ATIKOKAN MINERAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (AMDI)

The Ontario Prospectors Association is managing Stage 1 of the AMDI for the Town of Atikokan. Stage 1 is funded by Atikokan, NOHFC and FedNor and will define the direction of the next stages of collection of geoscience data. The geoscience data will stimulate exploration in the project area. The project area extends from Lake Shebandowan to Mine Centre and Quetico Park to Ignace. There has been a series of Gap Analysis meetings in Atikokan and Thunder Bay. A questionnaire is posted on the OPA website and all explorers are invited to submit suggestions.

Over the next month or so the proposal for the next stages will be completed. Therefore your input is needed as soon as possible.

Press Release September 18, 2006
Discover Abitibi Initiative
Discover Abitibi Participation Interest High

The Discover Abitibi Initiative (DAI) has received fifty (50) proposals in response to their “Call for Project Ideas”, the Timmins Economic Development Corporation announced today.

“The last time, in 2002, the “Call for Project Ideas” resulted in a total of forty-two (42) proposals”, said Robert Calhoun. “The increased number of proposals indicates that there is a major interest in the Abitibi Greenstone Belt and clearly a lot of work has yet to be done. The stakeholders feel there was good return on investment from the work completed to date”. The near term effect of the previous project work is in the order of $14.0 million in new investment. That total could increase to $33.0 million, based on planned work reported by companies in response to the DAI impact survey.

The new proposals received were from a diverse cross section of the regional stakeholders, including prospectors, mining companies, universities, individuals and government Geological Surveys. Proposals were also received from stakeholders in Quebec who are hoping to complete cross border projects beneficial to stakeholders in both provinces. The proposals include projects geared to acquisition of new data but there are a significant number that involve adding value, that is, transfer of knowledge using new processing techniques to increase the usability of the data already collected in previous phases. “The world of data processing is ever changing”, said Calhoun … “if we can provide better target discrimination and shorten the time to discovery the region can benefit from the economic impact of the new mineral wealth sooner”.

The DAI technical committee will now evaluate the proposals and the resulting
business plan will be submitted to the funding agencies later in the fall. “The DAI has always been an exciting regional initiative” said Dave McGirr, Chair of the TEDC. “We hope that the initiative will continue to develop new areas for exploration and continue to support one of the major economic drivers in the region” he said. This project is funded in part by the Northern Ontario Heritage Corporation and FedNor Industry Canada.

Seismic Data Available

All Northern Ontario data, along with all other POLARIS and CNSN data, is available for download at the link http://earthquakescanada.nrcan.gc.ca/stnsdata/autodrm/autodrm_req_e.php So, companies can download any or all of the data they are interested in.

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April 3 & 4, 2007 Thunder Bay Northwestern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium


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AGGREGATE RESOURCES ACT CHANGES

Some OPA members may be interested in changes to the Aggregate Resources Act, which governs the extraction of gravel, sand, clay, earth, shale, stone, limestone, dolostone, sandstone, marble, granite, rock and other prescribed material in Ontario, announced by Ministry of Natural Resources on October 30. The changes will go into effect on January 1, 2007. More land will be designated under the Act, and industry fees to enhance rehabilitation and compliance will be increased. Effective January 1, 2007, the Act will be extended to private land in southern Ontario and parts of central and northern Ontario. The areas to be covered include all lands south of a line running from approximately Montreal River to Temagami, including Manitoulin Island, plus land around Thunder Bay. An area around Wawa was designated recently. Most private land in southern Ontario and all Crown land is already designated.

The province is also increasing the annual fee and minimum royalty rate for aggregate operators. The extra revenue generated will be used to enhance rehabilitation for pits and quarries, and to strengthen compliance through the hiring of additional enforcement officers. In addition, municipalities will receive increased funding from aggregate operations.

A notice about this change is posted on the Environmental Registry at: http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envregistry/028785er.htm The notice includes links to other information including a map showing the areas being designated, and contacts for additional information.

Ruth Debicki, P. Geo.
Land Use Policy and Planning Coordinator

PLOTTING GEOLOGY ONTARIO

Numerous clients of the new Geology Ontario (www.ontario.ca/geology) website have reported issues with maps being plotted through version 6 or earlier of Adobe Reader and Adobe Acrobat Professional.

Upgrading to version 7 of Reader or Acrobat has proven to alleviate numerous problems surrounding plotting of PDFs.

Since Adobe will soon release version 8 of their products, the Ministry suggests that clients upgrade to version 7 now while this release is still available. In the event that additional issues arise with version 8, version 7 may become unavailable.
When generating plots to scale through Reader or Acrobat, set page scaling to none and ensure that actual size is selected if your printer/plotter offers these options.

**RECENT MMAAC PRESENTATION**

**Consultation Policy of Provincial Government with Respect to First Nations**

Marilyn Hyde gave an overview of the draft guidelines for ministries on consultation with Aboriginal Peoples as related to Aboriginal Rights and Treaty Rights.


Short discussion re the Platinex situation at Big Trout Lake.

John McCance asked if MNDM was planning some initiatives on education. Marilyn replied that there was nothing in the budget. Cindy Blancher-Smith outlined the need to clearly communicate who is responsible for what (Government or Industry). Roy Denomme asked who decides on limits of “traditional lands”? Marilyn replied that there was even disagreement between the First Nations and that there exists overlap in stated areas. Delio Tortosa asked how other Provinces have handled the issue. Marilyn stated that a review of international and provincial jurisdictions had been completed and most had developed a set of guidelines.

Garry Clark stated that there was a perception that MNDM lacked cohesive direction in tackling the issue. He stated that the exploration industry has asked MNDM for direction on who and what First Nation to speak to in areas. He also mentioned that the Fraser Institute review of mining jurisdictions may be influenced by the “Platinex issue”. He also mentioned the perceived lack of information / guidance, on the duty to consult issue, in the Mining Act or elsewhere.

Cindy Blancher-Smith replied by stating that MNDM is looking into traditional area identification and with First Nation input is attempting to produce a map which will help identify the areas of influence.

Eno Anderson outlined the need to work with the First Nations to develop a consultation process, in particular with those First Nation members with experience and where a process had already been applied. He also outlined that the consultation process is community driven and there is a need for government and industry to look at the First Nation internal consultation process.

Mitchell Diabo added to this by stating that care needs to be exercised even when a consultation structure exists within the First Nation in that any decision is by the community and not by an individual (Chief, committee chair, head trapper etc).

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