

MANITOBA PROSPECTORS AND DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION INC.

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The Manitoba Prospectors and Developers Association Inc. ("MPDA Inc.") was incorporated as a non-profit, all volunteer organization in 1994. Our mission statement is:

"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 **Directors** held 6 meetings in the past 12 months - on November 20, March 4, June 3, August 5, September 2 and October 7. Members are welcome to attend Directors' Meetings.

Directors participated in committee meetings under four Manitoba Government initiatives related to mineral exploration in Manitoba, namely:

- **Mineral Exploration Liason Committee ("MELC"):** MPDA Inc. was represented at all committee meetings by, variously, Doug Fogwill, Bill Ferreira, John Lee and Steve LeSavage. Our position on **Protected Areas** (under the Endangered Spaces program) was clearly stated as follows: Approval of Protected Area designation should be subject to provisions allowing for **Low-Impact Exploration** (presently being defined). This compromise would be far preferable to the single-use Protected Areas model. Other major issues being considered by MELC are **Government Geoscience Programs** and **Aboriginal Land Use**.

- **Sustainable Development Advisory Committee:** Steve LeSavage and Jim Brown served on this committee, which advises the Core Group, which in turn makes recommendations to Government on how to implement principles and guidelines in environmental and land use regulatory policies. The Advisory Committee includes representatives from many interested groups throughout Manitoba. MPDA Inc. seeks to emphasise the unique concerns of the mineral industry in respect to Sustainable Development.

- **Aboriginal Mining Partnership Protocol:** Doug Fogwill and Jim Brown participated in meetings developing guidelines for Aboriginal involvement in the mineral industry. Also represented at these meetings are Aboriginal and Metis Groups, Energy and Mines, Mining Association, Construction Association and Manitoba-Saskatchewan Prospectors and Developers Association. A Protocol framework is in the final draft stage.

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 over 250 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.

- **Specialty Metals Committee:** Doug Fogwill attended meetings of this Energy and Mines committee, which includes Industry and Trade, Rural Development and mineral industry representatives and which is mandated to promote and assist in the development of industrial and specialty minerals in Manitoba. The committee has proposed a specialty minerals financial incentive program and a "one window" permitting/technical assistance facility.

Directors met with the Energy and Mines Marketing Branch to suggest changes to the **Mineral Exploration Assistance Program ("MEAP")** application and approval process.

The MPDA Inc. prospectors tent at the May 1998 **Minerals and Gem Show**, held at the University of Manitoba, featured gold panning and mineral displays.

Marjorie Reynolds, our **Education Committee** Chair, continued her rocks and minerals presentation at schools this year. She emphasises practical applications, but other topics include genesis and physical properties of rocks and minerals, plate tectonics, geological structures and location of mining and sample collection areas.

MPDA Inc. sponsors the monthly **Winnipeg Mineral Exploration Discussion Group ("WMEDG")** meetings, held at noon on the first Wednesday of each month at the Airliner Inn, 1740 Ellice Avenue. Seven **talks** were presented at these informal luncheons, topics being: Mineral Exploration in BC, Mineral Exploration Assistance Program, Dinosaurs, Advances in Mineral Exploration Data Interpretation, Present Business Climate, Lessons from Bre-X (Laboratory Perspective) and PGE in Manitoba. These meetings provide opportunities for discussion and networking with the community interested in mineral exploration. The **WMEDG** organizing committee is Jim Brown, John Lee, Doug Fogwill and Don Anderson. Please contact any of these Directors regarding attendance or offers of talks.

The first issue of MPDA Inc.'s annual full-colour magazine **Manitoba Mining and Exploration Review** was published in early 1998. The publisher is Naylor Publications Company (Canada) and Jim Brown and Doug Fogwill are editorial advisors. The magazine focuses on companies and individuals active in the Manitoba mineral industry and on topics related to the industry. The second issue is slated for publication in February 1999 and will be available at the PDAC Convention. We welcome submissions for possible inclusion in the publication.

DIRECTORS: W. Ferreira, H. Wynne, D. Anderson, S. LeSavage, J. Lee, D. Fogwill, J. Brown

OFFICERS

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Newsletter Editor: J. Lee

REMINDERS:

- MPDA Inc. Directors Meetings each month, immediately following WMEDG Meetings. All members welcome.
- MPDA Inc./Winnipeg Mineral Exploration Discussion Group - meets first Wednesday of each month. Members and non-members welcome.
- Members fees are due on November 4, 1998.

MEMBERSHIP:

We ask you to help achieve MPDA Inc's goals by renewing your membership/becoming a new member/recruiting new members. We need your support to continue the progress made since we incorporated 4 years ago. Our membership application/renewal form is attached.