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Celebrating Leadership: Kelly Brenton Wins 2024 Max Award for Women in Mining



We're thrilled to share that Kelly Brenton received the 2024 Max Award for Women in Mining (Mining and Exploration) at last night's ceremony — a well-deserved recognition of her leadership, innovation, and community impact.

Kelly didn't set out to work in mining. With a Master's in Business and 20 years in the private sector, she joined De Beers Canada and now leads as Manager of Social Performance at the Gahcho Kué Mine.

Since 2020, Kelly has been a driving force behind De Beers' Building Forever goal of Accelerating Equal Opportunity. She's a founding member of the NWT Women in Mining Chapter and a key advocate for equity both locally and globally.

Some of her impactful initiatives include:

- Baby Bundle & Books in Homes programs
- STEM camps and pre-trade training for women
- Support for NWT communities during COVID-19 and the 2023 wildfires

Kelly's story is an inspiration — not just about finding a job in the NWT but building a meaningful career and making a difference right here at home.

She received the award from Gaeleen McPherson, President of NWT Women in Mining and Head of People, Communities & Supply Chain at Diavik — a proud moment shared between two northern changemakers.

Congratulations, Kelly! And thank you for showing what's possible for women in the North.