

## **Prospectors and Explorationists in 2007**

*Posted January.18.2008*

One of the most over used lines this year has been “Would you know of a ... available”? Inserting linecutter, prospector, geophysicists, geologist or diamond drill would fill in the gap. It was a common phone conversation, email thread and local paper advertisement.

Despite the need of all components of our exploration industry, discoveries have been made and numerous projects have moved from grass roots to advanced. There seems like no area of the province that isn't being rekindled in this broad, commodity driven frenzy. If in 2000-2001 you would have forecasted the expenditure of almost 5 times more exploration dollars in the province in 2007 they may have taken you to the hospital for observation.

Here we are in the end of 2007, an estimated \$500 million of exploration expenditures have been made over the last year, an Ontario Diamond mine on the horizon and explorers for uranium back in Ontario. This of course doesn't include the extensive gold and base metals exploration across Ontario.

The Ontario Prospectors Association is pleased again this year to have assembled a group of speakers, booths, posters and participants that will highlight the exploration and geoscience in Ontario. The Ontario Prospectors Association has been working hard all year to put an event together that reflects the activity around Ontario. To complete a show like the OEGS takes dedication by you the participants and the attendees. We thank you for your cooperation and time, especially this year when time seems to be at a premium.

The Ontario Prospectors Association wishes everyone continued success in 2008 and looks forward to providing a venue to exhibit the new discoveries of the next year.

*Wally Rayner,  
President, Ontario Prospectors Association*