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RE: WHO IS OPA

Since 2020, the OPA has continued to represent Prospectors and Explorers of the Province. We are currently reorganizing to better represent our Members. This will include an updating of the website and continuation of participation in Various Committees and Working Groups.

OPA Participants or Registration

- Registered Provincial Lobbyist since 2005
- Canadian Mineral Industry Federation (CMIF) comprises more than 20 national, provincial and territorial associations that represent various components of the Canadian mineral and mining industry.
- Save Canadian Mining: In 2012 IIROC and CSA removed a trading rule known as the “tick test”, which restricted short selling to neutral or sales to positive price changes at the time of the sale. These changes were applied not only to the main listing venue of TSX Venture Exchange, but are equally applied across all Canadian trading venues, of which there are 14 today, reducing TSX Venture’s ability to effect any change. Since removal of the tick test, the Canadian markets have evolved, and there now exists a dynamic where short selling activities, high frequency trading, and algorithms are exploiting the lack of a tick test to the detriment of Canada’s junior markets. We call on CSA and IIROC to evaluate re-instituting the tick test.
- PDAC: OPA works in concert on issues that effect exploration in Ontario and across Canada.
- Ontario Mining Association: Strong working relationship and understanding for common overlapping issues.

- Ministers Mining Industry Council Member with direct access to the Minister and his Staff with OMA and other Provincial explorers and miners.
- Mining Lands Administration System Working Group: Active member (Co-Chair) in the discussions to make exploration easier in the Province. Access to the Assistant Deputy Minister (Co-Chair) and various Ministry Directors.
- Ontario Critical Metals Task Force: OPA has a seat on the committee to define a way forward to allow promotion of Critical metals in Ontario.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Clark', written in a cursive style.

Garry Clark
President