

The Matty Mitchell Prospectors Resource Room

A public–private sector partnership working for the Newfoundland and Labrador prospecting community



New Prospectors learning about geophysics, part of the annual Stephenville Prospectors Course, June 2014.

Annual Report for 2014

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INTRODUCTION

This report is a review of specific activities in 2014 of the Matty Mitchell Prospectors Resource Room project and its programs. The principal focus of the Resource Room project is to provide mentoring, technical support and promotional assistance to prospectors in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Please read the [Overview](#) for details of the inception, funding sources, governance, general principles and mandate of the Matty Mitchell Prospectors Resource Room.

If you are interested in learning more about us and the various activities we pursue, contact us at matty@gov.nl.ca or visit [our website](#):

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Prospectors and Others Supported by the Matty Mitchell Prospectors Resource Room in 2014

In 2014, the MMR provided mentoring, technical support and promotional assistance to more than 123 individual prospectors, from all parts of Newfoundland and Labrador who made over 636 requests either through personal visits, email enquiries or telephone calls (Appendix 1). These services are freely provided to clients. Many visitors browsed our sample collection housed in the Resource Room and the Matty Mitchell Sample Library. Information services were also provided, gratis, to the public and to representatives of local and national exploration companies.

The MMR helped prospectors with sample and mineral identification, data interpretation and presentation, selection and refinement of target areas, generation and further advancement of new prospects, and re-interpretation of existing prospects. We help prospectors compile information packages, which are then circulated at mining and exploration conferences in Vancouver (Roundup), Toronto (PDAC) and St. John's (Mineral Resources Review). These information packages are distributed by the MMR and the prospectors to interested companies as follow-up throughout the year. These efforts helped prospectors attract new mineral exploration to the Province in 2014.

The MMR also had several visitors from out-of-province who were interested in geo-tourism or in casual prospecting and rock-hounding. Appendix 1 lists individuals who were directly assisted during this time; many visited or requested assistance on multiple occasions:

Junior exploration companies active in the province were assisted in a more indirect way through the MMR promotional activities across Canada during 2014. For example, the following companies had properties included in the MMR's Properties for Option Maps and Properties for Option Booklet:

Cornerstone Resources Inc.
Trinity Resources and Energy Ltd
Sokoman Iron
Clode Sound Resources
Thomas Resources Inc.

Altius Minerals Corp.
Triple Nine Resources Inc.
New Island Resources Inc.
Metals Creek Resources
South Coast Ventures

PROSPECTOR SUPPORT: MINERAL INDUSTRY TRADE SHOWS AND CONFERENCES

In 2014, the MMR continued its major role of providing logistical support for prospectors attending local and national, mineral exploration and mining conferences and trade shows. Assistance was provided to prospectors prior to, during and following the events. The MMR also, where possible, assists those who cannot attend by promoting their properties at these meetings.

The MMR was a participant and/or exhibitor in the following 2014 industry meetings:

- Mineral Exploration Roundup, Vancouver, January 26th to 29th
- PDAC, Toronto, March 2nd - 5th
- Baie Verte Mining Conference, June 6th and 7th
- Mining Industry NL Investment Forum, September 22nd and 23rd
- Montreal, XPLOR 2014, October 21st - 23rd
- Mineral Resources Review, St. John's November 5th - 8th

The Resource Room worked in conjunction with Mining Industry NL and the Geological Survey and Mineral Development divisions of the Mines Branch at these meetings, focusing on individual prospect promotion and promotion of the province in general as a region to invest in mineral exploration and development. In the Toronto and Vancouver meetings, the MMR availed of space provided by Mining Industry NL to display Property Posters described above.

Roundup Conference, January, 2014

Four prospectors attended the Roundup Conference, 2014, in Vancouver, B.C: two, David Hicks and Wayde Guinchard, were funded to go to the Roundup by Mining Industry NL and the Department of Natural Resources. Two other prospectors, Darrin Hicks and Lai Lai Chan were self-funded.



Conference attendees in the Newfoundland Rock Room at Roundup 2014



Conference Attendees at the Newfoundland/Labrador Booth, PDAC 2014

PDAC Conference, March, 2014

A group of 12 prospectors (listed below with some of their properties and main commodities) were funded jointly by Mining Industry NL and the Department of Natural Resources to attend the PDAC in Toronto. With a registration of over 25,000 people from every mining corner of the world, the PDAC provides an excellent venue for prospectors from Newfoundland and Labrador to meet face-to-face and network with professionals from the mining industry, potential optionors of prospectors' properties.

Darrin Hicks

Pipestone Pond	Ni-PGEs-Cr
St Patrick's	Cu
Roti Bay	Au-Ag-Pb-Zn
Northwest Bottom	Au
Little River	Au
The Outflow	Au
Pipestone Pond	Cr
Leonard's Find	Mo-Sn

Jason White

Bergs/Steep Nap	Au
La Manche	Pb
Colliers Point	Ba
Argentia	Ag-Pb-Zn-Cu
English Ridge	Cu

Eric Hussey

Fortune	Au
Tug Pond	Au

David Hicks

Isabella Falls	REEs
Abbots Creek	Au
Nippers Hbr	Au
Letitia Lake	REEs
Winterhill	VMS
Tilt Cove	Au

Lai Lai Chan

Biarritz	Au
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Don Ledrew

Derrick Fancey	
Muddy Gullies	Pt-Pd
Ocean Pond	Mo

Kevin Stagg

Eagle's Vision	Zn-Cu-Au
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Eddie Quinlan

New World Island	Au
Shirley Lake	Au
Miles Cove	VMS
TCH	Au

Wayde Guinchard

Peter Rogers

Evening Lake	Cu-Ni-Co
Krats	Cu-Ni
Esker Road	Cu-Ni
Bridal Veil	Cu
Lower Island Cove	Fe
Mary March	Cu-Pb-Zn

Tom McLennon

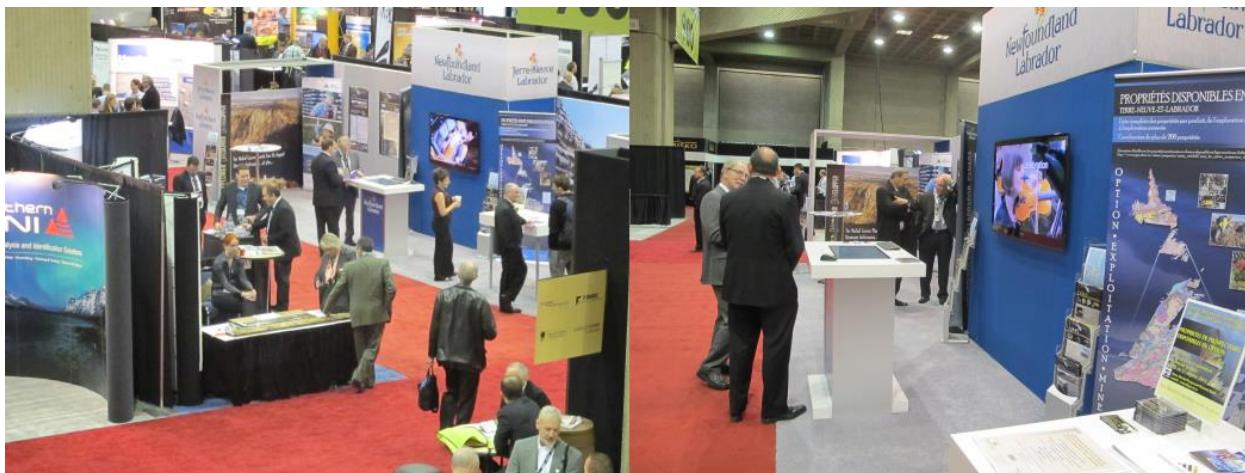
Lockport	VMS
Nuggett Pond	Au
Shamrock	VMS
Grey Copper Mine	Cu
Pilleys Island	VMS

Cameron Martin

Crook's Lake	Cu-Ni
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Montreal, XPLOR 2014, October

QMEA (Quebec Mineral Exploration Association) brought together investors, exploration companies, prospectors and service providers for the Québec mining industry event. The MMR geologist attended this event to help promote NL prospectors and their properties.



Attendees at the XPLOR 2014 Mining Trade Show and Conference, Montreal

Baie Verte, June, 2014

The MMR geologist attended the 27th Annual Baie Verte Mining Conference held in Baie Verte to represent the Matty Mitchell Prospectors Resource Room.



Attendees at the Baie Verte Conference, 2014

St. John's, November, 2014

Mineral Resources Review is Eastern Canada's largest mineral industry conference and trade show, attended by about 1000 delegates, trade show exhibitors and visitors. The event showcases all aspects of the mineral exploration and mining industry in Newfoundland and Labrador. More than 20 prospectors from the province had booth space at the trade show; the MMR geologist prepared posters and had rock samples cut and polished for these prospectors to promote their properties.



Attendees at the Annual Review, 2014

Other Conferences

St. John's, MINL Resource Investors Forum, September 22nd and 23rd, 2014

The MMR geologist attended the Resource Investors Forum held by MINL. This annual event provides access to leading industry analysts and members of the investment community to prospectors and mining industry execs in NL. Attendees also have the opportunity to hear presentations on Newfoundland and Labrador projects from mineral exploration and mining company executives.

Prospectors Option Agreements 2014

In 2014, at least 1 option agreement was finalized between prospectors and a mineral exploration company in the province. Some of the critical contacts, which result in successful option agreements, are typically made at meetings such as Roundup and PDAC. Prospectors play a major role in attracting companies to the province; companies, which, in some cases, have never worked here before. In some cases, prospectors are the first point of contact between these new companies and the Newfoundland and Labrador business community.

Prospectors: Commodity Markets and New Discoveries

Prospectors in Newfoundland and Labrador continue to add to the growing database of mineral prospects in the province. Several prospectors made important new discoveries in 2014: examples include Clyde Burt and partners, who discovered significant, new V-Ti-Cu mineralization in gabbros near the Gander Bay Highway and

also a new gold showing near Bellman's Pond several km west of the Gander Bay Highway; the Stockley brothers from Gambo have discovered new Ni-Cu-Awaaurite showings north of Square Pond.

PROMOTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Property Poster Series

The MMR Property Poster Series continues to be an important aid to prospectors in promoting and optioning their properties. We currently maintain a growing digital library of more than 245 posters of prospectors' properties. These are available, upon request, in digital or hard copy format. The current collection can be examined [here](#).

New Property Posters - New Discoveries - 2014

Property	Area	Prospector	Commodity
Pilier Bay	Northern Peninsula	Wayde Guinchard	Pt-Pd-Zn
Dark Cove	Northeast Newfoundland	Steve Stockley	Ni-Cu
Bellman's Pond	Northern Newfoundland	Clyde Burt	Au
Benji	Northern Newfoundland	Clyde Burt	V-Ti-Cu

New Property Posters for Historic Showings for display at conferences in 2014.

Leonard's Find	Southern Newfoundland	Darrin Hicks	Mo-Sn
O'Reilly	Central Newfoundland	Darrin Hick	Au
Golden Bullet	Central Newfoundland	Roland Quinlan	Au
Shirley Lake	Northern Newfoundland	Eddie Quinlan	Au
MacLean Mine	Central Newfoundland	Stephen Stockley	VMS
Wild Wolf	Southeast Newfoundland	Stephen Stockley	Mo-Sn
Pants Lake	Central Labrador	Stephen Stockley	Ni-Cu
Bumble Bee Bight	Notre Dame Bay	Stephen Stockley	VMS
Linda	Central Newfoundland	Bill Kennedy	Au
Hurricane	Central Newfoundland	Bill Kennedy	Au
Buchans River Tailings	Central Newfoundland	Gary Lewis	Cu-Pb-Zn-Au
Tower	Central Newfoundland	Clyde Burt	Au
Finecrack	Central Newfoundland	Clyde Burt	Au
South Julienne Lake	Western Labrador	Herb Froude	Fe-Ag
Turks Gut	Avalon Peninsula	Jason White	Cu
Peters River	Central Newfoundland	Tom McLennon	Cu-Ag
Millertown	Central Newfoundland	Tom McLennon	VMS
Baie Verte	Baie Verte Peninsula	Jason Burton	Au
Betts Cove	Baie Verte Peninsula	Nath Noel	Soapstone

Example of property poster

PROMOTIONAL MAPS AND BOOKLETS

In 2014, the “Properties for Option” maps, Booklet and CD - ROMs were updated for distribution and display at the local and national conferences described above. These publications are available on the “Properties for Option” CD-ROM and for viewing or download on the [MMR website](#).

LINKS WITH THE SOCIETY OF ECONOMIC GEOLOGISTS

Volunteers from the MUN branch of the SEG kindly provided on-site support to the Matty Mitchell Booth and were available to assist prospectors in the promotional displays. This collaboration is to our mutual benefit, and to that of the prospectors we support.



*Student Members from
MUN volunteering at the
Matty Mitchell Booth,
Mineral Resources Review*



PARTICIPATION IN PROSPECTOR TRAINING COURSES

- *Stephenville, June 3rd - 5th, 2014*

The MMR geologist was available for a portion of the 24th annual two-week long Prospectors Training Course in Stephenville, to meet the new prospectors and give a presentation on the importance and the role of the Matty Mitchell Prospectors Resource Room and how prospectors can make the best use of this facility.



Prospectors at the Annual Stephenville Prospecting Course, 2014

- *St. John's, 5th November, 2014*

The Annual Pre-Conference, one-day prospectors' course was held immediately prior to the Mineral Resources Review 2014. This year's course entitled "Geochemistry for Prospectors: Some Alternative Methods to Assist in Discovery" was given by Shawn Ryan and Derek Wilton. Yukon Prospector Shawn Ryan is credited with discovering Dawson's White Gold District and sparking a new Yukon gold rush, the biggest since gold was discovered in the Klondike Gold Rush of the late 1800s. Shawn is also stimulating the industry with new methods for mineral exploration, including the use of drones. Derek Wilton is a professor at Memorial University where he teaches Economic Geology. The MMR geologist helped to organize this one-day course.



Yukon Prospector Shawn Ryan (standing on left) with John Clarke of DNR

OUTREACH - “Newfoundland and Labrador Prospectors Association”
In September of 2014, the third Annual General Meeting of the new “Newfoundland and Labrador Prospectors Association” (NLPA) was held in Mt Pearl. The MMR geologist was present for the AGM with a poster, rock and mineral display, as part of its outreach activities for the Resource Room.

Prospectors discussing issues at the 2014 NLPA AGM in Mount Pearl



SAMPLE LIBRARY AND OTHER RESOURCES

New rock samples from across the province were added to the collection in 2014. Prospectors are encouraged to come and browse through our selection of rocks and minerals and take pictures of the samples to help with identification of rocks in the field.

PUBLIC AWARENESS INITIATIVES and OUTREACH

As in past years, the MMR continued to undertake public awareness initiatives to help promote prospecting and the possibilities of new economic development linked to the minerals industry. The MMR once again collaborated with Mining Industry NL and the Geological Survey in displaying prospecting information at the Baie Verte Mining Conference and the Expo Labrador Conference. In late March, 2014, the MMR geologist made a presentation to a group of 3rd year MUN students interested in prospecting. The event was organized jointly by Norm Mercer of the NLPA and Steve Piercy of MUN.

The MMR continues to develop outreach initiatives to promote itself and its services to the public.

Appendix 1: List of Visitors to the MMR - 2014

Baxter Senior	Red Harbour	Jim Bouzane	St. John's
Ben Batstone	Toronto	Jim Weick	St. John's
Bert Stone	Marystown	Joe Walsh	Marystown
Bill Kennedy	St. John's	John Sceviour	Paradise
Bill Mercer	Grand Falls	John Snook	St. John's
Brian McGrath	Goulds	Ken Lewis	Baie Verte
Cameron Martin	Labrador City	Ken Mercer	Virgin Arm
Clyde Burt	Glenwood	Kevin Cooper	St. John's
Colin Kendell	Head Baie d'Espoir	Kevin Stagg	Mt Pearl
Cyril Peddle	Springdale	Lai Lai Chan	St. John's
Dan Jacobs	Westport	Nath Noel	CBS
Dan Kelly	Marystown	Norm Mercer	Mt Pearl
Darrin Hicks	Milltown	Paul Keels	Clarenville
David Hicks	Grand Falls	Paul McNeil	St. John's
Dell Flowers	Goose Bay	Paul Smith	Halifax
Dennis Walsh	St. John's	Peter Dimmell	St. John's
Derrick Fancyey	Wings Point	Peter Rogers	Labrador City
Don Ledrew	Wings Point	R MacDonald	Catalina
Don Rochon	Paradise	Ray Elliott	St. Anthony
Edward Burke	Twillingate	Ray Jerrett	Catalina
Everett Burt	Summerford	Roland Quinlan	Birchy Bay
Everett Burt	Carter's Cove	Sandy Duffitt	Clarenville
Frank Clarke	Paradise	Tim Howse	Springdale
Fraser Wicks	St. John's	Tobin Long	Toronto
Gary Knight	Pouch Cove	Tom McLennon	Grand Falls
Gaston St. Pierre	Quebec	Tom Williams	Paradise
George Lannon	Placentia	Vic French	Clarkes Beach
Harold Mahar	Bird Cove	Walter Sweetapple	Glovertown
Herb Froude	Clarenville	Walter Sweetapple	Glovertown
Jason Burton	La Scie	Wayde Guinchard	Mt Pearl
Jason White	CBS	Wilson Gavin	Georges Bk
Jeff Brushett	Marystown	Wilson Jacobs	Westport

List of People in Phone Contact with the MMR - 2014

Alex McBeath	St. John's	John Edgar	Corner Brook
Barry Carter	Torbay	Keith Kelloway	Burin Bay Arm
Barry Sparkes	St. Lawrence	Kevin Cooper	St. John's
Bert Stone	Marystown	Kevin Ryan	St. John's
Bill Kennedy	St. John's	Lai Lai Chan	St. John's
Bill Mercer	Grand Falls	Les Hewlett	Baie Verte
Bruce Hunt	St. John's	Mark Stockley	Gambo
Bruce Mercer	Baie Verte	Maurice Murphy	Logy Bay
Cal Davis	St. John's	Michael Buschette	St. John's
Cameron Martin	Labrador City	Nancy Carter	Torbay
Christina Keats	Gambo	Norm Mercer	Mt Pearl
Clyde Burt	Glenwood	Peter Dimmell	St. John's
Darrin Hicks	Milltown	Peter Rogers	Lab City
David Boland	Portugal Cove	Ray Rowe	Corner Brook
David Hicks	Grand Falls	Ricky Edmunds	Postville
Derrick Fancey	Wings Point	Roland Quinlan	Birchy bay
Eddie Quinlan	Birchy bay	Ron Taylor	St. John's
Eric Hussey	St. John's	Ross Collier	St. Alban's
Gaston St Pierre	Quebec	Sandy Stares	Gander
George Lannon	Placentia	Shawn Rose	Stephenville
Herb Froude	Clarenville	Stephen Stockley	Gambo
Ivor Northcott	Ramea	Tim Howse	Springdale
Jamie Myers	Pasadena	Walter Sweetapple	Glovertown
Jason Burton	La Scie	Wayde Guinchard	Mt Pearl
Jason Motty	St. John's	Wayne Cull	St. Anthony
Jason White	CBS	Wilf Beck	Corner Brook
Jeff Brushett	Creston North	Wilson Jacobs	Westport
Joe Walsh	Marystown		

List of people in E-Mail Contact with the MMR in 2014

Albert Harvey	Avalon	John Snook	St. John's
Alex Turpin	Mt Pearl	Kate	BC
Barry Sparkes	St. Lawrence	Keith Kelloway	Burin Bay Arm
Baxter Senior	Red Harbour	Kevin Cooper	St. John's
Bill Kennedy	St. John's	Kevin Ryan	St. John's
Bob Kirby	St. John's	Kevin Stagg	Mt Pearl
Brad Chislett	CBS	Lai Lai Chan	St. John's
Brian McGrath	Goulds	Lloyd Goulding	Paradise
Bruce Mercer	Baie Verte	Lorne Rose	St. Anthony
Bruce Templeton	St. John's	Marilyn Fancey	Wings Point
Cal Davis	St. John's	Matthew Windsor	St. John's
Charlie Fifield	St. John's	Michael Buschette	St. John's
Ches Wilkins	St. John's		
Clyde Burt	Gander	Nancy Ellis	BC
Clyde Spurrell	Clarenville	Nath Noel	CBS
Cyril Hayden	St. John's	Paul Keels	Clarenville
David Boland	Portugal Cove	Paul Murphy	Southern Shore
David Hicks	Grand Falls	Peter Dimmell	St. John's
Debbie Parrott	St. John's	Peter Rogers	Lab City
Denis Walsh	St. John's	Ralph Barrett	Upper Island Cove
Derrick Fancey	Wings Point	Ray Mason	St. John's
Don Ledrew	Wings Point	Richard Wilkins	St. John's
Don Rochon	Paradise	Rod Diamond	St. John's
Duncan Finlayson	Trinity	Ron Taylor	St. John's
Eric Hussey	St. John's	Sam Addersly	St. John's
Gaston St. Pierre	Quebec	Sandy Duffitt	Clarenville
Greg Campbell	Ontario	Stef Loder	St. John's
Herb Froude	Clarenville	Stephen Ellis	BC
Herman King	St. John's	Tim Howse	Springdale
Jason Motty	CBS	Walter Smith	Chapel Arm
Jason White	CBS	Walter Sweetapple	Glovertown
Jeanette Martin	St. John's	Wayde Guinchard	Mt Pearl
Jeff Brushett	Creston North	Wayne Cull	St Anthony
Jerry Lineback	St. John's	Wilson Gavin	Georges Bk
John Sceviour	Paradise	Wilson Jacobs	Westport