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Your **Manitoba Prospectors and Developers Association Inc. (MPDA)** was quite active this past year with meetings held on the 1st Wednesday of every month at the **Howard Johnson Inn**, 1740 Ellice Avenue held at noon hour lunch immediately following the **Winnipeg Mineral Exploration Discussion Group** meetings. All are welcome to attend the luncheons.

MPDA sponsors the monthly **Winnipeg Mineral Exploration Discussion Group, (WMEDG)**. These meetings provide opportunities for discussion and networking with the community interested in mineral exploration. This year the following **several talks** were presented at these informal luncheons along with open forum discussions:

- **Natural Resources Land Use Issues**
- **Mines Act Regulations**
- **Mining Task Force**
- **Mining Museum**
- **Forensic Geology**

Gold Panning Excursions were set up at the Forks during **Mining Week** in May and for Ducks Unlimited at Oakhammock Marsh.

Attendance is high at these displays and members are encouraged to participate.



Sagkeeng First Nations Prospectors Learning how to Blast a showing.

Marjorie Reynold continued the **Education Committee** activities making 19 presentations of rocks and minerals at schools to 534 students. The focus of each presentation is the practical use of rocks and minerals. Students become aware that we use rocks and minerals in every area of life. They learn that Manitoba is rich in mineral wealth. In addition to applications, other topics include: identification, physical properties, plate tectonics, and the locations of specific minerals in Manitoba. Presentations are adapted to accommodate all grade levels. A **Video** was made of her presentation and is available from the **MPDA**.

The **S.E. Round Table** met for the first time in Bissett in this September. Panel members are on a fact collecting mission and are making recommendations to the government about what to do with the eastern part of the province. A major concern of the **MPDA** is the proposed designation of the **Hayes River Park**, which could have a negative effect for potential mineral exploration and economic development in the **N.E. Superior Province**.

This is **your** chance to voice an opinion about the potential of mineral deposits in the region. **PLEASE FILL OUT THE INSERT IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND SUBMIT BY JANUARY 2004.** Now is the time to be vocal or the whole area may become a park.

PROS AND CONS OF MAP STAKING

OBSERVATIONS MADE FROM PDA SURVEYS

1. In a favour of a combined system of **Ground Staking** and **Map Staking** (116) 28%
2. In a favour of the principle of **Map Staking** (136) 33%
3. Abstain (11) 3%
4. Against the principle of **Map Staking** (145) 35%

PROS:

MONEY LAID OUT FOR STAKING WOULD GO DIRECTLY TO GROUND EXPLORATION	ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME ONE COULD HAVE LAND TENURE
SAVES TIME	ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY
UP TO DATE MAPS WITH SIMPLE APPLICATIONS IN SYSTEM IMMEDIATELY	SAFER
LESS DISPUTES	COST EFFECTIVE
NO COMPETITION	LEVELS FIELD BETWEEN LARGE AND SMALL COMPANIES IN AREAS WHERE COSTS ARE PROHIBITED

CONS:

LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR STAKERS, AIRCRAFT, SUPPLIERS, LODGES, COMMUNITIES, ETC.

LARGE CHUNKS OF LAND HELD UP BY WEALTHY COMPANIES OR MONOPOLIES, INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS.

CLAIM MAPS COULD BE OUT OF DATE

TIES UP GROUND WITH LITTLE OR NO WORK DONE

Obituary **Bart Kobar** 1923 - 2003

On October 29th 1923 Bart Kobar was born in The Pas and raised At Herb Lake in Manitoba. In 1939 at the age of 16 he began working at the Laguna Mine, Herb Lake. In 1940, he worked at Howe Sound Mine at Snow Lake and during the winters Bart commercial fished and trapped. In 1941 he was at the Ferro Mine briefly.

Bart staked claims at Osborne Lake and at Squall Lake in 1942 & 1943. He did contract Diamond Drilling in the Yellowknife area 1945-46. At the Howe Sound Mine he was a shaft miner and driller in 48. Other mines included Starrett-Olsen at Red Lake and in 1950 he became mine manager for Northern Tungsten in Snow Lake. In 1951 he Diamond Drilled for Canadian Nickel in N.W.T. He also developed his own Manitoba Marble property near Wekusko Lake, Mb.

In 1958 Bart and Anne his wife (predeceased) purchased a hardware store in the Pas and operated it as Kobars Hardware until their son John took over the business in 1987.

Bart was President of the Pas Chamber of Commerce in 1961-62 and served for over 20 years on the Executive Committee with a life time membership. He also served on the town council and was a member of the Elks and the Masonic Lodge.

Bart passed away September 30.2003 in the Pas at the age of 79. He is best remembered for his quick wit, sense of humour, ingenuity, and willingness to help anyone out.

Prospectors Training Program - A Pilot Project and a Success Story for Sagkeeng

Did you know that a Sagkeeng community member was the founder of valuable gold discovery off the Winnipeg River? In March 1911, Duncan Twohearts led E.A. Pelletier, an inspector in the Royal North West Mounted Police with an interest in geology to the area of Rice Lake. After showing E.A. Pelletier many rock samples containing gold Pelletier recorded the claim in that area naming it Gabrielle. Duncan Twohearts was instrumental in the original discovery of gold in the Bissett area and most impressively the establishment of the San Antonio Gold Mine.

How fitting is it that Sagkeeng was host to the pilot project - Prospector Training Program! This is a joint program between Sagkeeng Employment and Training Services and Manitoba Industry Trade and Mines. The program is a community based training initiative developed in partnership with the Sagkeeng Employment and Training Services office.

The course is intended to provide students employability skills in mineral prospecting - an opportunity that is vast in Northern Manitoba. The curriculum offers specific knowledge on topics such as regulations applying to staking recording, and working on mineral claims. Hands-on demonstration of claim staking procedures, blasting procedures, geophysics, geochemical techniques, drilling, rock and material identification and wilderness first aid training. There is a component that introduces the theory and field demonstration of GPS - Global Positioning System Instrument. Prospecting skills included are compass navigation, map reading and the use of air photos and geological reports, identification of rocks and minerals, sampling techniques and assaying.

The aim is to encourage more northern residents to become involved in mineral prospecting and to educate the general public about mineral exploration, mining and the geosciences. This training program in turn will build on economic diversion and strengthen education and skills in the local workforce. Many parts learned throughout the course can be used as transferable skills - fully utilizing it's potential.

We celebrated the Prospector Graduation on Friday, June 13, 2003 at the Sagkeeng Employment and Training Services Office. In attendance were Honourable MaryAnn Mihychuk, Minister of Manitoba Industry Trade and Mines who presented the certificates with Cora Morgan, Director of Sagkeeng Employment and Training Services to the prospector graduates. Sagkeeng Employment and Training Services would like to extend our Congratulations to all individuals who completed the course. A lot of hard work and delegation was delivered. Thank you everyone who played a role in organizing the program. May it continue to break ground in other communities in Manitoba!

Vanessa James - Project Officer, Sagkeeng Employment Services

Call Cheryl Gerrard for a list of the 2003 Graduates **367-8080**

Anyone interested taking a **Prospectors Course**, please call

Peter Leskiw **945-6508**

for a **Blasting Course** call Dave Meek **668-3700**

Notice:

The venue & time for CIM meetings has changed to Canada s Inn Polo Park. The group meets every third Thursday of each month at noon.

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*The 2003 - 2004 Directors of MPDA from Left to Right: Dave Meek, Horst Petak, Kevin Murphy, Jim Brown, Don Anderson, Doug Fogwell, Marjorie Reynolds, Pat Holden, James Campbell, Bill Ferreira
Missing: Steve LeSavage, Dave Busch, Ryan Cooke*

As MPDA Inc.'s financial situation is fairly sound,
we have reduced our membership fees significantly to:

Regular Member	\$10
Junior Corporation	\$20
Senior Corporation	\$30
Student Member	\$ 5

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