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From the Executive Director

Seasons Greetings MANS Membership



Time has been flying by and here we are already into the month of December and all the holiday cheer that goes along with it. As usual it has been another busy month and there is a lot I would like to share with you, so I will try to be brief; although for those of you who know me, it may be a challenge.

Since our last update, final preparations are underway for the Holiday Networking Mixer being held on December 9th at the Cunard Centre. This event has really taken off in the last few weeks and continues to grow in numbers; so make sure that you register and bring along a guest or two.

Grant Feltmate, Executive Director of the Road Builders Association and I met on Nov. 15th and discussed our commonalities and how we can partner to overcome obstacles that ultimately affect our industries.

Our website continues to undergo updates and revisions; thanks to the help of Ralph Stea and we will continue to work together maintaining it. The President and myself met with the DNR to share our thoughts on the success of this year's Geology Matter Conference. A meeting has been set with government regarding the reclassification of aggregates, gypsum, building stone, and non-crown limestone as minerals and its negative impact, and we will keep you posted. MANS Rock Talk social was a great success, with 45+ people coming out to enjoy the evening; thanks to MerrexGold and their generous support.

Thanks to Laurie Vaughan who has been putting in a lot of hours at the MANS office; since she eliminated the administrative position, she is helping me get up to speed on the processes involved in maintaining our books.

As always, I continue to grow our association in every conversation and interaction I have and our newsletter again this month will reflect that. I also attended the CBCL holiday social, won a door prize and gained another new member for next year. I have also received numerous emails and phone inquiries this month with expressions of interest in joining MANS and our membership has also been making an exerted effort towards our growth initiative, so thank you to all.

Here is what is coming up in the next couple of weeks:

- ◆ Mr. Wes Hanson from NorOnt is hosting a luncheon on Dec. 9th for our membership to discuss potential partnership opportunities in Northern Ontario's Ring of Fire.
- ◆ Holiday Networking event December 9th at the Cunard Centre
- ◆ Numerous appointments scheduled in keeping with our strategic growth plan
- ◆ Meeting in the works with DNR to follow through on the Fuel Task rebate

Lastly, I would like to say thank you to everyone for all your efforts, tireless dedication and support and most of all.....**I wish you a Very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year!!**

The Presidents Message



Wow ... it's hard to believe that we're coming to the end of another calendar year and will soon say goodbye to 2010 forever except in our memories! Oh, let's jump on the breaks for just a minute so I don't get too far ahead of myself.

Firstly, let me wish each of you a 'Merry Christmas & Happy New Year', as this will be our last Newsletter until January, 2011.

Secondly, let me bring you all up to speed on some of the really exciting things happening within the association. Membership is once again starting to climb as we generate excitement through a number of association events such as our newly created "Rock Talk" social, the general membership meeting and our upcoming "Industry Mixer" scheduled for December 9th. For those who missed the November Rock Talk event, please look for the date of the next one in January as it was a great time! We've also developed a new Publication and Editorial committee to ensure that various communications reach our membership in a more timely fashion. In addition, we also have a new Task Force on Fuel Tax and will be working closely to have this situation resolved once and for all, as quickly as possible. MANS is also in the process of making significant changes to the website so it can become current and be the 'go-to' place for up to date information. In addition, a private section of the website will become the place for all current Board and committee minutes and reports, including committee updates and other general discussion.

To make things even more exciting, the Membership and Fundraising Committee have prepared a new membership fee structure that is sure to please everyone. It will be submitted at the upcoming December Board meeting for approval. Assuming this fee structure is approved then 2011 invoices will for the first time in the history of MANS be ready for distribution in early January. As our commitment to the membership, each member will be contacted prior to receiving their respective invoices.

I also extend a special thanks to our MANS committees for their hard work and long hours of work on behalf of common industry issues and I'm happy to report that Linda has been busy setting up meetings in response to membership and committee requests. All in all, the phones have been ringing off the hook and things are starting to happen in a good way.

Lastly, and perhaps most exciting to me, is that we are now in the middle of hiring our new, full time, Executive Director. A total of 28 highly qualified candidate applications were received by the 7 member selection committee for review. Our intent is to shortlist the best of the best and commence the interviews as early as the second week in December.

Once completed, we will have completed the second step in restructuring MANS so we can move forward more quickly with the implementation of our Strategic, Business and Communications Plans. All this will lead to an accelerated growth rate in the association, allowing us to become far more effective to our membership. So, all the hard work of the Board and Executive has put us firmly back on track to serve your membership needs.

Thanks to All and Merry Christmas!

All the Best!

The Mining Association of Nova Scotia Profiles - AECOM

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Goro Nickel Project, New Caledonia



Turbine deployment, Fundy Tidal Energy Demonstration Project, NS



New company joins MANS - Welcome Kevin Coles of Superior Propane

Superior Propane has a proven track record with every aspect of the mining business – from exploration to development and to production. If you need a safe, dependable energy solution, look no further than Superior.

Reliability & Security

Superior Propane is a national leader in the propane industry. And what does this mean for you? Its Energy Solutions for Mining means consistent, secure service. Our fleet and supply are unmatched, allowing us to deliver timely solutions at a great value.

Safety is Paramount

On your mining site, safety is your priority – and at Superior, it's ours, too. We are the only national propane and services provider in Canada with a fully integrated health, safety and environment program called Guardian. Our employees are thoroughly trained and audited, ensuring high

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GREAT NEWS FOR COXHEATH

Coxheath Plans Exploration Boost

Junior miner in partnership with Chinese firm; work planned over next two years at C.B. site

An infusion of Chinese cash and technical expertise will significantly advance activity at the Coxheath exploration site in Cape Breton, the CEO and president of Silvore Fox Minerals Corp. said in a recent interview.

"There will be a lot more exploration activity at the Coxheath site over the next two years," said Harold Cabrita. Cabrita said the junior mining operation has found a perfect backer and partner in the form of Beijing Donia Resources Corp. Sino Minerals Corp., a Donia Resources subsidiary, recently

took a 35.04 per cent equity stake in Silvore Fox.

Cabrita described the new partnership as an ideal match of interests and capabilities for the Cape Breton undertaking and others in Ontario, Mexico and South America. The expanded company will maintain its commitment to the Cape Breton site, he said. "We're currently on a hiatus, awaiting results of analysis of the latest round of drilling and trenching at Coxheath. A team in China will soon be reviewing these results."

By BILL POWER Business Reporter - Nov 27 - 4:54 AM



Holiday Networking Mixer

The **Holiday Networking Mixer** at the Cunard Centre, December 9, 2010 is 95% full, so make sure that you and your invited guests register and come out to enjoy the festivities. Right click and open the link <http://www.nsindustrynetwork.ca/> to register and print your tickets. **Hope to see you all there!!!**

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Rock Talk Social Mixer



A great time was had by all....special thanks to MerrexGold and everyone who came out !

Authored by Rick Ratcliffe and submitted on behalf of MANS with congratulations, to the Primates World Relief and Development Fund, for 50 years of dedicated and selfless service to others and warm wishes for a successful Gala event on November 23, 2010.

Springhill Revisited

In some of the darkest days of Nova Scotia's mining history, a ray of hope appeared and 50 years later, that ray is being celebrated!

In the 1958 Springhill Mine Disaster, 75 men lost their lives but, 99 men were rescued. The nation mourned our losses. The outpouring of support at the tragedy and at the loss was mixed with the elation for those who survived. And for the first time such an event was broadcast, nation-wide, by television.

Provincial response was amazing, but the national response was astounding. One organizational response was from the Anglican Church which provided much needed support for all the families, both grieving and those of the survivors. Help came in ways beyond provision of food and coffee for rescue workers. It came to the whole community through counselling, attending the broader needs, with a new direction focused on the devastated community as it re-built itself after the explosion, family by family.

This single response provided a new form of relief in the actions of the organizers, and as a direct result of this Nova Scotian tragedy, The Primate's World Relief Fund arose, now known as the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), it concentrates initially on providing relief and then community rebuilding. The PWRDF recognizes, as it states on its website, "that people who experienced these problems first hand were in the best position to develop long term solutions". From Springhill to the world, the PWRDF has since supported many other mining communities and others, in "situations of emergency" (website). Though church supported, there are no strings attached.

On November 23, in Toronto, the PWRDF is celebrating its 50 years. It has consistently provided "an efficient process to channel assistance" (website) throughout Canada and the world and has responded effectively as the unfortunate needs arise.

The PWRDF and its initiatives are firmly in the heart of Canadians of all denominations and in the hearts of all those who have been helped by them. It is reassuring that this and other organizations exist, at the ready.

Awareness of this part of Nova Scotia's mining history sheds a new light, on some of the adversities of our past. We all hope to have learned from that past and rest assured that help will be there when required. The help that freed the hands and efforts required to concentrate on mine rescue, freed the concerns of family caught up in the chaos of disaster.

Arising from the tragedy of Springhill, Nova Scotia, you have given hope in the chaos of disaster. Thank you all.



The Mining Association of Canada recognizes excellence in Corporate Social Responsibility during Annual Mining Day on the Hill

Ottawa, ON - During its annual Mining Day on the Hill, The Mining Association of Canada (MAC) will be presenting the 2009 Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM) Awards, recognizing Canadian facilities that have demonstrated excellence in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM) is an initiative developed by The Mining Association of Canada (MAC) to improve the industry's performance by aligning its actions with the priorities and values of Canadians. TSM provides a way of finding common ground with communities of interest in order to build a better mining industry, today and in the future.

Participation in TSM is a condition of membership in The Mining Association of Canada (MAC), it requires members to subscribe to a set of guiding principles that are backed by specific performance indicators against which member companies must report annually.

TSM Awards are presented each year to MAC member companies that have had externally verified results that demonstrate excellence in one of the following categories:

- Energy use and GHG emissions
- External outreach
- Tailings management
- Crisis management planning

TSM Award recipients include the following companies: **Hudbay Minerals, Shell Canada Energy, Iron Ore Company of Canada, Teck Resources, Suncor Energy and Vale Inco.**

As sustainable development initiatives continue to evolve, MAC's award winning TSM program has already earned a leading position within the CSR arena, and forges ahead in its efforts to maximize mining's contributions to society while minimizing environmental impacts.

