Learn About the FARO MINE REMEDIATION PROJECT

What is Faro Mine?
Faro Mine was once the largest open pit lead-zinc mine in the world. Today it is one of the most complex abandoned mine clean-up projects in Canada.

The Faro Mine site is 25 sq. km — the same size as the City of Victoria, B.C.

It is located outside of the Town of Faro in Yukon, on the asserted traditional territory of the Kaska Nation and upstream from Selkirk First Nation.

What’s Involved in the Project?
Kaska Faro Secretariat
Established in 2016, the secretariat coordinates the Kaska Nation’s participation and interests in the project.

Government of Yukon
The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources is leading the ongoing care and maintenance and managing the immediate remediation (urgent works) construction at the site.

Government of Canada
Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada funds the project and is also leading the remediation plan design, regulatory process and site monitoring.

First Nations, Town of Faro and stakeholders are consulted on an ongoing basis to ensure the project incorporates their input. First Nations include the Kaska Nations (Ross River Dena Council, Liard First Nation and Kaska Dena Council) and Selkirk First Nation.

Selecting the Approach to Remediation
Many remediation options were developed and then reviewed at public workshops. Following that, numerous technical studies were completed to refine the remediation approach and then reviewed by independent experts.

Developing the Remediation Plan
The project team is moving forward with the final design of a detailed remediation plan.

Next Steps for the Project
2022
Site remediation begins.

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