



# MANS Update

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THE PRESIDENT &  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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MINING ASSOCIATION  
OF  
NOVA SCOTIA

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **New Executive Director**
- **Presentation to Nova Scotia Association of Regional Development Authorities AGM**
- **Energy and Mines Ministers Conference**
- **Meeting with Premier Dexter**
- **Meeting with DNR Minister McDonnell**
- **Moving Forward**
- **Thank You Atlantic Cat**

## New Executive Director

On Wednesday, September 22, MANS hired a new interim Executive Director. Linda Deschenes, whom some of you will remember from her time here in Nova Scotia working with Triple Uranium and as a Director on the association Board.

Linda has hit the deck running and has already met with members, other associations and met with Regional Development Authorities in Truro and has a number of additional meetings being set up throughout the week.

As President, I'd like to extend my congratulations to Linda for taking our organization to the next level. Her terrific personality, work ethics and desire to listen to member input will serve MANS well!



**Linda Deschenes (left) and Lindsey Moore get down to business!**

MANS Executive Committee were directed by the Board to select the ideal candidate to fill the re-established position and have that person in place immediately. As luck would have it, Linda was looking for an opportunity to return to Nova Scotia from Thunder Bay.



The wondrous colors of common quartz!

## A Busy Executive Committee

Your Executive Committee, consisting of Past President (Peter Oram), President (Paul Smith), 1st VP (Gavin Isenor), 2nd VP (Pat Mills) and Finance Chair (Laurie Vaughan) have had a busy summer! Although activities within the organization may have looked a little slow to some members, in actual fact the EC was

busy in the background determining what the interim Executive Director position should look like, writing a clear job description and pouring over applications to find the most suitable person for the job. All this culminated in hiring Linda Deschenes from Thunder Bay to take on the task of moving the organization forward as quickly

as possible ... Welcome on-board Linda! Their next task was to lay out the immediate work agenda and schedule for the new Ex. Dir. Well, with all that completed your EC will now prepare to finalize hiring of our full time Ed. Dir. The committee has set a three month target for completion of this task.



# From the Executive Director



**Linda  
Deschenes**

Here is a snapshot of what has been going on at our office and within our community.

Aside from getting up to speed with what has been going on with the association over the past few months, I have also sat down with the executive board to formulate an action plan that will take us up to the Christmas break. As well I have been meeting with members of our association, connecting with our local government departments and association affiliates. My calendar is filling up fast but please be assured that I will be meeting or speaking to every one of our members before our general meeting.

I attended the 2010 RDA (Professional Development Conference and AGM of the Nova Scotia Association of Regional Development Authorities) in Truro. **Paul Smith** on behalf of MANS and **Garth Demont**, Community Liaison Geologist, NSDNR, presented during the “Geology: How does it affect your community?” session and both presentations were engaging and very well received.

**Dr. Rick Williams**, Deputy Minister, Policy and Priorities Office, was the keynote speaker at the RDA luncheon and spoke about everything from our diminishing population to health care to energy. I was concerned about some of his ideas with regard to energy and will be contacting him for further discussion.

To find out more about the RDA click on this link <http://www.nsarda.ca/default.asp?>

Lindsey and I have also been busy preparing for the October 24th semi-annual general meeting of the association. We are looking forward to any excellent turnout and for those who have already RSVP'd thank you.

“Geology Matters” on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> is also fast approaching and again Lindsey and I are working on creating a booth that is reflective of all things geology. If anyone has suggestions or ideas about what they would like to see at our booth, please give Lindsey a call, and of course prizes or give away items will be graciously accepted.

*Enjoy our fall colors!!!*



# Energy & Mines Ministers Conference



The President attended the Energy and Mines Minister's Conference in Montreal at Hotel Omni, September 16-17th.

Of particular interest was the Mining Forum with a theme of: "Mines of the Future: Sharing the Vision". Keynote talks included "Sustainable Mineral Development challenges and opportunities for Nunavik", "Reducing Environmental Footprint through Innovations and Communications and

"Social Responsibility: two crucial issues for the future of the mining industry".

There was a capacity crowd in attendance and translation headsets folks like me who only capture every 5th word of French.

The hand out documents and hard-copy presentations will be scanned at the MANS office and made available on our website this coming week, so please look for this information on the MANS website

next week.

Next year's conference will be held in the Delta Lodge at Kananaskis, Alberta.



Agnico-Eagle's Goldex mine in the Abitibi-Témiscamingue region

Meetings with Premier Dexter and the Hon. John MacDonnell took place in July

Standing Committee on Resources meeting

## Meetings Past

Hi All

Although this has been reported to the Executive and the Board I've been remiss on getting out the word to the membership. In July Peter Oram and I held meetings with both Premier Dexter and Minister of Natural Resources to present our elevator pitch and to request funding for a number of items, including MANS

special projects, fuel tax, mineral incentive program and product market tags highlighting "Product of Nova Scotia Mining".

In addition, Peter Oram and our former ED met with the standing committee on resources in mid June to once again expand on the virtues of the mining sector.

The meeting with the Premier was very fruitful and now the association will follow up with the

Dept. of Finance in an attempt to push the fuel tax rebate issue closer to completion. The Premier also wanted us to propose specific projects as a method of getting funding. Straight handouts will not be forthcoming like they used to. Premier Dexter even encouraged creation of an ISO like program for NS mining companies that would be more transparent for funding purposes. It's time to act!

## Meetings Future

The following is a brief list of upcoming activities and event planning for the next few months.

- Preparation for October 24th general membership meeting
- DNR's Geology Matters Conference
- Board member meetings

- Newsletter and Communication pieces
- Follow-up for project funding from government
- Design criteria for an editorial committee
- Establishment of meetings dates with other organizations
- Concept development of a

- Christmas Social
- Develop and Business Plan for 2011.

