

THE EXPLORATIONIST

The Newsletter of the Ontario Prospectors Association

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Fall 2014

In January, I forecasted a brutal year and so far I have been right. Geologists, drillers, labs and geophysical companies that service the exploration industry are hurting for work and income. The optimism from the Spring symposia seemed to be short lived and the general morose has set in over the summer.

There seems to be a fairly optimistic forecast for metals prices depending on which analysts you speak with? If the prices stay up maybe we can get exploration started again. The general trend of depletion of base metals in reserve in Canada is troubling for most explorers as there isn't much that looks like it will replace them. I am hopeful that there will be a flow through boom late in fall 2014 when people who have made money in other sectors of the market are trying to defer taxes. If this occurs maybe we will have a brighter 2015.

Ontario Exploration and Geoscience Symposium Sudbury: November 4th & 5th, 2014

Organizing and planning are fully underway for the OEGS 2014. We have been soliciting speakers and displayers and supporters for the event.

We have 8 talks from the Targeted Geoscience Initiative 4 (TGI-4) focusing on Lode Gold/Cu-Ni-PGE. TGI-4 is a collaborative federal geoscience program that provides industry with the next generation of geoscience knowledge and innovative techniques, which will result in more effective targeting of buried mineral deposits.

As of writing this article we also have commitments for presentations from: Wallbridge, Transition Metals, Temex, Rapier Gold, Ginguro, SGS and Goldeye. If you are interested in presenting contact me (807.622.3284)!

The Registration forms are in this issue of your Explorationist!

Ontario Establishes Ring Of Fire Infrastructure Development Corporation

August 28, 2014

Province Supporting Growth in the North

Ontario has taken another step to drive progress in the Ring of Fire region, delivering on its July 3, 2014 commitment to establish a development corporation within 60 days.

With headquarters to be located in Thunder Bay, the ROF Infrastructure Development Corporation will work to bring First Nations and the public and private sectors together to create partnerships and facilitate investment decisions in strategic transportation infrastructure.

The not-for-profit corporation has an interim board of four Ontario public servants. The board will put the necessary structures in place in order to allow for partners to determine their participation in the corporation. This includes working with key partners including First Nations, industry, communities, and the federal government, to formalize partnerships through the corporation, and overseeing an economic and technical baseline feasibility report on transportation infrastructure.

As participation in the corporation evolves, the Board of Directors will be broadened to include membership from First Nations and industry partners. In its mature state, the corporation will be in a position to advise on crucial infrastructure investment decisions, including how to best utilize Ontario's \$1 billion dollar commitment to Ring of Fire infrastructure.

Investing in the development of the Ring of Fire is part of Ontario's economic plan to invest in people, build modern infrastructure and support a dynamic and innovative business climate.

Searching for the Silver Lining

A Brief to the 71st Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference
Sudbury, Ontario, August 2014

Submitted by the Canadian Mineral Industry Federation (CMIF)

National Associations:

The Mining Association of Canada
Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada
Mining Industry Human Resources Council
Canadian Institute for Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum
Canadian Association of Mining Equipment and Services for Export
Coal Association of Canada
Canadian Fertilizer Institute
Canada Mining Innovation Council (CMIC)

Provincial and Territorial Associations:

Ontario Mining Association
Ontario Prospectors Association
Mining Association of British Columbia
Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia
Association minière du Québec
Saskatchewan Mining Association
Saskatchewan Potash Producers Association
Mining Industry NL
The Alberta Chamber of Resources
The Mining Association of Manitoba
Yukon Chamber of Mines
NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines

CMIF members represent the majority of companies engaged in mineral exploration, mining and processing in Canada, and the supply sector that supports these industrial activities. Members account for most of Canada's production of base and precious metals, uranium, diamonds, metallurgical and thermal coal, potash and mined oil sands. We appreciate this opportunity to provide federal, provincial and territorial mines ministers with views and recommendations regarding policy issues of importance to our industry.

SUMMARY

At present, the minerals industry is enduring a period of protracted and significant market volatility. As some commodity prices decline in the short term and global economic uncertainty persists, majors are facing challenges forecasting future demand patterns and juniors are struggling to access financing, particularly for early-stage grassroots exploration. Uncertainty is pushing some companies to defer projects in the short term, yet global medium and long-term demand is likely to increase dramatically. To regain investor confidence, the industry is focused on cost-control, improving operational performance and enhancing balance sheets.

Despite anticipated periodic volatility, healthy demand for mined materials is likely to persist over the long term driven by growth in the emerging markets. For Canada to seize the significant economic opportunities that the next upswing will present, the industry requires focused support from governments now to provide the right domestic investment, regulatory and operational environments to enable that future growth. Government support is essential in the following areas:

- **Support capital raising efforts**, particularly for grassroots mineral exploration to enable that segment of the industry to endure the current capital crisis and to access the capital required to address declining domestic base-metal reserves, sustain Canadian mineral production, and contribute to the sustainability of global minerals and metals supply chains.
- **Address regulatory uncertainty** and inefficiencies by ensuring that changes to the regulatory environment are accompanied by clearly defined and well-resourced transition plans which, to the extent possible, minimize the regulatory burden on the mining industry. Specifically, uncertainty should be addressed by:

- Engaging in Metal Mining Effluent Regulations (MMER) review and explore opportunities with Environment Canada to use the new provisions of the *Fisheries Act* for s4.2 equivalency and for s36(5.2) Ministerial Regulations based on provincial/territorial authorizations.
- Facilitating better coordination so federal approvals are integrated into the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) or Northern Board Environmental Assessments (EAs) to ensure robust assessments, meaningful consultation and timely permitting.
- Clarifying the interaction of the *Species At Risk Act* and the CEAA processes to create a more predictable and consistent project development and operational environment.
 - **Maximize the land base available for mineral exploration and development** by ensuring that land withdrawal decisions are made following a reliable assessment of mineral potential and after careful consideration of economic, social and environmental factors.
 - **Strengthen workforce capacity** by addressing the industry's human resources challenges to ensure a sustainable workforce for the future. Governments must work with industry, academic institutions, vocational schools, Aboriginal groups and other communities to address the sector's skills training, mobility and immigration needs.
 - **Strategically invest in infrastructure** to facilitate new mining development in Canada's remote and northern regions where economic and social development is highlighted as a core priority in both Canada's Arctic Foreign Policy and Canada's Northern Strategy. As one of the only private sector actors that invests to such a large extent in remote and northern areas, the mineral industry is a logical partner to promote sustainable economic growth. However, the costs of operating in these areas can be prohibitive. Strategic investments in infrastructure would help unlock the resource potential of these regions, facilitating grassroots exploration and enhancing the economic viability of a host of mining projects.
 - **Address declining reserves** and identify new opportunities by renewing the Targeted Geoscience Initiative (TGI). Programs like TGI promote geoscience innovation to enhance mineral production in more developed areas, which is critical to closing the discovery gap and ensuring the continued contributions of mining to the Canadian economy. CMIF also recommends that governments create incentives for technological and process innovations that reduce the risks and costs associated with mineral exploration and development.
 - **Enhance Canadian mineral innovation capabilities** by supporting crucial innovation activities of the Canada Mining Innovation Council (CMIC) through a direct five-year contribution enabling the industry to collectively address innovation priorities and support additional investments in business innovation.
 - **Improve Aboriginal relations** by working collaboratively, and in consultation with industry across jurisdictions and in consultation with industry and Aboriginal communities to ensure the Crown's duty to consult and accommodate is carried out consistently, respectfully, efficiently and effectively.
 - **Increase Energy Cost Competitiveness** at the provincial level, across Canada.



September 3, 2014

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Attention: Minister Bill Mauro
Suite 6630, 6th Floor, Whitney Block
99 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1W3

RE: Trails versus Roads

Dear Minister,

Recently I have had questions from members that have come in conflict with Ministry of Natural Resources staff on the definition of a trail versus a road.

The issue seems to vary dependent on where we are in the Province. Is there a manual or operations statement my members could work from to stay within the legislation?

My members strive to work within the rules of the Province but when the rules are interpreted differently in jurisdictions within the same Province this becomes problematic. .

The OPA would like to get some clarity on this issue to provide members on a method to stay within the legislative structure.

Yours truly,

Garry Clark
Executive Director

cc. Minister Michael Gravelle
OPA Board of Directors

ONTARIO EXPLORATION AND GEOSCIENCE SYMPOSIUM

November 4 & 5, 2014

United Steelworkers Local 6500 Hall, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada

Delegate Registration

Name: _____

Company/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

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Symposium Registration* BEFORE OCTOBER 20/14	@	\$260.00	
Symposium Registration* AFTER OCTOBER 20/14	@	\$300.00	
Student Registration* Includes entry to symposium and 2015 OPA Membership	@	\$85.00	
One Day Only	@	\$150.00	
Awards Dinner Ticket Howard Johnson Tuesday, November 4 th 6:00 p.m.	@	\$45.00	
*Symposium Registration includes: 2014 OPA Membership, Refreshment breaks, Lunches on Tuesday & Wednesday (November 4 & 5)		TOTAL (Includes HST)	

Payment Information		
Cheque _____	VISA _____	MC _____
Signature: _____		
Cardholder: _____		
Expiry: Month _____	Year _____	
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<p>Cheques should be made payable and mailed with this application to: Ontario Prospectors Association 1000 Alloy Drive Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6A5 Tel. 866.259.3727 Fax 807.622.4156</p>		

I wish to be affiliated with the following Regional Prospectors Association _____

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SAULT & DISTRICT PROSPECTORS ASSOCIATION (SDPA)

SOUTHERN ONTARIO PROSPECTORS ASSOCIATION (SOPA)

SUDBURY PROSPECTORS & DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION (SPDA)

NON AFFILIATED

Once payment has been received, confirmation and receipt will be sent to you by email

Pre-registration Draw Deadline is October 20, 2014

Registrations received after this date will be processed but will not be eligible for the pre-registration draw.

AFTER OCTOBER 24st REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED ON SITE ONLY

Cancellation Policy: Full refunds will be given for cancellations received in writing in our office by mail/fax/email subject to an administrative fee of \$100.00. Cancellations received (10) business days prior to the event, no refund will be given but delegate substitution is permitted.

For more information visit us at www.ontarioprospectors.com or oegs@ontarioprospectors.com or 866-259-3727 (807.622.3284)

ONTARIO EXPLORATION AND GEOSCIENCE SYMPOSIUM
 November 4 & 5, 2014
 United Steelworkers Local 6500 Hall, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada

Exhibitor Application

Exhibitor/booth purchase includes: 8 X 8 foot space suitable for standard trade show display units with one 6 foot skirted table, electrical outlet, chair(s). Wireless Internet is available. **One** 2015 OPA Membership, **Two** exhibitor/conference passes which include: entry to presentations, refreshment breaks and lunches Tuesday & Wednesday (November 4 & 5). Additional exhibitor passes may be purchased at \$100.00/per pass. Please let us know any other requirements at time of booth registration.

Company / Exhibitor Name: _____

First Exhibitor Pass: _____

Second Exhibitor Pass: _____

Additional exhibitor Pass(s): _____

Name of Person to Receive Membership: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Payment Information (Includes HST)
Price \$900.00 -- Additional exhibitor pass \$100.00

Cheque _____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Amount: \$ _____

Signature: _____ Card #: _____

Cardholder: _____ Expiry: Month _____ Year _____

Cheques should be made payable and mailed with this application to:

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Contact Person(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____ @ _____

This application must be accompanied by amount due.
Applications will not be processed or confirmed until payment is received.
Confirmations and receipts will be sent to you via email

Cancellation Policy: Full refunds will be given for cancellations received in writing in our office by mail/fax/email subject to an administrative fee of \$100.00. Cancellations received (10) business days prior to the event, no refund will be issued. For more information visit us at www.ontarioprospectors.com or oegs@ontarioprospectors.com or 866-259-3727

****November 4th & 5th, 2014**** United Steelworkers Local 6500 Hall, Sudbury**

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Your sponsorship supports the Ontario Prospectors Association throughout the year.

All sponsorships provide you as a sponsor with the following benefits: Signage at the Event, PowerPoint Presentation in the Talks, Recognition in the Program and on the OPA website. And as a sponsor you may contribute items for delegate bags.

Awards Dinner, Diamond and Platinum sponsors will, in addition to the benefits listed above, have their corporate logo stenciled onto the delegate bags.

Deadline for these levels is October 14th.

When forwarding your sponsorship send us your logo in jpg format to oeqs@ontarioprospectors.com

Please make your sponsorship donation payable to "Ontario Prospectors Association". Your sponsorship request should be forwarded to Susan Warren, Special Projects Administrator, Ontario Prospectors Association, 1000 Alloy Drive, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6A5. If you have any questions or need further details please contact Susan or Garry at 866.259.3727 or via email oeqs@ontarioprospectors.com or fax 807.622.4156

Type of Support	Amount	Deadline
Awards Dinner (Tuesday, November 4 th)	\$1,600.00	October 14
Diamond	>\$1,600.00	October 14
Platinum	>\$1,500.00	October 14
Gold	>\$800.00	October 23
Palladium	>\$501.00	October 23
Silver	\$50.00 - \$500.00	October 23

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Contact Name, Address, Telephone, Email: _____
