

## Community PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS

**ON THE FRONT LINES OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, YUKONERS, WITH THE SPIRIT OF INGENUITY AND GENEROSITY** they are well known for, are doing their part to help reduce the spread of the coronavirus in the territory.

Including Village of Mayo Elder and artist Dorothy Profeit, who is championing sewers from the community, including her daughter and long-time Victoria Gold employee Buffy Genier, to create 300 non-medical face masks for the company's employees and contractors at the Eagle Gold Mine.

According to Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Theresa Tam, wearing a non-medical mask can be an additional measure to protect others from the spread of COVID-19 paired with frequent hand washing with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds and maintaining a two-metre (six-foot) physical distance from others.

"Victoria continues to meet or exceed regulations established by the Yukon Chief Medical Officer of Health," says Victoria President & CEO John McConnell. "Through our COVID-19 Action Plan, we have instituted strict prevention measures to protect our work force and Yukon residents and communities. These prevention measures have in part, enabled operations at the Eagle Gold Mine to continue, while strongly mitigating the risk of the coronavirus."

Dorothy, a self-taught sewer, learned to design Mother Hubbard parkas through her work at Yukon Native Products over nine years. She has now been sewing for more than three decades and teaches parka-making workshops at Yukon College's Mayo campus in Dawson City. To make the masks, she used a disposable one as a template and collected fabric from community members. According to Buffy, "the nose piece was challenging to figure out and we tried everything. I finally found some prong fasteners, cut the ends off and they work like a charm."

Elastic was also challenging to source in the territory. "We tried everywhere and had people looking all over Canada for us," continues Buffy. "Mom's sister finally found some and it will be here this week so we'll be ready to assemble."



Artist Dorothy Profeit at home in the Village of Mayo making 300 non-surgical masks for Victoria's team at the Eagle Gold Mine.

"I am proud to pass down my knowledge to younger generations. If I can make it I will teach it."

- DOROTHY PROFEIT



The colourful array of masks created to help protect Victoria's employees and contractors, and therefore, the health and safety of all Yukoners.

## VICTORIA GOLD IS PROUD TO HAVE **YUKONERS AT WORK**

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

Victoria is currently hiring tradespeople, equipment operators, process/crusher operators and other positions to work at the Eagle Gold Mine. Visit the "Work For Us" page on our website at [vitgoldcorp.com/contact/work-for-us/](http://vitgoldcorp.com/contact/work-for-us/) and send your resume to [greatpeoplework@vitgoldcorp.com](mailto:greatpeoplework@vitgoldcorp.com).

## ABOUT VICTORIA GOLD & THE EAGLE GOLD MINE

The Eagle Gold Mine, now in production, is part of Victoria's 100-per cent-owned Dublin Gulch 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 will be a significant contributor to Yukon employing 350 to 400 people.

