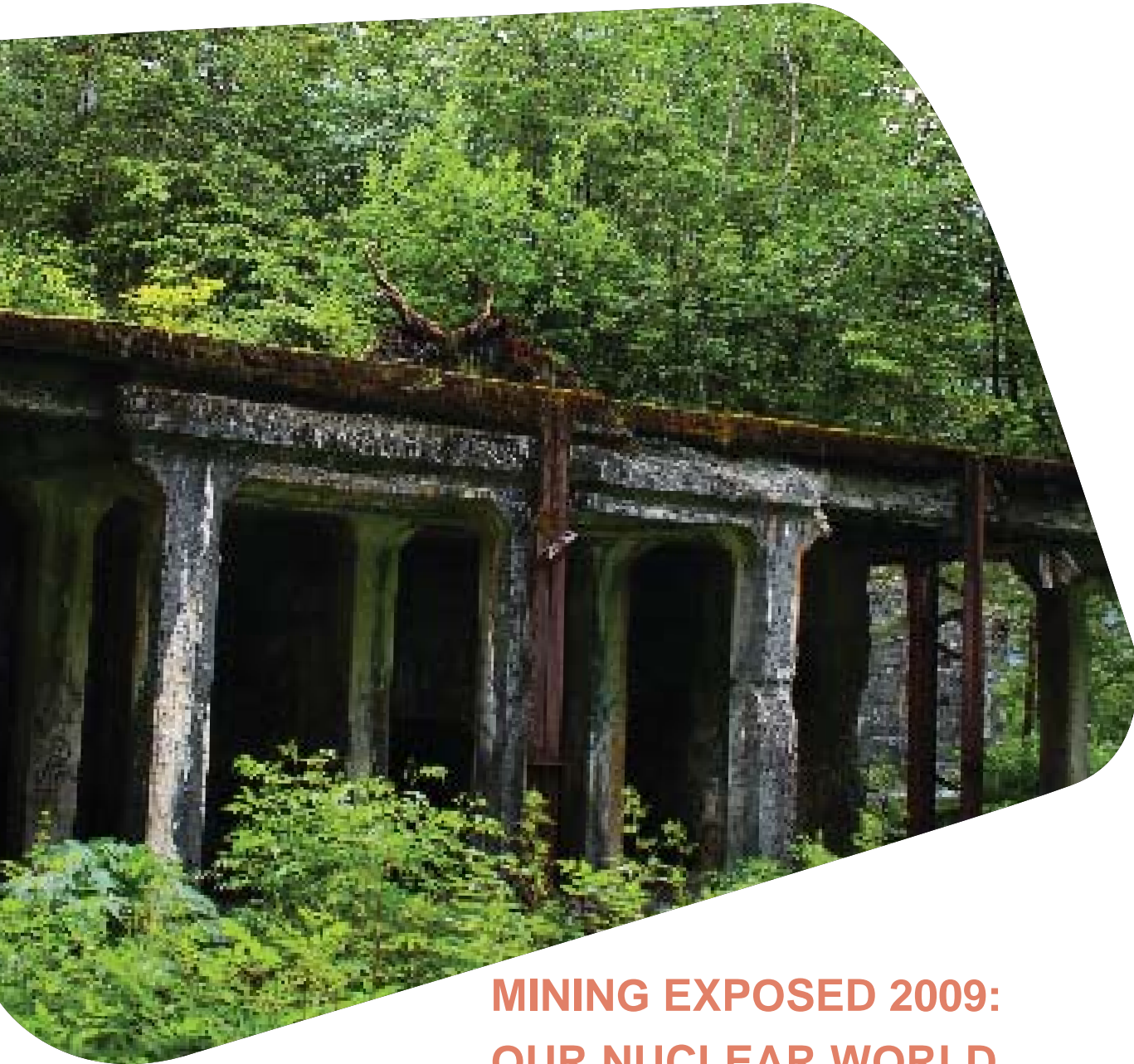




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**MINING EXPOSED 2009:
OUR NUCLEAR WORLD**

WHEN: October 5-7, 2009

WHERE: Pier 21 in Halifax

HOW: Register and find out more information at
www.miningexposed2009.esans.ca

SEE INSIDE FOR MORE DETAILS

WWW.TMANS.CA



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the July – August issue of the MANS newsletter. On the recommendation of the Board of Directors of MANS, I am trying out a new format this month. I am simply going to be listing the activities or meetings that MANS representatives have been involved in on a political level or with government agencies. If you want further details on any of these, feel free to contact either Michelle Landreville or myself directly. Let me know what you think of the format. Does it meet your needs?



MANS activities/meetings

ACOA and DNR

Minister of Natural Resources

Halifax Regional Municipality

Minister of Environment

Minister of Economic Development

Provincial budget review release

Eco NS announcement at NSCC Dartmouth Campus (invitation from Ministers of Environment and Economic Development)

Mines Ministers Conference

Hope everyone had a great summer and is looking forward to getting back into the swing of things!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Department of Natural Resources Open House

September 19, 2009

DNR Shubenacadie

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/open-house.asp>

Mining Exposed 2009: Our Nuclear World

October 5-7, 2009

Pier 21 - Halifax NS

miningexposed2009.esans.ca

Mining Matters Conference

November 16-17, 2009

Westin Hotel, Halifax

<http://gov.ns.ca/natr/meb/>

Environmental Services Association of Nova Scotia, Canadian Land Reclamation Association & MANS

Social Networking Event

December 10, 2009

International Mine Water Association Conference

September 5-9, 2010

Sydney, Nova Scotia

<http://www.imwa.info/imwa2010/>



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Michelle Landreville

Welcome back to another issue of the MANS newsletter. Hope you had a refreshing and relaxing summer.

There have been a number of exciting changes at the MANS office in the last few months. For those of you who don't know, Jennifer Wilson left us at the end of June. We wish her every success with her new adventures. James Bancroft joined us for the summer and undertook some major projects that had been on the "to do" list for some time. A special thanks to him for his efforts in completing the filing system, reorganizing the office (from a furniture point of view), and producing our new office procedures document and the employee manuals. As James heads off to start his second year in Commerce at Dalhousie University, we are going to be joined by Lindsey Moore who will be joining us in the position of Office Administrator. Lindsey brings a wealth of experience in working with volunteer boards and I know will be a valuable addition to our team.

As a reminder, we are still looking for volunteers to help with the 2010 AGM. We really do need someone to take the lead on this event to ensure that it is all that our members want. Anyone interested? Please contact me to let me know.

Finally, I would draw your attention to the conference we are holding in October entitled Mining Exposed 2009: Our Nuclear World. We are co-hosting this event with the Environmental Services Association of Nova Scotia and are presenting a stellar program. I would encourage you to visit www.miningexposed2009.esans.ca and register now. We are hoping to sell out this event and you will most definitely want to be part of this.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for your support. I would also encourage you to contact us if you think there is anything else we can do together to further promote the mining industry in Nova Scotia.

MINING EXPOSED 2009: OUR NUCLEAR WORLD

This conference will highlight the nuclear industry as it relates in the local and global context to the environment, the economy, and society through detailed sessions covering key themes such as: Nuclear Fundamentals, Current Global & Local Context, Energy Demand & Source Review, Policy & Regulation, Environmental & Human Health, and Management and Risk / Benefit Perspectives.

This event serves as a forum for raising awareness of the nuclear sector and encouraging discussion with respect to how people rely on nuclear material in their everyday lives, and the current global and local state of the industry in an environmental context. This will aid the development of rational local decision-making regarding this important global industry.

Please note, members of the Mining Association of Nova Scotia receive preferred rates to attend this event. Visit the link below to register:

<http://www.miningexposed2009.esans.ca/registration>.

PDAC launches a framework for responsible exploration

submitted by Saley E. Lawton, Director, Communications

Canada is a dominant player in global mineral exploration. More than 10,000 projects around the world are managed by mining and exploration companies listed on the two Toronto Stock Exchanges. Half of these projects are located outside Canada.

Exploration companies and their personnel are the ambassadors for mining. Often they take 21st century knowledge and technology to remote, isolated communities. Their practices can make the difference between local residents welcoming the prospects of a mining development and the benefits that it entails, or opposing such development.

The Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC), an organization representing the interests of individuals and companies in the business of mineral exploration, has created e3 Plus: A Framework for Responsible Exploration to help mineral exploration companies improve their social and environmental performance.

“Companies need a social license to operate,” says Tony Andrews, executive director of the PDAC. “The above ground social challenges are just as important as those technical, below ground issues. e3 Plus, which can be tailored to the needs and circumstances of individual companies, will assist companies manage these challenges.”

The new program was founded on the association's flagship product, e3 Environmental Excellence in Exploration, which provided guidelines for environmental stewardship in exploration. The program was also informed by the association's involvement in a series of federal government roundtables on corporate social responsibility and the Canadian extractive industry in developing countries in 2006.

The acronym e3 stands for excellence in exploration in three ways: social responsibility; environmental stewardship; and health and safety. Comprehensive toolkits for each of these areas, along with eight principles and guidance, comprise the first phase of the program which was launched in March 2009. A second phase,

covering performance objectives, reporting criteria, and verification, is now under development.

For more information, please go to www.pdac.ca/e3plus.

Mine Water and Innovative Thinking

International Mine Water Association Conference, September 5-9, 2010

The International Mine Water Association is a multidisciplinary organization comprised of experts from various branches of natural sciences and technology. It was founded in 1979 in Granada/Spain as a result of interest shown in the increasing problems associated with water management in the mining industry.

With growing emphasis on the environmental and economic ramifications of water management, IMWA has become recognized as a pre-eminent forum for international discussion, exploration of issues, and exchange of expertise in the field of mine water management and remediation techniques. Currently, IMWA has 450 individual members from all continents and 30 corporate members.

The IMWA 2010 Symposium is jointly hosted by the International Mine Water Association (IMWA) and Cape Breton University. This conference will enable persons from around the world who have an interest in mine water management to learn first hand how 21st century mine water challenges are being tackled.

Delegates will enjoy a first-class technical program that will address pertinent and exciting information in the field of mine water management and as always, there will be ample opportunity to exchange ideas and best practices with colleagues from around the world.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.imwa.info/imwa2010/>



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MINING ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

August 13, 2009

Publication of Environmental Code of Practice for Metal Mines. The Code has been published in English and French and is available in hard copy and on-line at <http://www.ec.gc.ca/CEPARRegistry/guidelines/Codes.cfm>. It was developed following recommendations of a multi-stakeholder group responsible for the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Metal Mining Liquid Effluent Regulations (MMLER) and the Code of Practice that was published along with the MMLER in 1997. The new Code was published under the Objectives, Guidelines and Codes of Practice provisions of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA), after a multi-stakeholder consultation process. The document addresses all phases of the mining life cycle and covers a broad range of environmental aspects, from water and waste management to air, climate change and biodiversity. Environment Canada is urging the mining and exploration community to implement the Code as best practice procedures in their operations, and notes that it will use the Code's recommendations to review environmental assessments of proposed mining projects in Canada. For hard copies, please contact Joseph Tortorelli at Environment Canada at joseph.tortorelli@ec.gc.ca. If you have questions or comments of interest to MAC members, please contact Elizabeth Gardiner at egardiner@mining.ca.

Roundtables on the Government of Canada's Corporate Social Responsibility Strategy for the Canadian International Extractive Sector. On July 30th, MAC along with representatives of PDAC, IAMGOLD and Barrick (among others) attended a two-hour roundtable hosted by Minister Beverly J. Oda. The purpose of the meeting was

to provide recommendations to CIDA on how the Agency can work more effectively with our sector in developing countries. CIDA will be establishing a focal point on the extractive sector and is seeking advice and potential partnerships with MAC members. For more information, contact jgelfand@mining.ca.

August 24, 2009

Release of Suzuki Foundation Report on Climate Change Adaptation. In mid-August, the David Suzuki Foundation released a report entitled *Climate Change and Canadian Mining: Opportunities for Adaptation*. The report is lengthy – 150 pages – and provides a detailed review of issues of adaptation in the mining sector, including case studies where a changing climate has contributed to challenges relating to flooding and drought, transportation networks, and mine infrastructure. The report recommends that governments and industry pay greater attention to the adaptation dimension through enhanced communications, planning, modeling, regulation and funding. Companies can obtain a copy of the report at: http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Publications/Climate_Change_and_Canadian_Mining.asp. For more information, contact Paul Stothart (pstothart@mining.ca)

Virtual MineMentor Program. To reduce attrition from mining-related university programs, the Mining Industry Human Resources (MiHR) Council has devised the Virtual MineMentor Program. It will bring mentors and mentees together through blogging, email, telephone conversations, instant messaging, etc. MiHR is looking for students in any mining-related programs as well as potential industry mentors to start-up this program. Should you be interested, please contact Jennifer Clark (jlark@mihr.ca) for details or visit our website at: www.acareerinmining.ca/minementor

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST BOARD MEETING

July 9, 2009

We are hoping to provide the MANS membership with the highlights of the Board members on an ongoing basis. If you need any further information on our activities, please feel free to contact either Peter Oram, President or Michelle Landreville, Executive Director.

Board members were introduced to Josh DeCoste, from Lafarge North America. Josh will be replacing James Kirkpatrick who is being transferred to the United Kingdom. Board members were also informed that John Wall of Bilcon has resigned for relocation purposes.

Also at the Board meeting, Diane Webber, Liaison Geologist with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) spoke about the two events being held by the department in 2009 - the first ever DNR Open House, being held September 9th and the Mining Matters Conference, scheduled for November 16-17, 2009 respectively.

Following a workshop on governance presented by Dr. Sheila A. Brown of the Canadian Centre on Ethics in Public Affairs, the board agreed to undertake projects related to good governance. This will include a review of the MANS bylaws, developing policies on various matters related to government, restructuring Board committees and increasing effective board communications.

Finally, financial statements and the Executive Director's activity report were reviewed and accepted as presented.



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