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- Two coal NOW's have been received:

→ Elkview plans approx. 12,000m of rotary drilling in 75 holes spread among the South Pit A Seam area, Natal Pits south of Elk Pit, on the north side of Elk Pit, and north of Bodie Pits.

→ - Fording Greenhills plans two rotary holes to total 800m on Imperial Creek, a tributary of Ewin Creek.

→ - Century Gold Corp. (Don Rippon) has filed a NOW for underground work at the inter-connected, former producing Winnipeg and Golden Crown mines located about 4 kms. SE of the Phoenix pit at Greenwood. (MI 082ESE032 & 033). About 56,000 tonnes of high-grade Au-Ag-Cu ore were mined from the two mines together. They are situated on the same narrow, shear-hosted quartz vein. Century's plan is for a 500' decline starting at the base of the Winnipeg shaft to be followed by a cross-cut to access the vein below the previous workings.

→ - Preparations are well underway for the major seismic survey (21km of cut line; cost \$400,000) by Dia Met Minerals on the Paul-Mike claims SE of Wasa Lake. Target Sullivan-type sedex in Aldridge Fm. Seismic work will be a combination of explosive charges and the use of Vibroseiser's (dancing monster trucks!). Glen Rodgers, who has done some of the preliminary work for the them has clarified the mystery of the reported "lead nodules". At some recent time (not documented in our files!), they carried out a program of auger drilling of the till down to bedrock. Lead nodules were observed in the cuttings. Dia Met found a PhD somewhere who has an explanation involving some sort of nucleation of lead pellets in overburden as a result of dipole currents set up around a major buried sulphide orebody. Probably I'm the only one who hasn't heard of this common phenomenon. In any case, Chuck Fipke never does anything in a conventional way. His track record, though, would suggest that he'll be the one to find Sullivan 2.

- Glen Rodgers has assured me that Sedex/Abitibi has plans to return this year with quite a bit of grassroots work and several drill targets. The only problem at this point is the lack of funds. Their VP exploration, Bob Woodfill, will be back in Cranbrook next week and we'll try to get a clearer idea of the likely scope of their activity in the Purcells in '98.

- Preparations are complete for tomorrow's Mining Awareness mall show at Tamarack Mall. I'll be there all day with my poster, lots of rocks, and info to hand out (thanks Larry Jones for the Minfile stuff).

- Have received 17 prospector grant applications (with at least one more expected). They all have to be reviewed and ratings assigned by the end of next week. Latest word from Dave Lefebure was that the total number of applications received (for the province) is about the same as last year.