

# The Claim Post

#### Spring 2020

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# President's Message

#### Welcome to the 2020 Spring Edition of the NWOPA Claim Post!

I wish to extend on behalf of the Executive & Board of Directors of NWOPA, our sincere condolences to all the families of COVID-19 victims around the world and to the families, friends and people of Canada that are in mourning, shock and disbelief by the tragedy that unfolded in Nova Scotia recently.

Spring has arrived in Thunder Bay and heralds the coming field season for our dedicated prospectors. As we grapple with this pandemic, the suspension of operations at mines and other businesses, curtailing or postponement of many exploration programs, cancellation of activities including the OPA's Exploration Showcase, Thunder Bay's Mining Day, ILSG and GAC-MAC, new dates are being planned. Pam Coles provided a new date for Mining Day on Saturday, June 19, 2021 (*see* page 18). The best we can do is invite you, on June 20, 2020 (the day planned for the cancelled celebration), to take a few moments to visit the Mining Day website and relive last year's wonderful event, when more than 2500 people came out to meet our community and enjoy the perfect summer weather. The photo gallery is at http://www.thunderbayminingday.com/2019-photo-gallery.html

NWOPA Board has postponed its Annual General Meeting and therefore elections will be deferred to a later date. NWOPA Board will do its due diligence in keeping the membership informed.

Thank you to the **NWOPA Awards Committee** who have recognized the excellent work of **Frontier Lithium Inc.** as the recipient of **the 2019 Bernie Schnieders Discovery of the Year Award** for their discovery of the Spark Pegmatite. Congratulations to Trevor Walker and his staff, board members and shareholders. The Awards Committee will announce the recipients of the **Dan Calvert Distinguished Service Award** and **Dave Christianson Lifetime Achievement Award** at a later date, in a banquet setting.

Rudy Wahl honoured with the Bill Dennis Award at PDAC



# ... President's Message continued

We are very proud to celebrate with **Rudy Wahl**, Vice-President of NWOPA, who received the **Bill Dennis Award** from the **Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada** (PDAC) on March 3, 2020. This award "*honours an individual or team of explorationists who have accomplished one or both of the following: made a significant mineral discovery; made an important contribution to the prospecting and/or exploration industry". The specific citation for Rudy recognizes "<i>his enduring perseverance as a prospector and for the discovery of several precious metal, diamond and rare earth occurrences in northwestern Ontario*". This is the latest of a series of awards given to Rudy over the past several years and may be almost as close to his heart as the Honorary Doctorate he received from Lakehead University in 2017. The full citation and a brief video of Rudy are available from the PDAC at https://www.pdac.ca/about-pdac/awards/2020-award-recipients/2020-bill-dennis-award

#### Our sincerest congratulations to Dr. Wahl!









# ... President's Message continued

I want to extend a personal note of thanks to **Newmont Corporation** and to **New Gold Inc.** for their efforts to curtail the spread of the corona virus into particularly vulnerable populations. In Newmont's case, the potential to introduce the virus into remote First Nation communities was great, given the relatively high rates of employment of First Nations' members at Musselwhite and Éléonore. New Gold, which also has a high rate of First Nation members working on-site, announced the closure of their operation in Richardson township for two weeks in recognition of this and the fact that many of their staff often cross the border into the United States, which could bring an additional set of complications. The companies' decisions are most commendable.

Issues and concerns have been brought forward and it seems "bureaucracy is not always the prospector's friend front" as some of our members are facing difficulties in filing assessment work to hold their mining claims in Ontario. We will be advocating for all prospectors to the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (MENDM) for allowable expenditures for use of personal equipment (ATVs, water pumps, hoses, backhoes). Requiring rentals to claim an assessment expense is forcing claim holders to run up greater expenditures which is an unnecessary impediment to prospectors who are working with extremely limited budgets. Additionally, there are concerns with staking one-unit cells on a known Mineral Deposit Inventory site. Prior to map staking, this would incur a very substantial cost...but now, not so much. It has been suggested that this practice can effectively sterilize prospective ground, which is in the interests of very few.

On a brighter note, it is the commendable decision by MENDM to provide at, no cost, an exclusion order for any claims with work due before December 31, 2020. You will need to request the exclusion; there are full details on page 16.

Lastly, when pulling up the information on Rudy's award from the PDAC website, I found reminders of past, happy events on the lives of some of our members. It was a delight to replay video celebrations of **Peter Moses**, winner of the **Skookum Jim Award** in 2017 and of the **Bjorkman family**, recipients of a **Special Achievement Award** in 2016.

On behalf of the Executive & Board of Directors of NWOPA , have a productive summer of exploration and, given a little luck to go with your hard work, find the next discovery of the year.

In the meantime, the more we stay apart the sooner we will be together! Mike Grant, President, NWOPA

## **Board of Directors**

http://www.nwopa.net/boardof-directors.html



# 2019 - 2020 Board of Directors



Paul Nielsen, Cyndee Komar, Dorothy Campbell, Shannon Zurevinski, Dan Lafontaine, Pam Coles, Jessica Bjorkman (Past President), Breanne Beh, Rudy Wahl, Mike Grant (Missing: Ruth Huber).

<sup>1</sup> Mike Grant	President
<sup>2</sup> Rudy Wahl	Vice-President
<sup>1</sup> Paul Nielsen	Treasurer
<sup>1</sup> Cyndee Komar	Secretary
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### Retirement Party



On Friday, November 29, 2019, a retirement party was held for Peter Hinz, Mark O'Brien and Mark Smyk in the Michelangelo Room of the Da Vinci Centre in Thunder Bay. The retirees were joined by numerous colleagues, friends, family and members of the prospecting, exploration & mining community. Of note was the large number of people from out of town who made the special trip to attend the well-deserved celebration. It was a fun-filled evening with heartfelt speeches delivered by family and friends with entertainment followed by Mark Smyk and his bandmates.

Peter Hinz, Mark O'Brien and Mark Smyk Retired

Mark, Peter and Mark have been dedicated employees of the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (formerly MNDM) for 30+ years each and have given invaluable assistance to prospectors, exploration & mining companies, the academic community and the general public.

NWOPA would like to thank these fine fellows for their dedicated service assisting our past & present members and we sincerely wish them well in their future pursuits.



# 2019 Christmas Party

# ASSOCIATION

# Appreciation & Thanks are given to NWOPA's 2019 Christmas Party Sponsors!

NWOPA once again hosted its annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 6, 2019 at the Da Vinci Centre in Thunder Bay with music provided by Maverick Entertainment. A charity draw was held with \$375 raised and funds were dispersed to the following: the Humane Society (donation made in memory of prospector Bob McKellar); Gift Cards for Paws for Love, Northern Lights Rescue & Northern Reach Rescue; and a Gift Card for Maverick Entertainment for Andre & his family.

Even though the dinner prepared by the Da Vinci was excellent and there were many great prizes from our generous sponsors, the continuous dwindling of attendance has forced us to rethink and revamp our Christmas event.

We wish to sincerely thank the support of our generous sponsors. Donations have sponsored prizes, our DJ "Maverick Entertainment", the tea & coffee service later in the evening, and other expenses incurred for the event.



Abitibi Geophysics **Absolute Serenity Activation Laboratories** Adele Faubert **ALS Geochemistry Thunder Bay Bayside Geoscience Inc. Benton Resources Inc. Biorkman Prospecting Brent Park Store Chaltrek Geological Supplies Inc. Garden Lake Timber Generation PGM Inc. Hair Fever Salon** Half-Way Motors Power Sports Heli Explore Inc. **Huber Transport KBM Outdoors Geology Dept.-Lakehead University** Landore Resources Canada Inc. **Maier Hardware** Metals Creek Resources Corp. Plato Gold Corp. **Premier Gold Mines Probe Metals Inc. Rimini Exploration & Consulting Ltd.** SGS Canada Inc. Sling-Choker Mfg. (Thunder Bay) Ltd. **Stares Contracting Tashota Resources Vovageur Bait & Tackle** Wahl's Prospecting White Metal Resources **Wolfden Resources Corporation** 



At **NWOPA's** January board meeting, it was decided to join forces with **CIM** and invite **WIM** to host one great party! **WIM/CIM/NWOPA's** new Christmas event has been booked at the **Barrel House** of the **Sleeping Giant Brewery** for **Friday, December 4, 2020.** Details for this event will be sent out to the memberships in the fall.

2020 NW Trappers Convention



# 2020 Annual NW Trappers Convention Thunder Bay

NWOPA together with the Thunder Bay Geology & Lapidary Club participated in the NW Trappers Convention held on March 6 & 7 in the Coliseum Building at the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition in Thunder Bay.

This event was held prior to the advisement of the widespread outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. As always, the convention promotes education, awareness and management practices of the fur industry and was attended by trappers, hunters, fishermen, and other outdoor enthusiasts from the local area as well as northwestern Ontario.



There are a variety of displays, demonstrations, and raffles. Friday was a quieter day, but Saturday proved to be busier at our booth where inquiries were received about local mining and exploration. The rock & mineral samples displayed at the NWOPA and Lapidary Society booths continuously draw interest and questions from convention attendees. NWOPA was once again proud to participate with the Thunder Bay Geology & Lapidary Club at this year's event and looks forward to future participation together at next year's NW Trappers Convention.



Cyndee Komar, Secretary, NWOPA

# Bernie Schnieders

Discovery

of the

Year

Award

Winner

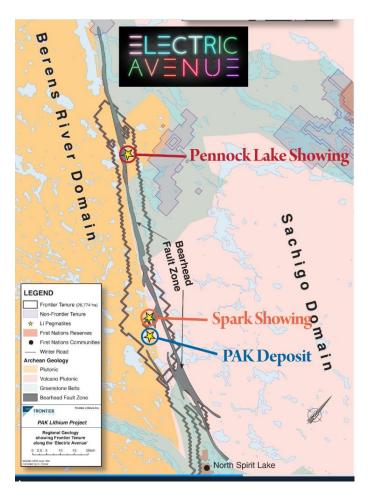


# **NWOPA Awards Announcement**

The Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association (NWOPA) is pleased to announce the 2019 Bernie Schnieders Discovery of the Year Award

# Spark Pegmatite (PAK Lithium Project)-Frontier Lithium Inc.

In early 2020, Frontier released an initial resource estimate for the Spark Pegmatite less than 14 months after the initial discovery (Frontier Lithium Inc., *news release*, February 4, 2020).



Deposit C	ategory	Tonnage	Grade (% Li <sub>2</sub> O)	Cut-off
Spark In	dicated	3,248,000	1.59	0.65
In	ferred	12,228,000	1.36	0.65

# Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association



Since 2001 NWOPA has presented awards recognizing lifetime achievements, mineral discoveries and mine developments. Lifetime achievement is based upon cumulative work, discoveries and contributions to the prospecting, exploration and mining community of Northwestern Ontario. **The Bernie Schnieders Discovery of the Year Award** recognizes an exceptional discovery in Northwestern Ontario during the previous calendar year with the **Developer of the Year Award** recognizing an outstanding mineral development during the previous calendar year. In 2010 NWOPA added the **Dan Calvert Distinguished Service** Award to acknowledge exceptional service to the mineral exploration community. The award was named in honour of **Dan Calvert and** in 2016 NWOPA renamed the **Lifetime Achievement Award** in honour of **Dave Christianson**; both of these gentlemen were long-time prospectors and supporters of mineral exploration in Northwestern Ontario.





**Dave Christianson** 

**Dan Calvert & Bernie Schnieders** 



Photos courtesy of John Scott

As this year's awards banquet was cancelled, NWOPA has deferred the 2019 awards for Lifetime Achievement and Distinguished Service until recipients can be honoured in a banquet setting at a later date. Developer of the year will not be awarded for 2019.

NWOPA wishes to acknowledge and give thanks to the NWOPA Awards Committee for announcing the Bernie Schnieders Discovery of the Year Award. Thanks are given to Rob Cundari, Tim Twomey and Ruth Huber. We look forward to honouring and celebrating with all the award recipients in the near future!

# Bernie Schnieders Memorial Award



# Bernie Schnieders Memorial Award



# 2020 Bernie Schnieders Graduate Award

Family, friends and colleagues created the **Bernie Schnieders Memorial Award** in the loving memory of Bernie. The LU Geology Department would like to thank all of those who contributed to the fund for their generous support.

This year the award was shared by two graduate students: **Andrew Jedemann** and **Justin Jonsson.** Andrew and Justin are both supervised by Dr. Pete Hollings. A summary of their research projects can be found below.

**Congratulations Justin!** 



Justin Jonsson, 2020 Bernie Schnieders Award Recipient

The focus of my project is to investigate the processes that resulted in the formation of PGE-Ni-Cu deposits in the southern Offset Zone of the Lac des Iles mine near Thunder Bay. In this part of the mine, metal enrichment is associated with changes in rock type and texture, which is markedly different from the chloriteactinolite-schist-hosted deposits that comprise the main Roby/Offset Zones (and the vast majority of past production/reserves). A secondary goal is to provide new insight into the magma source and tectonic setting of the Lac des *Iles intrusive complex as a whole. Research* will be centred around mineral chemistry, isotope analysis, whole rock geochemistry, and petrography.

# Bernie Schnieders Memorial Award





# **Congratulations Andrew!**

Bernie Schnieders Memorial Award



The Geochemistry and Alteration of the Pemberton Hills Green Rock Environment, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada



Andrew Jedemann, 2020 Bernie Schnieders Award Recipient

The Pemberton Hills property is located approximately 20 km southwest of Port Hardy on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada. The property is part of a northwest-trending belt of porphyry and epithermal deposits and prospects, including the Island Copper mine 15 km to the southeast. As is the case for Pemberton Hills and many other porphyry systems, the size and complexity of the green rock environment (also referred to as propylitic alteration) creates challenges for exploration companies to quickly and efficiently delineate towards mineralization over such a broad area. Recent studies have demonstrated that trace element ratios of porphyry-related green rock alteration minerals determined by LA-ICP-MS analysis can act as indicators of the overall fertility (size and mineralizing potential) of the porphyry system, and as vectors (how far) towards an orebody at depth. Despite its close proximity, the Pemberton Hills property is comparatively understudied relative to the other nearby porphyry systems and as such provides an exceptional opportunity to apply and test green rock LA-ICP-MS methods to determine the fertility signatures and vectors towards potential mineralization at the property. Additional work including detailed petrography, whole rock geochemistry, as well as radiogenic and stable isotopes have also been applied to this study in order to effectively characterize the porphyry environment at Pemberton Hills.

## LU Poster Series







# Department of **Geology**

#### The Petrology and Geochemistry of the Lac des Iles Dike Suites, Northwestern Ontario Supervised by Dr. Pete Hollings

Victoria Currie, 1<sup>st</sup> year MSc

This project includes a detailed study of the various dike suites recognized in and around the Lac des lles palladium deposit in order to constrain the timing on their emplacement and petrogenesis. Previous mapping suggests that there are multiple dike suites, some of which post-date mineralization and others have more ambiguous relationships with the mineralized intrusions. There are multiple possible igneous events documented in the region that could be related to dikes, including the 2490-2408 Ma Matachewan and Mistassini dike swarm events. Geon 15 igneous complexes, or the 1.1 Ga Midcontinent Rift and resolving the origin of the dike swarm to identify ones which are coeval with LDI and can provide insight into the tectonic setting at the time of emplacement.





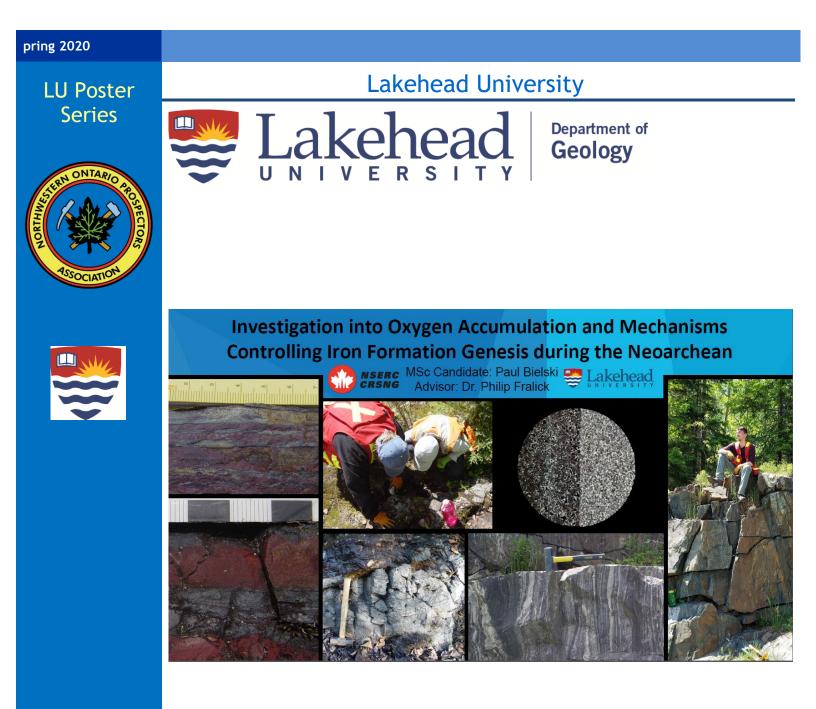
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Mapping and interpretation of dikes in and around the LDI mine: Surface mapping in order to characterize cross-cutting relationships, relative timing of dikes and degree of deformation and metamorphism.

Drill Core Sampling: dikes ranging in compositions from felsic to mafic, from previous drill holes have been sampled to be used for whole rock geochemistry and petrology.

Geochronology: U-Pb dating of the various intrusive units to supplement existing data sets and further constrain the magmatic evolution of the area.

# Spring 2020 Lakehead University LU Poster Series Ш kehead **Department of** Geology ONTARIO U Ν VERSITY Mesoarchean Chemical Sedimentary Rocks of NWO: CN Implications for Hydrosphere Composition in Deep Time | Graduate Student Candidate: Brittany Ramsay | Thesis Supervisor: Dr. Philip Fralick | Munira Afroz and Dylan Wilmeth taking GPS and compass measurements on a bedded carbonate outcrop. (Red Lake, 2019) Planar view of partially silicified pustular stromatolites on Woman Lake. Silicification and differential weathering highlights the internal lamination of the stromatolite. Brittany Ramsay hand drilling silicified pustular stromatolites alternating with carbonate grainstones on Woman Lake with Pierre Sansjofre and Dylan Wilmeth, 2019. Cross sectional view of a stromatolitic bioherm, composed of laterally linked and walled digitate stromatolites in iron rich carbonate that are overlain by massive carbonate and silicified rollup structures. This represents a storm even that blanketed the shallow water environment with carbonate sands. (Woman Lake, 2018)



Land-Use Issues and Opportunities in the Northwest



# Land-Use Issues and Opportunities in the Northwest

The NWOPA mailbox has recently been filled with notices from Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) telling us that the Annual Work Schedules from forest managers are now in effect for 2020 into 2021. These are the most immediate indicators of what each forest manager is planning to undertake and hoping to complete by March 31, 2021, including: road construction, maintenance and decommissioning; forestry aggregate pits; harvesting; and regeneration (site preparation, planting and tending). You can get a full picture of possible benefits to and pressures on your exploration activities by talking with the the MNRF forester and, perhaps more importantly, the company's operations staff responsible for forestry where your claims are located. In my limited experience, the forest managers are usually pleased to talk with other land users—to meet their neighbors and to prevent possible conflict.

You can get a good approximation of which forest management unit encompasses your mining claims by visiting the land-use page on the NWOPA website. A quick reminder, MNRF has amalgamated some of its forest units, specifically: Pic River (965) and Big Pic (67) forests into the Pic Forest (966); Crossroute (405) and Sapawe (853) forests into the Boundary Waters Forest (406). These changes are not yet reflected in the map and table on the website; I am hopeful that this can be remedied when business with the MENDM office in Thunder Bay returns to a more regular state.

Also, we believe that we have found a mineral sector representative for the Local Citizens Committee (LCC) for the Armstrong Forest. At the NW Trappers Convention meeting in March, Cyndee, Paul and I met Basil & Ella Arney from Armstrong; we discussed their interests, history and availability and were pleased to learn that Ella holds a lifetime prospector's licence. As a result, we supported Ella's nomination to the LCC and are waiting for their next meeting to learn if she has been accepted. If you know anyone who has the inclination to support the prospecting community by representing the minerals sector on the LCC, please encourage them; they can reach me with any questions through the NWOPA website or at lcc.lakeheadforest@gmail.com

Mike Grant, President, NWOPA

**Exclusions** 

of Time

for

**Claim Holders** 

Due to

COVID-19



MINISTRY OF ENERGY, NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT AND MINES



# **MLAS Update**

# Mining Lands Administration System Update



Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines

#### Bulletin - Exclusions of Time for Claim Holders Due to COVID-19

The ministry acknowledges that the COVID-19 outbreak and related public health requirements are special circumstances that have created challenges for all claim holders in Ontario. As a result, we are leveraging the tools available under the *Mining Act* to provide claim holders with relief through simplified exclusion orders.

Claim holders with claim anniversary dates on or before December 31, 2020, will be given an exclusion order by making a brief request via email. There will be no cost for COVID-19 related exclusion requests. The exclusion orders will remove the requirement to carry out assessment work for a period of time of up to 12 months.

To obtain an exclusion order, claim holders or their authorized agents must email the Provincial Recording Office at <u>pro.ndm@ontario.ca</u> no earlier than the 30<sup>th</sup> day before the anniversary date of your claim and no later than the anniversary date. We recommend marking your calendars.

This email must:

- Request a specific exclusion of time period (of up to 12 months) that best suits your particular needs; and
- List the claims included in your request.

In addition, to reduce the number of applications that must be submitted, claims that are due outside the 30-day window, but due on or before December 31, 2020, may also be included in your request if both of the following criteria are met:

- Claims are contiguous to eligible claims due within 30 days of the request; and
- Assessment work credit for work that will be performed in the future is intended to be distributed to all claims listed in the request.

The eligible claims you list in your request will be automatically protected from forfeiture until the ministry has processed your request. After the ministry processes your request, you will receive a copy of your exclusion order which will set a new anniversary (due) date for your claim(s) and the transaction will be entered onto the mining claim abstract(s).

#### Example of Email Requesting Exclusion of Time for Assessment Work

#### Subject Line:

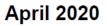
Request for Exclusion Due to COVID-19

Email:

As claim holder/authorized agent of the claim holder, I would like to request an exclusion of time for [choose a period of time of up to 12 months] months for the following claims:

[list all claims included in the request]

If you have questions, please email the Provincial Recording Office at pro.ndm@ontario.ca or call us at 1-888-415-9845. Voicemail messages left after hours will be returned the next business day.





https://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/en/news/mines-and-minerals/mlas-update-april-17-2020#simple-table-of-contents-1

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**Publications** 



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# Publications Release Notice – April 28, 2020

The following publications are being released on April 28, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time, or 9:00 a.m. Central Time, unless otherwise indicated. http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/en/news/mines-and-minerals/publications-release-notice-april-28-2020

# **Resident Geologist Program**

For additional information, do not hesitate to contact Resident Geologist staff by email or telephone

#### Open File Report 6363

Report of Activities 2019, Resident Geologist Program, Red Lake Regional Resident Geologist Report: Red Lake and Kenora Districts; by W.P.E. Paterson, C. Ravnaas, S.O. Lewis, G.F. Paju, C.M. Daniels and T.K. Pettigrew, 112p.

#### Open File Report 6364

Report of Activities 2019, Resident Geologist Program, Thunder Bay North Regional Resident Geologist Report: Thunder Bay North District; by R.M. Cundari, G.F. Paju, M. Dorado-Troughton, C.M. Daniels, S.P. Fudge, T.K. Pettigrew and G. Dorland.

#### Open File Report 6365

Report of Activities 2019, Resident Geologist Program, Thunder Bay South Regional Resident Geologist Report: Thunder Bay South District; by M.A. Puumala, D.A. Campbell, G.F. Paju, C.M. Daniels, S.P. Fudge, T.K. Pettigrew and M. Dorado-Troughton, 105p.

#### Open File Report 6366

Report of Activities 2019, Resident Geologist Program, Timmins Regional Resident Geologist Report: Timmins and Sault Ste. Marie Districts; by E.H. van Hees, P. Bousquet, J. Suma-Momoh, C.M. Daniels, S.L.K. Hinz, C. Boucher, P. Sword, L. Wang, S.P. Fudge, A. Millette and C. Patterson, 160p.

#### Open File Report 6367

Report of Activities 2019, Resident Geologist Program, Kirkland Lake Regional Resident Geologist Report: Kirkland Lake and Sudbury Districts; by P.J. Chadwick, A.S. Péloquin, J. Suma-Momoh, C.M. Daniels, S.L.K. Hinz, C.A. Kennedy, L. Streit and R.M. Todd.

#### Open File Report 6368

Report of Activities 2019, Resident Geologist Program, Southern Ontario Regional Resident Geologist Report: Southeastern and Southwestern Ontario Districts and Petroleum Operations; by P.S. LeBaron, N. Sabiri, D.A. Laidlaw, S.L.K. Hinz and L. Fortner, 72p.

Thunder Bay Mining Day

June 19, 2021 Marina Park

10:00am - 4:00pm

FREE













# Mining Day in Thunder Bay Announcement

The Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association (NWOPA) along with fellow organizations have regretfully made the decision to cancel "Mining Day in Thunder Bay", which would have been on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at Marina Park. Since that decision the City of Thunder Bay has also cancelled events at Marina Park during this time.

We have booked our **Mining Day event for 2021**, which will take place on **June 19, 2021** at **Marina Park**. We hope that we can count on the continued support and participation from the mining community at this time.

#### **About Mining Day**

In 2013, Bob Chataway (former NWOPA President) accompanied by a dedicated Mining Day Committee started "Mining Day in Thunder Bay". With the continued support and assistance of the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy & Petrology (CIM) Thunder Bay Branch, Women in Mining (WIM) Northwestern Ontario, the Community Economic Development Corporation (CEDC), the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (MENDM) along with academia, government, the mining, exploration and supply & service industries, the event now showcases over 30 exhibitors and attracts over 2000 people! Also, this successful event would not be possible without the continued and tireless efforts of the many Mining Day volunteers.

The festival takes place at **Prince Arthur's Landing** in Marina Park on Thunder Bay's Waterfront. The event runs from **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, rain or shine, and is free to all attendees. The festival features exhibitors, displays, speakers and activities all geared toward families and kids having fun while learning about the mining and exploration industries working in the Thunder Bay area and across Northwestern Ontario.

Exhibitors will represent all phases of the mining industry including service companies, geophysical contractors, drilling companies, assay labs, mining companies and educational groups. There will be interactive games and displays to educate children about the various stages of mineral exploration and mining, as well as giveaways and prize draws!

There is a BBQ tent present, hosted by Women in Mining – Northwestern Ontario (WIM-NWO) that serves smokies, hot dogs and hamburgers! All proceeds from the BBQ will be put towards the Northwestern Ontario Mining Scholarship, that started with the WIM-NWO group in 2018 and is sponsored by several industry companies, such as Impala Canada, Sandvik, and Workforce. The scholarship will help to support a student who is pursuing a career in the mining industry.

If you are interested in sponsoring or participating in this event, please contact Mining Day Co-Chair Pam Coles at tbminingday@gmail.com

To learn more about this **FREE Event**, please visit our website http://www.thunderbayminingday.com

Pam Coles, Co-Chair, Thunder Bay Mining Day Committee

Matt's Cartoon Corner



# Tribute to the Prospector by Matt Stewardson E 31747

# Prospecting Silliness ...

The prospector I've created in this series of cartoons is a "take off" on a "Herman-Like" character.

This prospector makes silly errors and statements, because, like most of us he has most of the information he needs, but he lacks the ability to use it...



His silly thoughts are the result of too muck time spent in the bush alone, his constant battle with ministry regulations, his efforts to sell a property, and above all his constant struggle with Mother Nature.

The claim post itself becomes the focus of most of the silliness, because that's the resting time from linecutting, and that's where his head spins free and he finds timself talking to the post as though it understands his problem S....

Thope you understand the silliness!

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