

News views and opinions on the mineral exploration scene in Ontario

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The Newsletter of the Ontario Prospectors Association

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Boreal Prospectors Symposium Great Success

The 2nd annual Boreal Prospectors Association (BPA) held February 21st and 22nd in Sioux Lookout was an overwhelming success. Doug Parker needs to receive a large pat on the back for his extremely hard work and his unwavering vision of what the event would be. Susan Terrie and Alvina, the OPA professional staff, of course desire credit also. The Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM), specifically Andy Fyon and Lori Churchill assisted greatly by convening a concurrent Far North Geological Mapping Initiative meeting the day earlier. This "partnering" of events allowed the participants to maximize their time gaining knowledge of our industry. Tuesday morning commenced with presentations by the Marc Leroux on the "State of Mining in Ontario" followed by Resident Geologist Program discussing exploration potential of the area north of Red Lake, Thunder Bay North and Porcupine (North of Highway 11). During lunch the OGS covered the Far North Geoscientific Mapping Initiative from an operational and bedrock and surficial mapping perspective. A portion of the project is set to educate members of the northern communities on what mineral exploration is and how to access some of the potential economic benefits.

After lunch Roy Sidders of the MNR gave an

update of where the Northern Boreal Initiative was in the Whitefeather Forest Project. There seems to be a large number of protected areas and enhanced management areas being proposed though most of the high PSMP areas are being left accessible.

The afternoon ended with talks on education and training, the new Federated School of Mines (Cambrian and Northern Colleges), Education and Training from Confederation College and the PDAC's Mining Matters. Doug Parker spoke to the success of the Discover Prospecting program and the number of new prospectors originating from the program. Peter Moses, the MNDM First Nations Minerals Information Officer spoke on his work with First Nation Communities prospectors and school children.

Tuesday evening the BPA had an informal meal of pizza while having their Annual General Meeting.

Wednesday commenced with a talk on Mine Rehabilitation by Placer Dome on some Timmins properties and a further talk on the Discovery to Closure of Musselwhite. Luc MacKay a BPA Director gave an informal talk on the Bush and Wage Economy from a First Nations prospective highlighted by his experience with the Musselwhite agreement. During lunch, Michael Fox, a BPA Director, gave an insightful talk on the pressures First Nation communities by competing needs and interests. He provided the idea as flow charts



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showing that for a small administration they are required to react to various outside influences that are critical for the community to respond to. These issues would displace exploration companies requests for consultation or response. After lunch De Beers Canada delivered an "Update on Victor" and a presentation on their exploration Mission Statement and Philosophy. Overall the show was extremely informative for all attendees. I personally believe the yard sticks for exploration in the Far North have been moved forward with a better understanding for both First Nations and Explorers on the requirements how to engage communities and to explore.

LANYARD RETURN DRAW
Angelina Anderson: Garmin GPS
Paul Burke: Oxhead Axe
Michael Cunningham: Handmade Gloves

From Canadian Mining Journal
December 2005

Mineral titles online BC

Mineral Titles Online (MTO) is an innovative web-based system that brings mineral title acquisition in British Columbia into the 21st century. Prior to MTO, staking a mineral claim was labour-intensive and expensive; a prospector had to fashion posts from trees and mark out the perimeter of the claim on the land. MTO has revolutionized the way the mineral exploration industry does business using the Internet, digital mapping and e-commerce.

MTO was developed by the Titles Division of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources in collaboration with the ministries of Agriculture and Lands, Finance and Labour and Citizens Services. **Pacific GeoTech Systems Ltd.** of Victoria was the primary contractor. The system was implemented Jan. 12, 2005, replacing ground staking of mineral claims with an on-line digital map selection process. The innovative geographic information system (GIS) allows viewing of provincial mineral title and mapping information from any computer with Internet access.

The result is up-to-date mapping, instantaneous

issuance of title, secure payment of fees to the government and full access to mineral titles information for industry and the general public.

The mining industry has obviously embraced MTO, as seen by the record-breaking level of staking activity: 14,261 new claims had been acquired online this year as of Oct. 31, a 160% increase over the number staked last year. MTO has reduced direct costs to the mining industry for ground staking by an estimated \$8.5 million in the first nine months. This and other indirect savings can be directed towards mineral exploration, thereby increasing the chances of finding and developing a new mine.

The online system and the elimination of numerous regulatory requirements have increased the security of mineral titles, and enhanced British Columbia's ability to attract mining investment. Industry analysts agree that MTO is helping re-invigorate the mining industry in the province.

EDITORS COMMENT

This is a classic example of timing. To understand the increase in claims being staked in BC using the Online system three principal factors must be looked at:

- The Online Staking system has been placed into service when the industry is at it's most robust time in over 20 years. All metal prices are at recent highs especially those found in BC.
- The costs of map staking is fairly cheap.
- The BC government has been working extremely hard to promote the Province as a place to explore.

As far as the savings from ground staking being applied to exploration is a bit of an exaggeration considering explorers use "hard dollars" to acquire ground and "flow through" to explore. If I save hard dollars I'd more then likely use them to run the company or acquire more land in other places.

For a quick comparison Ontario has approximately 212,000 active claim units at last count up from 164,000 in 2003. These do not include patent and leases. If you use a restaking or cancellation number of 30% per year Ontario is up over 100% in claim units recorded since 2004. This would equate to an expenditure of over \$10 million in acquisition costs.

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To enhance our ongoing commitment in providing exceptional customer service, the Geoscience Assessment Office (GAO) is moving. On March 13, 2006 the GAO will be moving to the Provincial Recording Office on the 3rd Floor of the Willet Green Miller Centre, Sudbury, Ontario.

The toll-free phone and fax numbers, as well as staff phone numbers will **remain unchanged**. This move will help to provide a "one-window" approach to Mining Lands products and services.

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A NEW ISSUE?

Globe & Mail Article

**Stakes Are High As Miners And Natives
Square Off**

Remote site's platinum riches touch off fight over land rights

JULIUS STRAUSS

BIG TROUT LAKE, ONT. -- It may not look like much: a white canvas tent, a five-kilowatt diesel generator throbbing on the frozen muskeg and two miners puffing in the winter air. In fact,

the setup was so small that the men and their equipment had fit into the belly of a Twin Otter plane that landed on a nearby frozen lake the day before.

But this tiny wilderness camp in a forgotten corner of Northern Ontario is the scene of a dispute that may have an impact across the country. The outcome may prove pivotal for the welfare of native communities in Northern Ontario and may set a precedent that could alter the way Canada manages its natural resources.

At stake is the notion dating back to the days of the Yukon gold rush and beyond -- the idea that anybody can stake a claim on Crown land, buy a licence and begin digging or drilling for valuable resources.

But while the miners who arrived at the site last week believe they have the right to dig, the Big Trout Lake band is arguing that aboriginals never signed away ownership of the land to the European settlers in early 20th century treaties. Big Trout Lake, along with six other native communities in Northern Ontario, and several environmental organizations, has called for a moratorium on all mining and logging in the region until a proper land-use survey is done and a deal on resource sharing is agreed upon.

At stake is a huge amount of money. According to Platinex Inc., the Southern Ontario company that has staked and leased the remote drilling site, the Big Trout Lake claim alone could prove to be the largest deposit of platinum in North America.

The nub of the argument put forward by Big Trout Lake is that although the land is outside the reserve it is theirs, at least in part, by inheritance.

"They think they can ride roughshod over us like in the old days," said Chief Donny Morris of Big Trout Lake (the reserve has recently renamed itself the Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation).

"But this is our birthright, our God-given right. The community wants to be involved."

The seeds of the current conflict were sown eight years ago when

Platinex was incorporated and began seeking rights from provincial authorities to drill near Big Trout Lake. Platinex president and chief executive officer James Trusler said he tried many times to win the approval of the band for

the drilling but was rebuffed. The Supreme Court of Canada has ruled in several cases that natives must be consulted in such situations.

"Some members of the band were happy with us, others were not. They just tried to get us off so they could get the land," Mr. Trusler said.

The company has spent \$600,000 on the claim and expects to spend \$1.5-million by the end of winter, he added.

The company has decided to push ahead without the title dispute being settled. But Big Trout members cite examples from Quebec, the Northwest Territories and Atlantic Canada in which courts have ruled that the native communities must be allowed to benefit from the resources of the land.

The band says that under the Treaty of Adhesion in 1929, when Big Trout Lake reached a deal with the Crown, it agreed to share the land with the settlers -- not forgo its rights to it.

The land staked by Platinex is also subject to a treaty land entitlement claim by the Big Trout Lake band. This land redistribution process, which has been going on for years, stems from recognition by the federal government in the 1980s that it cheated the natives out of some of the land it promised them in treaties.

Based on experience, native groups fear that if mining and logging is allowed to go ahead willy-nilly, the environment will be ruined.

The last company to drill near Big Trout Lake, for example, dumped large boxes of core samples on the fragile muskeg when it packed up and left several years ago.

"About 20 years ago, mining exploration destroyed an important area for hunting and fishing sturgeon. We have no assurances that new exploration will not bring similar problems," Allan Beardy, an elder with the nearby Muskrat Dam First Nation, said in a letter signed by seven native groups, calling for a moratorium on mining exploration and forestry in Northern Ontario.

"First nations are not anti-development. They are anti-development that is destructive and doesn't benefit them," said Francis Thatcher, a Thunder Bay lawyer who represents many native communities.

"Northern Ontario is a generation behind in terms of the government response. The first nations were getting more respect in the 1980s."

Frank Beardy, a former chief of Muskrat Dam, explained the native opposition to such ventures as drilling, mining and logging.

"There are millions of dollars out there and we live in islands of poverty. We're not against development. We just want a piece of the action. And we want some environmental protection," he said.

"We've been after revenue-sharing for countless numbers of years. Now we need to evict the intruders until the matter is resolved," Mr. Beardy said.

Environmental groups have also weighed in, criticizing Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty for his failure to live up to promises he made while in opposition to institute comprehensive land-use planning.

The Wildlands League has called on the Premier to protect Ontario's huge boreal forest, which is home to woodland caribou, wolverine and many other species of wildlife at risk.

Last week, native leaders who had been watching the winter road for signs that Platinex might try to truck in a drilling team against their wishes were caught unawares when the company flew a team in.

By the time Big Trout Lake members reached the remote spot the next day -- a draining journey by truck and snowmobile in temperatures of -30 -- the first two-man Platinex construction team was in place.

David Sainnawap, 46, who works for the band, was one of the scouts. "I've always had a deep feeling that this is ours. They shouldn't just come and take something that doesn't belong to them," he said.

Platinex has refused to call off drilling operations and the band leadership has become increasingly frustrated. The Ontario Provincial Police flew in an extra man, Inspector Darrell Smiley, to try to smooth over the differences, but he met with little success and left late last week.

Mr. Trusler said this week that his workers had been threatened but that he was planning to proceed regardless.

"We've informed police and government we've received threats but we're proceeding. I hope to start drilling soon," he said.

The tactics of both sides will be dictated by climate and geography as much as any legal

considerations. Band officials say that mounting a protest at the site in current frigid temperatures is not workable, but they may try to block the winter road to prevent a heavy drill from arriving.

Members of Big Trout Lake say that they eschew violence but are determined to resist the drilling.

"Our people have already given up a lot. We've already lost a lot," said John Cutfeet, who is in charge of environmental issues on the Big Trout reserve.

"The whole idea of the treaties was that we live in peaceful co-existence and share resources. That never happened."

Attention: Editor, Globe and Mail

Dear Sir:

Platinex Inc. is responding to an article in the Globe and Mail dated Wednesday February 22nd by Julius Strauss; "Stakes are high as miners and natives square off". A number of statements are in error and in need of correction or clarification.

Platinex is indeed working in the area of Ne-meigusabins Lake, some 25 kilometres southwest of the Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwig Community. Platinex is an exploration company (PTX: TSX-V), not a mining company. No miners are involved.

Platinex is exploring for Platinum Group Elements (PGEs), which are of huge value to the world's environment because of their catalytic properties. They are used in catalytic converters and fuel cell technology – vital for the environmental challenges facing the world today.

Platinex has met with Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwig representatives on many occasions over the last seven years to consult and to reach agreements for local services. Platinex has worked successfully with the community in the past, and continues to seek consultation in good faith to ensure appropriate benefits to the community. In addition, Platinex has offered to assist with sustainable economic development initiatives within the community. Platinex wants the community to be involved.

Platinex has invited Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwig's involvement, and following Chief and Council's refusal to continue consultation in good faith, the company is proceeding with ex-

ploration, which is, of course, entirely at its own expense. Nevertheless, if a PGE ore body is discovered and developed, Platinex will do its best to ensure that benefits accrue to the community.

All of Platinex's claims and leases are in good standing and all appropriate permits are in order. It is understood that Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwig have made a Treaty Lands Claim Application to the Government of Canada, but that the application has not been accepted at this time. Platinex also understands that if a Lands Claim is accepted, and if it is eventually successful, third party rights, such as claims for exploration and leases, will not be adversely affected. Contrary to the article there is no title dispute. Platinex's titles are free of any liens, encumbrances or other interests.

Platinex can only operate in a lawful manner, and must exercise its rights under the Mining Act to explore in order to meet its obligations to its shareholders, the Government, and to other parties. It seems that Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwig has issues with Government, and Platinex is encouraged that Ontario's Ministry of Northern Development and Mines has been seeking a meeting with Chief and Council for some time to resolve the situation. Platinex supports this initiative after many years of inaction on the part of Government, and will do all that it reasonably can to assist.

Platinex respects the people of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwig and continues to seek a mutually beneficial working relationship. The Platinex website, www.platinex.com, explains our policy on such matters, and we invite Chief Donny Morris to join us in an initiative that could be of tremendous value for the future of people in the region.

Exploration is simply that; exploration. Platinex is exploring only. Platinex is committed to best practices being employed to ensure minimal environmental impact, and intends to discover Platinum Group Element (PGE) ore bodies for the benefit of all.

There is no reason for further delay, which is expensive to everyone. Platinex trusts that Government and Kitchenuhmaykoosib

Innuuwug will clarify the understanding in the community of the rights of the involved parties as they exist right now, and how those rights might adjust in the future.

Platinex is absolutely secure in its assets and rights to explore. Goodwill towards the community remains for a collaborative way forward.

James R. Trusler President, Platinex Inc.

NAN questions mining activity

Platinex moving equipment to claims near Big Trout Lake

By Bryan Meadows, Northwest Bureau
The Chronicle Journal – Monday, February 27, 2006

Citing a lack of consultation between a southern Ontario mineral exploration company and Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwig First Nation, the Nishnawbe Aski Nation claims the province isn't living up to its treaty obligations on resource development.

"We had high expectations after the November 2005 Mikisew Supreme Court decision regarding the Crown's duty to consult and accommodate with First Nations when activities like mining threaten our aboriginal and treaty rights," NAN Grand Chief Stan Beardy said.

"The fact that Ontario has not implemented this decision in our province sets the tone for First Nation and government relations for resource development in NAN territory," Beardy said.

"Our treaty partners continue to disregard direction from the Supreme Court in dealing with our people," claimed band council spokesman John Cutfeet.

Toronto-based Platinex Inc. began mobilizing equipment this month on to mining claims about 25 kilometres southwest of Big Trout Lake First Nation.

While band leaders maintain there has been a lack of consultation about the company's exploration plans. Platinex spokesman Simon Baker said exhaustive discussions have taken place.

"Absolutely yes, we have been talking. We've been talking for seven years," he said.

"We've worked successfully with the band in the past, and we know we're dealing with a situation where I think the community has some issues with the government," said Baker.

"Alas, I think the government is getting involved and hopefully this issue that has been in the press, will be resolved very soon."

Deputy Mines Minister Christine Kaszycki said the ministry has attempted to set up a meeting with the band council to discuss the issue.

We've had a favourable response from the community (earlier this year about holding a meeting), but haven't been able to confirm a date," she said.

In a letter to the Globe and Mail published Wednesday, Platinex president James Trusler states that the company "continues to seek consultation in good faith to ensure appropriate benefits to the community," including assistance to develop sustainable economic development projects.

However, he said, following the chief and band council's recent "refusal to continue consultation in good faith, the company is proceeding with exploration. Nevertheless, if a (chromium/platinum/palladium) ore body is discovered and developed, Platinex will do its best to ensure that benefits accrue to the community.

"We invite Chief Donny Morris to join us in an initiative that could be of tremendous value for the future of people in the region," Trusler states in his letter.

"Platinex respects the people of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwig and continues to seek a mutually beneficial working relationship."

Platinex is exploring for platinum group elements on its 8,840-acre Big Trout Lake property as well as 81 mining leases acquired from Inco in November.

The mining claims are about 580 kilometres north of Thunder Bay.

Meanwhile, band leaders say they are worried that the addition of seven Ontario Provincial Police officer in the community "to keep the peace" will increase tension

and paranoia among residents.

"We've been told by the OPP that extra officers have been brought in to keep the peace in the community," said Cutfeet. "However, their presence, particularly the vehicle checks of those coming or leaving the community, has created increased tension."

OPP Sgt. Deb Tully said police sent in the extra officers due to a land claim dispute between the band and a mining company, and the possibility of a blockade of the winter road.

"We're dealing with a very remote area so we wanted to ensure the situation is properly monitored and to ensure public safety," she said.

There has been no road block to date, but Tully said there is a possibility of a peaceful demonstration at the exploration site the next few days.

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

The nominating committee of the Ontario Prospectors Association is comprised of:
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Kirkland Lake, Ontario



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Workshop #1 – “3D Mining Software” 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m	Monday April 10/06	\$40.00	
Workshop #2 – “Modern Structural & Stratigraphical Interpretations of the Abitibi Greenstone Belt & Their Exploration Implications”	Monday April 10/06 1:30–4:30 pm	\$40.00	
Workshop #3 – “A Prospectors Guide to Map-Making Using Freeware” 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Tuesday April 11/06	\$40.00	
Workshop #4 – “Significant Aspects of Kimberlites and Mantle Indicator Minerals in the Search of Diamonds”	Thursday April 13/06 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	\$40.00	
Workshop #5 – “Applied Structural Geology for Exploration & Mining Geologists”	Thursday April 13/06 1:00–4:00 pm	\$40.00	
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Northern College

Kirkland Lake, Ontario, Canada



BOOTH APPLICATION FORM

- **POSTER DISPLAY:** 8 foot table space with Velcro friendly backboard
Symposium Registration is Additional and signage is not provided.
- **EXHIBITORS:** Space for your own free standing unit.
Fee includes ONE Symposium/Booth registration and OPA/Regional Association membership.

TYPE OF SPACE REQUIRED:

POSTER DISPLAY (\$100.00) EXHIBITOR (\$200.00)

PLEASE CHECK REQUIREMENTS:

POWER OUTLET YES NO
 DISPLAY BOARD YES NO
 TABLE NEEDED YES NO
 PROVIDING OWN FREE STANDING UNIT YES NO
 ROCKS OR CORE SAMPLES AT YOUR DISPLAY YES NO
 POSTER DISPLAY ONLY (NO ROCKS OR CORE) YES NO

HIGH SPEED INTERNET IS AVAILABLE (ON REQUEST, AT AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$20.00)

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR REQUIREMENTS AT TIME OF BOOTH REGISTRATION.

SET UP: TUESDAY, APRIL 11 - 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon

TEAR DOWN: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 – 4:00 p.m.

NAME/TITLE OF DISPLAY: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ EMAIL: _____ @ _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/PROVINCE: _____ TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____

NAME & EMAIL OF PERSON WHO RECEIVES MEMBERSHIP & REGIONAL ASSOCIATION CHOICE (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE): _____ @ _____

REGIONAL ASSOCIATION: BPA NPA NWOPA PPDA SDPA SOPA SPDA

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/PROVINCE: _____ TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Cheque _____ Visa _____ MC _____ Expiry: Month _____ Year _____

Card #: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Cardholder: _____ Signature: _____

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

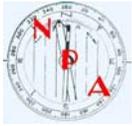
Northern Prospectors Association (NPA)

c/o Susan Warren

1000 Alloy Drive, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6A5

For more information please call 807-622-3284, fax 807-622-4156, Email oeqs@ontarioprospectors.com

No refunds issued after March 31, 2006. Cancellations will be charged a \$20.00 processing fee.



NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO MINES & MINERALS SYMPOSIUM

"100 YEARS OF GOLD"

Northern College, Kirkland Lake

April 11 - 12, 2006



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

All sponsorships provide you as a sponsor with the following basic benefits: Your name on the Symposium page of the NPA website, listing as a Sponsor in the Symposium Program and listing on the Sponsor Poster Board at the event.

Luncheons, Coffee Break and Evening Reception sponsor(s), in addition to basic benefits, will have banner recognition at each event and verbal recognition during opening and closing remarks of event.

Audio Visual, Session and Hall sponsors will, in addition to the basic benefits, be given verbal recognition during opening remarks of the sessions.

Delegate Bag sponsors will, in addition to the basic benefits, have their name or corporate logo stenciled onto the bags given to each delegate.

Please make your sponsorship donation payable to "**Northern Prospectors Association**" (NPA). 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 Warren or Garry Clark at 866-259-3727, via email at oeqs@ontarioprospectors.com or fax 807-622-4156

Type of Sponsorship	Amount	Sponsor Amount
Symposium Sponsor	\$50.00 - \$249.00	
Audio Visual	\$250.00	
Session Sponsor	\$250.00	
Hall Sponsor	\$500.00	
Coffee Break	\$200.00	
Short Course Sponsor	\$400.00	
Evening Reception / Ice Breaker	\$1,000.00	
Luncheon Sponsor (Tuesday & Wednesday)	\$500.00	
Delegate Bags	\$500.00	

Payment Information

Cheque _____

VISA _____

MC _____

Card #: _____ Amount \$ _____

Expiry Date: Month _____ Year _____ Signature: _____

Sponsor's Name to appear as: _____

Contact Name, Address, Phone, Email: _____

