



The Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association (NWOPA) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2023 NWOPA awards

Since 2001, NWOPA has presented awards recognizing lifetime achievements, mineral discoveries and mine developments. Lifetime achievement is based upon cumulative work, discoveries and contributions to the prospecting, exploration and mining community of Northwestern Ontario. The *Bernie Schnieders* Discovery of the Year Award recognizes an exceptional discovery in Northwestern Ontario during the previous calendar year with the Developer of the Year Award recognizing an outstanding mineral development during the previous calendar year. In 2010 NWOPA added the *Dan Calvert* Distinguished Service Award to acknowledge exceptional service to the mineral exploration community. The award was named in honour of Dan Calvert and in 2016 NWOPA renamed the Lifetime Achievement Award in honour of Dave Christianson; both of these gentlemen were long-time prospectors and supporters of mineral exploration in Northwestern Ontario.

On behalf of NWOPA, the Awards Committee is pleased to announce the 2023 recipients:

Dan Calvert Distinguished Service Award: Pam Coles

Dave Christianson Lifetime Achievement Award: Don Bubar

Bernie Schnieders Discovery of the Year: Last Resort Resources Ltd., Bounty Gold Corp., Beyond Lithium (Victory Lithium Project)

Details about the award recipients are attached. For further information about these awards, do not hesitate to contact me,

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DAN CALVERT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD PAM COLES

Pam's dedication to the mining industry spans nearly 15 years, where she has demonstrated diligent leadership and commitment. Currently serving as the Chief Geophysicist at Abitibi Geophysics, Pam played a pivotal role in establishing the Thunder Bay office in 2013 and has been an integral part of Abitibi Geophysics growth and success since then. As Chief Geophysicist, Pam not only leads a diverse team comprising junior to senior geophysicists but also establishes and upholds a high standard of excellence through her expert guidance.

A proud alumnus of Memorial University of Newfoundland, Pam holds a Bachelor of Science in Geophysics, a foundation that she has leveraged throughout her career. Beyond her professional achievements, Pam is deeply engaged in the academic and community spheres. As a contract lecturer at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, she imparts her knowledge and expertise to the next generation of mining professionals. Pam's extensive involvement in the local mining community underscores her commitment to fostering industry growth and development.

Her contributions extend to board positions at the Ontario Prospectors Association (OPA) and the Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association (NWOPA). Additionally, Pam served as the chair of Women in Mining Northwestern Ontario (WIM-NWO), where she played a role in launching their first scholarship.

She is the current chair of Mining Day, a local event aimed at educating children and the public about mining and career opportunities, where Pam demonstrates her passion for nurturing future talent and promoting industry awareness.



DAVE CHRISTIANSON LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD DON BUBAR



Don earned his B.Sc (Geology) from McGill University in 1977 and his M.Sc (Mineral Exploration) from Queen's University in 1981. His pre-Avalon career included time as the regional exploration manager of Aur Resources, where he was instrumental in the discovery of the VMS orebody that became the Louvicourt mine in Quebec.

In 1994, Don founded Avalon Ventures Ltd (now Avalon Advanced Materials Inc.), and served as its president and CEO until 2023. Don began his foray into the world of rare element exploration with Avalon's acquisition of the Separation Rapids lithium project in 1997. Under his guidance the company moved the Separation Rapids project forward to an advanced stage and established themselves as a leader in the Northwestern Ontario lithium space.

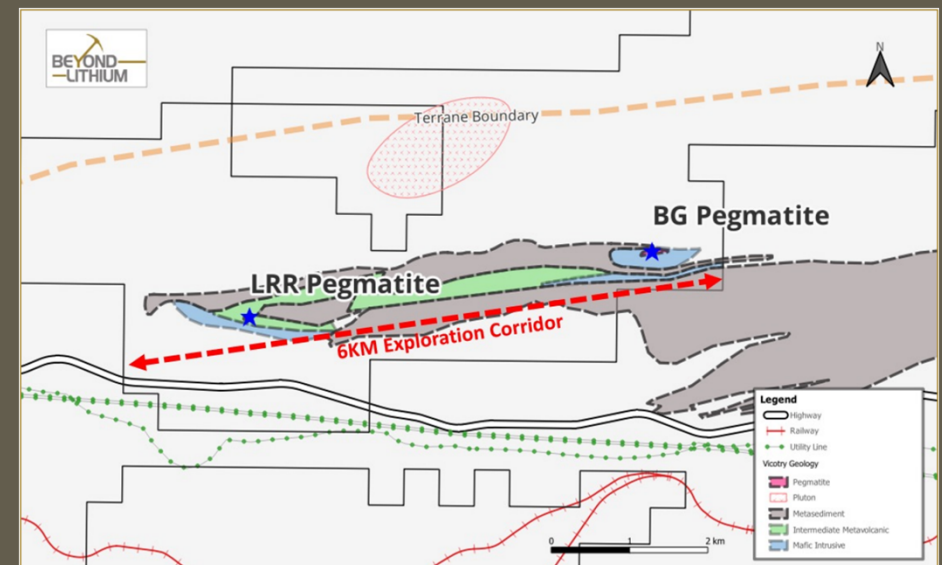
Don was an early and tireless advocate for meaningful engagement with First Nations partners. He was foundational in the establishment of the Prospector and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC)'s Indigenous Affairs Committee in 2004, serving as its inaugural chair. His landmark accomplishment was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the PDAC and the Assembly of First Nations in 2008. In part for his work in this space, Don received the PDAC Distinguished Service Award in 2019.

Don's service to the scientific and mineral exploration community also included time as a member of the Faculty of Science Advancement Board at McGill University, a director of the Canadian Museum of Nature Foundation, and a director of Mining Matters.

Don passed away on July 30th, 2023 after a short battle with neurodegenerative diseases. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Marcia Mazurski, his two children Andrew (Ingrid Ng) and Peter, his sister Carol (Richard Brown), and his two grandchildren Maria and Charles.

BERNIE SCHNIEDERS DISCOVERY OF THE YEAR AWARD

- Two grassroots spodumene discoveries 40 km east of Kenora, since consolidated into Beyond Lithium's Victory project.
- The two spodumene-bearing pegmatites occur along a 6 km corridor prospective for rare element exploration, adjacent to the fertile Medicine Lake pluton along the Wabigoon-Winnipeg River subprovince boundary, and underlain by metasedimentary and metavolcanic country rocks.
- Indicators of fractionation along this corridor include beryl occurrences, prospective mineral chemistry (low K/Rb ratios in feldspar and muscovite), and whole rock geochemistry (elevated Ta and Cs).



LAST RESORT RESOURCES, BOUNTY GOLD CORP,
BEYOND LITHIUM (VICTORY PROJECT)

BERNIE SCHNIEDERS DISCOVERY OF THE YEAR AWARD

- The Last Resort Resources Pegmatite was discovered by Kyle Brand, Jace Angell and the team from Last Resort Resources. The pegmatite is up to 40 m wide and has been traced along strike for up to 200 m, with grab samples returning up to 5.11% Li₂O.
- The Bounty Gold Pegmatite was discovered by Jason LeBlanc and the team from Bounty Gold Corp. The pegmatite is up to 50 m wide and is exposed along strike for 300 m, with grab samples returning up to 3.48% Li₂O.



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