

President's Message - Peter Oram



June was a busy month for our organization on quite a number of fronts but surely the most exciting is that we are finally into our new space! And what a space it is! While it is still a bit sparse in terms of furniture, the space is warm, welcoming and accessible to everyone. I would strongly urge you to visit Michelle and Jennifer at 15 Dartmouth Road, Suite 300 and make yourself comfortable – after all, we want all of our members to feel that this is their space too!

The Executive Director and I continue to meet with various organizations, associations and individuals who have an impact on our industry. We were pleased to have had a chance for an introductory meeting with the new Deputy Minister of Labour and Workforce Development and look forward to continued discussions with her on how we can become more engaged with their initiatives. Consultations continue with regard to the three candidate areas for protection and we are quite involved in discussions with both the Departments of Natural Resources and Environment on this.

Finally, don't forget that submissions for Voluntary Planning continue to be accepted until the end of July – make sure your voice is heard on what matters to you with regard to our provinces natural resources.

See you next month...

Executive Director's Message - Michelle Landreville



Here we are at the beginning of July and I can't believe how quickly June flew by. When I look back at the month's activities, it seems surreal to think that we have not only moved into new premises but have managed to get the infrastructure in place to make that move happen. A great big thanks has to go to Jennifer for her patience and dedication to sorting through things like phone numbers, web hosting, signage for the building and furniture. Our space is still a bit of work in progress but we certainly feel at home and hope you do too!

Another exciting development this month - our Board Committees have started to get up and running. We are hoping that these committees will help drive the agenda for future Board meetings in an efficient and effective manner. We have restructured a bit and now have the following committees: Executive, Land Access, Membership, Public Relations, Surface Operations, Uranium, Underground Regulations and Worker Safety

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I would encourage you to contact me if you are interested in serving on any of these.

Finally, I continue to be involved and engaged in consultations that affect our industry. Meetings with regard to the Ship Harbour Long Lake, Shelburne River and Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes candidate protected areas are ongoing. While the meetings for the Voluntary Planning consultation process have now ended, we are preparing our submission for their deadline of July 31. I also had an opportunity to participate in a town hall to review Export Development Canada and their role which was most interesting. If you feel you would like further information on any of this, please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to give you a briefing.

There is June in a nutshell – see you again in July!

Thanks to all those who made it possible

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who made it possible to move into our new location in Bedford. Special thanks to Mike Brien and his team at MacDonald Chisholm Trask Insurance for helping us find the space, Pat Mills of National Gypsum for procuring the wall board, Chris Trider of MacLeod Resources for donating the marble kitchen counter and last but not least, Rob Krienke of Tripple Uranium and Capella Resources for their contribution toward our renovation costs. We really could not have done this without all of you!

Mining Society of Nova Scotia's, 121st Annual General Meeting Inverary Inn, Baddeck, June 12 to 14, 2008

Last year, it was my privilege to be nominated as the MANS liaison council member for the Mining Society of Nova Scotia. I participated in a number of council meetings on behalf of MANS, many of which were also attended by the incoming MSNS President, Mr. Gordon Dickie, and also by the MANS Executive Director Michelle Landreville.

As many of you know, there was an attempt to merge both associations two years ago. At the eleventh hour, the MSNS decided not to move too hastily toward a merger. Since that time, both organizations have adopted what I term a "live in" arrangement. Both associations have appointed a Councillor / Director to each other's board and I believe that eventually the organizations will affect the merger that will benefit each organization without losing the identity, role, or valued traditions of either party.

The annual meeting this year was held in beautiful Baddeck on Cape Breton Island. The society offered a unique blend of business sessions, an excellent technical program and a social program that allowed the Society to not only honor its members but also afforded opportunity to network. The technical theme for this year was Atlantic Canada's Resources-Supporting A Sustainable Future. The program of papers presented a well balanced group of topics ranging from updates on the economic impact of the mineral industry in Nova Scotia, reclamation projects, events surrounding new mineral developments, first nations approaches and new regulatory framework for mining developments. The quality of presentations was excellent and discussion lively. The Honourable David Morse, Minister of Natural Resources, addressed the group Friday evening declaring the Nova Scotia Government's support for the invigorated industry and its related associations.



In keeping with the concept to work cooperatively, MANS scheduled a Board meeting attended by those members at the AGM. The MANS Executive Director Michelle Landreville addressed the Friday luncheon. Her message was that MANS was moving forward with the strategic plan and she described a variety of programs on which MANS has embarked. Her message was well received by all in attendance.

For those of you who have not had the opportunity to attend, benefit and enjoy the Mining Society of Nova Scotia's AGM, I would strongly encourage you to join us next year. The MSNS AGM always has and continues to be a place to "see and be seen" in mining circles in Nova Scotia - an excellent opportunity to network with leaders of the mining community in Nova Scotia.

On behalf of MANS, I also take this opportunity to extend to MANS Past President Gordon Dickie, our very best wishes for a successful and productive term as MSNS President.

John A. Amirault, MEng., PEng.

Nova Scotia's Coastal Management Framework

The Coastal Management Framework represents a commitment by the Government of Nova Scotia toward a more coordinated and strategic approach to coastal management. The framework will lay a foundation for governments and citizens to work together to ensure the sustainable use and protection of our coastal areas and resources.

The process is to begin in the summer 2008 when the Government of Nova Scotia undertakes the first ever "State of Nova Scotia's Coast Report". Release of this report is planned for March 2009, and will be followed by opportunities for public discussion and feedback throughout the spring and summer.

Information contained in the report and related public input will form the basis for the Sustainable Coastal Development Strategy, which the Provincial Oceans Network will develop during the fall and winter of 2009-2010. The Sustainable Coastal Development Strategy is scheduled for completion by Spring 2010. For more information on the Coastal Management Framework and related activities please visit the website :

www.gov.ns.ca/fish/marine/coastalzone/

(source: Nova Scotia Fisheries and Aquaculture, Provincial Oceans Network)

Mining 100 – 2 Day Workshop on Geology, Exploration and the Mining Industry

The Mineral Deposits section of the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, through its Exploration Services project has responded to industry requests to compile and host a workshop for non-geologists and non-engineers. This workshop is targeted at those who are attached to the industry through their duties and who need to learn some industry geo-speak, geology and basic technical and political understanding of the industry. The course should become a fixture offered on a regular basis through DNR. There will be no charge for the course in 2008 although, that is subject to change next year.

The course is designed for investor relations persons, IT personnel, secretaries, assistants, employees of mining and exploration resource companies, prospectors, and people



interested in investments that have a need for a practical, cursory level of understanding about the mining industry in a general way.

The course will cover everything from geologic principals and the routine of exploration to descriptions of how local and international mining legislation is regulated. It will cover topics on geology; geophysics; geochemistry; grids, maps and imagery; igneous plutonic, volcanic, sedimentary and metamorphic ore forming processes as well. It will also describe magmatic processes and alteration; structural geology; how different types of exploration surveys are conducted; different types of drilling techniques; some basic ore formation models and dealing with landowners. It will attempt to explain much of the commonly used terminology used in the industry and will focus largely on geology and examples specifically from Nova Scotia. Practical examples of modern problems and solutions facing industry personnel will be offered as well.

This 2 day workshop will take place on July 14th and 15th in the NSDNR training facility at Founder's Square, 1701 Hollis St., in downtown Halifax. It is currently free and open to anyone from the mining, investment or prospecting community or other interested parties. To register, leave your name and affiliation (if any) with Ron Mills at (902) 424-2437.

Stay in contact with Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources (NSDNR)

NSDNR is compiling an email list for the purpose of contacting clients (that's you) with respect to important issues as well. DNR will no longer be mailing out release notices or the minerals update, they will be sent electronically. To get on this email list and stay connected, send an email to minerals@gov.ns.ca.

The New Federal Lobbying Act

The new *Lobbying Act* is scheduled to come into force on July 2, 2008. On June 4th, Mining Association of Canada (MAC) participated in an information session offered by the Government Relations Institute of Canada on the new requirements and the registration system. While some of the Act remains intact, there are several new elements to be aware of that will affect the three types of lobbyists: a) consultant lobbyist, b) in-house lobbyist (corporations), and c) in-house lobbyist (organizations/associations). These include but are not limited to:

- Mandatory online registration
- Concept of the designated public office holder (DPOH): DPOH includes Ministers of the Crown and State, other public office holders who occupy senior executive positions such as deputy ministers, assistant and associate deputy ministers and others who "occupy a position of comparable rank". **The new Act stipulates that "oral and arranged" meetings with DPOH must be disclosed.**
- **Monthly disclosure of lobbying activities:** The new act stipulates that lobbyists have until the 15th day of the following month to disclose lobbying activities with DPOH. While you will be prompted monthly, if there are no "oral and arranged" meetings with a DPOH to report and no change in the issues and departments you are working with, updates will be required at six-month intervals.
- Doubling of monetary penalties and convictions.

Registrants will then have up until August 15th to record any new activities or meetings with DPOH.



If your company employs in-house lobbyists or if you have employees who spend more than 20% of their time working on government relations at the federal level, it is recommended that your corporation update its registration.

Free online registration is available at <http://www.orl-bdl.gc.ca>. In the coming weeks, MAC will forward Fact Sheets and any other information made available to us. If you would like more information or have specific questions please do not hesitate to contact Maggie Papoulias at mpapoulias@mining.ca.

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