



CANADA NICKEL  
COMPANY

# NEWSLETTER

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## HAVING YOUR SAY IN THE FUTURE OF THE CRAWFORD PROJECT

Over the coming months, Canada Nickel will be hosting information and feedback meetings with Indigenous communities, stakeholders, and the general public on the Crawford Project's *Initial Project Description (IPD)*. Formal submission of the IPD to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) is the initiating phase of the Crawford Project's Impact Assessment process.

The Crawford Nickel Project is being designed as a large open pit operation with a wide array of potential benefits and impacts to the region, each of which must be accounted for by Canada Nickel during the early stages of project design. These critical conversations around the IPD are an opportunity to develop a full, well-informed understanding of the potential economic, environmental, and social affects of the project, and to find collaborative ways to manage impacts and optimize benefits for the region.

The IPD public meetings will be held via Zoom webinar in the coming months. To participate, please keep an eye out for invitations and register in advance at [www.canadanickel.com](http://www.canadanickel.com).

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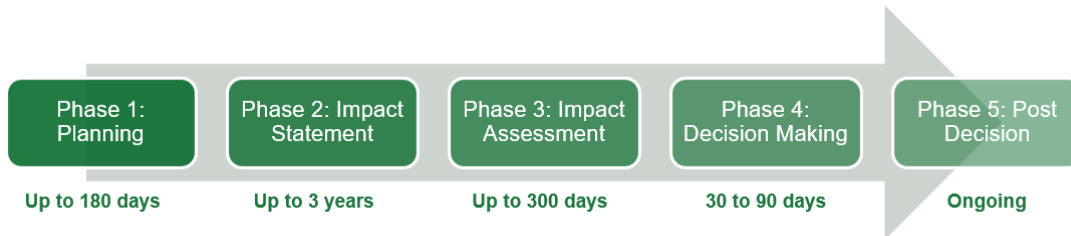
FILING THE CRAWFORD PROJECT'S INITIAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION cont.

## What's Next?

Following Canada Nickel's formal submission of the IPD, the IAAC will post the document on its website and engage its own series of consultations with

stakeholders, communities, and Indigenous groups regarding its content.

The IAAC will follow with a Summary of Issues that will feed into Canada Nickel's completion of a Detailed Project Description. These steps are all part of the Planning Stage for the Impact Assessment Process.



## STARDUST TECHNOLOGIES AND THE COCHRANE BOARD OF TRADE

Canada Nickel's Alex Armstrong, Community Relations and Communications Coordinator, and Curtis Ferron, Lead Geologist, proudly joined Stardust Technologies and their university partners to announce the upcoming Stardust Space Centre in Cochrane, Ontario.

CEO of Stardust Technologies, Jason Michaud, shared Canada Nickel's sentiments regarding the importance of cross-industry collaboration and bringing education, training, and business opportunities to Northern Ontario.

Canada Nickel also signed a non-binding memorandum of understanding with the Cochrane Board of Trade on February 25<sup>th</sup>. This MOU outlines the potential for mutual support and collaboration on initiatives, partnerships, and Canada Nickel's community engagement activities in Cochrane.



Attendees at the announcement for the Stardust Space Centre in Cochrane, Ontario



CNC CEO Mark Selby and Board of Trade President Frank Louvelle sign MOU

# DRILLING CORE TO BUILD A CORE ASSET

*A message from Canada Nickel's Vice President of  
Capital Markets, Christian Brousseau*



“Many are called, but few are chosen” is a common theme in exploration. The Crawford Nickel Project’s 2021 Preliminary Economic Assessment has put Canada Nickel in the latter category with a promising future ahead for our flagship project.

The PEA, however, was only step in the journey that will see the transformation of Canada Nickel from an exploration company to a major nickel producer. Moving from exploration drilling to definition drilling at Crawford was the first stage of this transition, converting a mineral resource into a mineral reserve that will be the foundation of this world class asset. The geotechnical program currently underway to support infrastructure and mine design is another essential building block toward converting this reserve into an actual mine.

Transition and transformation are synonyms of change, and already we are seeing increased levels of site activity and acquiring new partners to assist us in different fields like permitting, engineering, and construction.

While we continue to explore our newly acquired properties, we do so not as just another “emerging” junior company, but with the intention of representing the next generation of mining. With this new status comes different challenges and responsibilities. Managing and embracing that change will be key to our global success and

growth, and the coincident success of local, impacted communities.

Though our focus is aimed at completing the Feasibility Study, we continue to tackle the challenges of downstream processing and carbon sequestration testing (both active and passive), all of which add value and purpose to our Crawford Project in the global economy and as good corporate citizens.

We will continue our effort to communicate with you how this continuous growth will mold our way of conducting business on this journey that is far from being over !

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Brousseau', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Christian Brousseau

*Prior to joining Canada Nickel, Mr. Brousseau acted as Project Director for the Dumont Project, where he was instrumental in completing the revised Dumont feasibility study in 2019. Prior to Dumont, Mr. Brousseau held the position of Engineering and Construction Manager on the US\$1.2 billion capex Detour Lake Mine. He also held a number of construction management positions at Canadian Malartic Mine and Newmont's Éléonore Mine. Mr. Brousseau spent eight years at Falconbridge supervising and managing capital projects in Sudbury and at Glencore Canada's Raglan Mine and Horne Smelter, and Kidd Creek Mine.*

# FORMATION OF COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS AND PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE

Canada Nickel formed the Community Contributions and Procurement Committee with the intention of utilizing local expertise of community capacity and needs to optimize Canada Nickel’s contributions, and to ensure that community outreach tackles those social and economic issues that are of greatest concern to the region in a responsible, strategic fashion.

The mandate of the Community Contributions and Procurement Committee is to identify, discuss, and propose potential opportunities for community contributions opportunities and to develop guidelines for local procurement during the exploration and development phases of the Crawford Project. The Committee mandate was endorsed at its first meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Rules of operation and general expectations were discussed and adopted by the members at that same meeting.

The Committee is a voluntary, participatory engagement mechanism initiated by Canada Nickel with local community representatives to collaboratively establish guidelines that will allow the company to distribute its community contributions and procurements in a way that positively benefits the region. The Committee is facilitated by representatives from public participation consultancy Transfer Environment and Society.

The Committee will meet every 3 to 4 months, or as often as deemed necessary by the Committee. Committee meeting reports will be made available to the public on Canada Nickel’s website.

**Canada Nickel has plans to form additional, distinct committees to help facilitate discussions, planning, and collaboration around**

- **Labour and Training; and**
- **Environment**

## COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS AND PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

### COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

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Town of Cochrane

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Town of Iroquois Falls

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City of Timmins

### SOCIAL-COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

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Independent Social Consultant

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Cochrane District Social Planning Council

### BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES

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Cochrane Board of Trade

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Timmins Economic and Development Corporation

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Timmins Chamber of Commerce

### CANADA NICKEL REPRESENTATIVES

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Vice President, Sustainability

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Community Relations and Communications Coordinator

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# NEW RELEASE HIGHLIGHTS

To access all Canada Nickel Company news releases, or for other information relating to Canada Nickel and the Crawford Project, please visit our website at [www.canadanickel.com](http://www.canadanickel.com).

## **Canada Nickel Announces Upsize of Bought Deal Public Offering to C\$45.0 Million**

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Due to significant investor demand, Canada Nickel amends its agreement with Red Cloud Securities Inc. (lead underwriter and sole bookrunner on behalf of a syndicate of underwriters that includes Clarksons Platou Securities AS) to increase the size of CNC's previously announced offering from C\$25.0 million to C\$45.0 million. Canada Nickel plans to use the net proceeds of the Offering to repay the Company's current loan with Auramet and for general working capital and corporate purposes such as advancing the Crawford Project through its Feasibility Study.

## **Canada Nickel Continues to Demonstrate Substantial Improvement in Metallurgical Performance and Provides Corporate Update**

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Canada Nickel announces a total nickel recovery of 63% from low nickel feed grade of 0.19% nickel, and a nickel sulphide concentrate grade of 46% nickel (believed to be the highest grade nickel sulphide concentrate produced in locked cycle tests, based on published studies). CEO Mark Selby notes that "each percentage point of improvement in nickel recovery would yield a US\$92 million improvement in the value of the NPV<sub>8%</sub> of the project, based on the Preliminary Economic Analysis metrics."



### **Isaac Bird** *Supervisor*

Isaac Bird, a member of Weenusk First Nation, grew up in Peawanuck, a small Cree community around 35 kms from the Winisk River's end in Hudson Bay. After moving to the Cochrane region in 2003, Isaac held roles with some of the largest mining companies in the area before joining CNC as a core cutter. Isaac's hard work, experience, and natural ability to lead have since seen him promoted to a supervisory position at the Timmins core shack. Isaac has three sons and a loving fiancée, and enjoys reading and independently studying psychology.

EMPLOYEE SNAPSHOT

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## **Canada Nickel Announces Successful Drill Results from Recently Acquired Deloro Target and Provides Corporate Update**

*January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

Drill holes results from Dargavel, Mahaffy, MacDiarmid, and Kingsmill properties intersect multi-hundred metre intersections of mineralization, with the best interval from the first hole at Dargavel of 162 metres of 0.30% nickel, including a portion 0.34% over 28.5 metres.

Expectations for completion of the Crawford Feasibility study by the fourth quarter of 2022.

Mr. Christian Brousseau is promoted to Vice President, Capital Projects for Canada Nickel, bringing 30 years' experience in engineering, design, and construction from major mining operations across Canada, including roles as Project Director for the shovel-ready Dumont Project and Engineering and Construction Manager for the US\$1.2 billion Detour Lake open-pit mine.

Mr. Desmond Tranquilla, Canada Nickel's Project Director, has over 30 year's experience in management of major capital projects involving large mines and processing plants in Canada and the U.S., as well as transportation, infrastructure projects, hydroelectricity, and aggregate processing plants.

Mr. Mathieu Boucher joins Canada Nickel as Manager, Environment. Mr. Boucher has over a decade of experience working in environment and engineering, having previously contributed to and led projects on water treatment and management from tailings, site assessment and remediation, and protection of sensitive natural environments.

## **Canada Nickel Closes Previously Announced US\$10 Million Loan Facility with Auramet International LLC**

*January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

Canada Nickel closes a secured loan facility with Auramet International LLC of US\$10 million previously announced on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The proceeds will be used to ensure the Company remains well-funded as it continues to aggressively advance the Crawford Nickel Project through the first quarter of 2022.



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