



The Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association (NWOPA) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2021-2022 NWOPA awards

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.

On behalf of NWOPA, the Awards Committee is pleased to announce the 2021-2022 recipients:

Dan Calvert Distinguished Service Award (2021): Mike Grant

Dan Calvert Distinguished Service Award (2022): Dorothy Campbell

Dave Christianson Lifetime Achievement Awards (2021): Ewan Downie

Dave Christianson Lifetime Achievement Awards (2022): Mary-Louise Hill, Jack Parker

Bernie Schnieders Discovery of the Year (2021): Not awarded

Bernie Schnieders Discovery of the Year (2022): Delta Resources – Delta One

Developer of the Year (2021): Not Awarded

Developer of the Year (2022): Greenstone Gold Mines – Hardrock

Details about the award recipients are attached. For further information about these awards, do not hesitate to contact me,

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DAN CALVERT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD MIKE GRANT

With degrees in chemistry and geology in hand, Mike set out to find a mine, working for several consultants, including Dan Innes, Bill Karvinen, Gord Keevil and Karl Naert. When he realized that his future lay elsewhere, he joined the Ontario Geological Survey as a Review Geologist. In 1998, he transferred to MNDM's Mines Group as a Mineral Development Consultant (MDC) in the newly established office in Thunder Bay, responsible for regulatory matters under Part VII of the *Mining Act*. In late 2016 he retired as the Regional Supervisor and Director of Exploration for NW Ontario, which included responsibilities for Ontario's recently introduced Exploration Permits regime.

Shortly after persuading the late Dr. Richard (Dick) Cowan to take him on as an MDC, he was introduced to the emerging world of Indigenous consultation regarding mineral exploration and mine development. Having studied the transformative decisions from the Supreme Court of Canada that had a bearing on these topics, Mike recommended to Dick Cowan and John Gammon (the ADM of the day) that consultation be required as part of mine closure planning; it was a signal moment when the regulation was amended to this effect.

Drawing on material from several colleagues, notably Rob Ferguson and Gord Yule in the Timmins office, Mike and staff from the Resident Geologist Program, principally Peter Moses, visited many First Nation communities across NW Ontario to open a conversation about the possible benefits and potential negative impacts of exploration and development. In about 2010, this led to a discussion with Windigo Tribal Council representatives regarding changes they might request be made to the *Mining Act*. Mike presented and lobbied for the principal request to the executive of MNDM; it was subsequently enacted when Indigenous consultation was elevated out of regulation and into Part VII of the *Mining Act*, giving it at least the same weight as consultation with the general public. Mike considers this to be the achievement of his career.

Since retirement, Mike is a member of the Lakehead Forest Local Citizens Committee for forestry planning and management under the MNRF and a Director of the Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association.



DAN CALVERT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD DOROTHY CAMPBELL

Dorothy has spent the over 15 years working as District Geologist for the Resident Geologist Program, having the opportunity to work with many diverse groups of people ranging from government, academia, mining & exploration geologists, First Nation communities and many dedicated prospectors.

Dorothy has served as treasurer for Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum -Thunder Bay Branch for 15 years and is currently a Director with the Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association. She is also a member of the Professional Geoscientists of Ontario, Institute on Lake Superior Geology and Women in Mining.

Prior to working for the RGP, Dorothy worked for several mineral exploration companies, gaining valuable knowledge and field-based experience in all aspects of mineral exploration. After graduating from the geology program at Lakehead University, she made Thunder Bay a place to call home and enjoyed raising her 3 children here.



DAVE CHRISTIANSON LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD EWAN DOWNIE

Entrepreneur and explorationist with 25-years of experience in the public sector. In the late 1990's, founded Wolfden Resources Inc. that was acquired by Zinifex in 2007. Founded Premier Gold Mines Limited in 2006 that was acquired by Equinox Gold in 2021. Currently the President and CEO of i-80 Gold Corp. that is actively developing multiple deposits in Nevada.

Mr. Downie was the recipient of the prestigious 2003 “Bill Denis Prospector of the Year” for the discovery of the West Zone deposit in Nunavut, and several industry awards from NWOPA including being a two time recipient of the Bernie Schnieders Discovery of the Year Award.

Ewan was responsible for the acquisition of the Hardrock Property just outside of Geraldton, Ontario where he led the initial exploration concept that resulted in the delineation of a multi-million ounce gold deposit. The Greenstone (Hardrock) Gold Mine is currently under construction and will soon become one of Canada's newest gold mines. Similarly, he led the acquisition of the McCoy-Cove Property near Battle Mountain, Nevada and the exploration concept that led to the delineation of one of the highest-grade gold deposits in North America that is currently being advanced by i-80 Gold.

Ewan and his father Iain are the second father and son recipients of the NWOPA Lifetime Achievement Awards.



DAVE CHRISTIANSON LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD MARY-LOUISE HILL

Dr. Mary Louise Hill received her PhD from Princeton University and is a professor of structural and metamorphic geology at Lakehead University. Her research has focused on high-temperature deformation of metamorphic rock and structural control on orogenic gold deposits in northwestern Ontario. In addition to Borden and Musselwhite, her work together with her students has had positive impacts on numerous mines and deposits including Hemlo, Hardrock, Coffee, and Otjikoto. She joined the Department of Geology at Lakehead University in 2004 after serving as Vice-President (Academic) and Provost at Lakehead University from 1999 to 2004. She previously taught in the Department of Geology at Temple University in Philadelphia.



DAVE CHRISTIANSON LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD JACK PARKER

Jack was born and raised in Thunder Bay and received a BSc in Geology from Lakehead University in 1980. He worked in mineral exploration from 1980 to 1984 in northern Saskatchewan and Hemlo, Ontario. He was a geoscientist with the Resident Geologist Program in Kenora and Red Lake from 1984 to 1993. During that time, he worked with local prospectors and junior exploration companies to encourage and stimulate mineral exploration in northwestern Ontario. He developed and authored a prospecting manual and lesson plans for an introductory province-wide, prospecting training course for the general public. He worked as a Precambrian bedrock mapping geoscientist with the Ontario Geological Survey (OGS) from 1993 to 2000. Jack's mapping in the Werner Lake area, north of Kenora, aided exploration diamond drilling and led to a new Cobalt discovery which was the focus of a subsequent feasibility study and underground exploration. Jack started managing Precambrian bedrock & geophysical projects in 2001 and eventually progressed to the position of Director for the OGS until he retired in 2019. During these years he managed bedrock & Quaternary mapping and geophysical projects and led collaborative multi-disciplinary geoscience initiatives in the Lake Nipigon and Far North regions of Ontario. He collaborated with First Nation communities, mineral industry clients and a variety of geoscience organizations to deliver the geoscience program across Ontario.

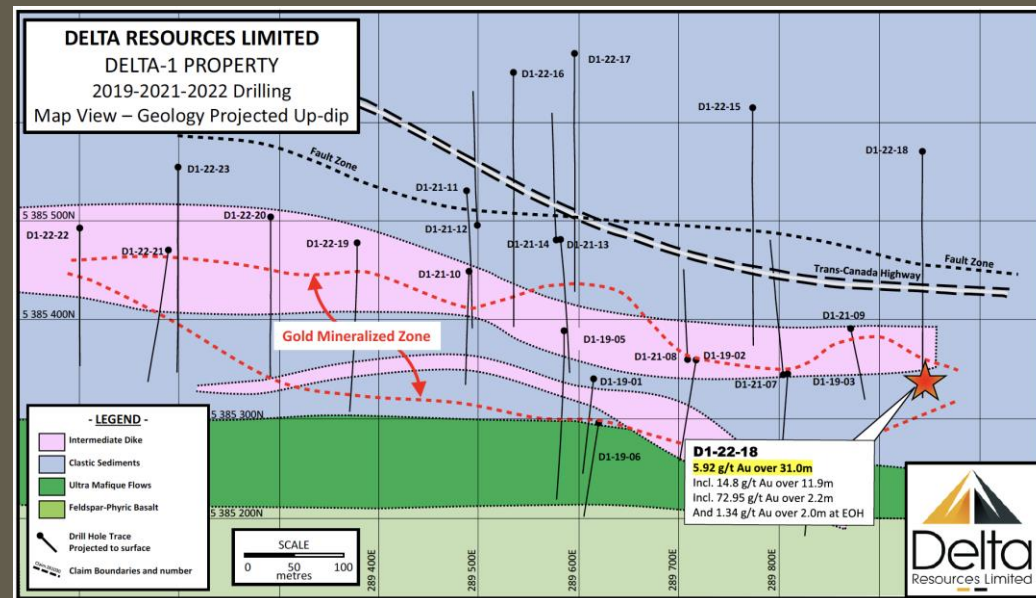


BERNIE SCHNIEDERS DISCOVERY OF THE YEAR AWARD

Located in the Shebandowan Greenstone Belt, covering over 17 kilometres of the Shebandowan Structural Zone. The property covers 58.8 square kilometers comprising 245 contiguous unpatented claims under option, nine (9) unpatented claims and five (5) patents held 100% by Delta. Historically only 42 drill holes have tested this property aimed at copper- nickel targets. Dormant since 2003.

Delta's drilling has defined a gold - mineralized structure 1.5 kilometres long and up to 220 metres vertical depth. The gold zone is open in all directions and intensifies to the east and at depth.

Drill intercepts from 2022 drilling returned **5.92 g/t gold over 31.0 m**, including 14.8 g/t Au over 11.9 m; 6.49 g/t gold over 10.0 m, 130.0 g/t over 1.0 m, and broad drill intercepts starting at surface exceeding 100 m and grading 0.40 g/t gold.



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BERNIE SCHNIEDERS DISCOVERY OF THE YEAR AWARD

DELTA EXPLORATION HISTORY:

Since optioning the Delta-1 Property in 2019, Delta has carried out several limited exploration programs in the area adjacent to the Gravel Ridge property. A summary of the exploration work by Delta Resources is provided below:

2019: A six-hole, 1009 m diamond drilling program which showed a very wide zone of low-grade gold mineralization intersected over a 200 meters strike length and extending vertically from the surface to a depth of up to 110 meters.

2020: A 134 sample glacial sediments sampling program which indicated a major in till gold anomaly at the Eureka zone, a second anomaly three kilometers SE of the Eureka gold Prospect, and a Cu-Ni-Co geochemical anomaly west of the Kasper Gold Occurrence.

2020: A geological mapping, prospecting & sampling program which defined the mineralized zone at Eureka as consisting of a broad envelope of low-grade gold, ranging from 0.2 g/t Au to 0.4 g/t Au. This gold halo was defined over a strike length of 1.2 km and a minimum width of 300 m, therefore significantly expanding the lithochemical gold halo that was previously defined during the 2019 drilling program.

2021: An eight-hole, 1370 m diamond drilling program which expanded the mineralized zone from the surface to a vertical depth of 150 meters.

2022: An eleven-hole, 3693 m diamond drilling program that has produced the best drill-hole interval so far at the Delta-1 project with hole D1-22-18 returning values of **5.92 g/t gold over 31.0 metres** (Including 14.80 g/t Au over 11.9 meters and Including 72.95 g/t Au over 2.2 meters), hole D1-22-24 returning **6.49 g/t Au over 10.0 metres** and hole D1-22-25 returning **130.0 g/t Au over 1.0 metre, 1.20 g/t Au over 20.0m and 1.66 g/t Au over 18.1 metres.**

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DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Greenstone Gold Mines is advancing on plans to design, construct and operate an open-pit gold mine, processing plant and ancillary facilities, collectively known as the Greenstone Project .

The property is located approximately 275 kilometers northeast of the city of Thunder Bay, Ontario and approximately 4 kilometers south of the town of Geraldton, Ontario, at the intersection of Provincial Highway 584 and Trans-Canada Highway 11.

The Project encompasses the former Hardrock, MacLeod-Cockshutt and Mosher underground mines which operated from the late 1930s until about 1970 and together produced more than two million ounces of gold. Site rehabilitation work was undertaken during the 1990s.

Greenstone Gold Mines proposes to mine the Hardrock deposit as an open pit over a Life of Mine (LOM) of approximately 15 years. Project infrastructure will include a process plant operating 365 days per year and a mill with throughput averaging 27,000 tonnes per day. The overall Project schedule will consist of the following phases:

Greenstone achieved the following as of March 31, 2023:

- Greenstone had achieved 3 million hours worked with no lost-time injuries
- Greenstone was 73% complete and on track to pour gold in H1 2024
- Spent \$83.8 million of non-sustaining capital (Equinox Gold's 60% share)
- All buildings had been enclosed and heated as planned
- Installation of the two ball mills commenced on schedule
- Leach tank installation was completed and access on the bridge was finalized and secured
- Advanced mechanical installation of the secondary crusher, pre-leach thickener and conveyors

**GREENSTONE GOLD MINE
GREENSTONE GOLD MINES (EQUINOX GOLD/ORION)**

DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR AWARD



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