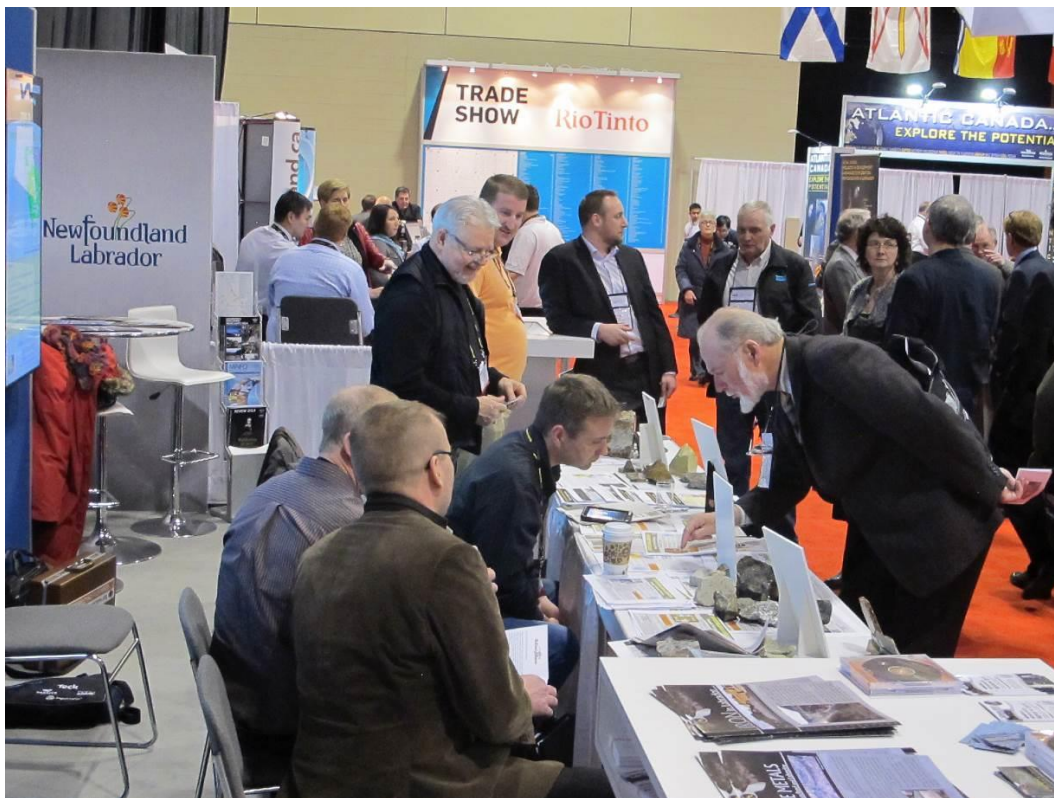


# The Matty Mitchell Prospectors Resource Room

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



*Prospectors promoting their properties at the PDAC 2015 Conference, Toronto*

## Annual Report for 2015

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## INTRODUCTION

This report is a review of specific activities in 2015 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](mailto:matty@gov.nl.ca) or visit [our website](#):

*Sean O'Brien, P. Geo., Chair  
Management Committee  
Matty Mitchell Prospectors Resource Room*

### **Prospectors and Others Supported by the Matty Mitchell Prospectors Resource Room in 2015**

In 2015, the MMR provided mentoring, technical support and promotional assistance to more than 120 individual prospectors, from all parts of Newfoundland and Labrador who made over 618 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 2015.

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 2015. For example, the following companies had properties included in the MMR's Properties for Option Maps and Properties for Option Booklet:

Altius Minerals Corp.                      Trinity Resources and Energy Ltd  
Triple Nine Resources Inc.   Metals Creek Resources  
Thomas Resources Inc.

## **PROSPECTOR SUPPORT: MINERAL INDUSTRY TRADE SHOWS AND CONFERENCES**

In 2015, 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 2015 industry meetings:

- Mineral Exploration Roundup, Vancouver, January 24<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>
- PDAC, Toronto, February 28<sup>th</sup> - March 4<sup>th</sup>
- Mineral Resources Review, St. John's November 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>

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, 2015***

Three prospectors attended the Roundup Conference in Vancouver, B.C: two, Darrin Hicks and Clyde Burt, were funded to go to the Roundup by Mining Industry NL and the Department of Natural Resources. One other prospector, David Hicks was self-funded.



*Prospectors promoting properties at the NL Booth, Roundup 2015*



*Prospectors promoting properties at the NL Booth, PDAC 2015*

### ***PDAC Conference, March, 2015***

A group of 10 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 23,000 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.

Kevin Ryan			Clyde Burt	
Manuels	Au		Benji	Cu-Ti-V
Grog Pond	Au		Finecrack	Au
St. Lawrence	U/F		Bellman's Pond	Au
Fortune Bay	Cu			
Hawke Hill	Au		Lai Lai Chan	
			Biarritz	Au
David Hicks			Mark Stockley	
Isabella Falls	REEs		Wild Wolf	W-Sn-Mo
Abbots Creek	Au		MacLean Mine	VMS
Nippers Hbr	Au		True Grit	Au
Letitia Lake	REEs		Pants Lake	Ni-Cu-Co
Winterhill	VMS		Bumble Bee Bight	VMS
Tilt Cove	Au			
Wayde Guinchard			Dan Jacobs	
Peter Rogers			Wisker	Au/U
Evening Lake	Cu-Ni-Co		Cabot	Cu/Au
Krats	Cu-Ni		Fleur-de-Lys	Cu-Pb-Mo
Esker Road	Cu-Ni			
Bridal Veil	Cu		Bill Kennedy	
Lower Island Cove	Fe		Linda	Au
Mary March	Cu-Pb-Zn		Startrack	Au
			Jumbo	VMS
Jeff Brushett			Qbert	Au
Creston North	Cu-Ni		Lucky Smoke	Au

### ***St. John's, November, 2015***

Mineral Resources Review is Eastern Canada's largest mineral industry conference and trade show, attended by about 800 delegates (in 2015), 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.



***Prospectors attending the Prospectors Short Course and promoting their properties: Mineral Resources Review, 2015***

### **Prospectors Option Agreements 2015**

In 2015, at least 5 option agreements were finalized between prospectors and mineral exploration companies 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 instances, 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 2015: examples include Keith Kelloway who has recently discovered a new gold showing near L'Anse a L'Eau on the Burin Peninsula spatially associated with a linear feature. A grab sample of a silicified grey rock with prominent quartz veining at the centre of the mineralized zone returned up to 4.6 g/t Au.

## 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 280 posters of prospectors' properties. These are available, upon request, in digital or hard copy format. The current collection can be examined [here](#).

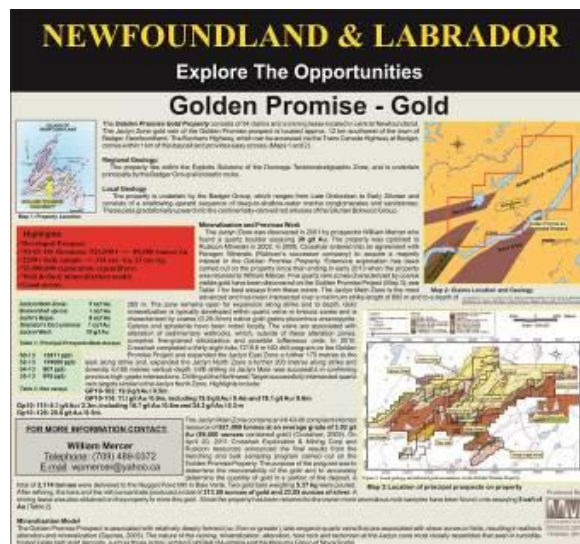
### New Property Posters - New Discoveries - 2015

Property	Area	Prospector	Commodity
L'Anse a L'Eau	Burin Peninsula	K Kelloway	Au

### New Property Posters for Historic Showings for display at conferences in 2015.

Misty Lake	Western Labrador	P Rogers	PGE-Au-Cu-Ni
Carol Lake	Western Labrador	Darrin Hicks	SiO2
Comanche	Central Newfoundland	Stephen Stockley	Au
Paul's Pond	Central Newfoundland	Stephen Stockley	Au
Crescent Lake	Northern Newfoundland	Stephen Stockley	VMS
Star Track	Central Newfoundland	Bill Kennedy	Au
Gregory River	Western Newfoundland	Bill Kennedy	Cu-Zn-Au
Aurum Heights	Central Newfoundland	Bill Kennedy	Au
Qbert	Baie Verte Peninsula	Bill Kennedy	Au-Cu

Example of property poster



## PROMOTIONAL MAPS AND BOOKLETS

In 2015, 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



*Student Members from MUN volunteering at the Matty Mitchell Booth, Mineral Resources Review, 2015*

Volunteers from the MUN branch of the SEG kindly provided on-site support to the Matty Mitchell Booth, at the 2015 Mineral Resources Review, 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.

## PARTICIPATION IN PROSPECTOR TRAINING COURSES

- *St. John's, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2015*

The Annual Pre-Conference, one-day prospectors' course was held immediately prior to the Mineral Resources Review 2015. This year's course entitled "**Productive Prospecting: Property Selection, Exploration and Marketing**" was given principally by Roland Butler with additional presentations by Brian Dalton (Altius Minerals), Tim Froude (Sokoman Iron), Al Chislett and Peter Dimmell (Silver Spruce Resources). The course was very well received with about 40 prospectors attending. The MMR geologist helped to organize this one-day course.





*Full House at Prospectors Course, Mineral Resources Review, 2015*

## **OUTREACH - “Newfoundland and Labrador Prospectors Association”**



*Left: NLPA President Norm Mercer discussing issues with prospectors at the 2015 NLPA AGM. Geologist Nath Noel also gave a presentation on “Making the Most of your Prospecting Day”.*

In September of 2015, the Fourth Annual General Meeting of the “Newfoundland and Labrador Prospectors Association” (NLPA) was held in Grand Falls/Winsor. 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.

## **SAMPLE LIBRARY AND OTHER RESOURCES**

New rock samples from across the province were added to the collection in 2015.

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.

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

### *Appendix 1: List of Visitors to the MMR - 2015*

Allan Hill	London, UK	Kevin Ryan	St. John's
Bert Stone	Marystown	Kevin Stagg	Mt. Pearl
Bill Kennedy	St. John's	Kyle Bennett	St. Alban's
Brian McGrath	Goulds	Lai Lai Chan	St. John's
Brian O'Keefe	St. John's	Laura Gosse	St. Alban's
Cal Davis	St. John's	Lisa Hynes	Torbay
Caleb Yetman	St. John's	Maurice Murphy	Logy Bay
Cameron King	Stephenville	Michelle Noel	CBS
Clyde Burt	Glenwood	Nath Noel	CBS
Craig Lewis	Fleur de Lys	Neal Blackmore	Gander
Dan Kelly	Marystown	Norm Mercer	Mt. Pearl
Dave King	Stephenville	Patsy Yetman	St. John's
David Hicks	Grand Falls	Perry Warren	Glenwood
Denis Lindahl	St. John's	Peter Dimmell	St. John's
Denis Walsh	St. John's	Peter Duffitt	Botwood
Don Osbourne	St. John's	Reg Lundrigan	Epworth
Edmund Saunders	Hopedale	Rick Edmunds	Postville
Eric Hussey	St. John's	Robbie Coles	Cormack
Greg Rumboldt	St. John's	Robert Freeman	Port Rexton
Ivan Mesher	St. John's	Roland Quinlan	Birchy Bay
Jamie Rose	St. John's	Ron Taylor	St. John's
Jason Flight	Baie Verte	Ronnie Payne	Trinity
Jason Motty	Torbay	Sean Vinnicombe	St. John's
Jason White	CBS	Selyn Rose	St. John's
Jeff Brushett	Marystown	Shane Bermingham	St. John's
Joanne Costello	St. John's	Steve Sheppard	Rencontre East
John Sceviour	Paradise	Tim Howse	Springdale
John Snook	St. John's	Veronica Hill	London, UK
Keith Kelloway	Burin Bay Arm	Wayde Guinchard	Mt. Pearl
Ken Kirby	Goulds	Wayne Reid	St. Phillips
Kevin Cooper	St. John's	Wes Ryan	St. John's

### *List of People in Phone Contact with the MMR - 2015*

Ambrose Gaulton	St. Alban's	Les Hewlett	Baie Verte
Bennett Warren	St. John's	Mark Stockley	Gambo
Bill Kennedy	St. John's	Michelle Noel	CBS
Bob Coady	Goulds	Nath Noel	CBS

Bob Haylay	Bonavista	Neal Blackmore	Gander
Brian Jones	Buchans Junction	Neville Lane	Gambo
Cameron Martin	Lab City	Nick Rodwell	Vancouver
Clyde Burt	Glenwood	Norm Mercer	Mt. Pearl
Colin Kendell	St. Alban's	Paul Keels	Clarenville
Craig Lewis	Fleur de Lys	Peter Dimmell	St. John's
Dan Jacobs	Westport	Peter Frampton	Grand Falls
Derrick Fancey	Wings Point	Peter Rogers	Lab City
Gary Lewis	Grand Falls	Ray Penney	Gambo
Greg Rumboldt	St. John's	Robbie Coles	Corner Brook
Heather Snow	St. John's	Roland Quinlan	Birchy Bay
Henry Crane	St. John's	Ron Mills	Halifax
Herb Froude	Clarenville	Sandy Duffitt	Clarenville
Jeff Brushett	Marystown	Sean Vinnicombe	St. John's
Jody Brushett	Corner Brook	Steve Stockley	Gambo
Joe Walsh	Marystown	Tim Howse	Springdale
John Sceviour	St. John's	Tom Benoit	Stephenville
Josiah Butt	Brooklyn	Tom McLennon	Grand Falls
Ken Lewis	Baie Verte	Tony Kearney	Corner Brook
Kevin Cooper	St. John's	Troy Hawkins	Summerford
Kevin Ryan	St. John's	Veronica Herd	London, UK
Kevin Stagg	Mt. Pearl	Walter Sweetapple	Glovertown
Lai Lai Chan	St. John's		

*List of people in E-Mail Contact with the MMR in 2015*

Alex Turpin	Mt Pearl	John Snook	St. John's
Bert Stone	Marystown	Keith Kelloway	Burin Bay Arm
Bill Kennedy	St. John's	Kevin Keats	Gander
Brian Jones	Buchans Junction	Kevin Ryan	St. John's
Cameron Martin	Lab City	Kevin Stagg	St. John's
Clyde Burt	Glenwood	Lai Lai Chan	St. John's
Craig Lewis	Fleur de Lys	Laura Gaulton	St. Alban's
Dan Jacobs	Westport	Mark Stockley	Gambo
Dan Kelly	Marystown	Melvin Jackman	Harbour Breton
Darrin Hicks	Milltown	Nath Noel	CBS
David Hicks	Grand Falls	Neal Blackmore	Gander
Derrick Fancey	Wings Point	Norm Mercer	Mt Pearl
Don Osbourne	St. John's	Paul Snow	Goose Bay
Duncan Finlayson	Trinity	Peter Dimmell	St. John's
Eddie Quinlan	Birchy Bay	Peter Frampton	Grand Falls
Eric Hussey	St. John's	Peter Rogers	Lab City
Fred Pardy	Glovertown	Randy Goudie	Port Anson
Gary Rowsell	Buchans	Reg Lundrigan	Epworth
George Lannon	Placentia	Robert Freeman	Port Rexton
Greg Pittman	Marystown	Roland Quinlan	Birchy Bay
Henry Crane	St. John's	Ross Collier	St. Alban's
Herb Froude	Clarenville	Roy French	Carbonear
Ivor Northcott	Ramea	Stephen Stockley	Gambo
Jamie Ralph	St. John's	Terry McMillian	NY, USA
Jason Flight	Baie Verte	Tim Froude	St. John's
Jason White	CBS	Travis Oram	Badgers Quay
Jean Boutet	Nain	Walter Sweetapple	Glovertown
Jeff Brushett	Marystown	Wayde Guinchard	Mt Pearl
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