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Challenges Facing the Explorers of Ontario

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- Summary
 - Who are Ontario Prospectors
 - Mining Act Changes
 - Bill 191: Far North Planning Act
 - Species At Risk
 - Interesting Developments in the North

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The OPA exists to enhance and promote Ontario's mineral exploration and development community and to foster a healthy mining industry in the Province.

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- There are Seven Regional Associations
- Last year we had over ~800 individual and 40 corporate members

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The Mining Act Changes

**ACT vs REGULATION
3 – 5 YEAR PROCESS**

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- Changes to Allow Better Relationship on the Land
 - More Consultation of Land Owners, First Nations and Explorers
 - A move to Plans and Permits to Stimulate Dialogue
 - What is Effect of More Red Tape on Explorers?

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● Work Plans And Permits

- Potential Delays Accessing Projects
- Lack of capacity in First Nations Communities
- Lack of Timelines
- Who is the ultimate decision maker?
- What about modifications in a dynamic exploration program?
- Who gets copied? MNR/MOE/DFO/MOL?

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- Consultation with First Nations and Metis
 - Provincially: All Communities
 - What level, When and with Who?
 - Is there any controls of what companies can promise to First Nations or Metis?
 - How will MNDM guarantee that there is capacity in the Communities to consult?

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- Consultation with First Nations

How will the government deliver on its duty to consult other than through delegation?

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● Bill 191: Far North Planning Act

- 50 % of Area North of 51 Protected
- Premier's Legacy
- Lack of Science
- Who are Drivers: Not Northerners
- Explorers need land: Unknown potential

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- No New Mines in Far North without Community approved Land Use Plans
 - What will driver be to get a Plan?
 - Who has ultimate decision?
 - Will this suppress economic development by discouraging investment in exploration?
 - Will this pressure First Nation communities to hastily accept potentially compromised land use plans in order to realize the benefits of the industry.

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● Species At Risk

- New MNR program
- Being operated as usual no centralized Direction
- No understanding of explorers
- Do we really need level of Protection

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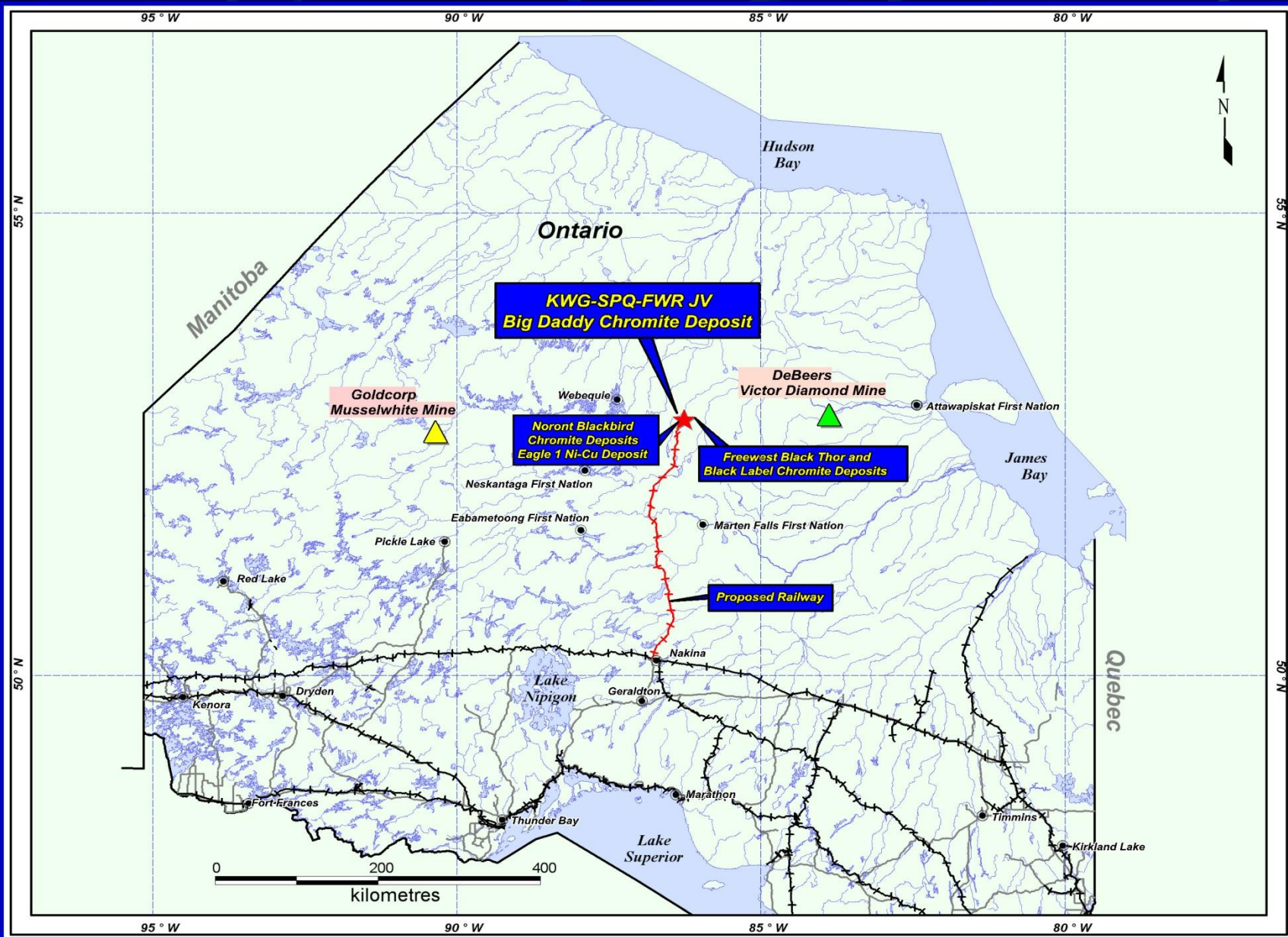
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NORTH

- **Northeast: Gold in Timmins, Kirkland Lake, Matachewan, Wawa and Detour**
- **Marathon: Marathon PGM/Stillwater**
- **Geraldton – Beardmore: Gold**
- **Atikokan, Rainy River, Pickle Lake, Shebandowan**
- **Sudbury: New Players looking at smaller deposits**
- **Ring of Fire**

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RING OF FIRE

- Major Exploration and Development Event in The Far North
- Chromite Discovery, Major component in Stainless Steel, Potential World Class Deposit
- Huge Economic Implications
- No North America Source
- Copper, Nickel, Zinc and Gold also



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● Global Exploration

Ontario is a Great place to explore but there are many other areas to explore.



Thank You

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