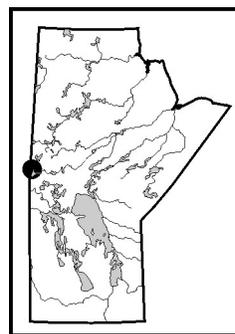


Activities of the Manitoba Geological Survey's Flin Flon regional office by T.H. Heine

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Summary

The Flin Flon office continued to provide technical and regulatory assistance to the mining and mineral-exploration communities in northwestern Manitoba. These activities include

- recording new mineral claims and accepting applications and submissions required under *The Mines and Minerals Act*,
- answering inquiries related to claim status and *The Mines and Minerals Act*, and
- maintaining a collection of current claim and land-status maps for the Province of Manitoba.

The office staff includes the Regional Geologist (Thomas H. Heine), Resident Geologist (David E. Prouse), Deputy Mining Recorder (Tana A. White) and a Claims Inspector (Dale Wride).

Mining recording functions

The Flin Flon Mining Recording Office provides all services for registering claims and accepting submissions required under the terms of *The Mines and Minerals Act*. Claim history and status reports are prepared for clients on request. Clients are also shown how to use the Manitoba Science, Technology, Energy and Mines Web portal.

Exploration assistance

One of the main functions of this office is to provide assistance to companies and individuals involved in mineral exploration and development in the region. This consists of locating information, providing technical advice and making site visits to client offices and their properties. The Centennial core viewing facility is maintained as a convenient location where drillcore can be temporarily stored and logged in a heated facility. A field camp used for summer projects is also maintained at this site.

This office continued to provide technical support for the Green Project (Heine, 2005), where additional funding allowed it to continue for another year. This community-based project has been successfully treating areas affected by acidic emissions from the Flin Flon smelter with finely crushed dolomitic limestone. The annual reports and results of this project can be seen on their web site at www.greenproject.ca.

Meetings of the Manitoba–Saskatchewan Prospectors and Developers Association were attended in order

to keep track of issues related to provincial policies and regulations.

Considerable interest has recently been shown in the Sherridon area. One company has assembled a significant land package and is undertaking an extensive exploration program. As part of this effort, the company has offered to co-operate with the upcoming TGI 3 initiative that is being co-ordinated with the Geological Survey of Canada. Full assistance is being provided by the Flin Flon office and the Manitoba Geological Survey to facilitate base- and precious-metals exploration in this area.

The development of a digital Manitoba Mineral Deposits database is advancing. The progress of this project is described in detail elsewhere in this volume (Heine, GS-26, this volume).

Economic considerations

Because of its location in the centre of Manitoba's base-metal mining district, the Flin Flon regional office is able to handle regulatory and technical requests efficiently and maintain continuous contact with the stakeholders of the region.

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