

End of an era

After 23 years of production, Diavik has officially delivered our final kimberlite ore, marking the beginning of active closure.

This historic milestone was recognized on 25 March with a special event at site. Indigenous government partners, territorial and municipal leaders, regulators, and Diavik's original claim-stakers celebrated last ore delivery and reflected on our legacy.

We are proud to have safely delivered over 150 million carats of diamonds since the start of production in 2003, and are looking forward to successfully executing the next phase of our operation.



Final Closure Plan approved

In February, Diavik received notice that its Final Closure and Reclamation Plan had been conditionally approved by the Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board (WLWB).

The approval is a major milestone for both the Diavik project and the mining industry in the territory, making Diavik the first mine in the board's jurisdiction to close according to a predetermined schedule, and with a full closure plan in place.

Diavik is committed to working alongside the WLWB, Indigenous Government partners, and other stakeholders as we continue to work through the active closure phase of the project.



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Shared commitments

After signing a Closure Agreement with the North Slave Métis Alliance in December 2025, Diavik is proud to have reached agreements with three additional Indigenous Government partners.

In February, the **Tłı̨chǫ Government** and Diavik celebrated 26 years of partnership with a signing ceremony in Behchokǫ.



Closure agreements were also signed this spring with the **Lutsël K'é Dene First Nation** and the **Kitikmeot Inuit Association**.

DDMI and the **Yellowknives Dene First Nation** have signed an Agreement in Principle towards the shared goal of an agreement, and conversations are ongoing.

We recognize the indelible contributions made by Diavik's partners throughout the life of the project, and are proud to reaffirm our shared commitments to safe, responsible reclamation of the land as we enter active closure.

2025 SEMA report

Diavik has released our **2025 Socio-Economic Monitoring Agreement report**, including employment figures, community contributions, and business spend for 2025.

Scan the QR code here for quick access to our website, and scroll to **downloads** towards the bottom to access a PDF of the report.



Leadership transition

As Diavik moves into active closure, we say farewell to our Chief Operating Officer, **Matt Breen**, who will be departing Diavik later this summer.

Since his appointment in 2023, Matt has led all facets of Diavik's operations, guiding our teams safely towards closure. We are grateful for his contributions and wish him all the best as he transitions to a new role at Rio Tinto's Oyu Tolgoi mine in Mongolia later this year.



Diavik's closure will be led by General Manager **Gord Stephenson**, who assumed the role earlier this year. A lifelong Northerner and professional engineer who has worked at Diavik for the past 14 years, Gord's leadership and experience across Diavik's operations position him well to oversee the mine's reclamation.



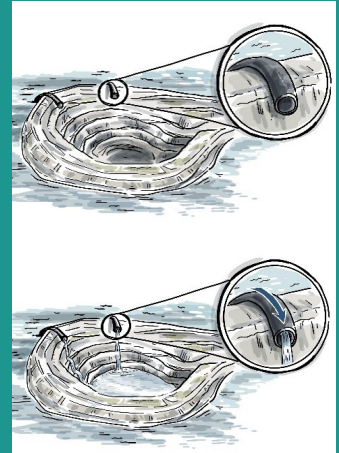
Closure Corner: Siphon activation

One of the most significant steps in Diavik's reclamation plan will begin this July, as siphons will be turned on to begin filling Diavik's open pits with water. The A21 pit will be the first to be filled, followed by A418 and A154.

The filling process is able to proceed after decommissioning work brought out all hazardous materials and mobile equipment from the underground mines.

It is expected to take about 6 to 12 months, with the rate of filling dependent on water levels in Lac de Gras, which will be constantly monitored.

Once the pits are filled, water quality will be observed and measured until Diavik, community partners, and regulators are satisfied. At that time, the dikes will be breached and the pits reconnected to Lac de Gras.



In photos: Final production days

Diavik's end of production in March came with plenty of milestones to mark. These photos capture some of the final crews and team members to ever mine in Diavik's underground.



Diavik's final underground mining crew poses for a photo in the gymnasium on 24 March.



Underground manager Matt Robson-Lowe in the A21 mine during Diavik's final day of ore production.



Crew leaders gather for a photo following our final production blast.



Max Fuentes was the final person to tag out of A21 after the mine was decommissioned in April.

Local Voices

Last winter, Rio Tinto/Diavik partnered with Voconiq to launch **Local Voices**, an engagement survey aimed at gathering community feedback from across the North.

Over November and December, over 300 surveys were completed, giving Diavik important insights into community members opinions on Rio Tinto/Diavik and its closure activities. Responses will be used to help shape Diavik's decision-making and business planning.

As part of the survey collection, \$5,000 in donations was unlocked for a number of community groups, including the Northern Legacy Fund, Red Fish Arts Studio, the NWT SPCA, and the Northwest Territories United Way.

Full results of the survey can be viewed at <http://voconiqlocalvoices.com/en/riotinto/diavik/results>, or by scanning the QR code below.

A follow-up survey is planned for later this year.

Thank you to everyone who participated and made their voices heard!



Giving back

Diavik was able to give a boost to non-profits across the territory over the spring, working to ensure that the benefits of mine production are wide-ranging and last long after we have left the mine site.

Chief among these is the **Yellowknife Community Foundation's Northern Legacy Fund**, an endowment fund to support community projects across the territory decades into the future. Diavik donated an additional \$250,000 to the fund, bringing our total contribution to \$747,000.

Diavik was also proud to support the **NWT On The Land Collaborative** with a \$30,000 donation. The Collaborative works with regional Indigenous Governments and communities to support on the land activities across the territory, including hide camps and culture-based education.



Our long-standing partnership also continued with the **Stanton Territorial Hospital Foundation**. This year, Diavik donated a pair of diamonds to the foundation's annual fundraising gala.

Another life for Diavik assets

As part of Diavik's Regional Economic Development (RED) strategy, we have been working with Indigenous Governments and other community partners to find homes for assets that are no longer needed on site.

One example is an ice rink used at site by team members before closure. Diavik worked with the Yellowknives Dene First Nation to donate it to the community of Dettah, where it was installed and in use for their 2026 spring carnival.



Diavik has also committed an Underground Haul Truck Simulator to Aurora College, where it will continue to help train the next generation of Northern miners.

We continue to work with partners to repurpose assets across the territory.

National recognition

In May, Diavik was proud to be recognized by the Canadian Institute of Mining (CIM) with not one, but two national awards.

For our use of remote explosives technology (wireless detonators for blasting), Diavik received this year's JT Ryan Award for Mine Safety Technology.

We also received the CIM Award for Excellence in Sustainable Development as acknowledgment of our progressive closure and reclamation activities, which have been taking place on our mine site since 2017.

Diavik's commitment to safety and responsible closure is not motivated by awards, but we are proud to be recognized as leaders and hope to continue to set an example for others in the mining industry.



A banner year

As Diavik neared the end of production, we achieved remarkable safety milestones in our last full year of operations.

In 2025, Diavik was proud to report an All Injury Frequency Rate (AIFR) of 0.10 – well below our target set at the start of the year, and one of the best in our history.

Even more impressively, this remarkable safety performance came while maintaining strong production. In 2025, Diavik produced over 4.4 million carats. Throughout the year, underground teams delivered single-day records at site for tonnes of underground material, most ore hauled, and production meters drilled.

We are extremely proud of our teams and their efforts to maintain safe, strong production in Diavik’s final months.



Ready for our close up

With all eyes on the end of our production, we were pleased to welcome visitors to site with an eye on highlighting what makes Diavik so special.

In February, we played host to popular social media personality **Aaron Witt and the BuildWitt team**, who toured the winter road and our operations with Diavik staff, publishing a series of compelling and informative videos. You can find them by searching for BuildWitt on YouTube.



As part of our end of operations celebration, Yellowknife’s **Cabin Radio** hosted a special edition of Mornings at the Cabin from Diavik. Team members spoke with hosts **Scott Letkeman and AJ Goodwin** about their memories at Diavik, and what’s next for them and the site as we enter active closure.



You can find the broadcast by searching for Mornings at the Cabin on Spotify or your podcast platform of choice.

MyPath

Opportunity knocks

In January, Diavik held our final round of on-site job fairs. Over 24 different employers, including 13 Northern companies and organizations, came to site to discuss job opportunities with our team members.

During all of Diavik’s on-site job fairs (in November 2024, spring 2025, and January 2026) over 800 conversations took place with potential employers.



While Diavik no longer has full-time career coaches on site, MyPath resources and funding remain available for all employees retained to assist with mine closure.

Events and activities

Mine pit filling begins (planned)	July
Environmental Monitoring Advisory Board site visit	July 6
KidSport Fundraising golf tourney	July 10
PKMW and Closure tour with DKFN and NWT Métis Nation	July 13-14
Traditional Knowledge Monitoring field work	July 20-27
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	September 30
Yellowknife Geoscience Forum	November 23-26

Diavik’s final diamonds

With the end of production marks the end of Diavik diamonds.

In April, our final batch of diamonds was recovered, sorted, and shipped for sale.



We want to hear from you!

To share your feedback with us, email

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