

ONTARIO PROSPECTORS ASSOCIATION REVITALIZATION

***Revitalizing Exploration:
A New Era for the Ontario Prospectors
Association***



THE OPA AND WHY WE NEED TO CHANGE

The OPA was established in 1987 and was formed to represent prospectors, exploration companies and service providers in Ontario.

NEED FOR CHANGE:

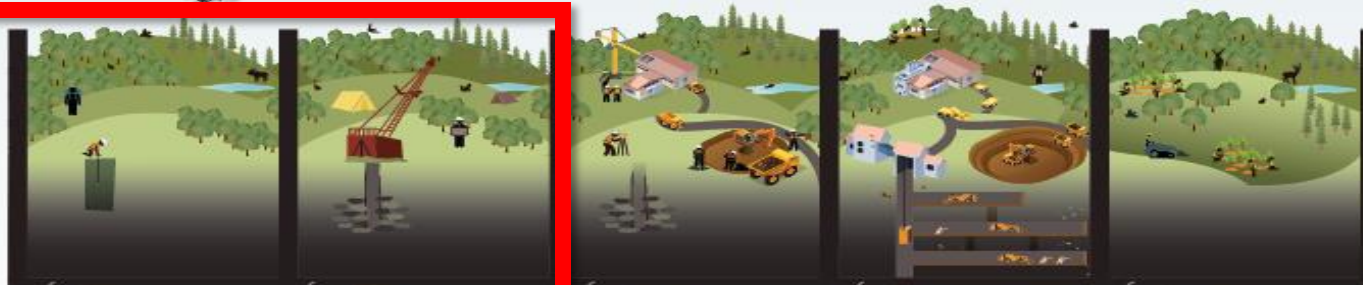
- After 37 years, it is time for the organization to **REJUVENATE & RE-ENERGIZE** to be a more effective organization for today's needs.
- Our goal is to make the OPA a **REVITALIZED, stronger and more effective** advocate for the exploration and mining industry, as well as the communities in which we work.
- A **RESTRUCTURED BOARD**, and a **FULL-TIME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** and **TEAM** are necessary to represent the industry to address the current challenges.



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Mining is a temporary land use activity, which consists of interconnected stages that can span 30 years or more. Throughout that time, Ontario mining companies are guided by the core values of safety, sustainability, responsibility and inclusion, allowing them to create value and improve lives, while taking care of the environment.



Exploration
Gathering data about potential mineral deposits and acquiring the rights to harvest those deposits.

Evaluation
Geological, technical and environmental analyses, plus community input. Financing and government-approved closure plan must be secured.

Construction
Building of roads, environmental management systems, employee housing, processing and other facilities after investments, permits and approvals are obtained.

Commercial Production
Production of minerals and metals that make modern life a reality, supplying downstream processing and boosting sectors across the economy. Exploration often continues, adding to existing reserves.

Reclamation
Mining operations are decommissioned responsibly and the land is returned to a natural or economically usable state.

30+ YEARS

Where we are involved

Ontario Mining Association Website, "Mining 101"
<https://oma.on.ca/en/ontario-mining/Mining101.aspx>



THE INDUSTRY'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ECONOMY

As underscored by these numbers, the **mining sector plays an essential role in fueling economic activity, advancing Canada's infrastructure, and meeting global demand for essential resources, including those used in green technologies.**

ONTARIO

[\(GBR – Homepage\)](#)

CA\$13.5 B

Value of minerals
produced in
Ontario in 2022

22%

of Canada's total
mineral production

CANADA

[\(MineConnect\)](#)

CA\$125 B

in mineral exports
in 2022

22%

of the country's
total exports

400,000

direct and indirect
jobs across Canada



THE SPIN OFFS OF A ROBUST EXPLORATION AND MINING COMMUNITY

Mining not only contributes to Canada's GDP but also plays a significant role in community welfare, economic diversification, and sustainable development.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Critical infrastructure in rural areas where mines operate. Fosters community growth and stability.

JOB CREATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Wide range of jobs, from direct roles in mining operations to indirect employment in sectors like equipment supply, engineering, environmental sciences, and logistics.

TAX REVENUE

Mining generates substantial tax income for federal/provincial/municipal governments through royalties, income taxes, and property taxes supporting local public services/social programs.

SUPPORT FOR SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

A strong mining sector promotes local businesses by prioritizing local procurement, including those providing goods, services, and supplies to mining operations.

ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION

Mining contributes to diversification by creating new infrastructure that can support other industries, such as tourism and agriculture, once mining activities reduce or cease



WHAT WILL THE REVITALIZED OPA STRIVE TO ACCOMPLISH

- Represent the early phases of the supply chain from prospector, junior exploration companies and mining companies
- Be current and involved with **Indigenous Communities**
- Be hands-on in **developing legislation** affecting the early stages of exploration that then leads to a mining industry - lobby for our industries
- **Support** all related regional associations
- Build a new association that will **work to involve the next generation of professionals into the industry**



OPA RESTRUCTURING – WORK COMPLETED AND AHEAD

Action Plan Overview

STAGE 1: Completed

- Steering Committee Appointed to Assess and Develop Plan for CHANGE
- Review governance documents of the OPA and OEC*
- Present the restructuring proposal to the OPA board
- Engage with current and potential members-via Townhalls

STAGE 2: Current

- Identify and appoint new board members and volunteers for committees
- Conduct a job search for a full-time Executive Director

STAGE 3: Mid-2025

- Finalize the Executive Director hire
- Establish new board directives and committees

*OEC Ontario Exploration Corporation a wholly owned subsidiary of the OPA



OPA RESTRUCTURING - BUDGET OVERVIEW

ESTIMATED ANNUAL BUDGET

Annual Budget * ~ \$400,000

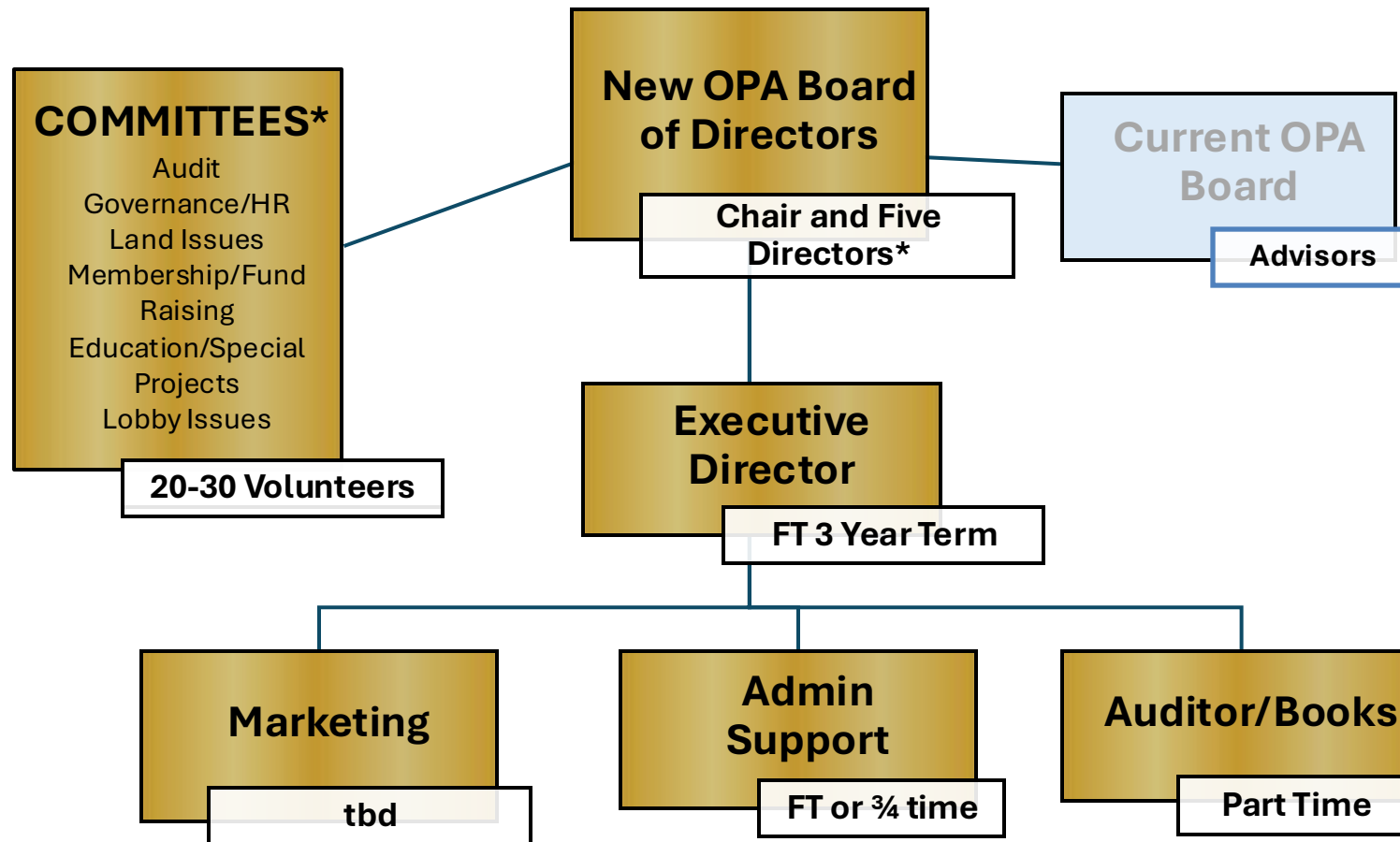
- **Salaries ED/Marketing Support**
- **Professional fees- legal/audit**
- **Support - marketing/admin**
- **G&A – rent/software/misc**

Restructuring Budget ~\$150,000

(one-time cost)



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



*This includes President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary



NEXT STEPS FOR OPA REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

- **Find, engage and empower** a new Board of Directors, Executive Director and volunteers for the Committees
- **Create** the Strategic Plan and Business Plan for the OPA
- **Establish a recruitment strategy** to increase the involvement of individual and corporate membership
- **Source funding** for the restructuring for the first three years of operations



HOW DO YOU GET INVOLVED IN THIS REVITALIZATION TRANSFORMATION?

- **Sign up** to be a member - individual or corporate
- **Submit a letter to volunteer** for the new board or as a committee member - feedback@ontarioprospectors.com
- **Spread the word!** linkedin/other social media/etc



THANK YOU!

Questions?

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