

THE COMMITTEE OF PROVINCIAL GEOLOGISTS CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT, 1994

The Committee of Provincial Geologists was active during 1994. It met twice during the year: first at the Prospectors and Developers Conference in March, and then again at the Mines Ministers Conference in Victoria in September. In addition, regular communications are maintained using e-mail and fax.

During 1994 the work of the Committee focussed on:

- Advising on strategic change at the Geological Survey of Canada as it responds to changing priorities and the Federal Program Review.
- Sharing advice and experience in strategic planning between a provincial survey and the Geological Survey of Canada.
- Information exchange between surveys on mineral resource assessment methodologies, and on digital database standards for the geosciences. As part of these initiatives, and at the request of the Committee, British Columbia ran a two day workshop on mineral resource assessment methodology in March 1994.
- External Contacts:

a) The Committee submitted a brief to the national Science and Technology Review on the importance of geoscience research to sustainable development in Canada.

b) The Committee met with the Canadian Geoscience Council Review Committee on the *Future of the Geosciences in Canada*. Independently, most members also submitted written briefs to the CGC Committee.

- National Geological Surveys Committee:

The Provincial and Territorial Geologists along with the Geological Survey of Canada constitute the National Geological Surveys Committee. This national committee is now playing a more active role in forging cooperation and in representing government geoscience. Budget pressures are compelling the surveys to better coordinate their efforts. The result of these ventures will ensure improved sharing of data and resources. This Committee met twice during the reporting period.

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Chair, Committee of Provincial Geologists, 1994-95