

# Côté Community

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# Reconciliation in action: Oshki Lake water ceremony

IAMGOLD, along with Côté Gold teams and Indigenous partners from Mattagami and Flying Post First Nations as well as representatives from Sumitomo Metal Mining Co. Ltd., recently gathered at the Côté Gold mine site for a water ceremony marking the creation and official naming of Oshki Lake.

The ceremony was also attended by representatives from Ontario's Ministry of Mines and Ministry of Indigenous Affairs, and First Nations Economic Reconciliation. The process of naming the lake marked a significant step in IAMGOLD's commitment to environmental stewardship and reconciliation.

Oshki Lake was created to compensate for fish habitat lost during the mine construction, as the ore deposit was partially located beneath an existing lake. To prevent potential flooding of the open pit, we rerouted the Mollie River and other nearby waterways. This essential action aligned with our Zero Harm® vision, incorporating natural channel design principles used to restore ecological functions. This approach reflects our dedication to maintaining the highest health, safety, and sustainability standards.

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### Embracing heritage: Côté Gold's Indigenous Peoples Day gathering

This year, to mark National Indigenous Peoples Day, our Côté Gold team commemorated the occasion with a curated menu for dinner featuring traditional foods representative of Indigenous Culture. Reminiscent of traditional Indigenous gatherings, our celebration embraced the spirit of potluck-style feasts often seen at ceremonies or family events. Many members of our Côté Gold workforce came together, sharing in this meaningful event. The day provided an opportunity to recognize and celebrate Indigenous contributions, and to reaffirm our commitment to cross-cultural learning and understanding. Together, we honoured the past while building a future where Indigenous cultures are cherished and respected.

Commemorating National Indigenous Peoples Day at Côté Gold on June 21



## COMMUNITY



Francis Letarte-Lavoie, Operations Manager, were in attendance along with Sumitomo representatives, Shinya Takemoto, President & Director of SMM Gold Cote Inc., and Jun Miyazawa, Finance Analyst

# Côté Gold participates in 2024 Mattagami Beaverfest

Earlier in May, Côté Gold sponsored and participated in Beaverfest 2024, held at Mattagami First Nation. Organized by the Mattagami Fur Council and the Mattagami Lands and Resources Department, this annual festival has been a community staple since 1991.

The event provided an enriching experience for young people in and around the community to learn about animal trapping and other traditional activities from local trappers. The day included skinning and harvesting demonstrations, a feast of wild game and current dishes, and live entertainment that celebrated the rich heritage of the Indigenous Communities in the region.

Bryan Wilson, Côté Gold Vice President & General Manager, enthusiastically supported the event: "We're proud to support our First Nation partners as they celebrate their culture. Côté Gold welcomes the opportunity to attend community events like Beaverfest, fostering our long-term partnership and continuing our learning about First Nations heritage and traditions."



Côté Gold's engagement with the Gogama community is captured in these moments of shared commitment and collaboration

# Supporting Gogama's growth and community spirit

Recently, we donated new, custom bookshelves to the Gogama Community Library, enhancing this vital volunteerrun resource. We also joined forces with local partners to construct a welcoming "Gogama" sign strategically placed by the Heritage Museum to boost tourism and community pride. Additionally, we supported the Gogama Fire Department's Canada Day BBQ and fireworks, helping to bring the community together in celebration. These efforts reflect our dedication to contributing to creating long-term prosperity for Gogama and its residents.

# Advancing industry connections: Côté Gold at the Canadian Mining Expo 2024

Côté Gold was excited to participate in the Canadian Mining Expo 2024, held from June 4th to 6th in Timmins, Ontario. As a gold sponsor, we participated in the Expo alongside over 400 exhibitors at the trade show, connecting with industry peers, communities, suppliers, job seekers and potential investors. We were also honoured to attend the Gala Dinner & Awards Night, Big Social and the Indigenous Partnership Forum, where we engaged in meaningful discussions on how to partner with First Nation businesses. The Expo provided a significant opportunity to strengthen our relationships with various actors in the mining industry and discuss the future of mining and collaboration opportunities. Thanks to everyone who visited our booth and connected with us!

Côté Gold's presence at the Canadian Mining Expo 2024 in early June 🕨



## **INVESTING IN PEOPLE**

### Reconciliation in action: Oshki Lake water ceremony (continued)

Initially referred to as "New Lake," the naming of Oshki Lake was a collaborative effort with our First Nation partners, recognizing the importance of water as a shared resource. Oshki, meaning "new" or "young" in Ojibwe, was officially accepted by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources as the lake's name in August 2023, underscoring IAMGOLD's commitment to Indigenous reconciliation. The ceremony, conducted by an Elder from Mattagami First Nation, included Indigenous traditions such as smudging, prayers, songs, sacred fire, and the release of water from Mattagami Lake to Oshki Lake. Leanne Reardon, a Flying Post First Nation member, proposed the name "Oshki Lake" and received an art piece presented by Bryan Wilson, Cote Gold's General Manager.



"The water ceremony was a highly meaningful event for all involved – one that underlines our commitment to offsetting the impact of our mining activities on the environment and to working cooperatively with our host communities and First Nations partners," said Renaud Adams, President and CEO.



## Côté Gold hosts educational tour for future mining leaders

Côté Gold recently welcomed students and faculty from McGill University and Northern College for an insightful educational tour, facilitated by Stacey Lefebvre from Canada Nickel. This visit provided a unique opportunity to explore the mining operations at Cote



Gold, aiming to strengthen ties with these educational institutions and offer students and faculty a firsthand look at mining operations.

During the tour, the Côté Gold team guided the students and faculty through various key areas, including the control room, truck shop, pit lookout, and Tailings Management Facility (TMF). This comprehensive exploration allowed the participants to gain valuable insights into a modern mining operation's day-to-day workings and complexities, potentially sparking their interest in future career opportunities in the industry.

By providing these immersive experiences, Côté Gold remains committed to fostering educational partnerships and nurturing the next generation of mining professionals.

## Why work at Côté Gold?

Côté Gold offers a unique opportunity to integrate diverse thinking and creative applications of technology aimed at fostering a culture of continuous improvement.

To view and apply for positions visit www.iamgold.com/cotegoldcareers.





## **Operational milestones**

On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, Côté Gold announced that it had reached commercial production. This marks a pivotal moment, meaning the mine now consistently operates at over 60% of its full production potential. This accomplishment is particularly remarkable given that the first gold pour occurred only a few months ago! With this milestone secured, we hope to close out 2024 with a production rate of 90%. A huge congratulations to everyone involved!

The operational achievements in the second quarter include:

## **Mining activities**

We've seen impressive productivity improvements in our mining operations thanks to refined practices such as double-side loading with two CAT 6060 hydraulic shovels. Also, we successfully mined 10.5 million of tonnes in the second quarter alone!

## **Processing plant**

Our milling and leaching circuits have been operating at design capacity, and we've successfully commissioned the gravity circuits this quarter.

We will also systematically replace liners and areas of high wear with abrasiveresistant materials, adjust balance and sizing to enhance screening performance and improve dust management and overall operating practices.

## Exploration

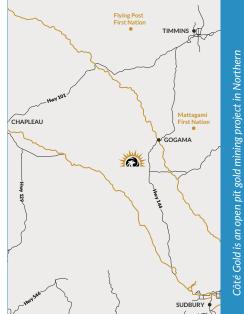
Looking ahead, we have plans for technical studies to advance

metallurgical testing and explore mining and infrastructure alternatives. These studies will help us evaluate the potential inclusion of the Gosselin deposit in a future Côté Gold Life of Mine plan.

### ESG updates: January to June 2024

We are taking big steps on our biodiversity journey this year at IAMGOLD. With the help of spatial mapping experts, we have carried out detailed biodiversity assessments at each of our sites to understand our impacts and dependencies on nature. This work will give us a "biodiversity baseline", which will help us understand the work we need to do to reach our biodiversity goals.

We look forward to sharing our roadmap with you in early 2025.



## Permitting update

IAMGOLD continues to apply for and obtain permits required to construct and operate the mine. Since July 2024, we have received the following permits:

#### Authorizations to Remove a Beaver Dam under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act

 New permit (No. 11066147) required in support of 1) Aggregate Pit #3 construction of new fish habitat as required as part of Fisheries Act Authorization, and
Mine Rock Area Phase 3 seepage collection ditching

## Issued new Permit(s) to Take Water (PTTW) due to a corporate address change.

- Operations: Domestic Water Groundwater Wells (No. 8702-D5ZRS3)
- Operations: Dust Suppression Chester Lake & Upper Three Ducks Lake (No. 1852-D66PWV)
- Operations: Open Pit Dewatering (No. 7862-D5ZSE3)
- Operations: Mesomikenda Lake Plant and Tailings Management Facility Freshwater Intake (No. 0311-D66PKL)
- Construction: Aggregate Pit #3 Fish Habitat Offsetting (No. 7480-D66QKD)
- Construction: Tailings Management Facility Stage 2 (No. 3866-D66R2D)
- Construction Mine Rock Area Northeast Quadrant Phase 2 (No. 7743-D66QW8)

A list of all permits applied for and received to date is available at **www.iamgold.com/cotegold** in the Permitting Applications section.

To learn more about open positions, visit **cotegold.ca**. For any inquiry about the Mine, contact us via **cotegold@iamgold.com** or call us at **1-888-523-9998**.

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