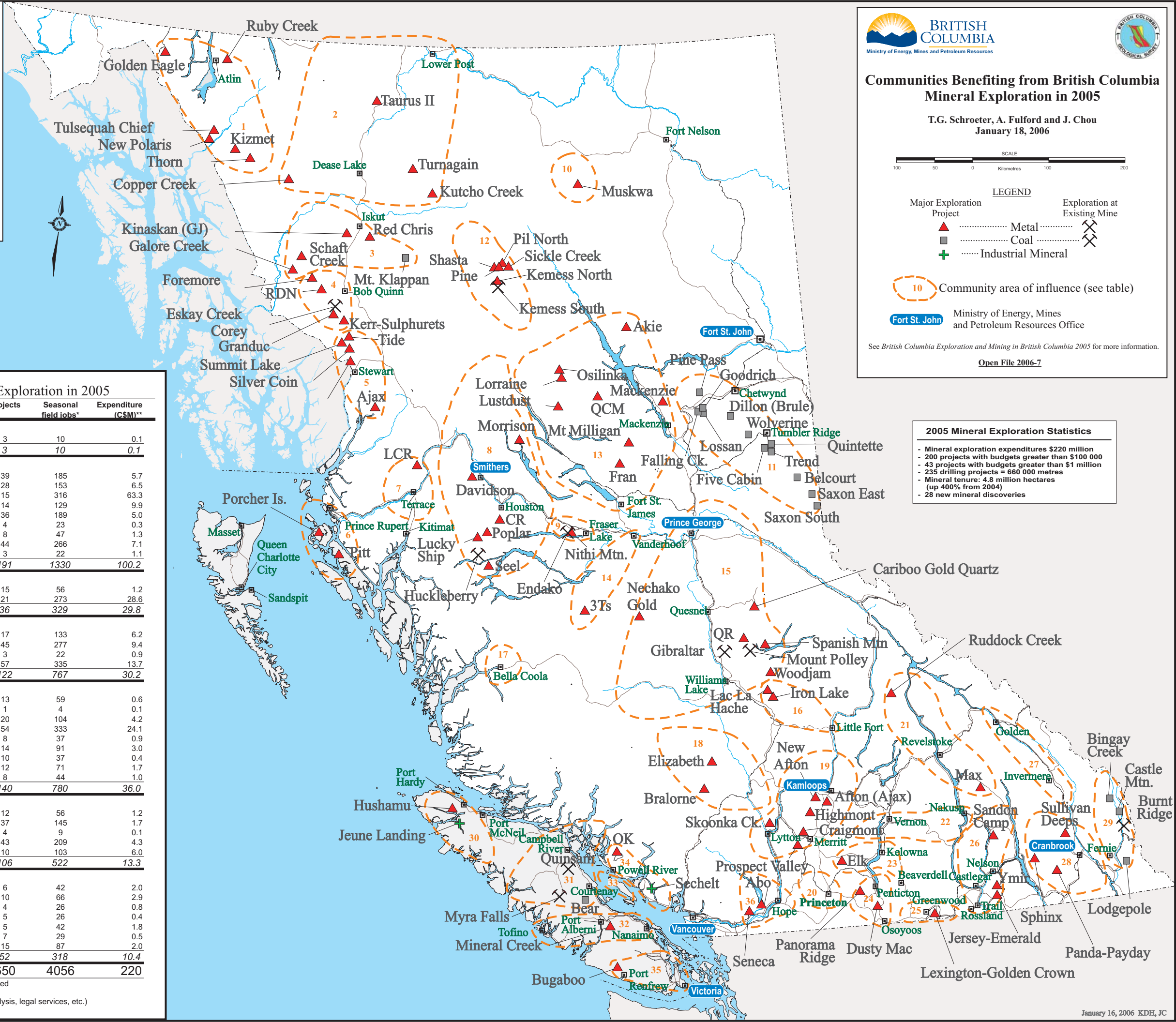
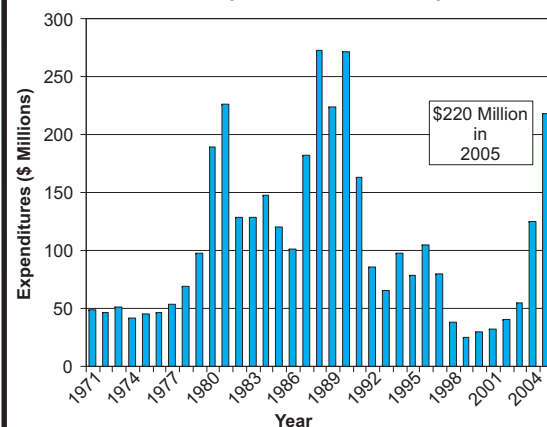


BC Mineral Exploration Annual Expenditures



Communities Benefiting from Mineral Exploration in 2005

Main Communities [other communities]	Projects	Seasonal field jobs*	Expenditure (C\$M)**
Province-wide projects			
Province-wide projects	3	10	0.1
Province-wide totals	3	10	0.1
Northwest			
1 Atlin	39	185	5.7
2 Dease Lake [Smithers]	28	153	6.5
3 Iskut [Smithers, Terrace]	15	316	63.3
4 Eskay Creek-Bob Quinn [Smithers, Stewart, Terrace]	14	129	9.9
5 Stewart [Terrace]	36	189	5.0
6 Prince Rupert	4	23	0.3
7 Terrace	8	47	1.3
8 Smithers-Houston	44	266	7.1
9 Fraser Lake	3	22	1.1
Northwest totals	191	1330	100.2
Northeast			
10 Fort Nelson-Toad River	15	56	1.2
11 Chetwynd-Tumbler Ridge [Dawson Creek, Prince George]	21	273	28.6
Northeast totals	36	329	29.8
Central			
12 Toadoggonne [Prince George, Mackenzie, Smithers]	17	133	6.2
13 Fort St. James-Mackenzie [Prince George]	45	277	9.4
14 Vanderhoof [Burns Lake, Fraser Lake, Prince George]	3	22	0.9
15 Quesnel-Wells-Williams Lake [Prince George]	57	335	13.7
Central totals	122	767	30.2
South-Central			
16 Lac La Hache-100 Mile House-Little Fort [Kamloops]	13	59	0.6
17 Bella Coola	1	4	0.1
18 Bridge River-Lillooet [Cache Creek, Kamloops]	20	104	4.2
19 Kamloops-Merrit-Clinton-Cache Ck-Clearwater	54	333	24.1
20 Princeton-Tulameen	8	37	0.9
21 Revelstoke-Trout Lake [Kamloops]	14	91	3.0
22 Vernon-Nakusp [Kamloops]	10	37	0.4
23 Kelowna-Peachland [Penticton]	12	71	1.7
24 Keremeos-Penticton-Okanagan Falls-Beaverdell-Osoyoos	8	44	1.0
South-Central totals	140	780	36.0
Kootenay			
25 Greenwood-Grand Forks [Osoyoos]	12	56	1.2
26 Rossland-Trail-Castlegar-New Denver-Nelson-Salmo	37	145	1.7
27 Spillamacheen-Invermere-Golden [Cranbrook]	4	9	0.1
28 Cranbrook-Kimberley [Creston]	43	209	4.3
29 Fernie-Sparwood [Cranbrook]	10	103	6.0
Kootenay totals	106	522	13.3
Southwest			
30 Port Hardy-Port McNeil [Campbell River]	6	42	2.0
31 Campbell River [Courtney, Comox]	10	66	2.9
32 Port Alberni-Tofino [Nanaimo]	4	26	0.8
33 Texada Island [Powell River]	5	26	0.4
34 Powell River-Sechelt-Pemberton	5	22	1.8
35 Victoria-Port Renfrew	7	49	0.5
36 Harrison Lake-Hope	15	87	2.0
Southwest totals	52	318	10.4
Provincial Totals	650	4056	220

* There are more than 600 additional, full-time mineral exploration jobs based in the Lower Mainland and other major cities.
** Estimates include field, office and service industry expenditures (lab analysis, legal services, etc.)
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