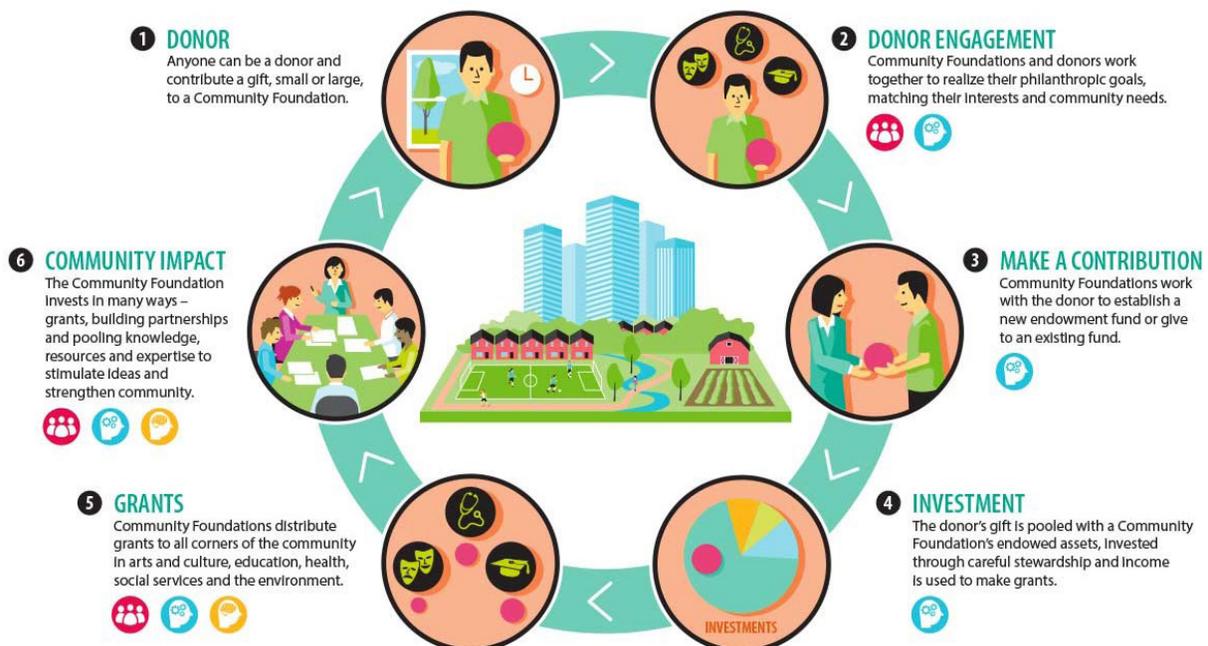


Image from **Community Foundations Canada**



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## MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS, AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT – CARIBOU COLLARING PROGRAM



### Barkerville Caribou Herd

This past winter, the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRO) initiated a caribou collaring program of the Barkerville herd. Working with Canadian Wildlife Capture, they collared and tagged a total of 11 female caribou, and the associated blood work indicated they were all pregnant. The initial goal was to collar 15. However, the terrain, primarily through the Devil's Canyon area, was challenging for tracking and more of the herd was unreachable during this program than anticipated.

Osisko Development – Barkerville Gold Mines Division provided \$30,000 for the caribou collaring program through our Bonanza Ledge Phase I Caribou Mitigation Plan and our overall commitment to healthy environments and functioning ecosystems. These funds were used to deploy the 11 collars in the Barkerville area herd. Information from these collars will be used to determine calving areas and calf survival, determine cause-specific mortality in adult caribou, and update sight-ability correction factors for more accurate populations estimates.



The Barkerville caribou herd is a subpopulation of the larger Quesnel Highlands population, which also includes the subpopulation of Wells Gray North (to the south). However, the Barkerville herd has more in common with the adjoining North Caribou Mountains herd (a subpopulation of the Upper Fraser to the north) which has habitat associated with Bowron Lake Provincial Park. The Barkerville herd has an approx. range of 741 km<sup>2</sup>.

This coming winter, FLNRO plans to continue to monitor the Barkerville area herd through a population survey. We look forward to future opportunities to assist FLNRO on local caribou programs.



### Celebrating Our Partnership

In celebration of the relationship between Lhtako Dené Nation and Osisko Development's Barkerville Gold Mines Division, a joint logo has been developed. This logo represents how Lhtako Dené Nation and

Osisko Development have come together for the long term. The concept was developed together through teamwork, and a contest ran from May 10 to 31, 2021 during which Lhtako Dené community members submitted designs.

We would like to offer our collective congratulations to Tanisha Alphonse who had the winning submission. Her original design has been finalized by a graphic artist. This logo has been presented to the ODV Team, Lhtako Dené Nation Elders, and Chief and Council, and represents the strong on-going partnership we have with each other.



# IN THE COMMUNITY



## LHTAKO DENÉ NATION

### Community Update

August was another busy month in the Lhtako Dene Community. To maintain traditional activities, several workshops were held to teach how to make clothing, tools, ribbon shirts, regalia, moss bags and beaded earrings. Salmon was brought in from Kitwanga so Lhtako Elders could hold a session on cutting and drying. These are skills that take time and effort to complete but are important to pass down so traditions can continue.

Later in the month, Lhtako Dene Elders and Youth made a trip to Barkerville Historic Town & Park to explore the history. This has been a tradition for the past few years that community members all enjoy.

Finally, Drug Awareness Day and National Overdose Awareness Day took place in August. In recognition of these days and the importance of the subject, Lhtako Dene Nation held a Naloxone training course and provided awareness information to the community.



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: Roxanne Hillard

**Roxanne Hillard, Core Cutter**, is originally from Port Renfrew, which is world famous for the West Coast Trail trailhead, beautiful beaches and friendly people. Before joining BGM's Exploration Team, she worked as a nursing assistant in palliative care, extended care, and in mental health and addictions for 19 years. Roxanne relocated to Quesnel 10 years ago to be closer to family and has fallen in love with the North.

In April 2021 Roxanne joined the BGM team as a core cutter in the Exploration Department. She is always willing to take on extra tasks here and there to help out her team and says that working for BGM is like being a part of a very diverse, knowledgeable family, each member bringing something incredibly special to the table.

When she is not at work, Roxanne enjoys working in her garden, hiking, collecting rocks and working as a foster home for the Pet Safe Coalition of Canada, whose mission is educating and preparing individuals, communities, and organizations to mitigate the impact of disasters on animals. If you bump into Roxanne around town, a unique conversation starter could be about how she was born with two earlobes on her left ear.



### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at our Community Relations Office:  
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