

# NOAMI Nugget

Brewery Creek, Yukon



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**THE INAUGURAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)** of the NOAMI Advisory Committee was held this May in Ottawa. The full-day strategic meeting focused on accomplishments to date, ongoing projects and new directions for the future.

NOAMI has achieved great progress in a number of key areas to address the problems around orphaned and abandoned mines. However, much is left to do. Emerging issues, new projects, strategies and renewal of Advisory Committee membership were discussed. In addition, the prevention of new abandoned sites was identified as an important priority.

The AGM also marked the appointment of Robert Holmes, Yukon Government, as the new NOAMI Chair. Christine Kaszycki, Province of Ontario and NOAMI Chair (2002-2008),

assumed the position of Past-Chair, and Gregg Stewart (Province of British Columbia) accepted the position of Vice-Chair. A new model for Executive appointments was adopted. Each position will be a two-year term, with an officer progressing from vice-chair to chair to past-chair, ensuring a consistency of leadership and shared workload.



NOAMI on Signal Hill, St. John's Nfld

- Information for regulatory improvement includes a Toolkit of Funding Options for potential use by jurisdictions for abandoned mine rehabilitation, and completion of the Jurisdictional Legislative Review that identifies existing legislation and policies relevant to orphaned and abandoned mines
- Multi-stakeholder information sharing via four workshops, NOAMI newsletters, and a website ([www.abandoned-mines.org](http://www.abandoned-mines.org)).
- Exploring and evaluating legislation, policies, and funding practices through a series of reports on funding approaches and barriers to collaboration in the remediation of orphaned sites.
- Capacity building for communities described in a pamphlet on guiding principles in community involvement for possible use by jurisdictions, and community case studies underpinned by "lessons learned".

## NOAMI Advisory Committee 2009

**Robert Holmes**, Yukon, Chair  
**Gregg Stewart**, British Columbia, Vice-Chair  
**Christine Kaszycki**, Ontario, Past-Chair  
**Tracy Anderson**, Inmet  
**Cindy Blancher-Smith**, Ontario  
**Johanne Cyr**, Québec  
**Chris Doiron**, EC  
**Bernarda Elzalde**, Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada  
**Elizabeth Gardiner**, The Mining Association of Canada  
**Ramsey Hart**, MiningWatch Canada (CEN)  
**Charlene Hogan**, NRCAN, Secretariat  
**Diane Howe**, British Columbia  
**Lise-Aurore Lapalme**, NRCAN  
**Brennain Lloyd**, Northwatch (CEN)  
**Doina Priscu**, Manitoba  
**Rick Schwenger**, XStrata Zinc  
**Lou Spagnuolo**, INAC  
**Adrianna Stech**, Ontario Mining Association  
**Gilles Tremblay**, NRCAN, Secretariat

## NOAMI Performance Report 2002-2008

As part of our Communication Strategy, the NOAMI Performance Report 2002-2008 was produced. The report highlights the activities of NOAMI since its inception, the accomplishments of its jurisdictional partners in support of orphaned and abandoned mines remediation, and the remaining challenges. At the Annual 2009 Mines Ministers Conference, held in St. John's, NL in September, ministers agreed to release the 2002-2008 NOAMI Performance Report and reaffirmed their support for the continued work of NOAMI.

The report, available in both official languages, highlights progress in the following areas:

- Development of a web-based working model of the National Inventory in cooperation with the jurisdictions

Copies of the NOAMI Performance report are available upon request to the Secretariat or can be downloaded from our [web site](#).

