



The BC Museum of Mining Creates an Endowment for Future Generations

The Renaissance Fund matched donations to reach \$174,800

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Britannia Beach: BC Museum of Mining raised \$174,800 for mining education and public programs! Key award of \$22,000 from Association of Mineral Exploration, BC.

Within a short time frame (September to December 2008), the Museum participated in a fundraising effort with the Renaissance Fund, which matched all donations raised by the Museum. The Museum was able to raise more than \$90,000 with a single \$22,000 award from the Association of Mineral Exploration British Columbia Education Fund. With the Government of BC's Renaissance Fund, the Museum has established its own endowment of **\$174,800**.

The support from the mining industry was also key to the success of this program. The significant contribution by AMEBC Outreach Fund of \$22,000 symbolizes the mining industry's recognition of the Museum's programs and services. The Museum is proud to partner with industry in the effort to increase British Columbian's awareness of BC's mineral exploration and economic impact on this province.

As the endowment fund continues to grow, the interest generated will be used for projects that will engage the public and students in mining education. Of particular interest are environmental initiatives and collections care projects. Anyone interested in contributing to the BC Museum of Mining's fund may do so through the Vancouver Foundation website. www.vancouverfoundation.bc.ca.

The BC Museum of Mining is a premier, non-profit organization that promotes mining awareness through fun experiential education programs. They provide important historic collection preservation and insightful public engagement regarding environmental and sustainability issues.

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The BC Museum of Mining is National Historic Site offering guided train tours into a real mining tunnel, museum exhibits, gold panning and more. History comes alive with the 1923 Mill building. Open daily from March to October. Located in Britannia Beach on Hwy 99 just south of Squamish.
www.bcmuseumofmining.org