

- GSB staff provided a one-day MapPlace seminar to 25 explorationists in Kamloops. Feedback was very positive, even from attendees who already had experience accessing the MapPlace website. A second training seminar is being planned for Vancouver in November. (GSB)
- Some 26 geologists took part in field trip last month, to look at bedrock formations near the Alaska Highway as part of the joint MEM-NRCAN NATMAP mapping project called the Ancient Pacific Margins. Participants included researchers from government, universities and industry, all of whom are working to build a better understanding of the geology of this area, which has some intriguing correlations with other areas hosting significant volcanogenic massive sulphide deposits (e.g. Kudz Ze Kayah and Wolverine in Yukon, and Pogo in Alaska). (GSB)
- Four public lectures by GSB and GSC staff, offered in Atlin over the summer, attracted capacity crowds of 80 people each evening and spread the word about the work of the Targeted Geoscience Initiative mapping project in the area and exploration opportunities. (GSB)
- At the request of Minister Stan Hagen of MSRM, regional staff met with representatives of the Fanny Bay Water Committee to provide technical briefings on the T'Sable River Coal bulk sample program. The committee reps reported their satisfaction with the meeting and the measures taken to protect drinking water, and committed to meet with other local residents to encourage an end to the recent opposition lobby. (MB)
- An inter-agency meeting to review the proposed Rosewall Landscape Unit Plan (LUP) on Vancouver Island was an eye-opener and pointed to many difficulties that lie ahead if the remaining 250+ LUP's in this region are to be delivered in a timely, efficient and cost-effective way. After a year of technical meetings, the Rosewall plan is still dogged by policy vacuums, different interpretations of the Land Use Planning Guide and disagreements between MOF and MWLAP. Hopefully the Core Services Review will identify a need to re-visit the LUP approach. (MB)
- The Britannia Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met to review and evaluate nine proposals submitted in response to RFP's for mining and hydrogeology site investigations and studies. It is hoped that successful bidders will be selected and contracts awarded in early October. Copper Beach Estates has been conspicuously absent from the evaluation process and ongoing negotiations for a public/private partnership, raising concerns that the remediation project will need to be taken over entirely by government. (MB)
- Hearing of an application for judicial review of the Jameson Road Quarry permit decision has been scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> in Victoria. Mines Branch staff will be working with the AG's office to prepare affidavits. (MB)
- Copcan Contracting and representatives of the Jameson Road community have reached gridlock and are unable to agree on a mutually acceptable facilitator for the Community Liaison Committee. The community has refused a MEM offer to help mediate the dispute, therefore MEM will not enforce the permit condition requiring Copcan's participation in the CLC. Expect backlash from community. (MB)
- A permit was issued on September 6<sup>th</sup> to T'Sable River Coal Corporation, which will enable commencement of a 90,000 tonne underground coal bulk sample project. Ultimately, the company hopes to develop a full-scale producing mine with production of at least 700,000 tonnes per year, to feed a coal-fired thermal power plant of at least 200 MW, to be located at the minesite. (MB)
- NEDO-2001 conference and tour for Japanese coal industry trainees has been cancelled by NEDO. It is expected this annual event will resume in 2002. (GSB)

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