



2012 Exploration Program Wraps Up, Planning Underway for Winter Season

Aurora's camp-based summer/fall 2012 exploration program came to a close in October, marking a successful return to drilling on our mineral claims in the Central Mineral Belt.

After arriving at the camp in early July, re-establishing many of the buildings and facilities in the Michelin camp was the first priority for the field team. Key achievements included:

- Building a new kitchen and washrooms
- Renovating and extending the core shack
- Establishing a new fuel cache to centralize fuel storage, and
- Constructing a water and waste management system, which will be commissioned during the winter

Aurora hired a crew of about 20 people to support the work program, from communities throughout Nunatsiavut and the Upper Lake Melville area.

While refurbishing the camp, the team also ran a successful drill campaign from mid-August until

the program concluded in October. Using two rigs, approximately 5,000m of core was drilled from 23 holes at and near the Michelin deposit.

"Our field crew deserves a lot of credit," said Paul McNeill, Project Manager. "Completing such a wide variety of work, with such a small group, without any major safety or environmental incidents is a credit to our Labrador-based staff and our whole project team."

Extensive geophysical work was also carried out around Michelin and Running Rabbit Lake this year, which will help Aurora's geology team prepare for future drill programs.

Environmental monitoring of air quality, background radiation, radon, and meteorological conditions also continued in 2012. In addition, surveys of waterfowl and water quality were carried out.

"Progress made during the 2012 season puts Aurora in a position to get off to a running start in January, when we expect to return for our winter drill program," said Mr. McNeill. Details of this program will be announced early in 2013.

Snapshots of a Drill Program - Aurora's 2012 Summer/fall Field Season



Drill programs are planned based on information gathered and evaluated by the exploration team, which includes geologists, geophysicists, and a wide range of support staff. This information helps the team pick the most promising sites to drill for uranium.



A drill program involves cutting long cylinders of rock from a number of pre-determined sites throughout the project area. Drill rigs are moved from one location to another by helicopter. Operation and transportation of rigs are carried out with priority on the safety of workers and the protection of the environment. Training is provided to ensure that fuel and waste are handled correctly, materials are moved safely, and any potential problems are identified early, reported, and addressed.



At drill sites, technicians put probes down the drill holes to gather information about the rock. Geologists mainly use this data to calculate how much uranium is in the project area.



Back at the core shack, core is catalogued and examined by the exploration team. The core helps geologists better understand the geology in the area (which helps in planning future drill programs) and can provide information for future technical studies related to mine development.

Team Spirit Runs High at 2012 Aurora Volleyball Tournaments in Makkovik & Postville

With a strong turn-out, a spirit of fair play, and a successful fundraising result for both Postville and Makkovik's 2013 graduating classes through operation of the canteens, Aurora Volleyball Tournaments saw another successful run in 2012. A big thank you and congratulations to our partners - Postville Recreation and Makkovik Recreation - and to all participants and spectators in both communities. We look forward to next year's competition!



First place winners in Postville - sharing the glory with a future generation of volleyball player.
Photo credit: Gail Flowers



It's all smiles for Makkovik's first place team.
Photo credit: Lori Dyson Edmunds

Career Fair Looks at Future Opportunities for Aboriginal Youth

Aurora was pleased to be a participant and sponsor of this year's Aboriginal Youth Career Fair in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. The Youth Career Fair was held in October and included Aboriginal youth aged 15-30 from communities throughout Labrador.

The focus of the event was building awareness of post-secondary educational, training and career options in Newfoundland and Labrador and beyond. Aurora had the opportunity to participate in the trade show part of the fair, hosting an information booth where students could get details on current and potential future employment opportunities with Aurora. The second day of the event was dedicated to workshops on skill-building and social awareness topics, from writing resumes to building self-esteem. The two day event concluded with a banquet, sponsored in-part by Aurora.



Ches Andersen, Aurora's VP Labrador Affairs, speaks with career fair participants. Paul McNeill, Aurora's Project Manager, also attended.

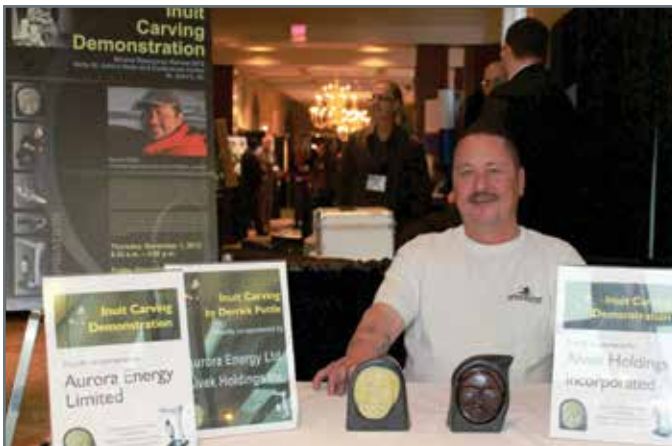
Rigolet Carver Derrick Pottle Teams Up with Aurora for a Demonstration at MMR

The annual Mining and Metals Review (MMR) in St. John's brings together exploration and mining companies in Newfoundland and Labrador, suppliers, industry groups and government representatives. The event includes the expected presentations and trade show booths, but carver Derrick Pottle from Rigolet brought a different twist to the show this year.

Through co-sponsorship by Aurora and Aivek Holdings and the efforts of conference organizers, Derrick was invited to carry out a demonstration of traditional Inuit carving during the two-day trade show. The carving demonstration aims to show how the province's arts

and mineral resources sectors are connected. It brings attention to the Inuit tradition of stone carving as one of the longest-practised examples in the province of people using local rocks or minerals for artistic expression.

As an additional benefit, the carvings Derrick finished during his time at the conference were donated for a silent auction held at MMR's closing banquet. The money collected through the auction of the carvings will be donated to the Native Friendship Centre in St. John's.



Derrick Pottle with his carvings. 2012 was the second year MMR has held the carving demonstration and the second time Derrick has participated.



Those attending the conference were invited to try out parts of the carving process. Above, Aurora's President Bruce Dumville adds some polish. Even Premier Kathy Dunderdale was seen doing a little sanding.

Making Meaningful Contributions During the Holiday Season

This December, Aurora has continued its seasonal donations program, contributing to Christmas events and the Christmas Food Hamper programs of community-based organizations and/or Inuit Community Governments in the communities of Postville, Makkovik, Rigolet, Nain, Hopedale, North West River, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, and St. John's. We recognize that some families struggle this time of year and hope that our support contributes to a happier holiday season for those in need.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of the Staff at Aurora Energy



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