

WebEx Mineral Development Strategy feedback

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Hello Justin Connidis,

As you know, the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines is working to renew Ontario's Mineral Development Strategy based on the objectives identified in the [Discussion Paper](#) that was released on March 2, 2015.

As part of the renewal process our ministry committed to obtaining public input on the proposal; posting for comment on the [Environmental Registry](#) for 67 days. We received more than 50 written submissions with 380 recommendations.

In addition, 22 information workshops were held throughout Ontario, of which 191 stakeholder representatives attended, including representatives from industry, non-government organizations, academics, mining municipalities and association representatives. In addition, 148 Aboriginal community representatives were in attendance.

The feedback we received was helpful in establishing the current challenges and the path forward to develop a renewed Mineral Development Strategy.

A broad summary of the feedback, categorized into themes, is as follows:

- ◆ Assistance to prospectors and junior mining companies
- ◆ Input and production costs
- ◆ Investment in infrastructure
- ◆ Regulatory certainty
- ◆ Consultation processes
- ◆ Regional challenges
- ◆ Understanding between industry and Aboriginal communities
- ◆ Environmental sustainability
- ◆ Respect for treaty rights
- ◆ Aboriginal participation in the mining process
- ◆ Return for the resources extracted
- ◆ Public awareness of mining
- ◆ Education and skills training
- ◆ Industry led innovation

All feedback provided will be considered in the development of the Mineral Development Strategy which, upon government approval, is expected to be released in late 2015.

We would like to thank you for taking the time to participate and provide feedback to us during our Mineral Development Strategy WebEx.

Sincerely,

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