



# Free Public Lecture



Presents Guest Speaker

## **DR. TOM MORRIS**

President and CEO

Northern Superior Resources (NSR)

# Northern Superior Resources Litigation vs. the Ontario Government: Are we really “Open for Business” in the Mineral Sector?

Northern Superior Resources (NSR) has a long and successful history of First Nation engagement in Ontario, Québec, Nunavut and Saskatchewan. This effort has in part led to NSR receiving several prestigious awards, including the TSX-V's Top 50 Company Award (2011), an Ontario Business Achievement Award for Corporate Governance (2011); the Prospector of the Year Award in Québec (2012); and the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business, Progressive Aboriginal Relations Award (2013 and 2014).

Despite best efforts, and having been led to believe that Ontario was truly “Open for Business” as advertised by the Ontario Government, NSR lost access to three key mineral properties in the Sachigo Lake area of Northwestern Ontario. This after not one, but three, First Nations informed NSR in writing that the Company was no longer welcome to explore in the area despite the Company's stellar efforts to accommodate First Nation interests. After careful consideration over a 12 month period regarding the events leading to the expulsion of NSR from the Sachigo Lake area, the Company felt it had no option but commence litigation against the Ontario Government.

This presentation will: 1) summarize events leading up to the expulsion of NSR from the Sachigo Lake area; 2) summarize NSR's claims against the Ontario Government and the messaging and potential implication(s) to industry from the Ontario Government's response to NSR claims; 3) provide a comparison of NSR's exploration engagement in other jurisdictions to NSR's experience in Ontario; and 4) provide suggestions for creating an environment to encourage and foster exploration.

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

Dr. Morris (President and CEO) is a registered, Professional Geoscientist with 30 years of experience, successfully managing and making mineral discovery on a variety of exploration programs for provincial and federal governments, private sector and publicly traded companies. Under his management, Northern Superior was recognized as one of the top 50 companies listed on the TSX-V (2011), was awarded the Ontario Business Achievement Award for Corporate Governance (2011), was awarded the Quebec Prospector of the Year Award by the Association de L'Exploration Minière du Québec (2012) and attained Progressive Aboriginal Relations “Par Committed” status from the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (2013, 2014). Dr. Morris has also obtained the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD.D) designation.

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