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Britannia Mine Museum Offers Families Unique Spring Break Adventure *Memorable favourites include underground mine train and gold panning*

Britannia Beach, BC – With spring break approaching fast and furious, families are encouraged to visit the recently transformed Britannia Mine Museum for a day of family friendly activities like the fan favourites underground mine train and gold panning area. Throughout spring break, the Museum will have various activities and exhibits including Minerals Rock Days, Social History Days and Rhymin' Minin' Poetry Days. Special interpreter led programmes will be held at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. every day during spring break.

Located 10 minutes south of Squamish on the picturesque Sea-to-Sky highway, the reinvented Museum was recently transformed from a mining legacy site into a vibrant internationally recognized destination. Made possible by generous contributions from the mining industry, the provincial and federal governments and private donations, the Museum celebrates the contributions of mining and minerals to society, the history of the storied Britannia Beach community and the ideas and practices of environmental renewal and sustainability.

Visitor attractions include:

- The new **Beaty-Lundin Visitor Centre**: houses several theatrical mining and mineral exhibits including a unique “mining tornado” structure filled with everyday items that mining has influenced, new theatre space, gift shop and the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame.
- The new **Britannia A-Z Exhibit Hall**: a restored heritage building where visitors can step back in time and learn about the more than 60,000 people from over 50 countries who lived and worked in Britannia throughout between 1904 to 1974.
- The awe-inspiring **20-storey Mill building** is a National Historic Site and one of the last remaining gravity-fed concentrator mills in North America. Restored in 2007, each of the 14,416 panes of glass was hand-puttied into the frames to maintain its heritage.
- The ever popular **underground train ride** through the Britannia mine tunnel where visitors can experience firsthand what life was like for miners.
- The family favourite **gold panning** area under a beautiful red cedar post and beam roof structure

In addition, throughout the month of March, families can sign up for a year-long membership to the Britannia Mine Museum at the discounted rate of \$68 (for a family of 5; two parents and 3 children – normal family membership is \$89). The membership gives the family free admission for the full year, a free guest pass, discounts at the museum's store, plus additional benefits with partner organizations. Note that the discounted March family membership rate is cheaper than regular family admissions pricing.

The Britannia Mine Museum is open seven days a week from 9:00am to 4:30pm and offers guided tours. Visit www.britanniamuseum.ca for more information.

About the Britannia Mine Museum:

The Britannia Mine Museum, which is both a National Historic Site and a BC Historic Landmark, was established in 1971 to preserve the material and social history of mining in British Columbia, and to educate the public about mining. It is a premier, non-profit organization that promotes mining awareness through fun experiential education programs. Governed by the Britannia Beach Historical Society, the museum provides important historic collection preservation and insightful public engagement regarding environmental and sustainability issues. www.britanniamuseum.ca

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Note to editors: Photos and footage of the new Britannia Mine Museum are available upon request.

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