

I just wanted to contribute a few suggestions towards your mineral strategy. My name is Jeff Brushett and I am a local prospector from Marystown.

I have been prospecting for 2 years now & during these 2 years I have devoted much of my time toward prospecting when I'm not working. During this time I have found some really good anomalies. I thoroughly enjoy prospecting however it takes up a lot of time & energy. One thing that causes me to lose interest in prospecting is all the paper work which is required.

For example if I want to get a grant I have to fill out an application which is understandable. Then at years end I have to compile a prospectors report basically to prove where I spent the money. But, it requires extensive information. This report usually takes me 3 days to compile.

Furthermore, this year I was required to do an assessment report for a claim I had made. This report required so much detailed information and was mind boggling at times. The assessment report took me 4 days to compile. This was only for one claim & every claim a prospector has requires an assessment report. Prior to compiling this report I made my second claim. In hindsight knowing what I know now I would not have made this claim due to all the paper work required for the assessment report!

I will most likely just let this claim run out instead of doing all that paper work. So as you can see all the paper work is a deterrent for me furthering my prospecting abilities & possibly making some good discoveries. I'm sure many prospectors share my frustration. As a matter of fact I have spoken to a couple of prospectors and they also feel bogged down with paper work. I also know some individuals that were interested in prospecting and had made a claim but when they realized all the required paper work they just gave up on it.

After all we are prospectors not geologists or business majors. To summarize if you guys can't simplify or lessen the required paperwork than you should establish monetary compensation to prospectors for completing all this paper work. After all the Dept of natural resources uses all this information so basically we're working for you guys... We spend days & weeks scouring the country side which we enjoy but is hard work. Therefore we deserve some leeway or compensation for all the paper work. Just a thought but if you want to prove my assertions than I suggest you do some research with regards to the number of claims made & the number of claims dropped with no assessment reports made on them. I think the results will prove my theory.

Obviously some changes have to be made in order to get more boots on the ground and discover the unseen mineral possibilities that exist in our beautiful province.

Another suggestion I have is more access to geologists visiting our properties spending the day with us and giving us their professional advice. I look forward to hearing your reply with regards to this email.

Yours truly;

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