

Ontario Days

Day One: Monday, March 2, 2026

Metro Toronto Convention Center, Room 206F

Discover valuable insights into Ontario's mining sector in this dynamic two-day program featuring technical presentations, a panel discussion, and opportunities to connect directly with industry experts

Start	Presentation Information
10:00 a.m.	<p>Fireside Chat: How the IESO is supporting economic growth in mining</p> <p>Carla Y. Nell Executive Vice President of Corporate Relations, Engagement and Strategy, Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) Priya Tandon President, Ontario Mining Association (OMA)</p> <p>A focused discussion on how Ontario's IESO and the mining sector can collaborate to meet energy needs, support electrification and enable economic growth.</p> 
10:30 a.m.	<p>Talk to an Expert</p> <p>Ontario's solutions to mining's workforce challenges</p> <p>Providing an overview of Ontario's programs that help employers hire, train and retain skilled workers. Attendees have the opportunity to meet with key Ontario staff, learn how to access our programming and get support with their applications.</p>
11:00 a.m.	<p>Revitalizing Ontario's Exploration Voice: The Ontario Prospectors Association's strategic transformation</p> <p>Steve Virtue, Interim CEO, Ontario Prospectors Association (OPA)</p> <p>The OPA is to strengthen its role as Ontario's premier voice for prospectors and mineral explorers. Join the presentation to learn how the OPA is undergoing strategic revitalization, building governance excellence, welcoming the next generation of leaders, and intensifying advocacy for world-class exploration and investment conditions.</p>
11:30 a.m.	<p>Strengthening Ontario's Critical Minerals Supply Chain</p> <p>Musfiq Islam, Investment Lead Advanced Manufacturing and Critical Minerals, Invest Ontario</p> <p>Invest Ontario will highlight the opportunities to build an end-to-end critical minerals supply chain and the plan to support investments that strengthen Ontario's critical minerals processing capacity and competitiveness of Ontario's industrial base.</p>
12:30 p.m.	<p>New OGS Digital Data Products</p> <p>Genevieve Meyer, GIS/Data Team Lead, OGS</p> <p>Showcasing improvements to the GeologyOntario hub site and new digital data products from the OGS which provide rapid, streamlined access to high-quality geoscience data.</p> <p>Gold in Ontario</p> <p>Paul Malegus, Regional Resident Geologist, OGS</p> <p>An overview of Ontario's gold sector, highlighting key exploration and development projects and active mining operations, with a focus on current trends and emerging developments driving gold in Ontario.</p> <p>Ontario Geological Survey Mapping Projects</p> <p>Sonia Prefontaine, M. Sc., P. Geo, Senior Science Leader, OGS</p> <p>Discover how the Ontario Geological Survey advances northern Ontario's resource potential through mapping and thematic projects, spotlighting critical minerals and gold—key drivers of Ontario's economic and strategic priorities.</p> <p>Regional till sampling for critical minerals: A case study in Ontario's "Ring of Fire" area</p> <p>Gao (George) Cunhai, Ph. D., P. Geo., Quaternary Geoscientist, OGS</p> <p>Till samples from Ontario's Ring of Fire area contain highly anomalous detrital chromite grains along the Attawapiskat River. Geochemical signatures and ice-flow patterns indicate these grains originate from an unidentified source within the James Bay Lowland.</p>
2:00 p.m.	<p>Community Readiness to Participate in Economic Opportunities for Mining</p> <p>Explore how communities have ensured readiness, allowing them to participate in and benefit from mineral development activities on and near their territory.</p>

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Day Two: Tuesday, March 3, 2026

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10:00 a.m.	<p>Driving Northern Growth: Strategic Programs, Partnerships, and Economic Impact Presented by: Ryan Lipcsei, Northern Development Advisor</p> <p>The Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth will showcase northern Ontario's strengths, economic opportunities, and key programs supporting businesses and communities.</p>
10:30 a.m.	<p>OGS Student Outreach Hosted by: Ontario Geological Survey (OGS)</p> <p>Discover what we do, what to expect as a summer student, and how this experience supports your career goals. The session concludes with Q&A and the chance to connect with our team.</p>
11:00 a.m.	<p>Recovery of Minerals Framework Presented by: Jean Guindon and Jelena Crnokrak, Mines and Minerals Regulation</p> <p>The Recovery of Minerals Framework provides a streamlined approach to recover residual minerals from mine waste at operating, closed or abandoned mine sites. Today's presentation will provide an overview of the permit framework including how to apply for a recovery permit.</p>
12:30 p.m.	<p>Recommendations for Exploration in Ontario Presented by: Ethan Amyotte, District Geologist, OGS</p> <p>An overview of the annual Recommendations for Exploration which provides exploration ideas and highlights areas and properties for mineral exploration in Ontario.</p> <p>Nickel in Ontario Presented by: Barun Maity, District Geologist, OGS</p> <p>An overview of Ontario's nickel sector, examining key exploration and development projects, operating mines and emerging trends supporting critical mineral development in Ontario.</p> <p>Gowganda Mineralization Update: Ag-Co-Ni-As-(Bi) and Gold in the Abitibi Greenstone Belt Presented by: Joseph Walker, BSc., P.Geo, Precambrian Geoscientist, OGS</p> <p>This presentation provides an update on ongoing OGS mapping in the Gowganda area, highlighting a newly recognized major Archean deformation zone and its apparent relationship to both mineralization styles.</p> <p>Tellurium: Rare, Vital, and Overlooked Presented by: Evan Hastie, Ph. D., P. Geo., Precambrian Geoscientist, OGS</p> <p>Tellurium is one of Earth's tech-critical elements, yet public geoscience data on it is limited. This presentation highlights new findings on the tellurium potential within Ontario's gold deposits.</p>
2:00 p.m.	<p>One Project, One Process Overview Presented by: Thomas Sulatycky and Agni Papageorgiou, Mines and Minerals Regulation</p> <p>The 1P1P framework streamlines provincial permitting and approvals by reducing duplication and improving predictability for project proponents. It also supports coordinated Indigenous consultation, creating a more transparent and timely review process.</p>
3:30 p.m.	<p>Driving Ontario's Critical Minerals Strategy: Energy, Trade and Regional Development Ministers Panel Hosted by Minister Lecce</p> <p> Registration required through EventBrite</p>