

Northern Gateway Branch

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I am very pleased to announce that the Northern Gateway branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining (CIM) has been selected by the National CIM as the

2008 recipient of the Mel W. Bartley Award

This award is presented each year to the CIM branch demonstrating the most effective progress in reaching the aims and objectives of the Institute. There are over 40 branches doing great work across the country, so this recognition is an honour for the North Bay branch and community.

The Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy, and Petroleum (CIM), founded in 1898, is the leading technical society of professionals associated with the Canadian mineral industry. The members of CIM come from industry, government and academia, all dedicated to the discovery, production, utilization and economics of minerals, metals, and petroleum in an environmentally responsible manner.

The Metal Mining Division exists to assist and promote the continued growth of mining in Canada by:

- Promoting and facilitating the exchange of information and data on all subjects related to the mining industry.
- Educating the public on the many aspects of the mining industry.
- Promoting mining as a positive, growing, and dynamic industry with many exciting opportunities

The Mining Supply Industry is one of the most prominent sectors in the North Bay region. There are approximately 65 local area businesses providing mining exploration and development services, including engineering, fabrication, machinery and equipment manufacturing for the mining industry. North Bay is proud to have over a half dozen multinational Canadian headquarters here. In the North Bay area, 2,100 direct and indirect jobs are attributed to mining supply firms, which is nine times greater than the Provincial average.

This award is a testament to the commitment of our members and our community toward the CIM and the mining services industry in the North Bay area. I would like to thank the executive for all the hard work that they do to help make this branch successful, the support of the North Bay Mining Association, the participation of our sponsors, as well as the support provided by all of our speakers and the community as well.

We should all be very proud of this National recognition.

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