

Boreal Prospectors Association Newsletter



This is the official newsletter of the the Boreal Prospectors Association. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a forum for our members to discuss current events and exchange information. The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Boreal Prospectors Association including all of its members and Directors. The writers accept full ownership of their contributions.

**Boreal Prospectors Association Objective:
To Promote Sustainable Economic Development Through Northern
Ontario's Mineral Industry.**

BPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Director	Michael Cunningham
Director	Mitch Diabo
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Director	Luc McKay
Director / Secretary	Doug Parker
Director	Thomas Tookate

This Association is Member-Driven. Make your voice heard. Inform the Directors about important issues and events or share opinions, photos and stories with the readers of this newsletter and visitors to our website.

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- New Contest with Fabulous Prizes
- A Call to let Your Voice be Heard
- Important Events, Programs and Announcements

About the Association

From a Recent Press Release:

New Association to Promote Northern Prosperity through Mineral Development

The Boreal Prospectors Association (BPA) announced today that it has been established to provide a forum in which its members can identify and address the many unique geographical, governmental and cultural challenges facing prospectors and exploration companies in Ontario's far north.

The founding of The Boreal Prospectors Association (BPA) comes at a time of increasing mineral exploration activity and significant discoveries being made in Northern Ontario. It is being pioneered as a member of the Ontario Prospectors Association (OPA) by an executive of independent prospectors, regional First Nation representatives and industry representatives active in Northern Ontario.

Doug Parker, a director of The Boreal Prospectors Association says: "The role of the mineral industry is becoming increasingly important to economic development of Northern Ontario's communities. It is the intent of our Association to engage and support individual northern prospectors and to facilitate community-industry interaction by encouraging capacity building and mutual understanding. Through this approach the Association will seek to ensure that mineral industry activities occur to the benefit of local communities, lead to sustainable development within the region and result in a more robust mineral industry."

Director David Duchesne adds, "The Boreal Prospectors Association can help to enhance northern prosperity by listening to northern voices and echoing the needs of our members. By providing a mechanism that encourages northerners to become part of the mineral industry, the Association can help to create a link to people, land and resources, build lasting partnerships and foster a strong business environment."

Interested members of the public are invited to join participate in the association. For more information visit www.ontarioprospectors.com or email: borealprospectors@hotmail.com.

More Information about the Association:

What is the Boreal Prospectors Association? The BPA has been established as a member group of the Ontario Prospectors Association. It is to provide a forum in which its members can discuss and address the many unique geographical, governmental and cultural challenges facing prospectors and exploration companies North of 51 (north of the Area of the Undertaking).

What is the purpose of the Association? It is the intent of this Association to engage and support individual northern prospectors and to facilitate community-industry interaction by encouraging capacity building and mutual understanding. The BPA will represent and further the interests of its members in order to promote a sustainable mineral industry in Northern Ontario.

Why was this Association created? The development of the association was proposed by northerners in an effort to encourage capacity building and understanding of the mineral industry in northern communities, improve engagement of the mineral industry with residents of the north and increase local participation in the industry.

Who should join the Association? Everyone with an interest in benefiting from the economy of the mineral industry in northern Ontario should participate in the association. Individuals, community leaders and planners and those directly involved with the mineral industry all have an important role to play in this association.

Who Directs the Association? The Board of Directors includes: Thomas Tookate, Doug Parker, Luc McKay, Mike Fox, David Duchesne, Michael Cunningham and Mitch Diabo.

Please show your support by becoming a member, attending the symposium or becoming a sponsor.

Contact us at BorealProspectors@hotmail.com

Report From The Board of Directors (March, 2006)

The Board of Directors of the Boreal Prospectors Association applauds the participants of the “Building a Sustainable Future on Bedrock” symposium for firmly establishing the association in northern Ontario. Special thanks to the presenters who effectively related the economic opportunities associated with the mineral industry and highlighted educational and training programs available for northern residents.

The development of the association and the organization of the symposium was made possible through the efforts of individual volunteers supported financially by the members of the association, the mineral industry and the provincial government in an effort to help northern communities and the mineral industry develop lasting productive relationships.

With over 70 members from over 30 communities, major and junior mining companies, educational institutions and government, the association is well positioned to move ahead with its objectives to liaise with industry, community and government to achieve mutual awareness and understanding and promote sustainable economic development. Special projects being considered include the delivery of educational materials and awareness of training and employment opportunities to northern communities and establishing effective communications with members of the association and the public.

Comments from participants at the symposium best illustrate the outcomes of the event:

“this is an extremely valuable and useful forum for bringing communities, industry and government together”

“several communities had follow-up discussions with industry and MNDM about becoming involved in the mineral industry. It is anticipated that some of these communities will engage with MNDM under Far North Geological Mapping Initiative and with industry.”

“an event that brought northern communities and explorers together in a positive, progressive environment.”

“The participants’ both industry and community members were there to listen and be as positive as possible.”

Report From The Board of Directors (March, 2006) Continued

“The participants for the most part were there to hear about the potential for exploration in the north. Yes there is a moratorium in some communities and yes some of the people agreed that they didn’t want exploration on their traditional lands but all sat through the presentations patiently and listened.”

“This is a good place to meet and build relationships with the First Nations communities and hopefully next year there will be more industry representatives present to showcase their achievements and hear the concerns of the people.”

“What was not present at this symposium was the typical “come explore here” atmosphere but with the first season of the Far North Geoscientific Mapping Initiative under way this year it may be that the more willing and participating communities will be here next year with a cautious but inviting attitude.”

The Association needs the input and efforts of its members to function effectively. If you wish to provide comments and suggestions or become more active in the association contact the directors at BorealProspectors@hotmail.com or visit our website at www.ontarioprospectors.com/boreal.



The Board of Directors from left to right Mitch Diabo, David Duchesne, Mike Fox, Michael Cunningham, Doug Parker and Luc McKay (Thomas Tookate not shown)

2006 Northern Ontario Mines and Minerals Symposium

“Building a Sustainable Future on Bedrock”

Over 90 participants came from far and wide to attend and support the event.

36 First Nations and Communities

Kasabonika Lake First Nation, Red Lake, Muskrat Dam First Nation, Sudbury, Sachigo Lake First Nation, Nibinamik First Nation, Sioux Lookout, Fort Severn First Nation, Attawapiskat First Nation, Atikokan, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation, Mississauga, Wawakapewin First Nation, Cochenour, Weenusk First Nation, Peawanuck First Nation, South Porcupine, North Caribou Lake First Nation, Copper Cliff, Whitesand First Nation, Toronto, North Spirit Lake First Nation, Kenora, Slate Falls First Nation, Vancouver, Webequie First Nation, Thunder Bay, Bearskin Lake First Nation, Campbellville, Kingfisher Lake First Nation, Haileybury, Deer Lake First Nation, Dryden, Poplar Hill First Nation, Armstrong and Cat Lake First Nation

17 Organizations

Independent First Nation Alliance, Ontario Geological Survey, Nishnawbe-Aski Development Fund, Northern College, Federated School of Mines, Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association, Shibogama First Nation Council, Ontario Mining Association, Haileybury School of Mines, Ministry of Natural Resources, Windigo First Nation Council, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund, Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada, Cambrian College, Patricia Area Community Endeavors (PACE), Ministry of Northern Development & Mines, Ontario Prospectors Association and Confederation College

and

15 Companies

N.W. Rayner & Associates, Placer Dome Canada, Forest Helicopters, D'Silva Parker Associates, Kennecott Canada Exploration, Environmental Earth Services, Landore Resources, Freewest Resources Canada, De Beers Canada, SouthernEra Diamonds, Geotech Business Solutions, Spider Resources, Probe Mines, Inco, KWG Resources

Meegwetch and Thank You!

And the Door Prize Winners are.....



First Prize: Garmin 76CS GPS

Angela Anderson of Dryden

Second Prize: Oxhead Staking Axe

Paul Burke of Fort Severn First Nation

Third Prize: Leather Mitts from Peawanuck

Michael Cunningham of Toronto

**Thank you to Forest Helicopters for donating
the GPS and Axe!**

Announcing an Exciting New Contest with Fabulous Prizes!!

“NAME THIS NEWSLETTER” CONTEST

This newsletter needs a name!

Please send us your suggestions and the reason you think that your name should be used and we will select the best one or if we can't decide, maybe we'll let the membership choose from the best three in the next issue.

And about the fabulous prizes, well we don't know what those will be, but we are sure that they will be great!

Send your suggestions to us at:

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Important Upcoming Association Events

**Ontario Prospectors Association
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
APRIL 11th, 2006
Northern College, Kirkland Lake**

The nominating committee of the Ontario Prospectors Association is comprised of:

Doug Parker (807-345-3860; dsilvaparker@hotmail.com)

Susan Warren (1-866-259-3727; oeqs@ontarioprospectors.com)

Garry Clark (1-866-622-3284; gjclark@tbaytel.net)

The OPA is looking to fill 3 (three) at-large Board of Directors positions to be elected at the AGM.

To nominate or to be nominated you must be a member in good standing for 2006. Simply call or email one of the committee members with the person you want to nominate.

**The Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association
presents the
Northwestern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium
“Superior Prospecting! Superior Results!”**

Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay, Ontario April 4 & 5, 2006
(Technical Presentations & Exhibits)

For further information please contact: John Halet @ 807-475-4142

Or visit their website at <http://my.tbaytel.net/nwopa>

**The Northern Prospectors Association presents the
Northeastern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium
“100 Years of Gold”**

Northern College, Kirkland Lake, Ontario

April 11 & 12, 2006 (Technical Presentations & Exhibits)

April 10 & 13, 2006 (Shorts Courses & Field Trips)

For further information please contact: Mike Leahy @ 705-642-1982

Or visit their website at <http://www.northernprospectors.ca>

Accompanying workshops and field trips are listed on the OPA website
<http://www.ontarioprospectors.com> or Call 866-259-3727

About Ontario's Federated School of Mines

Excerpt from "Schools forge mining union" by Keith Lacey Northern Life; January 20, 2006

Cambrian College and Northern College, which operates the Haileybury School of Mines and several other campuses across northeast Ontario, are the founding partners in a new initiative to develop a Federated School of Mines for Northern Ontario.

Other partners who signed a Memorandum of Agreement for a new Federated School of Mines Friday include Confederation College from Thunder Bay, Canadore College in North Bay, and College Boreal and Laurentian University.

This agreement will encourage a co-operative working relationship among all of the schools and the mining sector, said Barnard. The agreement will facilitate student access to education in the mining and minerals industry and allow these schools to respond to labour force and training needs, said Cambrian president Sylvia Barnard.

"One of the key issues...has been accessing training and educational opportunities for employees in the mining industry...and for those young people entering the industry," she said.

Ultimately, the goal is to attract people to Northern Ontario, strengthen the communities involved through access to education and training, encourage students and employees to remain in this part of the province and assist the mining industry in meeting educational and training needs, said Barnard.

There's power in numbers and leaders in this new Federated School of Mines will be able to work with government, Aboriginal leaders and other academic institutions to address key educational and training concerns for the mining industry for decades to come, said Hill.

"Through an educated workforce, our communities will continue to grow and prosper," she said.

Pat Lang, president of Confederation College, said technology will allow mining students and employees across the north to access crucial training and information, which will only benefit an industry crucial to economic prosperity across Northern Ontario.

ONTARIO EXPLORATION CORPORATION

ANNOUNCES

Prospectors Assistance
Program for 2006

2006 APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

SUMMER PROGRAM
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS
MARCH 31, 2006

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

**ONTARIO PROSPECTORS ASSOCIATION
OFFICE**

**MINISTRY OF NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT
AND MINES RESIDENT GEOLOGIST'S
OFFICES**

**ONTARIO PROSPECTORS ASSOCIATION
WEBSITE**

<http://www.ontarioprospectors.com>

Request for Notification of Intent to Perform Exploration Work

Kasabonika Lake First Nation is located in Northern Ontario and conducts traditional activities in the area shown on the map below.



Kasabonika Lake First Nation is concerned about potential impacts of mineral exploration activities in their traditional areas and request, as a matter of courtesy, to be consulted before any work begins in this area.

Open communication between the Mineral Industry and the First Nations is required in order to develop a good working relationship and to address social, cultural, economic and environmental issues that may result from mineral exploration activities.

Please contact **Deputy Chief Eno H. Anderson** at:

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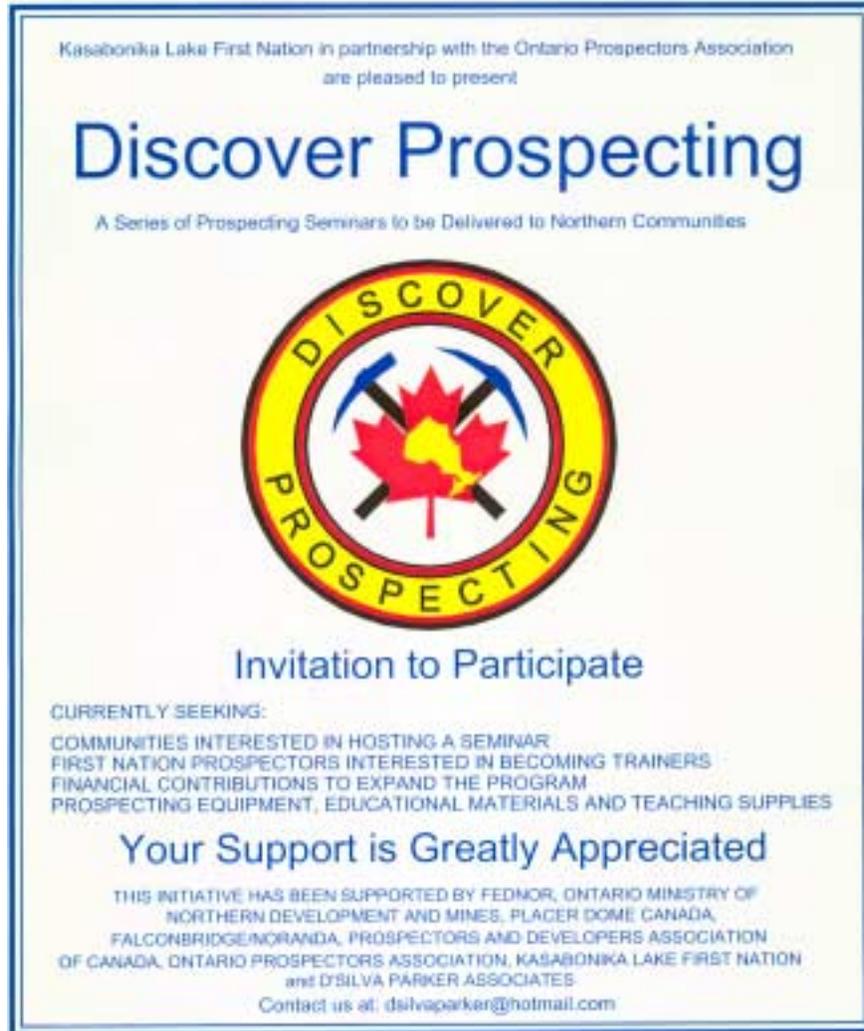
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Discover Prospecting Seminars

In an effort to train new prospectors, Kasabonika First Nation and the Ontario Prospectors Association have partnered to develop and deliver a series of Prospecting Seminars.



To date ten seminars have been delivered in six communities to more than 350 participants.

The updated Discover Prospecting Manual has been completed and will soon be posted on the OPA website.

Visit the OPA website for more information <http://www.ontarioprospectors.com>
or call the OPA office 1-888-259-3727

Classifieds and Advertising Section

It is our intent to offer free postings in this section to all members who are interested in selling something, need to purchase something, looking for work or would like to advertise events or services.

EQUIPMENT SALE

The following equipment was purchased to complete the **LAKE NIPIGON REGION GEOSCIENCE INITIATIVE** project. Now that the project is complete the equipment is to be sold by auction.

The pictures of the equipment for sale will be posted on the OPA website www.ontarioprospectors.com. Members only can purchase the equipment. Bids will be submitted for 2 days (March 9th and 10th) with bids being sent to lnrgis@ontarioprospectors.com. The OPA will open all bids and accept the highest bid and notify the successful bidder by March 15th.

- Compaq iPAQ PocketPC H3900 (3)
- Canon PowerShot S400 Camera (1)
 - Garmin GPSMap 76S (3)
- Qualcomm GSP 1600 Satellite Phone (3)
- KT-9 Kappameter Magnetic Susceptibility (3) with cases

From the Desk of the Editor

This is the first newsletter from the association.

Some of the things that we are hoping to put into future newsletters include:

- Information about government, association and community issues;
- Educational and training opportunities;
- Updates on exploration activities;
- Advertising and Classifieds

What goes into future issues depends on you.

Let us know about important issues and events or share opinions, photos and stories with the readers of this newsletter and visitors to our website.

Many Thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue of newsletter!

Any suggestions and contributions are most welcome.

Get out and find a mine!

Doug Parker
Editor

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