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Mineral Incentive Program Meets With Exciting Early Success

The Nova Scotia Mineral Incentive Program (NSMIP) was launched this summer (see *Nova Scotia Minerals Update*, v. 29, nos. 2 and 3). Applications were received at the end of July, and by September the program was fully subscribed, with funds distributed for 16 Prospector Grants and 13 Advanced Project Grants in areas across Nova Scotia (see tables and map showing the approved grants on p. 2).

After several years with a lack of seed funding for the lower end of the mineral exploration and development industry in the province, the program has provided that sector with a breath of enthusiasm and new life. Very soon after the program began, trenches were being opened, drills were spinning and laboratory information started providing researchers and investors alike with exciting new results.

The funding structure for the NSMIP has two component levels, one for prospectors and another for exploration companies that may or may not be listed publicly. For this reason, some results can only be released under strict stock investment rules and so, only a few tidbits of that sort of information can be described here.



This previously unknown, gold-bearing quartz vein was discovered in the Cape Breton Highlands area by Prospector Joe Richman, using funding from the Nova Scotia Mineral Incentive Program.

One of Nova Scotia’s most important mining employers is the gypsum industry. An exploration site in Cape Breton that has received funding through the program, if successful, will provide the Acadia Drywall plant in the Strait area with security of resource to ensure its future for the next two decades. A newly discovered site has yet to be drilled but indications are the site should expand the inventory of gypsum resources considerably.

The Tangier-Harrigan Cove anticline is a structure that has a well-established history as a gold producer and has been largely overlooked in the last generation of exploration. Local exploration company Stay Gold is undertaking a 750 m diamond-drill program over this structure, partially funded through the

NSMIP. Drilling progressed across a little-explored anticlinal hinge with the intention of intersecting the fold through both flanks. Historically, this was a well mineralized zone so good results here will open up the entire northern portion of the property. Farther east on the same anticlinal structure, prospector Perry Bezanson drilled a single drillhole at Moosehead. A belt of quartz veins was intersected at the bottom of the hole that has yet to return analytical results, but appears to be well-mineralized with sulphides.

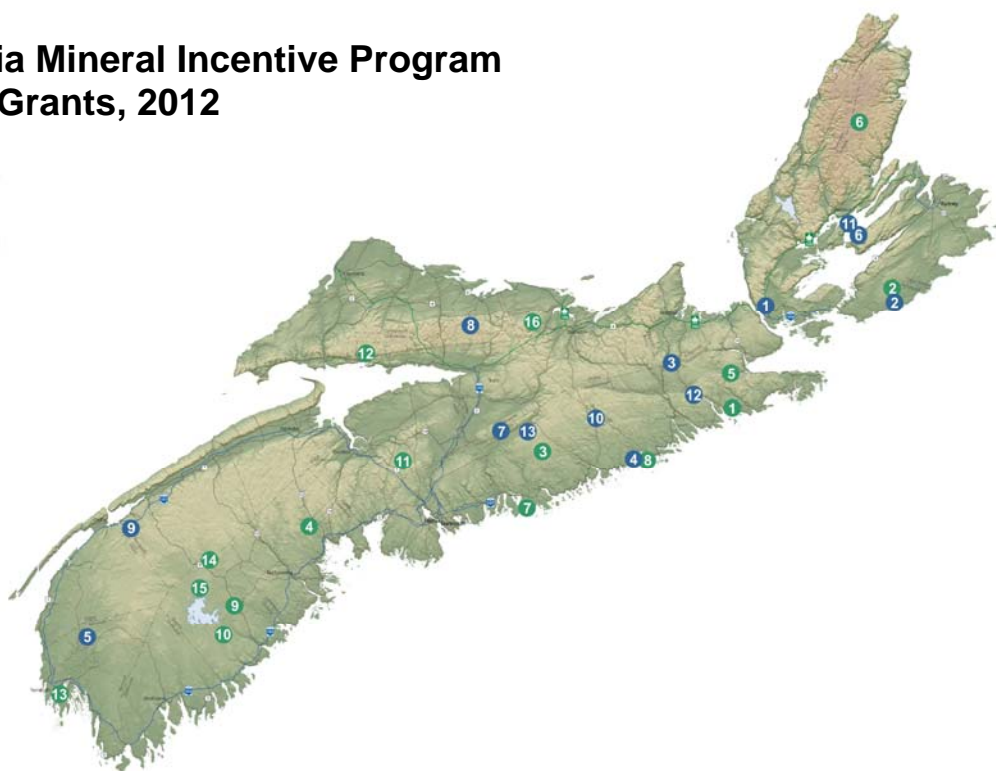
In the Cape Breton Highlands, Prospector Joe Richman has dug over 200 m of new trenches in the vicinity of one of the Inco-Scominex gold showings. This has resulted in a significant discovery of a new vein on

the property (see photo, p. 1). A large, previously known quartz vein there has returned many ore grade assays of up to 25 g Au/ton. One of the new trenches intersected a previously undiscovered quartz vein, which suggests the site may consist of a large extensional zone with thick en-echelon quartz veins, of original epithermal genesis, invading a gneissic host. The new vein was assayed three times, returning levels of >7 g Au/t, >9 g Au/t and >25 g Au/t.

Results from the new Mineral Incentive Program continue to be returned fast and furiously as several workers are currently racing to finish work prior to the onset of winter. We wish them the greatest success.

Ron Mills

Nova Scotia Mineral Incentive Program Approved Grants, 2012



Prospector Grants - 1				
No.	Prospector Name	Project Area	Commodities	Grant
1	Bruce Mitchell	Indian Harbour Lake, Guysborough Co.	gold	\$10,000
2	Bruce Huddins	MacLeod Lake, Richmond Co.	copper, cobalt, nickel, gold	\$15,000
3	Ralph Stea	Ferry Lake, Halifax Co.	gold	\$12,500
4	Ted MacNaughton	Long Lake, Lunenburg Co.	molibdenum, tungsten	\$10,175
5	Karen McNulty	Roman Valley, Guysborough Co.	rare earth elements, copper, gold	\$4,785
6	Joe Richman	McMillan Flowage, Victoria Co.	gold	\$15,000
7	Dominic Shadbolt	East Jeddore, Halifax Co.	gold	\$7,900
8	Perry Bezanson	Moosehead, Halifax Co.	gold	\$13,500
9	Ken Hiltz	Fifteen Mile Brook, Queens Co.	gold	\$11,000
10	Lynndon Jansen	Tonev Lake, Queens Co.	gold	\$7,600
11	Roland Anthony	Meander River, Hants Co.	gold	\$11,500
12	Patrick Bellefontaine	Lynn, Colchester Co.	zinc, copper, lead, silver, barite	\$10,745
13	John Wightman	Egypt Road, Yarmouth Co.	tin, zinc, indium, copper, silver	\$13,500
14	Alex Thomson	Mud Lake, Queens Co.	gold, antimony	\$6,600
15	David Banks	Whiteburn, Queens Co.	gold	\$3,000
16	Adam Casev	Six Mile Brook, Pictou Co.	copper, gold	\$12,000

Advanced Project Grants - 1				
No.	Company Name	Project Area	Commodities	Grant
1	Acadia Drywall Supply Ltd.	Port Hawkesbury, Richmond/Inverness Co.	gypsum	\$35,000
2	Thundermin Resources Inc.	Stirling-St. Esprit, Richmond Co.	zinc, lead, copper, gold	\$50,000
3	Minotaur Atlantic Ltd.	Copper Lake, Antigonish Co.	copper, nickel, gold	\$50,000
4	Stay Gold Inc.	Harrigan Cove, Halifax Co.	gold	\$50,000
5	DDV Gold Ltd.	Kemptville, Yarmouth Co.	gold	\$40,000
6	Great Atlantic Resources	Christmas Island, Cape Breton Co.	gold, tellurium	\$30,000
7	Beia Resources Inc.	Millen Mountain, Colchester/Halifax Co.	gold	\$30,000
8	Magnum Resources Inc.	Debert Lake, Colchester Co.	rare earth elements	\$15,000
9	Atlantic Canada Antimony Inc.	Lansdowne, Digby Co.	antimony, lead, zinc, silver, gold	\$25,000
10	Acadian Mining Corp.	Fifteen Mile Stream, Halifax Co.	gold	\$50,000
11	Bluenose Gold Exploration Ltd.	Burnt Point, Victoria Co.	gold	\$20,000
12	Rainbow Resources Ltd.	Widow Point, Guysborough Co.	gold	\$25,000
13	Golden Caribou Resources Ltd.	Caribou, Halifax Co.	gold	\$30,000

From the Mineral Inventory Files

The East Kemptville Tin Deposit: Jewel of the Southwest Nova Scotia Tin Domain

Discovery of the East Kemptville Sn, Zn, Cu and Ag deposit in Yarmouth County was born of a happy time for mineral exploration in Nova Scotia. Starting in 1976, when respected prospector Merton Stewart first discovered tin (Sn) and base metals near Wedgeport, a 10-year exploration boom ensued over much of southwestern Nova Scotia. Almost all of the southern mainland was staked and several companies mounted huge exploration programs, employing hundreds of workers and spending millions of dollars. The companies discovered several granite- and metasediment-hosted Sn, W, Mo, Zn, Pb, Cu, Ag and In prospects, which collectively became known as the Southwest Nova Scotia Tin Domain (Fig. 1).

Most notable is the East Kemptville Sn deposit, which was discovered in 1979 by Shell Canada Resources Ltd. Developed as a mine by Rio Algom between 1982 and 1985, it produced until 1992. The mine was North America's first and only primary Sn producer, more analogous to sites in Europe, where similar greisen-hosted deposits have been mined for centuries.

East Kemptville was first thought of as a large (56 Mt of 0.17% Sn) greisenized, quartz-topaz leucogranite formed by autometasomatism by pooled mineralizing fluids trapped against the enclosing, impermeable country rocks. It was pegged as something similar to a large, porphyry-style deposit, with evenly disseminated mineralization. Once mining began, however, it became apparent that there was a strong structural control of the mineralization along northeast-trending shear and fault zones and along country rock contacts (see inset in Fig. 1). It was also realized that these shear zones are regional and played a genetic role in formation of all of the granite- and metasediment-hosted Sn occurrences in the tin domain.

Tin (cassiterite), sphalerite and chalcopyrite) at East Kemptville occur in greisens of two main styles. Most spectacular are zoned greisen veins, ranging from 20-50 cm wide, that consist of a core of massive cassiterite (1-3 cm thick) enveloped by massive topaz grading progressively out-

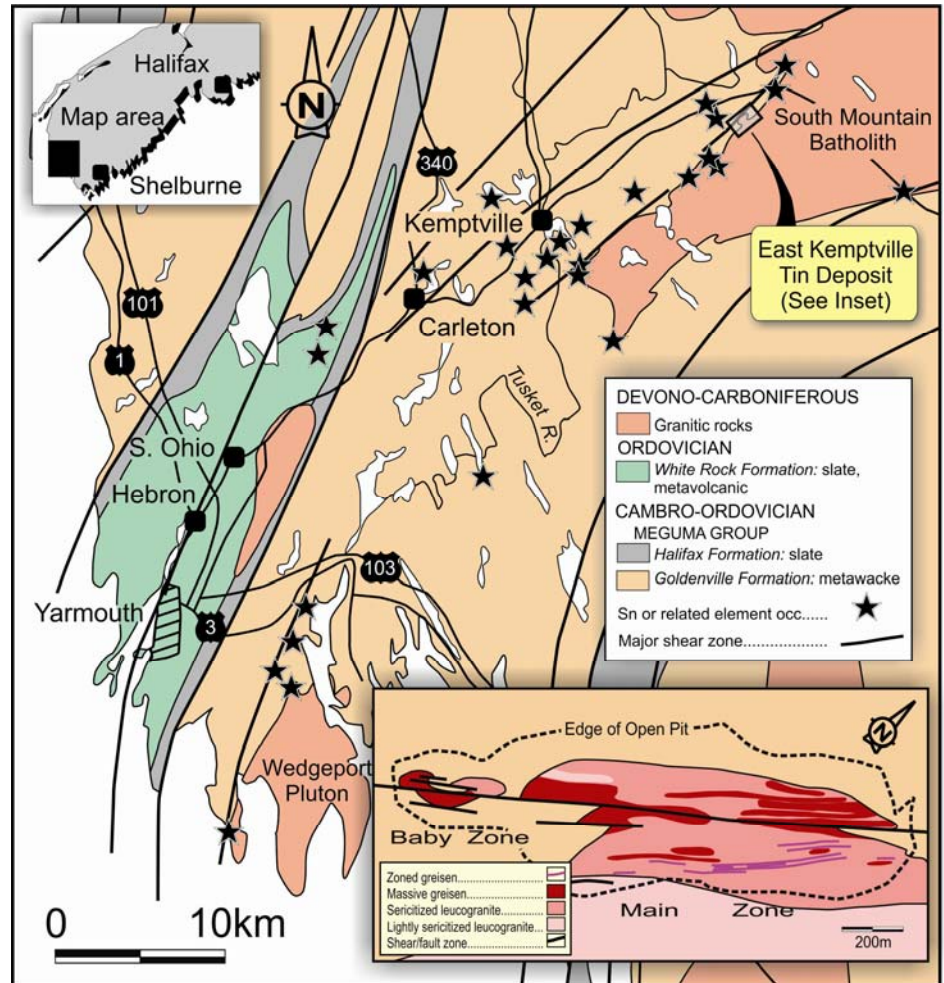


Figure 1. Geology of the Southwest Nova Scotia Tin Domain. Inset is a plan map of the East Kemptville Sn-Zn-Cu-Ag deposit modified from Halter, W. E., Williams-Jones, A. E. and Kontak, D. J. 1996: *Economic Geology*, v. 91, p. 368-385.

ward through quartz-topaz greisen and quartz sericite greisen. However, most of the tin and base metals in the deposit are contained within 1-10 m wide zones of massive quartz-topaz-sericite-muscovite greisen. Heavily mineralized with cassiterite, it is thought that these zones were formed by the coalescing of a number of separate greisen zones into large, massive, mixed greisens.

Even though East Kemptville was the lowest grade hard rock producer in the global tin industry, the mine and mill performed famously with 75% recoveries, excellent for such a low grade ore. The mine's demise was the result of poor

economic circumstances. When mining began in 1985 tin sold for over \$9/lb. but within a month the global tin market had collapsed, Sn dropped to less than \$3/lb. and it remained so until the mine closed in 1992.

Who knows for sure what the future holds for East Kemptville, which has since been reclaimed. However, some 12-15 Mt of low grade Sn ore remains there and recent years have seen a strong rebound in Sn prices (\$13.94/lb. in March 2012). Might the crown jewel of the Southwest Nova Scotia Tin Domain shine once again?

G. A. O'Reilly

Program for Geology Matters 2012: Day 1

Monday, October 29

8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Registration
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Coffee station sponsored by the Mining Society of Nova Scotia
9:00 am	Exhibits Open
9:00 am - 9:20 am	Opening Remarks, Gretchen Pohlkamp, DNR
	<i>Session 1: New Initiatives</i>
9:20 am - 9:40 am	The Mineral and Petroleum Registry Modernization Project - John MacNeil, DNR
9:40 am - 10:00 am	New Interpretations of the Geology in the Antigonish Highlands - Chris White, DNR
10:00 am - 10:20 am	12% by 2015 - Bob Ryan, DNR
10:20 am - 10:40 am	Coffee break sponsored by Merrex Gold Inc.
10:40 am - 11:00 am	Gold and REEs in the Cobequid Highlands - Trevor MacHattie, DNR
11:00 am - 11:20 am	Nova Scotia's Geoheritage List: a World of Opportunity - John Calder, DNR
11:20 am - 11:40 am	Stratigraphy and Structure of the Scotsburn Anticline, Pictou County - Fraser Keppie, DNR
11:40 am - 12:00 pm	The Nova Scotia Mineral Incentive Program - Diane Webber, DNR
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Luncheon - Guest Speaker - Brent Mullins, Scotia Asset Management Group: Trends in Global Financial Markets - from Gold to Quantitative Easing - Sponsored by Pacific GeoTech Systems
	<i>Session 2: Exploration and Mining I</i>
1:30 pm - 1:50 pm	Mining Activities Update - Alan Davidson, DNR
1:50 pm - 2:10 pm	Capital Pool Companies - Chris MacIntyre, McInnes Cooper
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Exploration and Mining 101 Workshop in the Maritime Room, sponsored by Boart Longyear
2:10 pm - 2:30 pm	Company Update - Wally Bucknell, Atlantic Gold NL
2:30 pm - 2:50 pm	Prospector Report - Ron Mills, DNR
2:50 pm - 3:10 pm	Coffee break sponsored by Acadian Mining Corporation
3:10 pm - 3:30 pm	Company Update - Brendan Matheson, Stay Gold
3:30 pm - 3:50 pm	Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 - Mike Atkinson, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Student Workshop in the Bedford Room, sponsored by Shaw Resources
3:50 pm - 4:10 pm	The Life of a Mine Before the Life-of-Mine - John Budreski, Erdene Resource Development
4:10 pm - 4:30 pm	Company Presentation - TBA
4:30 pm - 4:50 pm	Conclusion of the Nova Scotia Surface Coal Mine Reclamation Enhancement Initiative - Dan Khan, DNR
4:50 pm - 5:30 pm	Networking in Commonwealth Ballroom
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Reception and Awards Ceremony, Hosted by the Hon. Charlie Parker, Minister of Natural Resources. Sponsored by National Gypsum, Mine Tech International, Lafarge Canada, R & J Drilling Services Ltd., Pioneer Coal.

Program for Geology Matters 2012: Day 2

Tuesday, October 30

8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Registration
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Coffee station sponsored by the Mining Association of Nova Scotia
9:00 am	Exhibits Open
9:00 am - 9:10 am	Opening Remarks - Don James, DNR
	 <i>Session 3: Community Engagement Workshop - Facilitated by Fred Bonner, TBL Resource Solutions Inc. - Sponsored by Conestoga-Rovers & Associates</i>
9:10 am - 9:20 am	Introduction - Rob Naylor, DNR
9:20 am - 9:50 am	Why Engage? Issues, Risks, Culture, Planning, Industry Initiatives, The Future
9:50 am - 10:20 am	Who to Engage? Guest Speakers: TBA Craig Smith, Nature Conservancy Canada Laurent Jonart, Office of Aboriginal Affairs
10:20 am - 10:40 am	Coffee break sponsored by Orex Exploration
10:40 am - 11:10 am	Who to Engage? Guest Speakers: Andrew Fedora, Federation of Nova Scotia Woodlot Owners TBA Gretchen Fitzgerald, Sierra Club
11:10 am - 11:30 am	How to Engage? Due Diligence, Communications
11:30 am - 11:50 am	Accessing Information for Community Engagement: Including GIS Demo
11:50 am - 12:00 pm	Building a Corporate Social Responsibility Profile: Credibility, Social Licensing
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Luncheon - Guest Speaker - TBA - Sponsored by Dexter Construction
	 <i>Session 4: Exploration and Mining II</i>
1:30 pm - 1:50 pm	Viewpoint of the Nova Scotia Mining Industry from the Mining Association of Nova Scotia (MANS) - Pat Mills, President, MANS
1:50 pm - 2:10 pm	Beyond Board: How Nova Scotia Can Add Value to its Gypsum Resources - Kent Ward, Gypsum Consulting Services Inc.
2:10 pm - 2:30 pm	Company Update - Mike Taylor, SLAM Exploration
2:30 pm - 2:50 pm	Coffee break sponsored by GoGold Resources Inc.
2:50 pm - 3:10 pm	Exploring Nova Scotia Engineering Services Globally - Ed Carey, BGC Engineering Inc.
3:10 pm - 3:30 pm	Activities of the Mining Society of Nova Scotia - Willie McNeil, President, Mining Society of Nova Scotia
3:30 pm - 3:50 pm	Company Presentation - TBA
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Booths and Poster Displays in Commonwealth Ballroom
5:30 pm	Conference Closes

Thank you to all of our Corporate Sponsors!

Development Continues on the Registry Modernization Project

Work has been going on behind the scenes in the modernization of DNR's Mineral and Petroleum Titles Registry.

As mentioned in the spring and summer 2012 issues of the *Nova Scotia Minerals Update*, work on system design, data analysis and migration continue. A review of the province's *Mineral Resource Regulations* was also conducted to identify any changes that would be required to enable the delivery of services to clients over the internet.

As with any major construction project, there may be delays in the normal business activities. Registry management and staff are working to keep those to a minimum and appreciate our clients' patience.

In the coming weeks, clients will be contacted to provide information on changes and to confirm client information. More information about the Registry of Mineral and Petroleum Titles will be available at the Geology Matters conference in October, including a poster and an oral presentation on October 29.

Sandy Nickerson and John MacNeil

DNR Geologist John Calder Invited to Present Public Lecture in Yellowknife

The Northwest Territories Geoscience Office in Yellowknife has invited Dr. John Calder of the Mineral Resources Branch to present the Charles Camsell public lecture on November 13. The Camsell talk is an open, public presentation that takes place during the Yellowknife Geoscience Forum, which runs from Nov. 13-15, 2012. This

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AR ME 2010-076	21A/04A	Avalon Rare Metals Incorporated
AR ME 2010-077	11E/05D; 11E/06C	Elk Exploration Limited
AR ME 2010-079	11F/14A	Barrett, A M
AR ME 2010-080	21A/09B	Elk Exploration Limited
AR ME 2010-081	11F/16D	MacLean, L
AR ME 2010-082	11E/02A	Acadian Mining Corporation
AR ME 2010-083	11D/11D; 11D/13D; 11D/14A, C, D; 11D/15A, C; 11E/01A, B, C, D; 11E/02A, B, D; 11F/03C; 11F/04B, C, D; 11F/05A, B	Acadian Mining Corporation; Annapolis Properties Corporation; 6179053 Canada Incorporated
AR ME 2010-084	11E/04A	Rhude, T W
AR ME 2010-085	21A/07C	Hiltz, K R
AR ME 2010-086	21A/07C	Hiltz, K R
AR ME 2010-087	11F/04C	Thomson, A C
AR ME 2010-088	11D/15D; 11E/02A	DDV Gold Limited
AR ME 2010-089	11F/06A	6531954 Canada Limited
AR ME 2010-090	11F/04D	Exploration Orex Incorporated
AR ME 2010-091	11F/04D; 11F/05A	Exploration Orex Incorporated
AR ME 2010-092	11D/15D	Bezanson, P T
AR ME 2010-093	11D/15A	Acadian Mining Corporation
AR ME 2010-094	11E/02A, B	DDV Gold Limited
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AR ME 2010-097	11E/04B	Elk Exploration Limited
AR ME 2010-098	11F/04C	DDV Gold Limited
AR ME 2010-099	11E/01A	Meguma Resource Enterprises Incorporated
AR ME 2010-100	11F/14B, C	Grant, S
AR ME 2010-101	11D/15C	Annapolis Properties Corporation
AR ME 2010-119	11D/12D	Conrad Brothers Limited
AR ME 2010-130	11D/14C	DDV Gold Limited
AR ME 2010-135	11E/04B	DDV Gold Limited
AR ME 2010-136	11E/04B	DDV Gold Limited
AR ME 2011-010	11E/01A	DDV Gold Limited

Susan Saunders

speaking opportunity is a direct result of connections made during the 2012 Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference (see p. 8) and reinforces the National Geological Surveys Committee's emphasis on improving

cooperation among the national, provincial and territorial geological surveys. John's presentation will be on the topic of Geoheritage.

Rob Naylor

Exploring Opportunities for Secondary Processing of Gypsum in Nova Scotia

In 2012, two of the province's gypsum-mine operators announced plans to close or place on care-and-maintenance, four gypsum mines including Miller's Creek, Windsor, Sugar Camp and Melford. The East Milford (National Gypsum) and Little Narrows Gypsum (USG) mines remain in operation, although the mines are operating at reduced production rates. The changes in the industry largely reflect decreased demand for Nova Scotia gypsum due to the post-2008 slow down in the US housing market and growth in the use of synthetic gypsum in the production of wall board.

To counter the significant reliance of the Nova Scotia gypsum industry on the US housing market, opportunities for new gypsum products and secondary processing in the province are being sought. New gypsum opportunities have the potential to develop or expand businesses, increase trade and grow employment in the province.

Aligned with the sustainable resource development goals of the department's Natural Resources Strategy and the secondary (minerals) processing actions outlined therein, the Mineral Development and Policy (MDP) section of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is leading the government in identifying and promoting innovative, value-added uses of the province's mineral wealth. Over the past several months, the MDP section has been working with gypsum marketing and technical consultancies, and has met with gypsum producers to explore ideas for the production of new, high-value products from Nova Scotia's gypsum. In addition to working with other provincial government departments to explore business

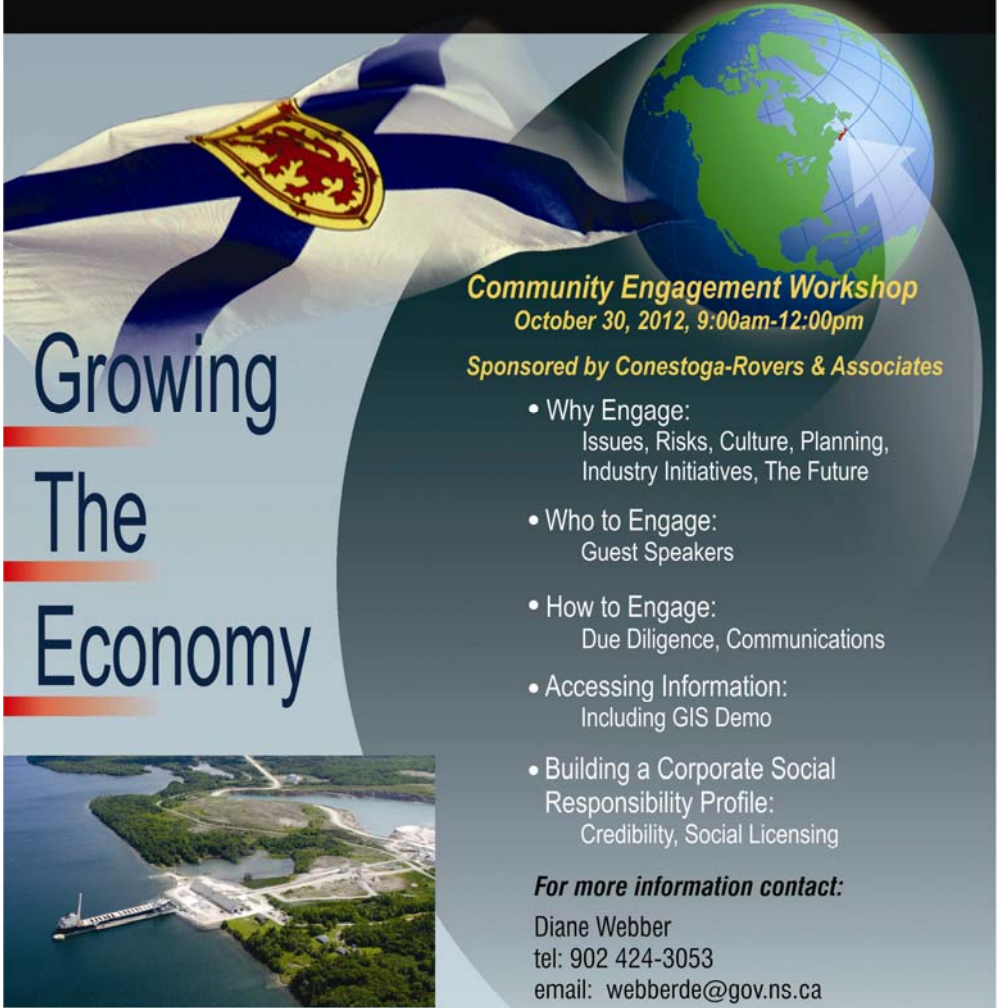
development, trade and product development opportunities, the Mineral Development and Policy section is considering longer-term opportunities for establishing a gypsum Centre of Excellence, which would have the

potential to grow and nourish the human, technical and marketing expertise to support and develop new applications of gypsum.

Patrick Whiteway

Geology Matters 2012 Conference

October 29th and 30th, Westin Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia



Growing
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Community Engagement Workshop

October 30, 2012, 9:00am-12:00pm

Sponsored by Conestoga-Rovers & Associates

- Why Engage:
Issues, Risks, Culture, Planning, Industry Initiatives, The Future
- Who to Engage:
Guest Speakers
- How to Engage:
Due Diligence, Communications
- Accessing Information:
Including GIS Demo
- Building a Corporate Social Responsibility Profile:
Credibility, Social Licensing

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Free Admission to Displays and Technical Talks

Prince Edward Island Hosts Canadian Energy and Mines Ministers

The 69th annual Energy and Mines Ministers Conference was held from September 9-12, 2012, at the Delta Prince Edward Hotel in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. The conference provides a venue for federal, provincial and territorial ministers to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the energy and mining industries in Canada.

During the conference, federal Minister of Natural Resources Joe Oliver highlighted the economic importance of Canada's natural resource sectors and noted that there are over 600 major resource projects underway or planned across Canada, representing close to \$650 billion in potential investment over the next 10 years. The ministers re-affirmed their commitment to the Green Mining Initiative and regulatory reform. Other highlights included a presentation by the Canadian Mining Innovation Council and a panel discussion on best practices for achieving a social license for exploration and mining projects.

The conference also provided an opportunity for a meeting of the National Geological Surveys Committee (NGSC). The NGSC is a federal-provincial/territorial committee that leads the co-ordination and integration of public geoscience activities across Canada. The committee is made up of representatives of the principal federal, provincial and territorial government geoscience organizations (responsible for the acquisition, interpretation, dissemination and maintenance of geoscience data). Work undertaken by the NGSC this year led to the re-signing of the National Geoscience Accord. This accord provides the framework for co-operation and collaboration among the federal, provincial and territorial geological surveys. The NGSC is currently providing support for planning and oversight of Natural Resources Canada geoscience programs such as Geological Mapping for Energy and Minerals and the Targeted Geoscience Initiative 4. The committee is also examining how to improve Aboriginal engagement and geoscience data management.

Following the conference, members of the NGSC and invited guests took part in a field trip to Nova Scotia's Joggins Fossil Cliffs, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The trip was led by DNR's Dr. John Calder and hosted by the Joggins Fossil Centre on a beautiful late summer's day (see photo below).

Rob Naylor



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Dates to Remember

October 29 and 30, 2012

Geology Matters 2012, the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax, NS. For more information please contact conference co-ordinator Diane Webber at 902-424-3053 or by e-mail webberde@gov.ns.ca. Current information about Geology Matters 2012 will be posted on the Mineral Resources Branch website: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/meb/oh/index.asp>.

November 1-3, 2012

Mineral Resources Review 2012, Delta St. John's Hotel and Conference Centre, 120 New Gower St., St. John's, NL. For more information please visit the web site: <http://www.nr.gov.nl.ca/nr/mines/mineral.html>.

November 4-6, 2012

Exploration, Mining and Petroleum New Brunswick 2012, Delta Hotel, Fredericton, NB. For more information please visit the web site: http://www.gnb.ca/0078/minerals/Exmin_Home-e.aspx.

January 28-31, 2013

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