May 2017

Where We Are and Hopefully Going

Exploration Cycle:
The general feeling attained from the PDAC, Ontario Prospectors Exploration Showcase and general markets would be we are continuing into an upward cycle of exploration. We have seen the prices of commodities fairly upbeat and Junior companies optioning properties and raising money. The below diagram professes to state the "boom" started in 2016. It seems like if this is worldwide it is affecting us starting late last summer?

The next boom has already started!

Lion Clock moves to 6 o’clock – the boom has started

There is no need for charts and detailed discussion. The evidence is strikingly clear – sentiment has swung back to miners, and the boom phase of the cycle is underway.
**Mining Act Modernization:**

On October 28, 2016, An Act to Amend the Mining Act placed into law. This was a culmination of a process of discussion and negotiation between the Ministry and stakeholders of the Mining Act.

The industry and industry groups have been numbed by the process. The principles of land acquisition and tenure management are being taken in a new direction lead by the Ministries interpretations and a purchased computer program. The industry has asked for the process to be laid out from top to bottom but hasn't seen all the components and their interaction. Now we are into the final swing of the conversion of claims to cells and the map selection process but have no concept of fees, assessment distribution effects or prospector/stakers treatment.

It is understood that the Ministry plans to commence the major changes to the system in November and there is importance in Claimholders to research what the effects will be on their holdings. There is ample assistance being offered by MNDM to guide claimholders up to the process.

**JEAP:**

The Junior Exploration Assistance Program was a great program that put Ontario on equal footing with other Provinces. The concept is straight forward and was successful in stimulating exploration across the Province. The pitfalls of the program have been on the Administration side. There has been a paper monster created that is being slowly resolved so all that applied will get the funds they deserve.

The potential of a JEAP 2017 is being discussed at low levels between the OPA and MNDM. Modification in the company requirements and the administrative process will need to be completed to go forward.

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**Ontario Prospectors Exploration Showcase April 4 to 6, 2017**

The Ontario Prospectors Association's Exploration Showcase was a great success. The Centennial Event "Prospectors: Where it all Begins" brought together all facets of the exploration industry from across Ontario.

The event attracted > 500 participants including the numerous walk-ins during the "open to the public" portion. Compliments from participants on the expansion to three days with a Provincial focus were numerous including additional suggestions on enhancing the event.

There were 86 exhibits, 14 core shacks exhibits and two Award evenings. The speakers' presentations highlighted all of Ontario and were extremely informative. This was the first time we had all the Resident Geologist Districts presenting since the OPA presented the show in Toronto!
NWOPA completed their Awards presentations to a packed evening. The Awards and Recipients are highlighted on the NWOPA website [www.nwopa.net](http://www.nwopa.net)

The Ontario Prospectors Awards were presented at the "Prospectors Centennial Bash" Wednesday evening to a sold out crowd followed by dancing to a local band "The Hoolies". The Awards presented included:

- **2015 OPA Award to Wesdome Gold Mines.** This award was accepted by George Mannard who as usual entertained the crowd with his acceptance speech.
- **2016 OPA Award** was presented to three very deserving long term volunteers who support the Explorers in Ontario!! Ed Debicki, Ruth Debicki and Wally Rayner
  Accepting for the Debicki's was Mike Koziol who read a note and indicated there would be a presentation at the Sudbury Prospectors and Developers Association monthly meeting.
  Accepting for Wally was Garry Clark who commented on Wally's determination to be "prospecting" the Winnipeg River outside of Kenora for pickerel as soon as the weather allows.

Comments from attendees of the Bash were very complimentary with emphasis on the fun had dancing and interacting with attendees. A comment from the band was "We'd continue to play but need some sleep before work in the morning". It was determined that next year the OPA will advertise the dancing portion as open to all after the presentation portion of the event.

The OPA would like to thank all the participants and sponsors for making the event a success. A special thanks to Susan Warren, the registration volunteers; Cindy Stares and Bruna Von Bargen, as well as the various floor crew members.

**Draw Winners**

Pre-registration: Gordon Yellowhead
Lanyard Return: Ray Cousineau
Prospectors Bash Door Prizes
T-shirts: Cindy Kawahara, Allan Onchulenko, Clint Barr
Samsung Tablet: Ryan Weston

Prospectors and Junior Companies queried at and after the Showcase indicated that there had been option agreements completed or commenced at the event. The Core Shack display was described as one of the best that explorers had seen for variability of samples and quality of the presentations.

Overall the success of the event was heralded. There are plans already started for next year, April 3, 4, 5. The OPA wishes all a great summer of exploration and prospecting success.
Ontario Prospectors
Exploration Showcase
"Prospecting: Where it all Begins!"

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The Explorers Cup game April 3, 2017 raised >$1000 for the Salvation Army
2017 Northeastern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium
"Exploration in the Shadow of Many Headframes"

The NEOMMS was held in Timmins this year highlighting Mineral exploration activity in the area. The Tuesday Night Gala dinner was a highlight with Damien Duff presenting a thoughtful talk entitled "POISED FOR CHANGE.....We are about to experience a significant shift in how we do things in mining!"

Attendees of the show were extremely complimentary of the focus and quality of the presentations during the days. The range of attendees was well rounded from throughout Ontario and beyond.

Congratulations to the organizers on a successful show. The number of drills working in the Northeast expresses the volume of exploration occurring. With this amount of exploration happening watch for the numerous news releases over the next months.

Next year the event will be hosted in Kirkland Lake. Watch for notification in the New Year.

Eco-justice article below -: Talk about a one sided approach to land use......

**We’re going to court to protect Indigenous land rights**

Mining projects have a horrible history when it comes to the environment. We’ve all seen the long-lasting impacts they have on land, water and communities — we need to look no further than the Mount Polley disaster as a prime example.

That’s why the Mitchikanibikok Inik First Nation (also known as the Algonquins of Barrière Lake) have adamantly said ‘no’ to this type of development in their traditional territory. But late last year, this ‘no’ was ignored.

In 2016, mining company, Copper One, filed an application to force the Quebec government to approve forestry permits for mining exploration purposes on Mitchikanibikok Inik land — without prior consultation or consent of the community. We could not stand by and let this happen. With help from our friends at the centre Québécois du droit de l’environnement, we sprung to action.

The Mitchikanibikok have a constitutional right to use their traditional lands — a mine in this region would put that in jeopardy.

In the coming months, we will be helping the Mitchikanibikok Inik First Nation intervene in Copper One’s proceedings against the Quebec government.

The Mitchikanibikok Inik people have repeatedly said that mining cannot occur in their ancestral territory. Help ensure this ‘no’ is respected. Give a gift today.
HOW EXPLORERS AND DEVELOPERS RALLY

NEWS RELEASE: BC’S MINERAL EXPLORATION AND MINING INDUSTRY LAUNCH VOTE MINING CAMPAIGN

April 21, 2017 in British Columbia Mining
http://www.amebc.ca/

April 19, 2017, Vancouver, BC: The Mining Association of British Columbia (MABC), Association for Mineral Exploration (AME), and Mining Suppliers Association of British Columbia (MSABC) launched the Vote Mining campaign today to raise awareness about the importance of the mineral exploration and mining sector to the provincial economy and to encourage citizens to ask their candidates how they will support BC’s mining industry.

Votemining.ca is the campaign’s official website and it provides British Columbians with the tools and knowledge to ask their candidates the important questions. The Vote Mining ‘Take Action’ tool will also facilitate voters’ ability to write to their candidates and ask how they plan to support mineral exploration and mining in BC.

“BC’s mineral exploration and mining industry remains a major driver for the provincial economy. As partners in the Vote Mining Campaign, we wish to provide British Columbians with factual information that will showcase how important it is for candidates and voters to support such a critical industry that creates local opportunities for people living in every region of the province.”, said Gavin C. Dirom, President & Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Mineral Exploration (AME).

Karina Briño, President and CEO of the Mining Association of British Columbia, said “Mining contributed $7.78 billion to the BC economy in 2015 and contributed $476 million in payments to government, supporting important social programs such as schools and hospitals. We urge British Columbians to seek further information through our Vote Mining campaign. Together, we have the potential to grow our industry and provide family-supporting jobs across B.C., and to continue our long-standing commitment to environmental stewardship and positive partnerships with communities and First Nations.

Alec Morrison, President & CEO of the Mining Suppliers Association of BC, said “The mining and mineral exploration industry directly and indirectly employs over 30,000 British Columbians in both rural and urban areas. It is important that every British Columbian let their local candidates know how vital this sector is for their province.”

Prior to the May 9th Provincial Election, we encourage all British Columbians to visit votemining.ca, to learn more and ask local candidates where they stand on the mineral exploration and mining industry.

For More Information:
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Apple just announced that it plans to stop relying on mined rare earth minerals and metals to make their products, and instead use only recycled sources.

Mines where rare earth mineral are extracted are often sites of exploitation, where workers, some children, are exposed to extremely toxic substances and dangerous working conditions for scant pay. The effluent from the mines poisons soil and groundwater supplies and wreaks environmental devastation, too. Virtually all smartphone companies—as well as manufacturers of a long list of other tech products—rely on the rare-earth supply chain to make their products.

Apple wants to stop. It just isn't sure how to yet.

“Can we one day stop mining the Earth altogether? It sounds crazy, but we’re working on it,” the company wrote in its 2017 Environmental Responsibility Report published Wednesday.

Vice News called the move unprecedented for the tech industry, and spoke to Lisa Jackson, the former administrator of the US Environmental Protection Agency who now heads environment initiatives for Apple.

“We’re actually doing something we rarely do, which is announce a goal before we’ve completely figured out how to do it,” Jackson told Vice News. She hopes the announcement will send a message to mining companies that Apple is looking for recycled materials—perhaps prompting some of them to pivot their focus.

“Who knows more about recovering metals than people who mine them?” she said. “So some of the same smart people who do that, if they think there is a market for their services on the other side might get involved.

Notably, Jackson also said that Apple is not exploring ways to elongate the lifespan of its products—like its iPhones, which the company says work for three years—or ways to make them more repairable as a means of conserving materials or reducing e-waste. “I think a product that lasts is really important, and a lot of people buy Apple products because they know they do last,” Jackson said.

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!
Membership form is included in this newsletter
Advice for the prospective prospector

by Russell Kwiatkowski

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

WHAT MAKES A PROSPECTOR?
Prospectors must be a multidisciplined individual if they are to succeed in a career of prospecting. A good discovery of course is essential at some point, but even that is usually not enough unless you don’t know how or where to sell or option it to.

One must love nature. No amount of geological training will replace the outdoors. The prospector’s nature is his livelihood. He has a family and must be blessed with one.

One must be willing to accept the reality of the market and all associated aspects of the business. They are not always pleasant.

One must be ready to adapt to change. Things are rapidly changing at the universities and colleges and in the companies. The geology department and Mines are always willing to share their knowledge and point things out to you on a personal basis.

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CHALLENGES
When unemployed, one must rely on any and every source of prospecting. pure to university, college, prospectors’ organizations, employment agencies, and work, shop, company geologists and family. A good combination of the latter can sometimes lead to the most representative experience.

The Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) has a wealth of information with regard to your knowledge and point things out to you on a personal basis.

Approaching companies to graduate studies in mining is usually on the premise of being able to get a job, or possibly private placement. The companies are usually interested in graduate studies in mining is usually on the premise of being able to get a job, or possibly private placement. The companies are always willing to share their knowledge and point things out to you on a personal basis.

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Refer to the “Books” section for reading material.

Hazard and Safety

Health and safety is extremely important. Safety glasses and gloves are needed for mining as is the use of tools and equipment. Inspect equipment and machinery before using it.

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