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**The Yukon Chamber of Mines Recognizes Ride your Bike to Work and School Week and Yukon Mining & Geology Week May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**Whitehorse, Yukon**

The Yukon Chamber of Mines (YCM) would like to celebrate the materials made to make a bicycle. We see bicycles as a form of transportation used for both work and recreational purposes. For young and old bicycles are used for fun and exercise and can be a large part of everyday life.

**As with most everyday items, bicycles could not be produced without mining. Aluminum, steel (iron ore and coal), iron, titanium, graphite, rubber (sulfur, zinc, salt, iodine, silica from quartz) to name a few minerals, are mined before they become the bike you use today. Your helmet which serves you in safety, is also made up of minerals and would not be the life saving tool it is today without calcium carbonate, clays, sulphur, mica and talc.**

Nikolett Kovacs, a Director with YCM and a Professional Geoscientist said: "This is an excellent opportunity to celebrate and demonstrate the importance of our territory's mining and mineral extraction and its contribution to everyday fun activities such as biking. Bikes are entirely manufactured from materials obtained by mining, in fact every second of every day we rely on minerals that are obtained only two ways - through a form of mining - extraction and subsequent processing. Mining makes our life possible."

Yukon's mineral industry continues to use innovation and technology to ensure safe, economical, and efficient mineral exploration and mineral development. As we celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the discovery of gold in the Klondike we appreciate the contribution mining has made to our everyday life. The YCM will continue to advocate for a responsible and sustainable exploration and mining industry to ensure the daily items we enjoy, contain local and Canadian minerals.

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