



Local Support

Vale has a rich history in Canada, and our operations in certain local communities date back generations. The individuals who make up communities are fundamentally important to our business; they are our employees, our neighbours, our partners and our friends.

Support

Vale is committed to supporting organizations, projects and groups that improve the quality of life for the people in our operational communities.

Our current local communities include: Voisey's Bay and Long Harbour, Newfoundland and Labrador; Sudbury and Port Colborne, Ontario; and Thompson, Manitoba. Special consideration will be given to requests from organizations in these communities or whose impacts these communities.

Vale supports a number of organizations in our operations' communities.

We are proud to support many different local initiatives at our various work sites. Here are examples of just a few of our partnerships.

Vital Outcomes Indicators for Community Engagement (VOICE)

Vale made a significant investment in VOICE, a program at Manitoba's Brandon University and University College of the North created to help First Nations and Métis students succeed in school and in their careers.



Ronald McDonald House



Vale volunteers cooked dinner for 80 families at Toronto's Ronald McDonald House, which provides lodging for families from outside the city during their children's treatment or stay in hospital.



Health Science North

When Health Science North in Sudbury, Ontario, wanted to raise money for its pediatrics services, Vale donated \$10,000 to kick-start the fundraising campaign.



Lady Cove Women's Choir



The Newfoundland and Labrador choral group Lady Cove Women's Choir, which connects singers and audiences to the region's Irish, English, French and Aboriginal heritage, is one of the top choral groups in the world. Vale's support helps the 50-member group bring its music to the world and provide bursaries for the province's developing musicians.

Contribution to Local Economies

Here are just a few examples of how Vale's presence has brought economic benefits to entire communities.

Sudbury, Ontario



We're making major investments at our company's Ontario Operations in Sudbury, resulting in job creation and additional competitiveness and sustainability of our sites. The \$200 million investment in the CORE (Challenging Ore Recovery) project at the Clarabelle Mine, for example, will increase metal recoveries at the mill by 4% and increase the value extracted from existing resources. The project created about 150 skilled trade jobs for Sudbury workers during peak construction and is expected to be complete in July, 2013.

Long Harbour, Newfoundland



In Canada's easternmost province, Vale is investing \$4.25 billion to build a new, state-of-the-art-nickel processing facility in the community of Long Harbour. The Long Harbour Processing Plant will use new technology, developed by Vale's own technology group, which eliminates the smelting process.

As a result, the plant will be able to process nickel with zero air emissions.

Construction should be complete by July 2013 and ramp-up will begin after that. At full capacity, the plant will employ approximately people who will process nickel concentrates that were previously shipped to Vale's operations in Ontario and Manitoba for processing.



Thompson, Manitoba



Vale is investing \$150 million to upgrade tailings containment facilities in Manitoba. We are also evaluating a new mine development opportunity called the Thompson 1-D. Together, these two initiatives will strengthen our presence in Manitoba and provide continuing and additional employment for the members of our communities.

Vale's Community Investment Review Committee meets three times per year to review all requests and measure them against our Community Investment Criteria to determine which investments best align with our objectives and fit within our budget.