

The Matty Mitchell Prospectors Resource Room

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



Prospectors promoting their properties: PDAC 2019, Toronto

Annual Report for 2019

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INTRODUCTION

This report is a review of specific activities in 2019 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 2019

In 2019, the MMR provided mentoring, technical support and promotional assistance to more than 145 individual prospectors, from all parts of Newfoundland and Labrador who made more than 824 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 2019.

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 2019. 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 2019, the MMR continued its major role of providing logistical and promotional 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 provided promotional material for the following 2019 industry meeting:

- **Mineral Exploration Roundup, Vancouver, January 28th to 31st**

The MMR was a participant and exhibitor in the following 2019 industry meetings:

- **PDAC, Toronto, March 3rd to 6th**
- **Mineral Resources Review, St. John's, November 6th to November 9th**

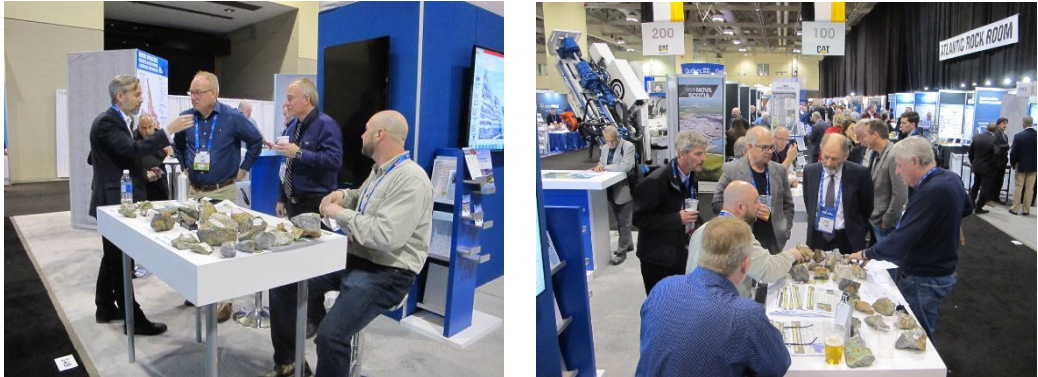
The Resource Room worked in conjunction with Mining Industry NL and the Geological Survey and Mineral Development divisions of the Mines Branch at these meetings, focusing on individual prospect promotion and promotion of the province in general as a region to invest in mineral exploration and development.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

Roundup Conference, January, 2019

One prospector attended the Roundup Conference in Vancouver, B.C: Wayde Guinchard was funded to go to the Roundup by Mining Industry NL and the Department of Natural Resources.



Prospectors promoting properties at the NL Booth, Roundup 2019



Prospectors promoting properties at the NL Booth, PDAC 2019



Prospectors promoting properties at the Prospectors Tent, PDAC 2019

PDAC Conference, March, 2019

A group of 8 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 event in Toronto. Some NL prospectors also availed of rental booth space in the Prospectors Tent. The latter is situated adjacent to the Trade Show booths and affords an excellent opportunity to meet industry representatives. A number of other prospectors from the province (self-funded) also attended. With a registration of over 25,000 people (in 2019) 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.

Corwin Northcott

Little River	Au
Heart Hill	Au-Sb
Le Pouvoir	Au
Swangers Cove	Sb-Au
Lazyman	Au

Derrick Fancey

First Pond	Au
Kypher	Au

Cameron Martin

White Hills	V-Co-Cu-Ni
Horseshoe	Cu-Ti-V
Bellman's Pond	Au

Darrin Hicks

The Outflow	Au
Carol Lake	SiO ₂
Leonard's Find	Au
O'Reilly's	Au
Sheep Bk	REEs
Charles Cove	W-Au

Jim Weick

Mint Bk	Au
Big Bear	Au
Startrack	Au

Peter Rogers

Great Northern	Zn
Evening Lake	Cu-Ni
Bridal Veil	Au-Cu
New World Is	

Kevin Keats

Long Lake	Cu-Pb-Zn-Au
Soulis Pond	Au-Ag
Virgin Arm	Au

Mark Stockley

Gregory River	Cu-Zn-Au
True Grit	Au-Sb-As
West Margin	Ni-Cu-Co-PGEs
Crescent Lake	Cu-Pb-Zn-Ag
Moly Hill -	Mo (±W-Ag-Bi-Cu)

Baie Verte, June 2019

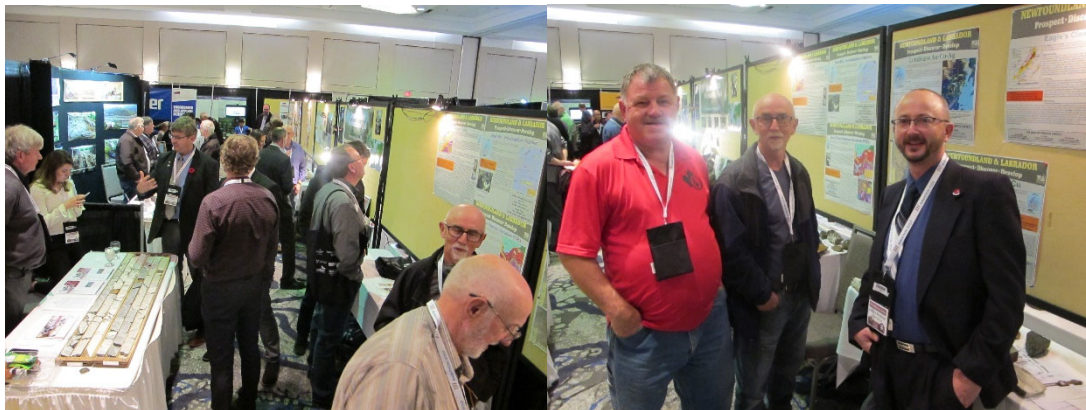
The MMR geologist provided material for the Department Natural Resources booth at the 30th Annual Baie Verte Mining Conference to represent the Matty Mitchell Prospectors Resource Room.



MMR Banner at Natural Resources booth, Baie Verte

St. John's, November, 2019

Mineral Resources Review is Eastern Canada's largest mineral industry conference and trade show, attended by about 750 delegates (in 2019), 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 promoting their properties: Mineral Resources Review, 2019

Prospectors Option Agreements 2019

In 2019, at least 6 prospectors (either as individuals or in partnerships) from Newfoundland and Labrador optioned rights to at least 9 properties in at least 7 deals; the majority of the properties are on the island. At least one of the companies involved is new to the province. Some of the critical contacts, which resulted 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. There was also at least one joint

venture deal done between a junior exploration company working in West Central NL and a company new to the island.

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 approximately 360 posters of prospectors' properties. These are available in digital or hard copy format. The current collection can be examined [here](#).

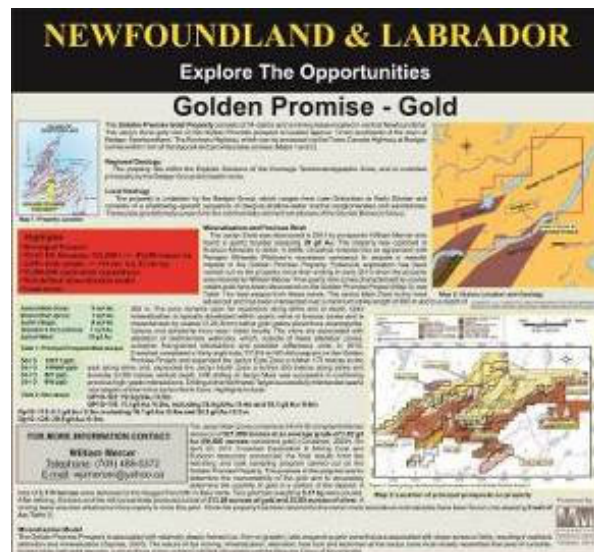
New Property Posters - 2019

Property	Area	Prospector	Commodity
Hatchett Cove	Eastern Newfoundland	Barb Pike	Pb-Ag
Belle	Eastern Newfoundland	Barb Pike	Pb-Ag
Noel Paul	Central Newfoundland	David Hicks	Au

New Property Posters for Historic Showings for display at conferences in 2019.

Grey River	Central Newfoundland	Wes Keats	Au
Mustang	Central Newfoundland	Wes Keats	Au
Deer Pond	Central Newfoundland	Wes Keats	Au
Wings Pond	Central Newfoundland	Neal Blackmore	Au
Toll	Northern Labrador	Tom McLennon	Ni
Long Lake	Central Newfoundland	Kevin Keats	VMS
Tasisuak Lake	Northern Labrador	Darrin Hicks	Ni-Cu

Example of property poster



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, at the 2019 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.



Student Members from MUN volunteering at the Matty Mitchell Booth, Mineral Resources Review, 2019

PARTICIPATION IN PROSPECTOR TRAINING COURSES

St. John's, 6th November, 2019

The Annual Pre-Conference, one-day prospectors' course was held immediately prior to Mineral Resources Review 2019. This year's presentations were on "Myriad 2: The New Online Map Staking System" by Justin Lake of DNR and "Updates to the Geoscience Atlas" by Pauline Honarvar also of DNR. The presentations had excellent attendance by 30 prospectors. The MMR geologist helped to organize this one-day event.

PUBLIC AWARENESS INITIATIVES and OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The MMR geologist attended the Newfoundland and Labrador Prospectors Association (NLPA) AGM on May 4th in Mt. Pearl. Attendees benefited from a display of rocks and reading material from the MMR.

In June, 2019, the NLPA held an evening seminar for local prospectors in Clarendville. The MMR geologist attended and provided a rock and reading material display.

In December, 2019, the MMR geologist gave a presentation on Updates to the Geoscience Atlas to a group of prospectors in Stephenville; the meeting was organized by the NLPA. A rock display and geological resources material were also provided.

Following Stephenville, the MMR geologist gave a presentation on the Resource Room to several students and the facilitator, Peter Frampton, at the Grand Falls/Windsor College of the North Atlantic. The students were attending the new one-year Geological Technician certificate program initiated by the College.

As in past years, the MMR participated in 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.

SAMPLE LIBRARY AND OTHER RESOURCES

New rock samples from across the province were added to the collection in 2019. Dave Evans and Baxter Kean are thanked for donating books and rocks to the room. 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.

Soil augers, lake sediment samplers and gold pans are available for loan-out from the resource room.

Appendix 1: List of Visitors to the MMR - 2019

Andy Kerr	St. John's	Kevin Cooper	Mt. Pearl
Arlene Collins	S. John's	Kevin Ryan	St. John's
Baxter Kean	St. John's	Kevin Stagg	Mt. Pearl
Baxter Stacey	Swift Current	Lai Lai Chan	St. John's
Bernie Maher	St. John's	Larry Rogers	Glovertown
Blair Tilley	CBS	Larry Sheppard	Holyrood
Brenda Hussey	St. John's	Leann Northcott	St. John's
Brian McGrath	Goulds	Leo Hussey	St. John's
Carter Senior	Red Harbour	Marilyn Fancey	Wings Point
Catherine Deveau	St. John's	Michelle Noel	CBS
Clyde McLean	Torbay	MUN Students	St. John's
Clyde Peddle	Clarenville	Murray Smith	Roddickton
Corwin Northcott	Paradise	Nancy Rogers	Glovertown
Dan Kelly	Marystown	Nath Noel	CBS
Darold Perrier	Kippens	Neal Blackmore	Gander
Dave Doyle	St. John's	Neville Lane	Paradise
Dave Evans	Grand Falls	Norm Mercer	Mt. Pearl
David Hicks	Grand Falls	Paul Smith	Clarenville
Denis White	Corner Brook	Peter Shapter	St. John's
Derek Hobbs	Bunyons Cove	Preston Bailey	St. John's
Edmund Saunders	Hopedale	Randy Windsor	St. John's
Eric Hussey	St. John's	Rick Soper	Hants Harbour
Gary Knight	Pouch Cove	Robert Doe	St. John's
Gordon MacDonald	St. John's	Robert Evis	Toronto
Herb Froude	Clarenville	Robert Holloway	St. John's
Herb Simms	St. Phillips	Roger Post	St. John's
Hermann Perry	St. John's	Ron Taylor	St. John's
Jamie Bailey	Bunyons Cove	Sandra Hobbs	Bunyons Cove
Jason White	CBS	Sandy Duffitt	Clarenville
Jeffrey Oake	Glovertown	Sean O'Brien	St. John's
Jim Weick	St. John's	Steve Sheppard	Holyrood
John Snook	St. John's	Steve Stockley	Paradise
Jonathan Howse	Springdale	Tim Howse	Springdale
Keith Kelloway	Burin Bay Arm	Walter Johnston	St. John's
Ken Burt	Corner Brook	Wayde Guinchard	Mt. Pearl
Kevin Doe	St. John's	Wes Keats	Gander

List of People in Phone Contact with the MMR – 2019

Al Keats	Benton	Kevin Cooper	Mt. Pearl
Allison Dancey	St. John's	Kevin Ryan	St. John's
Alphonse Bennett	Stephenville	Kevin Stagg	Mt. Pearl
Art Gardner	Grand Falls	Lai Lai Chan	St. John's
Barb Pike	Charleston	Larry Pilgrim	Kings Point
Baxter Stacey	St. John's	Larry Rogers	Glovertown
Bert Stone	Marystown	Leo Hussey	St. John's
Bill Kennedy	St. John's	Leslie Hewlett	Baie Verte
Bill Mercer	Grand Falls	Maurice Murphy	St. John's
Cameron Martin	Lab City	Michelle Noel	CBS
Clyde Mclean	Torbay	Nath Noel	CBS
Colin Kendall	St. Albans	Neal Blackmore	Gander
Corwin Northcott	Paradise	Norm Mercer	Mt. Pearl
Cyril Reid	Grand Falls	Paul Dean	St. John's
Dan Jacobs	Westport	Paul Moore	St. John's
Dan Kelly	Marystown	Pearce Bradley	Grand Falls
Dave Bayer	Toronto	Perry Moulton	Corner Brook
David Bayer	Toronto	Peter Frampton	Grand Falls
David Hicks	Grand Falls	Peter Rogers	Lab City
Derrick Fancey	Wings Pt	Rick Soper	Hants Harbour
Derek Hobbs	Bunyons Cove	Roger Post	Corner Brook
Derrick Fancey	Wings Pt	Roland Quinlan	Birchy Bay
Don Ledrew	Wings Point	Ron Mills	Truro, NS
Edmund Saunders	Hopedale	Ryan Miller	St. John's
Eric Hussey	St. John's	Sandy Duffitt	Clarenville
Garfield Keats	Benton	Sean O'Brien	St. John's
Gary Doyle	Grates Cove	Shawn Duquette	St. John's
Gary Knight	Pouch Cove	Shawn Rose	Stephenville
George Lannon	Placentia	Stan Squires	St. John's
Herb Froude	Clarenville	Terry Russell	Grand Falls
Jean Pierre Ashini	HVGB	Tim Howse	Springdale
Jeff Brushett	Marystown	Tom McLennon	Grand Falls
Jim Weick	St. John's	Tony Bayer	Toronto
Joe Walsh	Marystown	Trina Organ	St. John's
John Doe	NB	Victor Muise	St. Georges
John Snook	St. John's	Wayde Guinchard	Mt. Pearl
Ken Lewis	Baie d'Espoir	Wes Keats	Gander

List of people in E-Mail Contact with the MMR in 2019

Alex Bailey	St. John's	Ken Lewis	Baie Verte
Arlene Collins	St. John's	Kenny Hogan	Toronto
Art Gardner	Grand Falls	Kevin Keats	Gander
Barb Pike	Charlston	Kevin Ryan	St. John's
Barry Sparkes	St. Lawrence	Lai Lai Chan	St. John's
Bert Stone	Marystown	Larry Rogers	Glovertown
Bill Kennedy	St. John's	Len Muise	Stephenville
Bob McGuire	St. John's	Leo Hussey	St. John's
Cameron Martin	Lab City	Les Hewlett	Baie Verte
Chris Meadus	Torbay	Lloyd Pike	Charlston
Christina Keats	Gander	Marco Landry	Quebec
Clyde McLean	Torbay	Maria Hicks	Milltown
Corwin Northcott	Paradise	Mark Stockley	Gambo
Craig Lewis	Springdale	Maurice Murphy	St. John's
Dan Kelly	Marystown	Michelle Noel	CBS
Darrin Hicks	Grand Falls	Murray Smith	Roddickton
Dave Copeland	St. John's	Nancy Rogers	Glovertown
David Hicks	Grand Falls	Nath Noel	CBS
Derek Wilton	St. John's	Neal Blackmore	Gander
Derrick Fancey	Wings Point	Norm Mercer	Mt. Pearl
Duncan Finlayson	Trinity	Peter Frampton	Grand Falls
Dwight Day	Botwood	Peter Rogers	Lab City
Eddie Quinlan	Birchy Bay	Peter Shapter	St. John's
Edmund Saunders	Hopedale	Rick Soper	Hants Harbour
Eric Hussey	St. John's	Roland Quinlan	Birchy Bay
Garfield Keats	Benton	Ron Mills	Truro, NS
George Lannon	Placentia	Ross Collier	St. Alban's
Gordon Cooper	Mt. Pearl	Sandy Duffitt	Clarenville
Herb Simms	St. Philips	Sandy Stares	Gander
James Blackmore	St. John's	Sean O'Brien	St. John's
James Lenec	BC?	Shane Stares	Gander
Jason Flight	Baie Verte	Shawn Rose	Stephenville
Jason Pentney	St. John's	Steve Sheppard	Holyrood
Jason White	CBS	Steve Stares	Benton
Jean Pierre Ashini	Northwest River	Steve Stockley	Paradise
Jeff Brushett	Marystown	Tom McLennon	Grand Falls
Jeffrey Oake	Glovertown	Tony Bayer	Toronto
Jim Weick	St. John's	Tony Kearney	Roddickton
Joe Walsh	Marystown	Victor Muise	St. Georges
John Snook	St. John's	Wayde Guinchard	Mt. Pearl

Keith Kelloway	Burin Bay	Wayne Pickett	Centreville
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