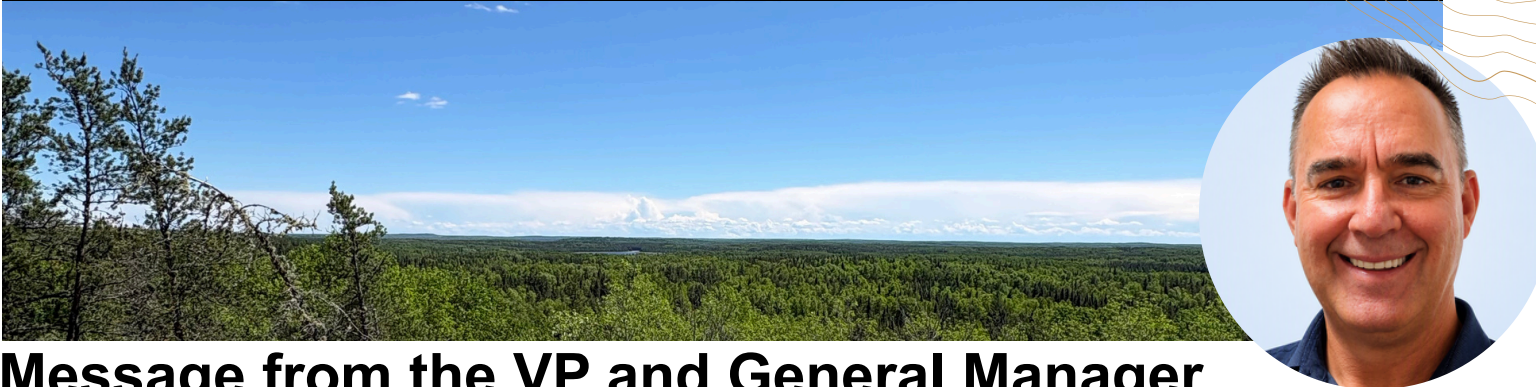


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2026 SUMMER NEWSLETTER



A Message from the VP and General Manager

Since joining Great Bear as Vice President and General Manager in July, I have been incredibly grateful for the warm welcome from both our team and the Red Lake community. My wife, Angie, and I recently relocated from South Africa, and we are excited to begin this new chapter and make Red Lake our home.

In my first few weeks, what has stood out most is the energy, dedication, and pride people bring to Great Bear every day. There is a strong sense of teamwork here, along with a shared commitment to moving the Project forward safely and responsibly. I have already seen that culture in action, and I am proud to be joining this team at such an important point in Great Bear's journey. Over the past several months, I have been working closely with the Great Bear team as part of the leadership transition from my previous role at Kinross' Tasiast operation in Mauritania. Throughout my career, I have had the opportunity to work across both operations and project development, and I look forward to bringing that experience to Great Bear as we advance toward our next major milestones.

One of my greatest passions as a leader is developing people. I believe our responsibility as leaders is not only to deliver results today, but also to create opportunities for people to learn, grow, and prepare for what comes next. My aspiration is for the leaders on my team to become even stronger leaders than I am. Great Bear's long-term success will depend on more than the quality of the orebody or our operational performance. It will depend on the strength of our people, the culture we build together, and the leaders we develop along the way. Building a deep, capable pipeline of future leaders will be essential to creating a sustainable, high-performing operation for years to come.

We also reached an exciting milestone at the end of July with the first blast in the exploration decline. Moments like these carry real significance in the life of a mining project because they represent years of planning, coordination, and hard work becoming tangible progress. The first blast marks the beginning of underground development for our Advanced Exploration (AEX) program and another important step forward for Great Bear. Just as important as the progress we make on site is how we move forward with the communities around us. As someone new to the region, I am looking forward to building relationships with community partners, local businesses, and First Nations communities, and to learning from the people who know this region best.

Trust is built through consistent actions, open communication, and strong relationships over time. Those principles will continue to guide how we work with local communities and stakeholders as Great Bear moves forward.

Kinross in the Community

At Kinross Great Bear, we are committed to supporting local initiatives and being a strong community partner.



Improving Access at Rahill Beach

Great Bear is proud to donate a 50ft mobimat to the Municipality of Red Lake to be utilized at Rahill Beach. The portable beach access mat creates a stable, firm pathway across sand, making it easier for people using wheelchairs, strollers, walkers, and other mobility aids to access the waterfront.

Supporting the Class of 2026

Congratulations to the Class of 2026 on this important achievement. We were proud to offer our bursary program for a second year, awarding five \$2,000 bursaries to graduating students from Red Lake, Ear Falls, Wabauskang, Lac Seul, and the Northwestern Ontario Métis community. We wish all graduates the very best in their future studies and careers.



Supporting Swimming Lessons in Ear Falls

Ear Falls Public School hosted swimming lessons the week of June 15th. Kinross Great Bear supported this initiative with a \$2000 donation to provide free swimming lessons for 100 students.

DONATIONS

Our application is available online! Contact us at GreatBearInfo@kinross.com for more information. Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis. **The next deadline is October 1, 2026. Scan the QR code for quick link.**



Employee Spotlight – Meet Ibrahim !



Ibrahim's interest in geology began as a child growing up in Saudi Arabia, where he collected rocks and seashells along the shores of the Red Sea. Fascinated by how rocks and sand dunes formed, he developed a passion that would eventually shape his career.

After moving to Canada in 2014 to study at the University of Ottawa, Ibrahim gained experience working on gold exploration projects across Ontario, Quebec, and Newfoundland. He joined Great Bear in August 2022 as a Core Logging Geologist and reached a personal milestone in early 2025 when he became a Canadian citizen.

Today, Ibrahim analyzes drill core samples to help the team better understand where gold mineralization occurs and contributes to resource estimation. One of his favorite parts of the job is spotting visible gold in the core, a rewarding moment for any geologist.

As the Project continues to advance, Ibrahim is looking forward to building his skills and growing alongside the team. He is especially grateful for the support of his colleagues and the sense of community that has helped make Red Lake feel like home.

Environment

Earlier this year, Great Bear welcomed Red Lake District High School co-op student Rissa Hickey to the Environment team as part of our ongoing support for local education and workforce development. During her placement, Rissa assisted with environmental monitoring activities bringing enthusiasm, curiosity, and a positive attitude to the team.

Co-op programs give students valuable hands-on experience while helping them explore careers in mining, environmental stewardship, and related fields. They also create an important connection between local education and future employment opportunities in the region.

Great Bear is proud to support initiatives that help students build practical skills, learn more about careers available close to home, and contribute to the development of a strong local workforce.



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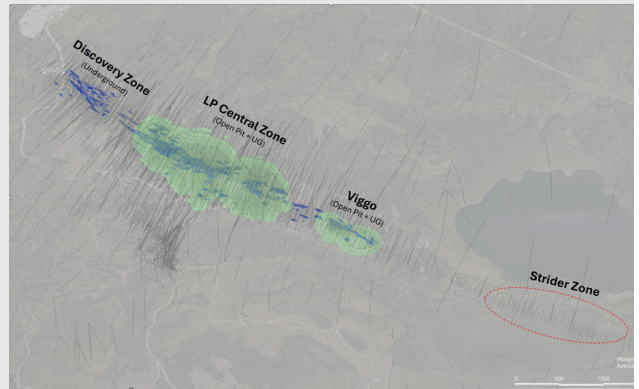
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Geology

Exploration at the Strider Zone continued during the second quarter, with drilling extending more than 2.7 kilometres from the Viggo Pit and expanding the known area of high-grade mineralization.

The zone has now been identified to a vertical depth of 150 metres, with the next phase of drilling focused on testing the extents both along strike and at depth to further evaluate the area's potential.



Advanced Exploration



Work on the AEX program continues to make strong progress. Since receiving project permits in April, crews have been completing final earthworks and liner installation for the remaining ponds and stockpile areas, bringing surface construction to 93% complete.

A major milestone was reached on July 27, 2026, with the successful first blast for the exploration decline. The blast marked the beginning of underground development for the AEX program and an important step forward to better understand the core resource for the Project.

WE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGE YOUR FEEDBACK!

We value community feedback to improve our communication, engagement and future operations. Contact us by phone at **807-631-6769** or email **GreatBearInfo@kinross.com**. If you would like to confidentially self-identify as a community or interest group, please indicate in your message.

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