

# Mount Polley Community Update



December 2025



Mining in the Springer Pit, July 2025

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## Message from the Mine Manager

As Mine Manager at Mount Polley, it has been a privilege to work alongside a dedicated team that continues to demonstrate commitment to safety, responsible mining, and environmental stewardship. In 2025, we advanced development of the Springer Pit Phase 5 pushback and maintained strong production performance, with Mount Polley on track to exceed its annual copper and gold guidance. Safety remained our top priority, supported by ongoing training, including participation in the 2025 BC Provincial Mine Rescue & First Aid Competition.

This year also marked meaningful progress in remediation and monitoring across the site. New aerial drone footage, wildlife camera monitoring, and long-term habitat and vegetation studies continue to show how Hazeltine Creek, Edney Creek, and the surrounding landscapes are recovering and supporting diverse species. These efforts build on years of collaboration with environmental experts, Indigenous partners, and regulators to restore ecosystems and fish habitat.

Mount Polley remains committed to being a good neighbour and an engaged partner in the region. In 2025, we were proud to host our 4th Annual Fishing Derby at Cedar Point Park, support community events, and deepen relationships with First Nations through initiatives such as sponsoring the Williams Lake First Nation Father's Day Traditional Powwow and hosting an Elders Helicopter Tour of the site. These connections are important to our operations and our planning for the future.

Looking ahead to 2026, our focus will remain on safe, reliable operations, continued environmental monitoring, and continued engagement with our communities and Indigenous partners. We look forward to the year ahead and to building on the opportunities in front of us.

Warmly,



John Thummerer  
Mine Manager, Mount Polley Mining Corporation



# Mine Operations

## Springer Pit Development

Mining operations remain focused on developing the Springer Pit, with Phase 5 pushback activities advancing through 2025. As part of our ongoing Phase 5 development, we mined approximately 7.25 million tonnes through the first nine months of 2025, with significant volumes of non-acid generating (NAG) material hauled to the tailings storage facility (TSF) for buttress construction.



Springer Pit, July 2025



## Strong Production Growth

Production momentum was strong through the first nine months of 2025. Copper production totalled 26.1 million pounds and gold production reached 31,000 ounces for the nine months. Mill throughput averaged 19,274 tonnes per day, reflecting consistent operational performance. Despite lower grades and copper recovery in the third quarter, higher throughput continued to support production. Looking ahead to 2025 year-end, Mount Polley is on track to exceed guidance, targeting approximately 30 million pounds of copper and 40,000 ounces of gold for the full year. Strong production performance supports continued employment, local contracting and long-term planning at the site.

# Community

Mount Polley's 4th Annual Fishing Derby, May 2025



## Supporting our Community

Mount Polley is proud to support our local communities through a variety of events and initiatives. This spring, we hosted our 4th Annual Fishing Derby at Cedar Point Park on Quesnel Lake —our largest and most successful derby to date. The event brought together more than 500 people for a weekend of fishing, prizes, and celebration. Thanks to the incredible support of our community and sponsors, we raised over \$20,000 for Cedar Point Park — a record year.

## Public Tours

An open-to-the-public meeting and tour was conducted at the mine site on December 18, 2025. It was an opportunity to convey information on mine site status with a tour of the concentrator building, focusing on concentrator processes such as grinding and floating, material sciences and engineering that support metallurgical practice at Mount Polley mine.

Mount Polley Fishing Derby



# Celebrating our Team

In June, Mount Polley's First Aid Team competed in the 2025 BC Provincial Mine Rescue & First Aid Competition, held at the Britannia Mine Museum. The competition tested real-world emergency response skills, teamwork, and focus.

We are proud to share that our team placed 3rd out of six teams representing the South-Central Zone. This year's roster also included two first-time competitors, who performed exceptionally under pressure. Their dedication, professionalism, and pride reflect the strong safety culture we continue to build at Mount Polley. A heartfelt thank you to the competitors, coaches, and staff who supported the team!



Mine Rescue & First Aid Competition, June 2025



# Strengthening Ties with First Nations

Orange Shirt Day, September 2025



## Williams Lake First Nation Fathers Day Traditional PowWow

Mount Polley continues to build and strengthen relationships with our First Nations partners. In June, we were honoured to be the Partner Sponsor of the Williams Lake First Nation's Father's Day Traditional Powwow. The event was a vibrant celebration of culture, music, and community, and we extend our thanks to WLFN for hosting such a joyful gathering. Supporting events that honour Indigenous traditions and bring people together is an important part of our commitment to partnership and respect.

Williams Lake First Nation Powwow, June 2025



# Elders Helicopter Tour

In July, Mount Polley partnered with Williams Lake First Nation to host an Elders Helicopter Tour of the mine site and surrounding areas. The tour offered Elders a unique perspective of the remediation success. Sharing the site from the air provided an opportunity for dialogue and connection, and we are grateful to the Elders for their participation and insights.

WLFN Helicopter Tour, July 2025



# Environmental Stewardship

## Monitoring Ecological Recovery

Avian point count surveys were conducted at Mount Polley mine from 2020 to 2024 as part of a 10-year terrestrial wildlife monitoring program (DWB 2021). These surveys were conducted to assess bird communities as indicators of ecological succession in response to reclamation activities along the Hazeltine Creek corridor. A multi-year analysis was planned for Year 5 (2025) to evaluate whether reclamation is progressing towards benchmark conditions for breeding birds.

Ecological succession along the Hazeltine Creek corridor will be considered on a trajectory to support breeding birds if the relative abundance, species richness, or species diversity are:

- Comparable to the reference sites,
- Higher on the reclaimed sites where improvements to facilitate vegetation growth and habitat complexity have been applied for a longer duration of time, and/or increasing over time, particularly by year 10.

In simple terms, this monitoring helps us understand whether plants, birds, and wildlife are returning in ways that indicate the land is recovering over time.



Sandhill Crane, middle Hazeltine Creek



### Vegetation

In five years of study approximately 116 species of plants were detected within the remediated areas of the Hazeltine Creek corridor. This includes 10 species of trees, 20 species of shrubs, approximately 86 species of herbs and an unrecorded number of moss and lichens.

# Wildlife Monitoring



Black Bear, May 2025

## Tracking Habitat Use

Our wildlife monitoring program uses remote wildlife cameras to observe the species returning to Mount Polley's remediated landscapes. Since monitoring began, these cameras have captured the biodiversity across the site, including moose and deer to various predator species.

Each camera sighting represents a positive indicator that the habitat is developing into a strong ecosystem.



Moose, September 2025



Canada Lynx, October 2025



Mule Deer doe and fawn, October 2025

## Salmon Returning to Remediated Habitats

During Mount Polley's recent spawning surveys in September 2024, a total of 242 spawning sockeye salmon, along with 75 deceased and 5 spawned-out sockeye, were observed in Hazeltine Creek. Additionally, a single pink salmon was observed swimming among the sockeye salmon; this is a promising sign as this is the first pink salmon we have observed in the system. Our monitoring will continue throughout the migration season.



Sockeye Salmon, September 2025

# Join Our Team



## We Are Hiring!

Mount Polley is actively seeking talented individuals to join our team as we continue to grow! We offer diverse roles from administrative to technical and trades, with competitive salaries, benefits, training and career advancement opportunities.

Interested candidates may email us at [hr@mountpolley.com](mailto:hr@mountpolley.com)

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