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SINCE 1994, FIREFIGHTERS FROM ACROSS CANADA AND THE U.S. gather to compete in the Scott Firefit Regionals Competition, held in different Canadian communities each year.

This exciting regional competition was created to showcase the rigours of firefighting and encourage fitness within the service. It qualifies teams for the national Firefit championships, which are held each fall. This past September, they took place in Spruce Meadows, Alberta and three firefighters from the territory took part bringing home a silver medal in the individual races and a bronze in the relay races.

This challenging and epic event illuminates how Canada's dedicated fire service executes one of the country's most dangerous jobs each and every day.

"Victoria Gold is proud to support Yukon's Firefit team as a Gold level sponsor, for the second consecutive year, as these committed professionals constantly strive to protect life and property from fire more safely. The safety of our employees and contractors is paramount to Victoria as we build and operate the Eagle Gold Mine so supporting the territory's firefighters and first responders in this endeavour is a natural fit."

John McConnell, President & CEO, Victoria Gold Corp.

Firefit regional and national competitions involve three to five-person teams, which compete against the clock, wearing full Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). The competition is timed and the tasks are completed sequentially. Competitors must be medically cleared, fire/rescue personnel 18 years and older. The team categories include male, female, over 40, over 45, over 50, fire chiefs and relays.

"Competition is extremely demanding and many participants perform at an elite level, including our very own Yukon Firefit teams, which have been competing since 2002," says Myron Penner, a member of the Yukon Firefit team and member of the Tagish and Whitehorse International Airport Fire Departments.

In May last year, Whitehorse hosted the Canadian Territories Regional Competition and over 60 participants from across Canada and the US, including over 30 Yukon Firefit individual and team competitors took part.

The 2019 Firefit season is in full swing as training is underway.

"We extend our sincere appreciation to Victoria Gold for the company's support of our efforts and are looking forward to this year's upcoming competitions with plans to compete in a few Regionals this year, including Courtney and Kamloops, BC and Spruce Meadows, Alberta," continues Penner.

This year's Canadian National Competition is in Oshawa, Ontario from September 11 to 15 and ongoing fundraising will determine Yukon Firefit's level of participation.



National Firefit competition course in Ottawa, Ontario.



Yukon Firefit team members at 2018 National Firefit competition in Calgary, Alberta.



Victoria Gold is proud to support Yukon Firefit and the team's efforts to be "Fitter. Faster and Stronger."



ABOUT VICTORIA GOLD AND THE EAGLE GOLD MINE

The Eagle Gold Mine, currently under construction, is part of Victoria's 100 per cent-owned Dublin Gulch gold 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 within Yukon Energy's electrical grid.

The Eagle Gold Mine has received all major permits for construction and operations, completed the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB) process and mutually created and implements the *Comprehensive Cooperation and Benefits Agreement* with the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun.