

Southeastern Aurora Development Corporation is a leader in economic development for the Cartwright – Lodge Bay region. The mining industry is a potential growth sector which is reason to participate in the Minerals Strategy of NL. The SADC wishes to support and encourage activities in mining that respect and support development values for the region. The strategy for the province need to help foster new developments and opportunities for the southeast Labrador area.

A Competitive Environment for the Minerals Industry

How can government best aid in promotion of the mineral sector?

- Education & Information sessions to liaison with both individuals and groups (Norm Mercer is a good example of how to effectively do this work).

How can government encourage increased levels of mineral exploration and development?

- What is the demand on the 2.9 million dollars each year?

What could be done to further develop prospecting in the province?

- There are 3 communities between Cartwright – Lodge Bay who has requested the 2-week training course with numbers signed up of 20 people plus – the province should consider partner with existing training & financial institution to allow for extra training particularly in remote/rural areas.

What is the appropriate level of geosciences activity to satisfy the needs of the mineral sector, and to accomplish government's goals and objectives?

- There appears to be a great deal of information but it is difficult to navigate through to find the information you need.
- Expand the mines & energy department in Labrador.

What are the key infrastructure needs for further mining development and exploration?

- Mining companies require modern services, it is a very competitive environment and lowering cost and providing convince for operations is key and will determine where development occurs.
 - Roads in this area need to be harden and brought up to National Standards to support future growth in this region.
 - Lower cost of energy, available power and reliability is essential to attract future development initiative.
 - Communications is a must – high-speed Internet & Cellular Service is needed in today's business world.
 - Establishing a industry port in the region is key, our region already have ice free ports which can be further developed to support future growth of this industry.

Are there any issues with the current regulations and permitting process for mineral exploration, mine development and quarry development?

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How can the need to protect land for ecological reasons be balanced with mineral exploration's need for access to land?

- Province should be aware of ecological sensitive areas and conduct the necessary research prior to exploration work commencing – all these areas must be mapped and readily available, plus engagement of residence in communities throughout this process.

What can be done to stimulate more research and development in the mining and mineral exploration sector in the province?

What should be the focus of minerals sector research in the province?

How can discovery rates for mineral deposits be maintained or improved?

- Provide provisions/programs to encourage and support increase of numbers of people on the ground (boots in the field)

What can be done to diversify the minerals industry in the Province?

- Aggressively market our province showcasing the abundance of raw material & minerals.

Ensuring a Fair return for the people of the province

Does the current tax regime strike the right balance between providing appropriate revenue to the province while remaining competitive in the global mining industry?

Does the province obtain its fair share of benefits from mining and how can the regulation of benefits be improved?

- Benefit agreements are in place for some Aboriginal Groups but not all, and these agreements do ensure that benefits spill out to those adjacent to the resource and must expand to include other communities especially in Labrador where a majority of the provinces revenue is derived from this industry.

Community Development

How can the minerals sector aid community development, especially in rural and remote regions?

- 2/2 or 3/3 work schedules would allow for people to remain in their home communities and gain meaningful well paying jobs. This type of work schedule need to be encouraged for new and existing mining developments.

How can we continue to improve the opportunities for women and Aboriginal people in the minerals sector?

- Training in rural communities is key; people need to have access to training where they are – skills training.
- Create awareness through information through a centralize resources where the information is readily available. We need to add more resources to the mining branch in Labrador.
- Adjacency principal need to be applied to ensure local people are hired, and receive access to training they require to secure jobs.

Are current safety standards in the provincial mining industry adequate?

What can the minerals sector do to ensure it has the support of communities in its operations?

- Understand their social responsibility to communities in and around their operation and provide support for services and infrastructure that their employments/management may utilized.
- Meet with town leaders to inform of current plans and future operations.
- Hire locally and provide information on skills required

How can the public be engaged in appropriate and ongoing dialogue about mineral development?

- Mining/exploration companies need to support independent analysis of activity (ie. MUN research teams) – information and engagement sessions conducted by these institutions would be better received and believed in this manner.

Is the public sufficiently informed about the mineral sector and if not how can communications be improved?

- Information sheets that come out from mining companies are so technical the general public do not understand it. The information need to be clear language, along with the technical supplement to support it.

Sustainable mining and the environment

How can the environment impact of the mineral sector be further reduced?

- Is there baseline information in place (biodiversity/migratory/emissions/ etc)?

How can the implementation of “green” mining initiatives be further encouraged?

How should orphaned and abandoned mine sites be dealt with?

- Damage deposit should be implementing.

What actions can the minerals sector undertake to adapt to changing climate conditions and reduce GHG emissions?

Who can government support the industry in dealing with this issue?