

Ontario Mining Act consultations August / September 2008

On August 5, the Ontario government announced that it will be holding a series of public and stakeholder meetings about modernizing the **Mining Act**.

PDAC members operating in Ontario will be affected by these consultations and resulting legislation. It is expected that legislation will be introduced during the fall 2008 sitting of the Ontario Legislature. The PDAC is acting on behalf of its members and working in support of the **Ontario Prospectors Association** and the **Ontario Mining Association**.

Facilitated public and stakeholder sessions will be held in **Timmins** (August 11), **Sudbury** (August 13), **Thunder Bay** (August 18), **Kingston** (August 28) and **Toronto** (September 8). Each day will involve a 'stakeholder session' (by invitation) starting at 1pm, and an open public session starting at 7pm. Further details are available below.

The Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines has developed its list of invitees for the stakeholder sessions. However, if you would like to be included on their list, please contact the Minister's Office directly (**Anne-Marie Flanagan, Office of the Minister, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines: 416-327-0655** anne-marie.flanagan@ontario.ca)

According to the MNDM news release:

"These sessions are the first step in a consultation approach that will also include focused discussions with the minerals industry, municipalities and other stakeholders, First Nations and Métis leaders, as well as input from First Nations communities across Ontario. On August 11, a **discussion paper** will be posted for comment on the Environmental Registry and the ministry's web site".

The discussion paper is available at: http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/miningact/miningact_e.asp

Comments on the government discussion paper are due by October 15, 2008.

Consultation sessions:

Direct link: http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/mndm/miningact/miningact_e.asp

Date & Time	City	Location
Monday, Aug. 11 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Timmins	Howard Johnson Inn 1800 Riverside Drive Goldrush Ballroom
Wednesday, Aug. 13 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Sudbury	Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel 50 Brady Street Conference Lounge

Monday, Aug. 18 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Thunder Bay	Valhalla Inn 1 Valhalla Inn Road Scandia Room
Thursday, Aug 28 6:30 – 9:00 pm	Kingston	Radisson Hotel Kingston Harbourfront 1 Johnson Street Harbour Shadows Room
Monday, September 8 6:30 – 9:00 pm	Toronto	Delta Chelsea Hotel 33 Gerrard Street West Mountbatten Salon, 2nd Floor

How you can become involved:

1. **Contact Anne-Marie Flanagan (Office of the Minister, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines) at 416-327-0655 anne-marie.flanagan@ontario.ca to ask to be included in the stakeholder consultation sessions**
2. **Attend and participate in a public consultation session in your area**
3. **Write to the Minister of Northern Development and Mines and the Premier with your comments on the proposals or post a comment directly on the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry:
<http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/>
(EBR Registry Number: 010-4327; Modernizing Ontario's Mining Act)
The deadline for comments is October 15, 2008**
4. **Keep the PDAC informed of your actions and comments as this will assist us in our efforts**

Further information:

As more details become available, the PDAC will post information on our Lands and Regulations page: <http://www.pdac.ca/pdac/advocacy/land-use/index.html>

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