

2016 YMEP Target Evaluation – Victoria Creek

Field Worker Skills and Qualifications

The following people participated in the Victoria Creek Target Evaluation field work. Their specific and broad talents made the testing program a successful endeavor.

Steve Harasimiuk, prospector, miner and self-employed contractor. Steve is a Registered Engineering Technologist with over 40 years experience in industrial projects, such as; civil, mechanical, and environmental restoration. Steve owns and operates the equipment used for this testing program.

Ed Duchesne, is a Groundwater Technologist and a Journeyman Canadian Water Well driller. Ed is a self employed water well contractor with over 40 years experience in drilling. Ed has worked for environmental companies as a site engineering representative supervising and operating, excavating, drilling and soil sampling. Ed's a proficient operator and mechanic.

Adam Roche, is a self-employed geologist with placer gold exploration experience in the Philippines. He has previous experience in mapping, recording, sampling, geochemical surveys, etc. Adam is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA) and the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy, and Petroleum. Adam is a volunteer gold panning instructor and APEGA geosciences expert at rock and fossil clinics. Adams strong work ethic and dedication to the geology field made him an invaluable part of our program.

Daniel Harasimiuk, has been employed as a seasonal miner for 5 years. Dan can proficiently operate either 40t excavator and has the patience to scratch through the permafrost and rocks for hours. Daniel's meticulous nature made him the best choice to concentrate the sample pails into plastic cups of "concentrate." At the end of shift Dan is busy in the "clean-up shack" working on samples.

Michal Bidrman, is a seasoned mining expert and owner of the Victoria Creek Claims. Michal has mined in the Yukon for over 25 years. He has years of university training in Geology. He presently operates a consulting service to evaluate mines and equipment for clients. Mike enjoys putting his experience to use in the field by operating equipment and to help locate the pay channels.

Laurie Harasimiuk, is a Yukon prospector that holds a prospecting lease and staked claims on other properties in the region. Laurie took her annual vacation from her job as a supervisor with the Government of Alberta, to oversee the 2016 Victoria Creek testing activity. Her ability to organize, coordinate, and document the testing activities was invaluable to ensure that field workers focussed on drilling and digging.

Len Bartley, has many practical and specialized work talents that he put to good use on this project. His work ethics and determination has achieved recognition as a Canadian Red Seal Journeyman Welder, now specializing as a construction manager of multi-million dollar projects. Raised on a rural Saskatchewan farm, he now runs his own construction company in central Alberta. Len has the talent to operate and repair any equipment that is on work site.

Cherise Bartley, joined the testing team for the initial mobilization and set-up of camp equipment. On the first evening at camp there were 8 other team member focussed on unloading and preparing their specific equipment to start their work on the next day. Cherise worked at preparing food and sleeping accommodations. The next few days she and Laurie organized camp supplies, sleeping quarters, cooking and eating areas. As she later admitted: “I never expected there would be so much work.”

Stefan Ostermaier, is a Geophysical Surveyor and managing partner of Arctic Geophysics. Stefan completed his study of Geology at the University of Tübingen, Germany and Geophysical studies at Universities of Karlsruhe and Stuttgart, Germany. Stefan has performed geophysical survey work at 10 locations for Steve Harasimiuk in the past five years and is a important member of our team.

Elijah Istchenko, is an Arctic Geophysics technician who is a year round Yukon resident. Eli has a savvy ability to perform the difficult work of carrying equipment up and down the hill sides all day. In the evening, he kept us entertained with his experiences of daily wilderness survival, he experienced on and off the job.

Robert Harasimiuk, is the mechanical talent behind keeping all the big equipment running. Robert has three journeyman Canadian Red Seal Certificates of Proficiency. He is a Heavy Equipment OffRoad Technician, Heavy Duty Truck Mechanic and a Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic. Robert took some time off from his seasonal job north of Dawson City to come and help his family. Robert’s work is included in the wet rates of the equipment...therefore, not a direct chargeable rate, nevertheless very important to keep equipment running well. Robert entertained us in the evenings with the stories of his work on the movie set of “Yukon Gold.” The show’s seasonal episodes were being filmed at his present employer’s mining claims, to which Robert is showcased as a team member.

In summary, there were 11 individuals involved in the field work activities of the 2016 Victoria Creek Target Evaluation project. All workers participated in only YMEP activities at Victoria Creek, as there were no other mining activities at these claims this season.

All work time was recorded as a maximum of 10 hours per day, for a recorded total person-hour total of 1450 hrs. Thanks to the team for their enthusiasm...and the long daylight hours...as we found ourselves working late many times.