

ONTARIO GEOLOGIST WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD*Ministry Staffer Awarded Provincial Geologist's Medal***NEWS**

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Mike Easton of the Ontario Geological Survey is this year's recipient of the Provincial Geologist's Medal.

Each year, a committee, made up of provincial geologists, bestows this honour upon an individual who has produced outstanding work at one of Canada's provincial or territorial geological surveys.

With more than 25 years of experience in the Ontario Geological Survey, Easton has devoted his career to mapping and improving the understanding of Ontario's Precambrian geology, its history and its relevance to mineral resources.

The award was presented during the annual Canadian Energy and Mines Ministers Conference, currently taking place in Saskatoon.

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"The fact that this is the third time one of our geologist's has been recognized nationally speaks volumes about the quality and commitment of our staff," said Northern Development and Mines Minister Michael Gravelle. "Mike Easton is a prime example of the talented and dedicated public servants we have working for us at the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines."

QUICK FACTS

- The Ontario Geological Survey provides geological data, information and knowledge through geological mapping, geophysical surveying, data management, applied research and publications.
- Its work supports a wide variety of applications such as identifying geological hazard and mineral exploration opportunities, including land use planning and development, groundwater management as well as examining other geological influences on the environment.

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