

# Manitoba Prospectors and Developers Association Inc.

## Newsletter

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The Manitoba Prospectors and Developers Association Inc. ("MPDA") was incorporated as a non-profit all volunteer organization. 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 in Manitoba." Anyone interested in mineral exploration/prospecting is welcome to join MPDA Inc. by using the application form included in this newsletter.

### OPEN FORUM MEETINGS & MINERAL DISCUSSION GROUP

The Manitoba Prospectors and Developers Association Inc. ("MPDA") sponsored four talks, 6 open forum meetings and eight directors meetings over the past year. The Winnipeg Mineral Exploration Discussion Group meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Howard Johnson Inn, 1740 Ellice Avenue. Four luncheon talks were presented: Lou Chastko, "Golden Pocket Resources Ltd."; Jim Brown, "International Archive of Economic Geology"; Dr. Christine Kaszycki, "Review of the Reorganization of the Mineral Resources Division of Manitoba Industry, Trade and Mines"; and Dr. D.T. Anderson and Jim Brown, "A Quick and Dirty Look at Some Radar Imagery (or 'D.T. and J.B. revisit the Bissett Area')".

The purpose of the open forum meetings is two-fold: (1) directors and committee members can hear the membership's point of view on topics, and (2) directors can report back to the membership on issues that affect mining. Issues discussed at open forum meetings included: low-impact exploration in Manitoba Parks; MEAP issues; Shoal Lake watershed; flow-through share financing as proposed by the PDAC; aboriginal issues; our position on the protected areas initiative as presented through the Mineral Exploration Liaison Committee ("MELC") to the Manitoba Government; and proposed changes to the Manitoba Mines and Minerals Act regarding claim staking, confidentiality periods, assessment requirements, exploration permits, transfer of title and conversion of leases back to claims.

### COMMITTEES

**Education Sub-Committee.** Marjorie Reynolds, our Education Sub-Committee chair made 52 presentations to 1,376 students in 11 different schools. Most of the presentations were made to students in Grades 5 to 9 in Winnipeg area schools. The presentation mainly consists of properties of rock and minerals and their application to our everyday life.

This year's Gold Panning at the Rocks and Minerals Show at the University of Manitoba was very well received and attended. Jim Brown, Don Anderson, Marjorie Reynolds, Horst Petak and Pamela Fulton did the work to put on the Gold Panning.

**Aboriginal / Mining Committee.** The Aboriginal / Mining Committee met twice early in 2000 and the guideline booklet that resulted from the many meetings in 1999 was launched at a Manitoba Government Mining reception at the PDAC Convention in March.

**Mines Act Sub-Committee.** The Mines Act Sub-Committee of the MPDA presented arguments to change several parts of the Act. These arguments included: changes to the Exploration Permit system to facilitate use by smaller operators; increase mineral claim grouping size; longer confidentiality periods for assessment data; to show on claim maps all of the land tenure forms that might impact on mining exploration and mining; retention of the assay credit coupon system; and to protect the initial mining claim holder when production leases are converted back to claims at the expiry of the lease. Progress was made on all of these issues.

## 2000/2001 Directors/Officers/Committees

**DIRECTORS:** Don Anderson, Jim Brown, David Busch, Kevin Murphy, Bill Ferreira, Doug Fogwill, Jurate Gertzbein, Steve LeSavage, John Lee, Hugh Wynne

**OFFICERS:** President, Hugh Wynne      Vice-President, Don Anderson  
Secretary, Jim Brown      Treasurer, Steve LeSavage

### COMMITTEES:

**MELC Representatives:** D. Fogwill, J. Lee (alt: J. Gertzbein)

**Sustainable Development Reps:** J. Brown, S. LeSavage

**Aboriginal/Mining:** D. Fogwill

**Mines Act Sub-Com:** D. Fogwill, W. Ferreira, D. Busch

**Education Sub-Com:** M. Reynolds, D. Anderson

**Membership Sub-Com:** J. Lee, D. Busch

**Newsletter Editors:** D. Anderson, W. Ferreira

**Magazine Editorial Advisors:** D. Fogwill, J. Brown

**WMEDG Sub-Com:** J. Brown, J. Lee, D. Anderson, J. Gertzbein, D. Fogwill

### MPDA Inc's membership fees:

Regular Member      \$10

Junior Corporation      \$20

Senior Corporation      \$30

Student Member      \$ 5

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