



# THE CLAIM POST

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## Northwestern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium 2006 April 4 & 5 – Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay

This year's symposium went off without a hitch. Attendance was at an all time high. Exhibit space was fully booked and had a good balance among prospectors, mining companies, suppliers and ministry displays. Events started on Monday evening (April 3) with a *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Certification* course provided by Rod Brown of the OPP. Twenty-seven participants registered for this course and received their certification.

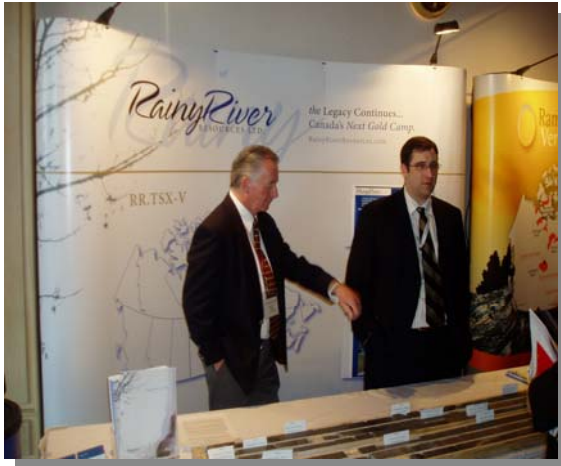
The second workshop on Tuesday morning featured Dr. Mary Louise Hill from Lakehead University providing a presentation focused on *Ductile Shear Zones*. Forty participants fully enjoyed her dynamic presentation where new information about ductile shear zones was discussed.



*Speaker sessions* began early Tuesday afternoon and continued through to late Wednesday afternoon. There was an excellent mix of presentations and audience attendance was high. NWOPA would like to thank the speakers and moderators for volunteering their time and effort in making this informative event so successful. Special thanks to the coffee sponsors for providing coffee refreshments during the breaks.

The *NWOPA Annual General Meeting and Elections* were held early Tuesday evening during the symposium when maximum membership participation was possible. Garry Clark chaired the meeting and this year's Board was acclaimed (see picture on first page). One board position remained open and later on the board unanimously elected Steve Kissin, Professor of Economic Geology at Lakehead University.

## **Rainy River Resources Ltd.**



## **Ken displays his properties**



## **AWARDS CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON**

Each year the Awards Committee, currently chaired by John Mason and Mike MacIsaac, recognizes the achievements of outstanding members from our Northwestern Ontario mining community. The following awards were presented at the Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, April 5:

### **BERNIE SCHNIEDERS DISCOVERY OF THE YEAR AWARD 2005**

Freewest Resources Canada Inc.  
(Sungold Cu-Zn Property, Shebandowan)

Wolfden Resources Inc./Sabina Silver Corp.  
(Bonanza-Follansbee Gold Property, Red Lake)

### **DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2005**

North American Palladium Ltd.  
(Lac des Iles Mine)

### **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2005**

Dave Christianson  
Dan Calvert  
Peter McKellar  
Jim Redden

## ***2006 Symposium Sponsors***

NWOPA would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations:

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## Forest Management Activities in Northwestern Ontario

The MNR in conjunction with NWOPA and the assistance of MNDM have made available Forest Management Unit (FMU) Planning Activities for Northwestern Ontario on NWOPA's website.

Each year the MNR posts Annual Work Schedules (AWS) for FMUs throughout Northwestern Ontario. **Mining claim holders or prospectors** can click on a FMU to find the work that has been planned within that unit for that year. Forest management operations that may be of particular interest to prospectors include: road construction and maintenance, timber harvesting, road access controls and decommissioning, road and water crossing removals, site preparation, planting and tendering, slash pile burning and aerial and ground applications of herbicides.

Detailed "PDF" maps are being made available for download. If maps are not yet available, the contact information to each Area Forester has been provided on the website.

Eric Mosley has started a company called "Norske Drilling" based out of Thunder Bay which specializes in Winkie shallow hole, large core size drilling. The Winkie drill is very small, portable and ideal for shallow level testing and areas that are difficult to access or environmentally sensitive.

Norske Drilling-Winkie Drill Specialists  
Site 13, R.R. #14  
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## **NWOPA T-SHIRTS FOR SALE**

Sizes M, L, XL, and XXL (\$10.00)

Contact Cyndee at MNDM Geology office  
(Tel. 807/475-1414)

# ***NWOPA GENERAL MEETING***

Thursday, October 19, 2006  
(7:00 p.m.)

Confederation College (Room C229),  
Thunder Bay

***"Prairie Meteorite Search/  
Recent Findings in Manitoba"***

Dr. Stephen A. Kissin  
NWOPA Director/Professor,  
Geology Department, Lakehead University

***NWOPA Business***

John Halet, President, NWOPA

***TWO NWOPA T-SHIRTS TO BE DRAWN!***

# **NWOPA CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2006**

**DA VINCI CENTRE, THUNDER BAY**

**(tickets on sale early November)**

## ***IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!***

I am pleased to announce that John Scott is the successful candidate for the position of Regional Resident Geologist Thunder Bay South, commencing September 11, 2006. John can be reached at 807-475-1104.

John has 35 years experience with the OGS Resident Geologist Program. He also brings tremendous knowledge of the geology and mineral deposits of NW Ontario to the position and will be interacting with a broad list of clients active in the Thunder Bay South District.

John Mason, NW Regional Manager  
Ontario Geological Survey  
Resident Geologist Program  
MNDM, Thunder Bay

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROSPECTORS/MINING COMPANIES**

Please be advised that, effective immediately, all old Mining Act Forms must be disposed of and only new forms dated 2006 should be used.

The new forms can now be obtained at the URL site:

<http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/SearchResults?Openform&MIN=019&PRG=&BRN=&TIT=&NO=&NEW=&SRT=T&MAX=10&ENV=WWE&STR=1>

or from Karen Allam, Mining Lands Consultant, Thunder Bay (807-475-1311) or the Provincial Recording Office, Sudbury (1-888-415-9845).

## **NOTICE**



### ***CLAIM STAKING REGULATION***

The following amendments to the Claim Staking Regulation are effective immediately:

- Subsection 5(17) is added, making it clear that, where the size of a lot varies in a subdivided township, aliquot parts are to be staked (i.e. quarters or halves), and thus the number of hectares in a claim unit may vary in area from one lot to the next.
- Subsection 8(1) is revoked, and therefore it is no longer a requirement to stake a claim as a continuous action. If there is competition for the ground, the first claim completed has priority.
- Subsection 21 is revoked, as it is redundant. That subsection related to any claims under staking at the time the new Mining Act was proclaimed on June 3, 1991.

**The following amendment is effective as of August 8, 2006:**

- An amendment to subsection 9(1) requires the individual who signs the application to record to be present somewhere on each of the mining claims as they are being staked.



### ***ASSESSMENT WORK REGULATION***

#### **CLAIM HOLDERS AND THEIR AGENTS – CAN NOW FILE ASSESSMENT WORK VIA THE INTERNET AND ON COMPACT DISK**

As part of Mining Lands' ongoing commitment to provide enhanced client services, stakeholders who wish to file their assessment work may do so electronically as of **August 08, 2006**. The Electronic Assessment System (EAS) found at [www.mndm.gov.on.ca/mndm/mines/lands/asgao/default\\_e.asp](http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/mndm/mines/lands/asgao/default_e.asp) provides the opportunity to file your assessment work in an electronic format on the Internet. A detailed on-line help section in the EAS site will be available to answer your questions regarding the EAS application. The EAS internet application allows the filing of technical maps/reports as well as the Report of Work and the Statement of Cost forms.

Similarly, as of **August 08, 2006**, stakeholders have the option of filing their assessment work on compact disk (CD). The guidelines for filing assessment work on CD can be found at [www.mndm.gov.on.ca/mndm/mines/lands/asgao/default\\_e.asp](http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/mndm/mines/lands/asgao/default_e.asp). **If filing via CD, the Report of Work form, in paper format, must accompany the filed CD.**

Please note, any assessment work filed on the anniversary date through EAS or on a CD must be filed no later than 4:30 p.m. on the anniversary date.

Should a Prospector's Association make a request, Mining Lands staff of the MNDM will provide group training sessions.

Any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Geoscience Assessment Office at 1-888-415-9845.





## **FORMS REGULATION**

New forms will be made available on **August 8, 2006** at the Provincial Recording Office, Mining Lands Consultant's Offices and Government Information Centres/ Service Ontario, and can be found on the Mining Lands website:

[http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/mndm/mines/lands/default\\_e.asp](http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/mndm/mines/lands/default_e.asp).

The assessment work forms were amended to accommodate electronic filing. The application to record form was amended to include a new statement certifying that the recording licensee was present on each claim as it was being staked. Other minor amendments to the forms were made for convenience, such as:

- a notice on the application to record for change of address
- required information to be filled in on the transfer form
- statement about the percent interest being transferred on the transfer form
- instruction on notice of re-staking to file a new application to record (although a fee is required for the notice of re-staking, no fee will be payable for the new application to record).



## **SECTION 52(1) of the MINING ACT.**

### **New Regulation to Establish Prescribed Conditions for Testing Mineral Content (Bulk Sampling) under Section 52(1) of the *Mining Act*.**

Section 52(1) states:

“The Minister may give written permission, subject to such conditions as are prescribed, to mine, mill and refine mineral bearing substance from an unpatented mining claim for the purpose of testing content. “

This new regulation, O. Reg. 192/06 Permission to Test Mineral Content, (effective on August 8, 2006) establishes these prescribed conditions. One of the conditions would require a minimum financial assurance payment to require the applicant to submit a final report and clean up the site after the testing.

The regulation may be viewed on this web page, ([http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Source/Regs/English/2006/R06192\\_e.htm](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Source/Regs/English/2006/R06192_e.htm)).

The following is an excerpt from the MNR Compass newsletter about the centenary of the Office of the Mining and Lands Commissioner:

# *MNR Compass*

## *Special Edition*

*Issue # 7*  
*May 18, 2006*

### *Office of the Mining and Lands Commissioner Celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

By Michael Clement (MNR Communications Services Branch) – Located in the heart of downtown Toronto, just steps from major courthouses, is a court and tribunal that's unknown to most lawyers, let alone lay Ontarians.

But the month of May marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the office of Ontario's Mining and Lands Commissioner.

The current Commissioner, Linda Kamerman, was appointed to the post in 1992.



Staff of the Mining and Land Commissioner's Office  
(l-r) Marilyn Raby (secretary), Dawn Jollymore (administrative assistant),  
Commissioner Linda Kamerman and Daniel Pascoe (registrar)

Like her forerunners, she dispenses justice that's close to the people. Hearings are held in the area where the lands are situated, access to the office is informal and many applications that come before the Commissioner are even written in longhand.

"I was very lucky, it is an incredible privilege to serve in this capacity," she said in an interview from her office on the 24<sup>th</sup> floor of a building at Bay and Gerrard Streets, in the heart of downtown Toronto.

Kammerman – who studied law at the University of Calgary – said her job is incredibly varied and she's especially honoured to hold the post during the centenary of the independent, adjudicative entity which gets its administrative support from the Ministry of Natural Resources.

"Having a historic office like this working through our ministry is a great honour for us," said David Ramsay, Minister of Natural Resources.

"On the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this important court, I'd like to wish everyone involved best wishes for continued success. Your impartiality and fairness is respected around the province," said Ramsay.

The issues faced by the Commissioner are like a small town general practice. They touch on every imaginable area of the practice of law.

"Whether it's bankruptcy and insolvency, estates administration, criminal prosecutions, title to land, environmental concerns, development of lands within flood prone areas and so on," said Kamerman.

The Commissioner is appointed under the authority of the Ministry of Natural Resources Act. Kamerman is only the seventh Commissioner since the office was created in 1906.

"The role of the Commissioner hasn't changed much," said Kamerman. "Since 1906 it's been first and foremost a court." A court dispensing front-line justice on matters that are *very* important to all parties involved.

Kammerman has issued close to 1,600 orders involving 950 cases.

Those cases could range from matters like prospectors competing for mining rights on Crown lands to easements over adjacent lands. That's where "you've got a working mine and you need access over somebody's land to bring in power, pipes, divert water and so on," she said.

Other cases she hears involve vesting orders. In those cases, there might be two owners of land with a mine on it, or a mining claim, and only one of the parties might be keeping up their obligations.

Other cases could involve someone interfering with the markings of a prospector who is working on Crown-held land *underneath* the surface, when the surface itself might be held by someone else.

The Commissioner says as few as five to 10 cases a year make it to full hearings, but dozens of others are settled, processed or otherwise disposed of before they reach the Commissioner.

The Commissioner says she must still sign off on those agreements, reached with the assistance of her office.

There are also many applications to her office which require adjudication based upon written submissions only – they do not require in-person hearings.

“It’s a very great privilege to be able to do this whole range of important and very interesting work. It has a fine tradition,” she said.

“Over the last century, the Office of the Mining and Lands Commissioner has been important and much-appreciated in supporting us in responsible management of Ontario’s mining lands,” said Rick Bartolucci, Minister of Northern Development and Mines.

Kammerman’s office was created as a direct result of a mining convention at the Ontario Parliament Buildings in 1905.

Delegates from the northern cities met their southern counterparts. The consensus was that a uniform method of acquiring mining lands from the Crown was needed.

One of their suggestions was the appointment of a Mining Commissioner and the first Commissioner – Samuel Price – was appointed in 1906 and he remained in office until 1912.

It wasn’t until 1973 that the lands responsibility was added to the job. “Before that the title was strictly the Mining Commissioner,” she said. The expanded jurisdiction includes questions about development within flood plains and obtaining the necessary land base from which to explore for oil and gas where landowners are not agreeable.

“Looking back over the last 100 years, I am profoundly moved by the fact that the original crafting of legislative responsibilities has remained largely unchanged,” said Kamerman.

“This shows incredible foresight on the part of those individuals who created this very old office.” Anyone wanting further information about the Commissioner’s duties can visit: [www.omlc.mnr.gov.on.ca](http://www.omlc.mnr.gov.on.ca).