

EAGLE'S EYE

A news update from Noront Resources about development in the Ring of Fire

Searching for a Smelter Site

By Alan Coutts, President and CEO

 Chrome ore is one of the minerals that Noront plans to mine in the Ring of Fire. But removing it from the ground is just the beginning.

After that, it must be transformed into ferrochrome, which along with nickel is used to make stainless steel for products we are all familiar with like cutlery, medical instruments and appliances.

We are planning to develop a processing plant that will turn the ore we mine into ferrochrome. Vast amounts of energy will be needed to melt the ore and separate the iron and chrome from the rest of the rock. Once cooled, the leftover rock will form a glass-like substance known as slag.

Timmins, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder Bay have all expressed an interest in hosting this \$1 billion ferrochrome treatment plant. Noront management is looking at these potential sites and gauging the level of local interest because development will require a sizeable investment from the company. We're looking for a site with most of the infrastructure we need already in place. This may include a rail line, electrical power lines, areas to store our materials and slag and access to a skilled workforce familiar with smelting/hot metal work. Support from local enterprises is also important.

Our plan is to complete the selection process later this year so we can begin the long process of environmental assessment and permitting that is required.



Cory carrying core with Esker Camp tents in the background

What It's Like To Work At A Remote Camp

By Cory Exell, Geological Technician

 Ever wondered what it would be like to work at a remote exploration camp? As a geological technician at Noront's Esker Camp I can tell you....it's hard work, but camp life is great.

We typically fly in and out of camp for two-week shifts. An average day is about 10 hours. Esker Camp is a series of small wooden buildings, tents and boardwalks. Even the kitchen is in a tent. We also have a Rec Room with a TV and a Fitness Tent.

Amazing cooks prepare our meals every day. Friday steak night seems to be everyone's favourite! Personally, I love the variety of baking we get. It's also great to see all the wildlife. We have groundhogs, moose and martens around camp and saw a small family of foxes grow from

pups this year. We also have the occasional caribou spotting during our flights.

Meeting new people from all over the province is another benefit. I try to meet up with work friends during my time off for coffee or a beer. I've become close to a few of the guys and feel lucky to call them friends, and not just co-workers.

I'm always excited for the trip home at the end of a shift. I love filling in my family on how I spent my time away.

I truly enjoy being at Esker Camp—you see a completely different side of things compared to being at home. It's a great experience and one that I highly recommend!

Employee Profile



NAME:
Valerie Shewaybick

COMMUNITY:
Webequie First Nation

JOB POSITION:
Kitchen Helper

What I Do.

As Kitchen Helper, my job includes preparing snacks, baking, washing dishes after meals and sometimes helping the cook prepare lunch or supper.

I've learned a lot of new things working with our cooks, Barb and Norma. Like how to make lemon lasagna, which I make now all the time. I watch the cooks prepare meals, that way I can fill in if there's an emergency—since they are also camp medics.

I really enjoy baking. I make a variety of cookies, strawberry cream cheese cake and pies—like coconut and chocolate cream. People really enjoy their food up here, so it's great to be the one to make it for them.

My Typical Day.

I get up at 5:45am, shower and go to the kitchen. At 7:30am we have our safety toolbox meeting and go over the First Responder and emergency procedures. We also hear what the Field Team is doing that day and talk about what they can do to stay safe—like how to prevent fires in summer.

Then I go back to the kitchen and wash the breakfast dishes. After that, I check the fridges around camp to see what needs to be stocked and whether we have enough vegetables in the kitchen. If needed, I get supplies from dry storage and the freezer room. Sometimes I bake after that.

I take a break about 3pm and go to the rec room where I watch TV, chat online with friends back home or take a nap. At 5 pm, I go back to the kitchen, refill supplies and ensure the juice and water containers are full.

After the workers finish their dinner, I eat, wash the dishes and every second day I sweep and mop the floor, tables and shelves. Then I take a shower and head to bed after a long hot day at Esker!

What do you do on your days off?

On days off, I spend time with friends and family and watch my favourite shows, like Chicago Fire. I also do beading for the mitts and slippers the ladies in our community make. People buy my bead work. Sometimes I have cookouts and get together with friends...as a cook...I'm an important person at the cookouts.

Which RoFATA program did you do?

I went to Neskantaga First Nation for seven weeks of Kitchen Helper training. We learned cooking, baking, knife skills and how to use an oven and stove top burner. I had never been away from Webequie for that long, so it got me ready for the two weeks in and two weeks out schedule at camp! I liked what I did and what I learned. I didn't think I would be able to work...but I am working now!

What would you like your future career to look like at Noront?

I love working in the kitchen and would like to continue doing that!

CCLOs Experience Esker Camp

By Scott Jacob, Manager, Community Relations

 In July, a group of Community Communication Liaison Officers (also known as CCLOs) visited Noront's Esker Camp.

CCLOs have an interesting role. They are employed by both their band office and the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM). They enable communication between mining companies, the government, the band office council and the community.

Noront VP Exploration, Ryan Weston and I met up with the group in Thunder Bay. A float plane and helicopter ride later, we landed at camp. We started with an orientation lead by our Camp Manager. After lunch, we headed out for a tour of the living quarters, tents, water treatment plant and the core shack, where samples of Eagle's Nest core were on display.

The tour ended with everyone standing on top of the Eagle's Nest deposit. Ryan then gave a presentation highlighting Noront's exploration and future development plans. He also discussed the all-season road which the company hopes to see built in partnership with local communities and the province of Ontario.

Feedback on the visit was very positive:

"The open lines of communication that Noront has provided to nearby communities have allowed many jobs to First Nations, with long-lasting skills to be transferred elsewhere. Esker Camp helps First Nation members gain experience in the mining field. Noront crew managers are proud to tell stories of how First Nation men and women have grown in these positions, even going back to school in related fields." - Wayne Neegan, Constance Lake First Nation

"I want to thank Noront once again for their great hospitality at Esker Camp. Amazing as usual. The staff up there sure know how to treat visitors." - Maria Baxter, Marten Falls First Nation

If you have any questions, please contact your CCLO or Scott Jacob at: 1-855-966-7668 ext. 4