



**Ontario Prospectors Association Welcomes New Board Member and Acknowledges Departing Director** (*Thunder Bay, ON*) - January 23, 2025 - The Ontario Prospectors Association (OPA) is pleased to announce the appointment of William (Bill) MacRae to its Board of Directors, effective January 14, 2025. Mr. MacRae, M.Sc., P.Ge., brings a wealth of experience to the OPA. A resident of Timmins for the past 40 years, he has worked for and consulted with individuals, junior exploration and major mining companies, as well as provincial and federal geological surveys.

Currently, he serves on the OPA Revitalization Steering Committee, has been an active volunteer with the Porcupine Prospectors and Developers Association for over 25 years, and served as its President. Mr. MacRae has also contributed as a member of the Timmins Economic Development Corporation, where he acted as Executive Director and Chair of the Governance Committee, and has sat on boards of junior exploration companies, the Local Citizens Committee, MNRF, and the Minister's Mining Act Advisory Committee.

"We are pleased to welcome Bill to the OPA Board," said Garry Clark, former President and Executive Director, currently serving as Acting President. "His expertise in exploration and the junior company sector will be invaluable as we continue to advocate for a thriving and sustainable exploration and development industry in Ontario."

Mr. Clark, who resigned as President in the spring of 2023, has continued to serve in an interim capacity due to the Board's ongoing efforts to revitalize the organization and identify long-term leadership solutions.

The OPA also extends its sincere gratitude to Michael Tremblay for his dedicated service on the Board of Directors of the OPA and the Sault Ste. Marie Prospectors Association over the past decades. Mr. Tremblay's contributions have been instrumental in providing a true prospector's perspective on advancing policy initiatives and strengthening industry-government relationships.

"We are deeply grateful for Michael's significant contributions to the OPA," said Mr. Clark. "His leadership and guidance have been invaluable to the organization's success."

### **About the Ontario Prospectors Association**

The Ontario Prospectors Association (OPA) has a rich history dating back to the late 1980s when a group of industry leaders, including representatives from Falconbridge, Noranda/Hemlo Gold, and Inco, came together to advocate for Ontario's mineral explorers during significant legislative changes to the Mining Act. The OPA has since evolved into a voice for the industry, representing and advancing the interests of its members through government relations, policy advocacy, and industry development initiatives. As the OPA undergoes a revitalization process, it remains committed to fostering a healthy and sustainable exploration and development sector in Ontario.

### **Board of Directors**

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