

EDMONTON (November 23, 1978) --- The Northern Mineral Advisory Committee, representing the mining industry and the federal government, met here for the first time today. The Committee was constituted to provide advice to Northern Affairs Minister, High Faulkner, while the federal and territorial governments developed a northern minerals strategy.

The Committee includes representatives of the Yukon Chamber of Mines, the NWT Chamber of Mines, the B.C. & Yukon Chamber of Mines, the Alberta Chamber of Resources and the Mining Association of Canada. The federal government is represented by officials of the Departments of Indian and Northern Affairs and of Energy Mines and Resources. The Committee selected John Bruk, President of Cyprus Anvil Mining as its first Chairman. William T. Irvine, special advisor on mining to Mr. Faulkner, was named Executive Secretary. Mr. Irvine is a consulting geological engineer with forty years experience in mining and exploration.

"The northern mineral industry welcomes this opportunity to work together with government to develop a mineral policy for the north," Mr. Bruk said. "The fact that this committee was struck in a joint industry/government initiative is evidence that there is mutual concern for the industry's future in the north."

"We will discuss mutual interests candidly and openly," Mr. Bruk said. "If the industry is to continue to perform a vital development function in the north, it is appropriate that it is consulted and the decision making process."

The Committee will hold its next meeting in Vancouver on December 15. Additional meetings will be held in Whitehorse, Yellowknife and Ottawa.

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NORTHERN MINERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEEMembers

John Bruk (Chairman)	Chairman Cyprus Anvil Mining Corporation
R.J. Cathro	Archer, Cathro & Associates Ltd.
R.P. Douglas	Group Vice President - Cominco Ltd. President - Pine Point Mines
R.A. Granger	Prospector
R.J. Hawkes	Assistant Manager Noranda Exploration Company, Limited
A.C. Ogilvy	Manager Yukon Chamber of Mines
C.M. Trigg	Trigg, Woollett Consulting Ltd.
R. Hornal	Director NWT Region
W.G. Jeffery	A/Assistant Deputy Minister Mineral Policy
D. MacKinnon	A/Director General Resources & Economic Planning
J.M. Patterson	Chief, Mining Division
(To be appointed)	Director Yukon Region
H.W. Woodward	Director Northern Non-Renewable Resources Branch
W.T. Irvine (Executive Secretary)	Special Advisor Mining to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

Representing

Mining Association of Canada
B.C. and Yukon Chamber of Mines
NWT Chamber of Mines
Yukon Chamber of Mines
NWT Chamber of Mines
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Alberta Chamber of Resources
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CIPLE.
B-3 IN CASES WHERE MULTI USE IS THOUGHT TO BE IMPRACTICAL SURFACE
SHOULD NOT BE ALIENATED UNTIL OPTIMUM LAND USE HAS BEEN FULLY
EVALUATED.
B-4 AS CATHRO B-3 - DELETE 'AND A PUBLIC PLANNING PROCESS'
ADD ''SHOULD NOT EXCEED PERCENTAGE AREAS IN PROVINCES''.
B-5 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS SHOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO LOCAL
SENSITIVITY.
B-6 ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION SHOULD NOT BE USED TO ATTAIN SOCIAL
AND POLITICAL OBJECTIVES.
C-1 DELETE - THIS IS A PROVINCIAL PROBLEM. THE PROPOSAL COULD
REMOVE NORTHERN ADVANTAGES PRESENTLY ENJOYED.
C-2 AFTER ''ATTRACT'' ADD ''CAPITAL AND'' ADD ALSO ''THESE SHOULD
INCLUDE CORPORATE AND PERSONAL INCOME TAX CREDITS''.
C-3 DANGEROUS - SEE ITEM C-1.
C-4 AGREED - SHOULD REVERT TO DIEFENBAKER AND ARTHUR LANG POLICY.

NOTE (1)

GRANGER AND OGILVY ARRIVE EDMONTON HOLIDAY INN WED EVENING DEPART
FRIDAY.

NOTE (2)

YCM ANNUAL MEETING/ELECTION LAST THURSDAY RETURNED GRANGER PRESIDENT
FOR THIRD TERM - NO MAJOR CHANGES IN EXECUTIVE.

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R P DOUGLAS
C/O CHAMBER OF RESOURCES EDM

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**CATHRO TELEX DATED 14 NOVEMBER INVITED COMMENTS ANF IDEAS.
YCM EXECUTIVE MET FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER WND COMMENTS AS FOLLOWS.

RE AGENDA ITEMS

- A1 CHARIMANSHIP SHOULD ROTATE
- A2 SOME MEETINGS IN THE NORTH
- A3 SCOPE OF COMMITTEE SHOULD BE LIMITED TO DEVELOPING A NORTHERN MINERALS STRATEGY.
- B1 EACH REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO REPORT TO AND CONSULT WITH HIS CHAMBER BUT NOT PUBLIC OR PRESS, EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED
- B2 SUBCOMMITTEES EXCEPT POSSIBLY TAXATION PROB NOT NECESSARY.
- F PREMATURE - SEE POLICY PRINCIPLE.
- F WILL REPEAT
- F PREMATURE - SEE POLICY PRINCIPLE A3 BELOW

RE POLICY PRINCIPLES

- A1 AGREED
- A2 SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO COVER INFRASTRUCTURE
- A2A N C P C SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO CARRY OUT FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND REPORT SAME.
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Minutes of the First Meeting of the Northern Mineral
Advisory Committee

Edmonton, November 23, 1978

Members Present: See attached list.

Members Absent: Mr. D. Watson

Election of Chairman

Mr. Irvine acted as Chairman Pro Tem and asked for nominations for Chairman. Mr. J. Bruk was nominated by Mr. MacKinnon, Mr. Douglas seconding. There were no other nominations.

Mr. Bruk made some comments prior to voting on his nomination. He referred to the previous meeting in Yellowknife and said that the Minister should be commended for his response to the policy statement recommendations, namely that he was agreeable to the formation of a committee to set up a mining strategy. Therefore this committee has a very meaningful role to play, but the members should remember that the most important point in discussing the position of Chairman is that the focus should be to come up with recommendations for a mining policy for the North.

There followed a general discussion as to whether a co-Chairman should be appointed. It was finally agreed that Mr. Bruk could appoint an alternate to act for him in his absence from committee meetings.

Function of the Special Advisor on Mining

Terms of reference for this position were studied by the Committee.

W.T. Irvine was nominated as Executive Secretary of the Committee by C. Ogilvie, R. Hornal seconding. Carried .

There was discussion as to the name of the Committee and it was decided to adhere to the constitution and call it the Northern Mineral Advisory Committee.

Rules of Procedure

Mr. Bruk asked how we can accomplish our objective of advising on

a northern policy and making recommendations to the Minister.

Mr. Hawkes asked what the timing of this objective was in relation to the coming Federal election, and also whether an early election would affect the work of the Committee. It was pointed out by Mr. MacKinnon and Mr. Bruk that the Committee was formed to report to the Minister, regardless of what party is in power.

Mr. Trigg raised the question of a possible withdrawal of funds for the Committee if there was a change in Government, but there was general agreement that travel expenses are each members responsibility, and so would not be affected by an election.

When questioned by Mr. Bruk, all members agreed that the objectives could be timed for the end of April 1979.

Discussion of Role and Concern of Sub-Committees

The first sub-committee to be discussed was one dealing with mining taxation. It was recognized that the Minister of DIAND does not have taxes as his primary concern, but that he does communicate with the Department of Finance on these matters and so it is appropriate to report to him on taxing policies, but this should be low profile to avoid embarrassment. It was generally agreed that including Ottawa representatives of M.A.C. on the taxation sub-committee will be helpful, but this and the subject of the possible sub-committees will be considered at the next meeting.

In general we should identify difficult areas and create sub-committees to deal with these.

Mr. Bruk would like to add a representative of M.A.C. to the main Committee, but a decision on this was deferred.

Procedures for Developing a Northern Minerals Policy

There was agreement that a statement on Policy should precede the development of Strategy. Mr. Bruk read the Steps to a Northern Mineral Policy and discussion followed regarding appropriate wording. The Committee agreed that the Mining Industry is worth protecting and fostering, and this led to a discussion of mineral rights. Mr. Bruk pointed out that the ownership of mineral rights is an important concern of the Mining Industry. In the ensuing discussion the following points were put forward by various members:

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1. Mining development should be allowed to proceed while Native land claims are being settled.
2. Certain mineral rights have been alienated in fee simple to Native communities, but these are relatively small areas, and the fact is that ownership in fee simple does not necessarily restrict exploration.
3. A number of members of the Committee are not in favour of any large size transfer of mineral rights.
4. A very tenuous balance must be maintained in legal and social respects in the North when discussing ownership of mineral rights.
5. Our policies for specific situations such as land use should be brought into line with a general policy so as to strike a balance.

Since a consensus could not be arrived at in the time available, it was agreed that each member will come to the next meeting with his version of an adequate policy statement.

Schedule of Future Committee Activity

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would be in Vancouver, at 9 A.M. *Dec 15/78*

The date of the next succeeding meeting is tentatively set for January ~~18~~^{12th} in Ottawa. @ 9.00 am

Press Release

A press release draft was prepared by Ken Shindler, Information Officer, DIAND, and was approved for release by the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

End of minutes.

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J. Bruk, Chairman

signed _____
W.T. Irvine, Executive Secretary

STEPS TO A NORTHERN MINERAL POLICY

STEP 1 - POLICY STATEMENT

The Government of Canada recognizes that mining is important to Northern Canada, being the most significant industry, the largest employer, and a major contributor to settlement and transportation, and that mining can be expected to provide future economic growth and stability to the benefit of all Canadians.

Therefore the Government of Canada is committed to foster, promote and encourage prospecting, exploration and mining in the Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories.

To effect this purpose, the ownership of mineral rights⁽¹⁾ in the Territories will remain vested in the crown, access to minerals for the purpose of acquiring title, prospecting and mining will be assured, land use policies will not be formulated without considering their impact on mining, fiscal policies will stimulate northern mining, employment of northern peoples in mining will be encouraged, transportation, energy and other infrastructure will be sponsored to meet mining development, and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development will be re-structured and will employ administrative regulations and practices to achieve this policy.

During the formulation and implementation of this policy, the Government of Canada will not make any land withdrawals for any purpose, and will not impede the normal business of prospecting and mining through the introduction and/or amendment of regulations and administrative practices.

STEP 2 - REORGANIZATION OF DIAND

In as much as it is the objective of the Government of Canada to restore confidence and to promote a healthy mining industry in Canada's north which can benefit many Canadians both socially, and economically; and in as much as the resource sector is the largest industrial employer, the greatest source of new wealth, and the greatest potential source of new wealth, it is desirable that the department reorganize in such a manner as to exemplify the prominence of the Northern Development section of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. To this end, an Assistant Deputy Minister of Northern Development will be appointed who will be responsible for resources and economic planning, northern

pipelines, northern water management, northern lands management, northern forests, regional directors and all subsidiary functions.

STEP 3 - CONSULTATION

The development of an effective Northern Mineral Strategy will require meaningful consultation and dialogue between Indian Affairs and Northern Development and the mining industry so as to foster an air of credibility and mutual trust.

This dialogue will take the form of ongoing consultation through the Chambers of Mines and the formation of a Northern Mineral Advisory Committee similar to that in effect at the annual joint chambers meeting. This advisory committee will meet on a regular basis with the Assistant Deputy Minister of Northern Development.

In addition to ongoing consultation, it will be necessary to establish a committee specifically for the purpose of developing the Northern Mineral Strategy. The committee will report its findings to the Minister for action, and will be comprised of appointees of the chambers, two from the N.W.T., two from the Yukon, one each from British Columbia and Alberta; one appointee by the Mining Association of Canada, and two or three appointees from the newly established Northern Development Division.

TERMS OF REFERENCE
SENIOR MINERAL ADVISOR TO THE MINISTER

1. Provides advice directly to the Minister in the development of a major northern mineral policy statement.
2. Brings the Minister's attention to major problem areas identified by the northern mining industry.
3. Provides periodic reports to the Minister.
4. Manages the joint consultative process between industry and government leading to the timely implementation of a Northern Mineral Strategy.
5. Provides direction, support and secretarial capability to the Consultative Committee for joint development of a Northern Minerals Strategy.
6. Provides liaison between the Minister, federal government departments and the Consultative Committee to facilitate the flow of instructions, data collection, and recommendations.
7. Provides liaison between the department, the four Chambers of Mines, the Mining Association of Canada and representatives of industry.
8. Has major responsibility for the identification and direction of projects assigned to the functional sub-committees of the Consultative Committee.
9. Provides liaison between the sub-committees and the Consultative Committee.
10. Acts as an in-house consultant to various senior departmental officials in the development of a departmental position on problems identified by the Consultative Committee and/or Industry.
11. Consults with other Government Departments concerned with industry problems such as EMR, Finance and IT&C.

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