

News views and opinions on the mineral exploration scene in Ontario

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The Explorationist Newsletter is brought to you as a 'member service' of the Ontario Prospectors Association. The purpose is to share news and information amongst its members and also to act as the association's 'Political Voice'.

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THE PAST YEAR

The past year has had some really weird turns and events that affected the economy and the explorers of Ontario. Overall we have ridden out the storm a lot better than other sectors of the economy.

Some of the events that have affected us include:

Modernizing the Mining Act: The changes to the Act are complete! But the changes to the Regulations that govern us need to be completed. The biggest fear our members have is that consultation with First Nations is being downloaded from the Ministry to them. We need to lobby hard to make sure the Regulations are workable for us.

Far North Planning Act: This is a hatched in Toronto idea that would see 50% of the north turned into protected area! The one comment I've heard over and over is "Protected from what?". The lack of access to the area is protection in it's self. Yes we are exploring, and in one case finding interesting mineralization, but exploration in the north dates back to pre discovery of the Red Lake gold deposits. Rumor is this Act will not be moving very quickly in the near future.

Commodity Prices: There seems to be no holding down the prices of the commodities

we explore for and find. The prices (\$US) in the beginning and end of 2009 were:

• Copper	\$1.50—>	\$3.30
• Nickel	\$5.00—>	\$8.50
• Zinc	\$0.50—>	\$1.00
• Silver	\$11.00—>	\$17.00
• Gold	\$800—>	\$1100

What a ride and so far this year it hasn't stumbled.

Forestry: The downward cycle of the Forestry Industry in Ontario's north has placed strain on exploration and mining to be the savior of numerous small towns. The biggest hurdle being overcome this winter is the lack of the usual snow plowing that had allowed access to exploration projects. This will be followed this summer with road washouts or other obstruction not being repaired.

Everyone must remember how tied we are to the access!

Significant Projects: Over the past year some significant projects have been progressing across the province. There are many and only a few are mentioned here. Rubicon seems to have a tiger by the tail in Red Lake after a solid ten years of persistence. Rainy River Resources continue to add ounces to their Rainy River project near Fort Frances. Magma Metals is pursuing their platinum-palladium project in the Thunder Bay area.

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Premier and Kodiak are making great strides in the Geraldton area on their gold projects. In Wawa, Wesdome continues to explore their extensive holdings around the River Gold Mine. Timmins is just a buzz of activity with numerous companies exploring for gold, Cu-Ni and Zn. Queenston continues to have success on their extensive Kirkland Lake holdings.

Ring of Fire: This is the biggest new exploration play in Ontario. These discoveries to date if developed could be the largest project since the development of the Steep Rock iron deposits. Presently Freewest has a world class deposit of chromite that they are working with international companies jockeying for the company.

Ontario Exploration and Geoscience

Symposium: The Ontario Prospectors Association would like to thank the participants, sponsors, presenters and exhibitors for attending and making the event another great success. The OPA would also like to congratulate the Lake Shore Gold team for being awarded the 2009 Ontario Prospectors Award. The attendance at the OEGS was just under 300 with 110 attending the Awards Banquet.

CONGRATULATIONS DAVE

I am pleased to announce that Dave Guindon is the successful candidate for the position of Regional Resident Geologist, Kirkland Lake. Dave joined the Ontario Geological Survey in 1982 as Drill Core Librarian in Kirkland Lake. He was appointed District Geologist in 1991, and has worked on many committees and special projects, including serving two terms as Acting Regional Resident Geologist. Dave has an M.Sc. degree in exploration geochemistry coupled with extensive geological experience in the Kirkland Lake District, and excellent relationships with representatives of the exploration community active in the area. Please join me in congratulating Dave on his new appointment.

Jim Ireland
Senior Manager
Resident Geologist Program

Ontario Resolves Litigation Dispute Over Big Trout Lake Property

Ontario has reached an agreement to settle litigation with Platinex Inc. that will provide greater certainty to the company and allow the Province to continue to build its relationship with Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) a First Nations community.

The Province of Ontario and Platinex Inc. have entered into an agreement to resolve the company's litigation against Ontario and the Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) First Nation over the company's Big Trout Lake Property. As part of the settlement, Platinex will drop its lawsuits against the Crown and KI, and surrender all its mining claims and leases at Big Trout Lake. In return Platinex will receive \$5 million and a potential future royalty interest. The government will withdraw those lands from staking and mineral exploration.

This settlement will assist Platinex in moving forward with the exploration and development of its other mining properties in Ontario, and responds to the community's past concerns.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The MNDMF is starting the consultation phase of the "Mining Act Regulations". To complete this they are planning various open meetings across the province. These meetings are being offered to the Regional Associations. If you haven't heard from your Regional Group please inquire when the meeting will be near you.

Another way MNDMF is collecting input is via the "Mining Act Modernization Workbook". The workbook has the background of the Mining Act change process and introduces questions that MNDMF would like

answered to assess the public's opinions and preferred options on composing the Regulations. This workbook can be attained at MNDMF offices or via the link

<http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/miningact/pdf/mam-workbook.pdf>

President's Message

Happy New Year to one and all!

The OPA hosted the 2009 Ontario Exploration & Geoscience Symposium "A Decade of Risks and Rewards" which was held in Sudbury was again a great success. The spirit of a prospector's soul is full of optimism and risk taking is a pre-requisite to being an explorationist. The poster boards and booths were filled to capacity and the talks were very well attended throughout the two-day event. The geology team of Lakeshore Gold Corp received the Ontario Prospectors Association Award and Mines Minister Gravelle presented the future new and improved Mining Act. Finally, Michael Barnes, our dinner speaker, kept everyone entertained with his literary art and crafty jokes.

Our sponsors, members and attending delegates contribute greatly to the financial well-being of the Ontario Prospectors Association. Even though 2009 was a tough year to survive in the exploration business, everyone rolled up their sleeves and forged ahead. The spirit of the prospector cannot be extinguished easily!

A successful symposium only occurs when good planning and eager volunteers pitch in and make things happen. On this note, I would like to thank Susan Warren and Jean Maxwell for the smooth operation of the registration. Also Susan for the weeks of preparation work needed to organize all the paperwork. Garry Clark, our Executive Director is the main organizational force and his good planning kept things moving efficiently.

I would like to acknowledge the helping hand of Bob Komarechka who has been helping deliver the poster boards to the symposia for almost a decade. Thank you also to the volunteers who gave their time to be moderators at the talks and to set up and tear down the display gear.

The OPA is ramping up to make our representa-

tions known at the upcoming Ministers Mining Act Advisory Committee meetings. These meetings will bind and write the regulations that will become the new Mining Act. Garry Clark will be the chair at the proceedings and each of the seven regional prospectors associations and the OPA are allowed representatives. We will all do our best to share our concerns in forging the new regulations.

The annual general meeting of the OPA was held in Timmins and the following Directors are now the active representatives on the board of the OPA. A big thank you to the former directors who volunteered time on the board and to Wally Rayner for leading the board as President in 2009.

Boreal Prospectors Association:

David Gordon, Doug Parker

Northern Prospectors Association:

Roger Dufresne, David LaRocque

Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association:

Barb D'Silva, David Hunt

Porcupine Prospectors & Developers

Association: Bill MacRae, Kristan Straub

Sault and District Prospectors Association:

Bud Clavet, Delio Tortosa

Southern Ontario Prospectors Association:

Joe Barr, John McCance

Sudbury Prospectors & Developers Association:

Tom Morris

Association of Professional Geoscientists of

Ontario (APGO): Abraham Drost

Ontario Mining Association (OMA):

John Blogg

Prospectors & Developers Association of

Canada (PDAC): Scott Jobin-Bevans

At Large Directors: Carl Huston,

Wally Rayner, Frank Tagliamonte

Good luck and best wishes in 2010!!!!

Roger Y. Poulin

President



The **Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association**
in conjunction with the **Ontario Prospectors Association**
are pleased to announce the
Northwestern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium
“A Golden Track Record”
April 7th & 8th, 2010
Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay

Delegate Registration

Before or on March 19th - \$100.00
Before or on March 19th 2010 Members \$40.00
After March 19th - \$120.00
After March 19th 2010 Members - \$60.00
Students \$30.00

Exhibits

Prospector Poster Display
\$20.00 with Delegate Registration
Booth Display
\$200.00

Workshop – April 6th - Rare Metals and Rare Earth Elements –Viking Room - 7 to 10 pm

Limited to 50 participants
Workshop Fee: \$25.00

Registration benefits:

2010 OPA Membership,
Refreshment breaks, Technical Presentations and Exhibits

Above prices include applicable taxes

Accommodations

The **Valhalla Inn**, located in Thunder Bay offers convention rates for delegates attending the Northwestern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium. To take advantage of these rates contact the hotel directly **807.577.1121** or **1.800.964.1121** and **Quote “800211”**.

For more information please contact:

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NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO MINES & MINERALS SYMPOSIUM

“A Golden Track Record”

April 7 & 8, 2010

Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay

DELEGATE REGISTRATION

****PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY****



MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____ **If contact information has not changed fill in Membership Number and Name and proceed to registration and payment information**

Name: _____

Company: _____

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City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

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Email: _____ @ _____

Symposium Registration* On or before March 19	@	\$100.00	
Symposium Registration* After March 19	@	\$120.00	
Symposium Registration* (2010 OPA MEMBERS) On or before March 19	@	\$40.00	
Symposium Registration* (2010 OPA MEMBERS) After March 19	@	\$60.00	
Student Registration*	@	\$30.00	
Awards Luncheon Thursday, April 8 12 noon Scandia Room	@	\$30.00	
Workshop: “Rare Earth Elements” Tuesday, April 6 7:00 –10:00pm Viking Room, Valhalla Inn Limit of 50 participants	@	\$25.00	
GST is included in prices GST #86378 8766 RT0001	TOTAL		

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS	
The Ontario Prospectors Association supports local prospecting associations in mining communities across Ontario. These organizations represent the local voice of the OPA and its members as a whole on local issues.	
Please check the group of your choice (one only) Please register me as a member of the Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association (NWOPA) or as indicated below: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Boreal Prospectors Association (BPA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Northern Prospectors Association (NPA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Porcupine Prospectors & Developers Assoc. (PPDA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sault & District Prospectors Association (SDPA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Southern Ontario Prospectors Association (SOPA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sudbury Prospectors & Developers Assoc. (SPDA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non Affiliated	<input type="checkbox"/>

***INCLUDES 2010 OPA Membership & Regional Association, Entry into Technical Sessions & Exhibits and all coffee breaks**

You will be included in the 2010 OPA Membership Directory **IF** you **do not** want to be **Please Check Here**

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Cheque _____ VISA _____ MC _____

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Cardholder _____ Signature _____

Cheques should be made payable and mailed with this application to: **Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association (NWOPA)**
c/o Susan Warren, 1000 Alloy Drive, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6A5

Fax a copy of this application to the OPA at 807-622-4156 to ensure your registration.

A confirmation will be sent to you either by email or fax, **once payment has been received.**

For more information visit us at www.ontarioprospectors.com or www.nwopa.net or email us at oegs@ontarioprospectors.com

REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 26th

AFTER THIS DATE THEY WILL BE PROCESSED ONSITE

Cancellations will be charged a \$60.00 administrative fee. No refunds issued after March 19, 2010.

Register before March 19th and have a chance to win a GPS unit



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BOOTH APPLICATION FORM

PROSPECTOR (\$20.00)

Delegate Registration is Additional and MUST accompany this Booth Application Form

- approximately 4 feet of table space with velcro friendly backboard

EXHIBITOR (\$200.00)

Fee includes one symposium/booth registration and OPA/Regional Association membership.

- Table with velcro friendly backboard (4' x 8') or space for your own free standing unit.

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR REQUIREMENTS AT TIME OF YOUR REGISTRATION

GST is included in above prices – GST #86378 8766 RT0001

REQUIREMENTS PLEASE CHECK:

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| POWER OUTLET | <input type="checkbox"/> | YES | |
| DISPLAY BOARD | <input type="checkbox"/> | YES | |
| TABLE NEEDED | <input type="checkbox"/> | YES | |
| PROVIDING OWN FREE STANDING UNIT | <input type="checkbox"/> | YES | Dimension of unit _____ |
| ROCKS OR CORE SAMPLES AT YOUR DISPLAY | <input type="checkbox"/> | YES | |
| POSTER DISPLAY ONLY (NO ROCKS OR CORE) | <input type="checkbox"/> | YES | |

WIRELESS HIGH SPEED INTERNET IS AVAILABLE

NAME/TITLE OF DISPLAY: _____

NAME OF PERSON ATTENDING EVENT: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ EMAIL: _____ @ _____

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

REGIONAL ASSOCIATION: BPA NPA NWOPA PPDA SDPA SOPA SPDA

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Northeastern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium
April 13th & 14th, 2010
Delta Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront Hotel

Delegate Registration

\$100.00

2010 Members \$40.00

Students \$65.00

Exhibits

Prospector Poster Display

Free with Delegate Registration

Booth Display

\$200.00

Evening Reception Tuesday, April 13th

Free with Registration to Event

Exhibit floor open

Registration benefits:

2010 OPA Membership,

Evening Reception Tuesday, April 13th; Refreshment breaks & Lunch Wednesday, April 14th,
Technical Presentations and Exhibits

Above prices include applicable taxes

Accommodations

The **Delta Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront Hotel**, located in Sault Ste. Marie offers convention rates for delegates attending the Northeastern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium to take advantage of these rates contact the hotel directly **705.949.0611** or **1.888.713.8482** and **Quote "OPA" (Ontario Prospectors Association)**.

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“Northern Golden Opportunities”

April 13 & 14, 2010



Delta Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront Hotel
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario



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I wish to be a member of the SAULT & DISTRICT PROSPECTORS ASSOCIATION or as indicated _____

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Pre-Registration deadline is April 2, 2010

Registrations received after this date will be processed on site.

Cancellation Policy: Full refunds will be given for cancellations received in writing in our office by mail/fax/email subject to an administrative fee of \$60.00. Cancellations received (10) business days prior to the event, no refund will be given but delegate substitution will be permitted. If you register less than one week before the event the cancellation policy applies.

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We look forward to seeing you in Sault Ste. Marie at the 2010 Northeastern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium!



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TYPE OF SPACE REQUIRED:

PROSPECTOR (Free with Delegate Registration) EXHIBITOR (\$200.00)

PLEASE CHECK REQUIREMENTS:

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TABLE NEEDED	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES
PROVIDING OWN FREE STANDING UNIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES
ROCKS OR CORE SAMPLES AT YOUR DISPLAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES
POSTER DISPLAY ONLY (NO ROCKS OR CORE)	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES

WIRELESS HIGH SPEED INTERNET IS AVAILABLE

Exhibitor Hours: Tuesday, April 13th 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Wednesday, April 14th 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

NAME/TITLE OF DISPLAY: _____

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 April 13th & 14th, 2009

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All Symposium Supporters receive the following benefits: Your name on the Symposium Page of the Sault and District Prospectors Association website with recognition of sponsorship level, listing as a Sponsor on the Symposium Program, your logo on the Delegate Bags and listing on the Sponsor Poster Board at the event.

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