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PEER RECOGNITION FOR VICTORIA GOLD'S RYAN BURKE AND EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY'S TARA CHRISTIE

The Annual Yukon Geoscience Forum & Trade Show in Whitehorse included special accolades for two born and raised Yukoners helping to lead the territory's mineral exploration and development industry; **Victoria Gold exploration geologist Ryan Burke and Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society's (Every Student, Every Day) President Tara Christie.**

Burke, who has been with Victoria Gold since May 2020, received the Yukon Prospectors' Association (YPA) Prospector of the Year Award. He obtained a Bachelor in Science in Geology with Honours from Memorial University in 2018 and is a Geologist in Training with the Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Newfoundland and Labrador.

As per a statement by the YPA, he has *'worked across many facets of the Yukon's mining industry since 2010 and has been involved in all stages of exploration, from the idea-stage early prospecting and discovery, advanced exploration and resource definition through production geology and grade control.'*

"We are so fortunate to have Ryan on our Victoria Gold team," says Victoria Gold President & CEO John McConnell. "We appreciate his contributions to the Yukon and to our Company and are thrilled he is being recognized for his work, his innovative approach and his dedication."

Tara Christie received the Yukon Chamber of Mines Member Award for her work at the helm of the Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society's *Every Student, Every Day* initiative, which since its establishment in 2012 has raised and distributed over \$1.85 million to directly support over 200 community-designed and led projects in the Yukon to help improve student attendance.

Christie serves as President of Banyan Gold Corp. in addition to her role as President of the Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society. She is also on the board of Western Copper and Gold Corp. and previously served as President of Gimlex Gold Mines and the Klondike Placer Miners' Association.

"Hundreds of students throughout the Yukon have benefitted through Tara's efforts to support their success

in school and therefore in life," continues McConnell. "We extend our sincere congratulations to Tara and to the volunteer Every Student, Every Day team for their vision and commitment to helping support Yukon educators, students, community members and families as we will all benefit through the increased engagement, attendance and high school graduation rates Tara and *Every Student, Every Day* are fostering."



Victoria Gold exploration geologist Ryan Burke, who received the Yukon Prospectors' Association Prospector of the Year Award during the 2023 Annual Yukon Geoscience Forum & Trade Show in Whitehorse.



Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society President Tara Christie with Local Rental Solutions' Tim Joyce upon receiving the Yukon Chamber of Mines Member Award on November 20 for her work to help improve student engagement and attendance through the Society's *Every Student, Every Day* initiative.

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VICTORIA GOLD IS PROUD TO HAVE YUKONERS AT WORK

IF YOU ARE A YUKONER WITH MINING EXPERIENCE, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONNECT WITH US.

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ABOUT VICTORIA GOLD & THE EAGLE GOLD MINE

The Eagle Gold Mine is situated within Victoria Gold's Property, located approximately 375 kilometres north of Whitehorse and 85 kilometres north, northeast of the Village of Mayo within the traditional territory of the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun. The property is accessible by road year-round and is connected to Yukon Energy Corp's electrical grid. The mine is a significant contributor to the Yukon economy employing 350-400 people.

