

# MANITOBA PROSPECTORS & DEVELOPERS ASSOC. INC.

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The prospectors and junior mineral exploration companies in our province still face many serious difficulties in their search for mineral wealth that benefits all Manitobans. Incorporation of the Manitoba Prospectors and Developers Association Inc. ("MPDA Inc.") as a non-profit group on December 2, 1994 means we can become an intervenor in public hearings and a formal advocate to governments. Our new mission statement reads:

*"To act as an advocacy group for the concerns and interests of our members and to educate the public of the value of mining to Manitoba."*

Your new, all volunteer, slate of Directors and Officers have been working very hard in 1995 to fulfil this mission. Our strategy is to aggressively pursue specific issue areas such as: **land use/access e.g. new Lowlands National Park, Endangered Spaces, Treaty Land Entitlements, etc.; government regulations and programs e.g. revisions to Mines Act and Regulations, MEAP, geological programs, etc. and public education.**

Two committees have been struck - one to liaise with government (H.Wynne, D.Fogwill, J.Lee) and the other education (D.Anderson, M.Reynolds, A.Mickelson). However, all Directors and Officers, and some members are very much involved in these mandates.

In 1995, your **Directors** held 8 meetings - Jan.11, Feb.8, April 12, May 9, May 30, Sept.12, Oct.11 and Nov.8. The intention is to **meet monthly** except in March and during the summer field season. Many issues were debated, resolutions adopted and actions taken (see below). Members may attend Directors' Meetings.

On January 23, 1995 a MPDA Inc. delegation of 5, headed by H.Wynne gave a formal presentation to the Manitoba Federal Liberal Caucus in support of the **National PDAC Two Point Plan:** (i) cost base flow-through shares and (ii) international promotion  
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## DID YOU KNOW THAT:

- mining occupies approximately 34 square kilometers of Manitoba which is less than 6% of the area occupied by the City of Winnipeg.
- the value of mineral products in Manitoba each year is about \$1 billion, and approximately \$40 million is spent on mineral exploration.
- about 6,000 people in Manitoba are directly employed in mining and earn over \$225 million a year and at least another 15,000 depend on mining.
- direct revenue to government from mining in Manitoba averages over \$45 million annually and all other indirect taxes at least doubles this figure.
- Manitoba's mineral industry is the 2nd leading primary resource industry after agriculture.
- prospectors cause no more impact on the environment than do hunters or campers.
- mineral explorers cause less impact than cottagers.
- roads, railways, and airports occupy much more land in Manitoba than mines.
- there are 15 head frames in Manitoba compared to 284 primary grain elevators of equal size.
- the third largest city in Manitoba, Thompson, was built to mine nickel and copper.
- most northern towns, roads, railways and airports were built solely for mining e.g. Lynn Lake, Leaf Rapids, Thompson, Flin Flon, Snow Lake.
- the mining and prospecting associations of Canada have their own, self imposed and enforced codes of environmental protection.
- prospectors and geologists choose their profession because they love the wilderness and protect the land where they live and work.

of Canada's mineral potential. As follow-up, **Directors** wrote letters to **Paul Martin**, Federal Finance Minister, **Anne McLellan**, Natural Resources Minister and local MP's.

Your president, W.Ferreira, and other Directors in December 1994 and Jan. and April 1995 met with Manitoba Energy and Mines and the Minister of Mines re: **revisions to Mines Act and Regulations, proposed changes to the MEIP** (which were later made), **improvements at the Mines Lab** (implemented), **multiple land use policy** regarding **Parks and Endangered Spaces, etc.**

We were represented at a May 18, 1995 workshop on the new **Federal Endangered Species** legislation and emphasized our concerns in follow-up letters to government.

MPDA Inc. is currently on the intervenor list re. the proposed **Lowlands National Park** and is plugged into the **New Provincial Parks Act, Endangered Spaces, Treaty Lands Entitlements and Northern Flood Agreement Co-Management processes.** A recent issue concerning the new **Wildlife Management Areas Regulation** is being pursued through the Departments of Energy and Mines and Natural Resources.

With the strong encouragement of MPDA Inc. the **Mineral Exploration Liaison Committee (MELC)** with Manitoba Energy and Mines has been re-instated and has held two very productive meetings on June 23 and October 17.

Two sub-committees of MELC have been formed: **The Land Use Sub-Committee** which has met twice (July 10 and Sept. 21) and **the Advisory Sub-Committee** (met once, Sept. 15). MPDA Inc. has 3 members on MELC along with 3 from the northern Sask-Man PDA, 1 from PDAC, 5 from the Manitoba Mining Association, 6 from government and 1 from University of Manitoba. MELC is currently chaired by J.Robertson of Falconbridge, Winnipeg. Although MELC focuses on the technical programs of Energy and Mines, its meetings are open to discuss all matters (many named above) affecting mineral exploration and development in Manitoba.

On the education side, Majorie Reynolds has an excellent presentation (with many rock and mineral specimens) she gives to elementary schools on a regular basis. Others are also contributing in this area.

#### **MPDA Inc. Resolutions in 1995:**

- "opposition to single-use land designations in Manitoba and support of PDAC's position of multiple land use"
- "opposition to establishment of Lowland's National Park"
- "support for PDAC's Two Point Plan"
- "opposition to and involvement in Endangered Spaces process (12% of Manitoba)"
- "MEAP to be limited to non-producers and reject 18 month confidentiality for reports"
- "participation in and make-up of MELC"
- "assistance to Winnipeg Mineral Discussion Group"
- "Manitoba Special Permits be eliminated"
- "promote exploration and mining's minimum impact on environment"
- "mining be addressed separately from forestry and hydro in land use issues"

#### **REMINDERS:**

- Winnipeg Discussion Group meets first Wednesday each month at noon at the Chamber of Commerce.
- Friday "get togethers" Marigold Rest., Ellice Ave.
- **MPDA Inc. Annual General Meeting** at International Inn Salon 3, 2p.m. on November 19 during Mines Convention. (*MPDA has booth at the Convention; call us re: showing your maps*)
- **MEMBERSHIP DUES** for 1996 will be:  
Regular \$25.00; Junior Corp \$50.00;  
Senior Corp \$100.00; Students \$10.00;  
Current Membership (total): 37

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**1995 DIRECTORS:** W.Ferreira, H.Wynne, D.Anderson, S.LeSavage, J.Lee, D. Fogwill, R.Cooke

**OFFICERS 1995:**

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