

Dean Rogers, P. Geo

Dictionaries define dedication as a feeling of very strong support for or loyalty to someone or something: the quality or state of being dedicated to a person, group, or cause. It could be simplified by adding a picture of Dean Rogers. Dean is a man who was and is dedicated to his wife, his family, his faith and to his profession including by default to all of us. In the interest of time and to make this shorter than his career we will restrict our comments to the last 15 years.

In 1999 the then Harris government announced a strategy known as Ontario's Living Legacy. This included a consultation process to which a number of people were asked to travel to many communities to hear what people had to say and to strike a balance between development and conservation. He joined the group of happy wanderers and even a bus crash could not stop him from fulfilling his commitment. His diplomacy and good heartedness earned him the respect of the other participants and the government representatives.

Following the completion of that task and possibly concurrently, he sat on a MNR committee known as Northeast Regional Advisory Committee. He represented exploration and mining interests and the protection of land available for staking as well as supporting other resource users to have access to crown land.

In 2008 a process known as the PPDA election railroad(ing) found Dean standing still and in need of a job. The next thing he knew his was president. Now over six years later we still find him the president of the organization. Following the PPDA effort to have the three most significant contributors to mining in Timmins

inducted to the Mining Hall of Fame, Dean felt that induction into the Hall of Fame was not enough recognition and he started fund raising to have three bronze statues erected in Timmins and donated to the citizens to signify mining's contribution to the community. The statues were unveiled in August 2012, coincidental with the city's 100th anniversary. Although he could not be there for the dedication ceremony, Heritage Minister James Moore, later traveled to Timmins to meet Dean and to view the statues.

On this special occasion, please join us to say thank you to a dedicated "miner", prospector and all around great guy, Dean Rogers.