

# PotashPages

## Paint Saskatchewan **Pink** - Breast Cancer Fundraiser

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BHP Billiton is excited to be holding its second annual "Paint Saskatchewan Pink" event to raise money for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation (CBCF).

### Positive news for Saskatchewan

Statistics show age-standardized breast cancer and mortality rates are the second lowest in the country. Reasons behind these declining rates are more effective treatment options and early

detection screenings.

Paint Saskatchewan Pink is driven by our employees with the company's support with the aim of making a difference and helping to find a cure for breast cancer. Last year we managed to raise just over \$105,000. Many of us in BHP Billiton have been touched personally by cancer and the impact it has on the lives of families and friends, and we are proud to show our support again for such a worthy cause and hope to make

this year's event even bigger and better.

We are hosting two events this year with all money raised going to the CBCF. We will be having a private BBQ for our employees and contractors at the Jansen Project Site, and a BBQ open to the public on 13 July at our Saskatoon Office location, 130 3rd Avenue South.

Come join us on 13 July and support a great cause!



Every little bit counts, so if you'd like to join in and make a donation, you can:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registration/startup.aspx?eventid=92860>

## Artifact Found

By Eve Casavant and Nick Brzezinski, SNC Lavalin

On 25 February 2012, a demolition crew working on the Jansen site had an unanticipated history lesson. A worker noticed an oddly shaped rock behind an old grain shed at a demolition property south of the main site. The site foreman identified this stone as having cultural significance, stopped work in the area of the find and contacted an Environment and Community representative on site. Given its place, it was likely picked up by the farmer from its original location and positioned by the shed.

Based on photographs, the Saskatchewan Heritage Conservation Branch identified the find as a stone maul. Stone mauls were used for everything from pounding stakes to quarrying stones and can be dated back thousands of years. The grooves in the stone make them

easier to tie to wooden hafts. The rounded end of the maul was used to pound stakes and grind large granular items such as nuts, corn and berries or clays and charcoals for paints into powder. The pointed end was used to deliver impact blows on animal bones to gain access to the marrow.

This was the first archaeological find on the site, and staff on the site and in the home office were excited to see evidence of the original inhabitants of the Jansen site. The Jansen Project successfully petitioned the Saskatchewan Heritage Conservation Branch to keep this artifact on the site and displayed for staff and visitors. The display will be used to educate workers on the site on the types of artifacts that they may identify as a part of their work, and also to promote awareness of the history of the First Nations of the area.



## Lightly Used Wood Benefits Carpentry Program

In April 2012 the BHP Billiton Jansen Project team identified a supply of good condition, lightly used wood, and in an effort to avoid sending it to the landfill, approached the Punnicny Carpentry Program to gauge their interest in the supply. Their response came quickly and a total of 138 2x4 and 2x6 pieces ranging in length from 8 to 16 feet were delivered to the program.

Our relationship with the Punnicny Carpentry Program began in the fall of 2008 when BHP

Billiton helped start the program, which, today is still doing well with an enrolment for the 2011-2012 school year of 11 students from the Punnicny area. Not only does this program provide these students with exposure to the trade but an opportunity to learn new skills and a motivator to stay in school. Some students are now involved in the construction industry and may even someday participate in helping us build the Jansen Project. It has been wonderful to see the value in this program progress over the years and we will continue to witness great successes for the years to come.

## Did You Know...

...Canada has the largest potash reserves in the world, followed at a considerable distance by Russia and Belarus. The majority of the potash reserves lie in the Williston Basin shared by Montana, North Dakota and Saskatchewan.

## Exploration Update

Our Exploration work continues, having successfully completed the Melville Winter 3D seismic program and clean-up. We would like to thank the local community and land owners for accommodating us during the work. Looking forward we have a busy summer ahead with our 2D seismic summer program on our various exploration permits. In addition we are continuing our drilling program at Melville during the summer and will expect to complete that work in January.

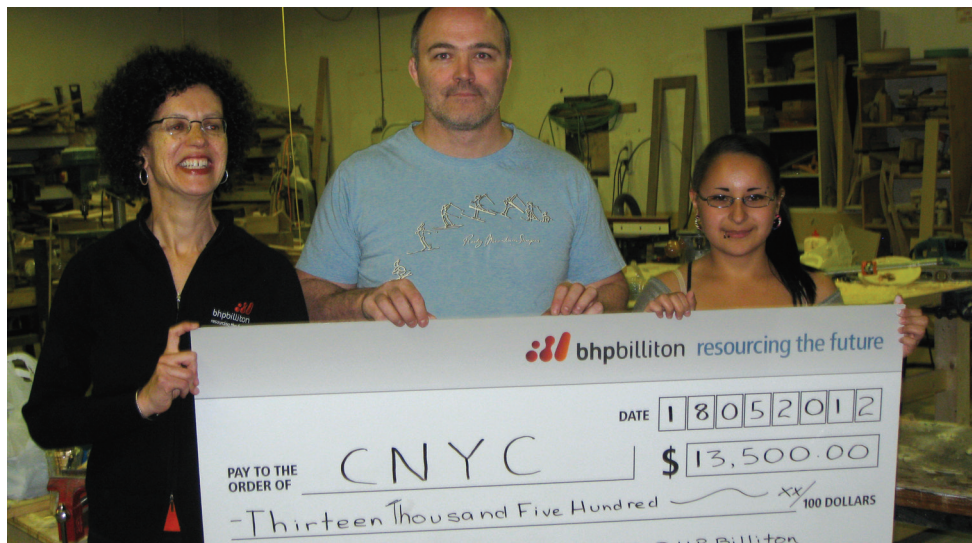


## Learning Through Carpentry

BHP Billiton is proud to announce our involvement in The Core Neighbourhood Youth Co-op's Learning Through Carpentry Program. The Core Neighbourhood Youth Co-op (CNYC) is

a Saskatoon organization working in partnership with other Saskatoon organizations to help youth realize and capitalize on their exiting social, life, education and work skills. The CNYC is an alternative education program for youth at risk in Saskatoon. The Learning Through Carpentry Program runs throughout the school year and aims to help young people build confidence,

make healthy decisions, learn valuable skills, find a job, or return to the mainstream school system. The youth are taught general carpentry and employment skills such as punctuality and attendance. The CNYC's carpentry program not only teaches a variety of carpentry skills but also utilizes a school curriculum in order for the youth to obtain high school credits.



## Saskatoon Office Update Construction Complete!

BHP Billiton is pleased to announce the completion of our office on 3rd Avenue South in Saskatoon. The office, with all four floors now in use, is already filled to the brim with almost 200 employees and contractors. The building boasts a state of the art HALO room for real time connection with multiple BHP Billiton offices worldwide, as well as upscale kitchens and break-out areas on all levels, and will feature a state of the art display and learning centre on the ground floor (scheduled to be completed shortly).

The entire office would like to thank Leanne Karapita for her hard work in managing the project.

Well done Leanne!







## Exile Island

### Children's Wish Foundation

On 24 May 2012 the BHP Billiton Banyadjaminga (Australian Indigenous term meaning 'to give one a hand') Tribe won the Ultimate Survivor award in the Children Wish Foundation (CWF) of Saskatchewan's annual Exile Island challenge to Outsmart, Outplay and Outpledge nine other corporate teams. The tribe fundraised over \$45,000 for the foundation enabling at least four children with life threatening illnesses to be granted their wishes. This success of doubling the original \$20,000 goal can be attributed to the teamwork and generosity of employees, contractors, and community members.

The three main fundraising events included a Sausage Sizzle BBQ, 50/50 and a Coin Challenge between five competitors, the Saskatoon 1st, 2nd, and 3rd floors as well as the Jansen sub surface and surface teams. The Sub Surface team truly outpledged the rest raising a total of \$1,034.54 and filling more than a 15 litre jug with coins and cash and as a result some tribe members paid an early morning visit to site to

provide them with donuts and a certificate as thanks for their generosity.

The Sausage Sizzle and 50/50 were also a great success. Thank you to Drake Meats for donating the sausages in support of the CWF. The 50/50 was over \$300 and the winner was the CWF's Fundraising/Event Coordinator.

On the day of Exile Island the team was granted their wish of sunshine amongst the week of rainy weather and were prepared to challenge themselves mentally, creatively and physically in order to impress their designated wish child and his family. As a result of the Children's Wish Foundation they were able to go on a Disney Cruise amidst the child's diagnosis with Leukemia as an infant. Each year, thousands of Canadian children between the ages of three and 17 are diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. The CWF is dedicated to granting an exceptional wish to every child. All ten tribes worked together to raise over \$198,000 for the CWF at Exile Island 2012.

For more information about the Children's Wish Foundation and Exile Island visit [www.childrenswish.ca](http://www.childrenswish.ca) or [www.exileisland.ca](http://www.exileisland.ca).

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