

The following are recommendations from the Town of St. Lawrence re – Mineral Strategy – A Discussion Paper:

- Mineral samples in schools; dedicated exploration program in school curriculum including field trips; a prospecting kit provided gratis to all senior high students.
- Adjust and develop provincial testing program for grading exploration samples.
- A better industry and departmental communication and support services for prospective explorers to buy tools, etc. supported by a provincial grant or tax incentive or both.
- A defined land use policy for mining in cooperation with Dept. of Environment and Conservation, Natural Resources, Dept. of Municipal Affairs and other pertinent departments and agencies.
- Opportunities Fund – a venture capital fund for economic development and diversification, a renewed corporate citizen plan.
- Develop policy and principles to encourage secondary processing.
- New technology for exploration under water.
- Examine the economics of a lapidary store for rocks and minerals, in particular crystal minerals.
- Mining companies should incorporate aggregate economics in each mining venture – incentives should be considered.
- Examine the tourism value of all mines including the St. Lawrence mines – geology, legacy, culture, influence and affluence.
- To legislate that the approval of quarries must require the absolute support of municipal governments.
- There should be a framework of principles for mining companies in order to receive a “social license” from communities where mining activity exists or may exist.

- Loan guarantees should be available as well as grants to encourage exploration and mining.
- Focus on training and training institutions for mining professionals, trades people, geoscientists, mining engineers and miners.
- There should be a technical evaluation of the by-products of the St. Lawrence mines to determine processing opportunities at the INCO Processing facility – Long Harbour.
- The ecological, tourism and cultural value of land vs. the mining value of land should be a principle fully evaluated.
- Encourage municipal participation in mining development – work with us! Financial incentives for Municipal Councils to attend trade shows, etc. cost shared among all levels of government.
- Pilot – using wind power to generate electricity to propel St. Lawrence mines.