

Mining the Key to Temagami's Future?

This 15-minute presentation will explore the past, present and future of the mining sector as it applies to the Municipality of Temagami.

Historically Temagami is a key part of Canadian mining history as the area is the home of the Copper Fields Mine on Temagami Island. This mine was the catalyst propelling Teck Mining Limited to a world leader in mineral extraction and production. The region was also well known during the early 1900 century as a "hot bed" for gold production as evident by the many historic mining sites in and around the town itself (aka Big Dan, Little Dan, Hermiston-McCauley etc.). In addition, attempts were made to develop base metal operations at Kanichee in the 1970s and most people to this date still recall the economic impact of the Sherman Mine on the Town of Temagami. Falconbridge Ltd. back in the 90s also spent significant financial resources drilling for Cu-Zn at Jonny Creek near the old dumpsite. They found minerals but not in sufficient large quantity to make an economic operation. There still remains mineral opportunity in that location for Zn-Cu-Au.

Currently there are consultants and contractors operating in the community that are working on projects within the municipality. In addition, these firms have or will manage projects outside of Ontario and Canada. These Temagami based firm's efforts over the past 3 years have contributed to the development of a Lithium Resource in Manitoba of over 6 million tonnes of 1.38% Li_2O and a Resource of 181 million tonnes or 2.5 million ounces of Gold in the State of Alaska. Both these projects are active, on going and growing. They represent billions of dollars in resource growth for Canada and the World.

There is also on going efforts by DeBeers and others in identify diamond bearing Kimberlite within the municipality. Airborne survey activities over the last few years are testament to companies again exploring for diamonds in the Temagami region.

For the future, the presentation will focus on a vision of how Temagami, giving it's fantastic geography, can become a key player on the international stage as a location of mining knowledge/expertise and a favourable place to explore and mine.