



Nelson and Crystal Gillis



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Nelson Gillis struck gold when he met local gal Crystal Kobelka after moving from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, to take a job in Balmertown near Red Lake in northwestern Ontario.

Balmerton is home to Canada's largest gold mine where Nelson and Crystal, now happily married, both work.

"We met at work, but Nelson was so shy that I was the one who finally had to ask him out," says Crystal.

Nelson is a mechanical supervisor, and Crystal is a hoist operator, manning the controls for the mine's elevator that plunges down some 6500 feet.

When they aren't digging for gold, Nelson and Crystal like to hit the road in one of the 5 Ford vehicles they have purchased over the years. They say they gladly drive the 12 hours and almost 1000 kilometers, every single time, just to deal with the great folks at Terry Ortynsky Royal Ford.



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