

**Bedford Mining Alert**  
**Newsletter**  
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1. **Update on claim status:** In July, Cardinal Exploration transferred all claims in Bedford to Mega Graphite. Work needs to be performed and applied by April 2012 to keep the claims active, unless an extension is granted by the Ministry of Northern development, mines and Forest (MNDM&F)

About Mega Graphite: ( <http://www.megagraphite.com/> ) The company has properties in Canada and Australia and identifies Bedford and Burgess projects as 2 of 4 projects in Canada.

“The claims are well serviced by a paved road network, which connects to Highway 401, about thirty minutes to the south. The property is approximately one hour from the Canada-U.S.A. border crossing near Gananoque, Ontario. The property area is serviced by a major hydro electric power line which passes near the centre of the claim group. Water supplies in the area are abundant.”

For more on Mega Graphite’s description of the Bedford claims visit <http://www.megagraphite.com/assets/files/newbedforddetailedsummary.pdf>

2. **BMA meeting in August 2011:** Many thanks to all those who came out to the meeting, joined in the discussion and offered support for the work of BMA. Thank you to Clive Stephenson and Robert Merwin from MNDM&F who gave up their weekend to travel to our beautiful part of the world to meet and take part in the discussions.

The Meeting Agenda:

- ◆ Welcome and Introduction of Guests by BMA chair Sandy Cameron
- ◆ Overview of BMA’s Efforts (2009 – 2011) by Marilyn Crawford included examples of the history of activities on claims in Bedford. More information will be available on our website in the new year at [www.bedfordminingalert.ca](http://www.bedfordminingalert.ca)
- ◆ Review of participation in Queens Pro Bono Program over the past 5 years and an outline of some projects for 2011-2012 by Justin Connidis. More information will be available on our website in the new year at [www.bedfordminingalert.ca](http://www.bedfordminingalert.ca)
- ◆ Update on Mining Act Modernization by Clive Stephenson of MNDM&F focused on the development of regulations. More information is available on the Ministry website under Ontario’s Modernized Mining Act:

[http://www.mndmf.gov.on.ca/mines/documents/mining\\_act/an\\_update\\_on\\_regulations\\_development\\_e.pdf](http://www.mndmf.gov.on.ca/mines/documents/mining_act/an_update_on_regulations_development_e.pdf)

Robert Merwin, Executive Director of the Mining Act Modernization Secretariat, offered clarification and insights into the ongoing process of Modernizing the Mining Act and developing regulations.

There was an opportunity for Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Merwin to answer questions.

3. **Thank you to everyone who has helped to sustain BMA** with words of support, attendance at our meetings and with memberships or donations. Your participation keeps us active and engaged.

Membership to the Bedford Mining Alert costs \$10 per year per family. Your membership fee will help defray expenses such as postage, website maintenance, outreach and membership in local, regional and national organizations. As a BMA member, you will receive newsletters, invitations to our events, and information updates.

Your membership will help to strengthen the voice that calls for responsible mining practices that respect property owners, the environment and regional land use decisions.

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