## **GENERATIONPGM** News Brief

## Plants and Animals in the Marathon Project Area

The Marathon Project Area has been studied by environmental scientists since 2007, as part of the long-term planning for the Marathon Mine, an open pit palladium and copper mine located 10 km north of the Town of Marathon. Marathon's 2020 Terrestrial Baseline Report provides the results of recent plant and animal studies in the area.

Our field biologists were out on the ground this spring and summer taking samples and photos; doing night time bird and bat surveys; and walking the area studying the local plants and animals. We also worked with Indigenous communities to identify important species that should be considered in our studies.

The area is dense, mature mixed wood and conifer forest, including bedrock outcrops, cliffs and some wetlands. Wildlife studies included putting motion-activated trail cameras in 8 locations around the site in 2020. The cameras took photos of black bear, grey wolf, beaver, snow hare, moose, sandhill crane and marten. White tailed deer are a new species at the site in 2020.

Our 2020 studies also included installing 12 microphones around the site to listen for night time bird and bat calls. No special birds were recorded, but we did



find the presence of important bats foraging in the area. GenPGM's commitment to Species at Risk includes the creation of a Bat Mitigation Strategy and ongoing work with our local communities and regulators to plan for an overall benefit to these species.



LOOKING AHEAD: We plan to share more information with you in the coming weeks, please submit any questions or comments to our corporate email at comments@genpgm.com

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