



## In The News



### Government Announces Mining Act Consultations

Public and Stakeholder Meetings set for August 11 - September 8

The Ontario government is holding a series of public and stakeholder meetings about modernizing the Mining Act.

Currently, in Ontario mining is exempt from an environmental assessment and there is no legal ability for property owners or First Nations to reject a project. We are working to change this.

Our desired outcome would be a Mining Act which supports Premier McGuinty's [recent boreal announcement](#) and that Ontario will modernize the way mining companies stake and explore their claims.

Facilitated sessions will be held in Timmins (August 11), Sudbury (August 13), Thunder Bay (August 18), Kingston (August 28) and Toronto (September 8).

On August 11 a discussion paper was posted for comment on the Environmental Registry and the [ministry's web site](#). We are drafting an official response and will share it with the listserv members as soon as we can.



### Polar Bear on Ontario's Hudson Bay

YouTube video featuring Polar Bear guide on Hudson Bay

Learn more about exploring Polar Bear habitat in northern Ontario with this

informative [video](#).

Delayed: Our plans to visit Polar Bear in Ontario's Far North are delayed. We hope to visit this September. Stay Tuned.





## Did you miss The Great Canadian Tour episode?

Video available online

[Click here](#) to watch this episode featuring Anna Baggio, Wildlands League's Director of Conservation Land Use Planning, KI Chief Donnie Morris and more. You won't want to

miss this important episode of The Great Canadian Tour.

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## New Grant to Support Polar Bear Work

Two year grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation furthers objectives of Wildlands League's work on climate change, land-use planning

Wildlands League is pleased to announce a new multi-year OTF grant commencing August, 2008.

The purpose of this project is to increase awareness of the preservation issues of Ontario's Polar Bears, the world's southern most population and therefore at risk from climate change. This project will also examine associated issues with land use changes in peatlands in northern Ontario, especially from mining.

CPAWS Wildlands League gratefully acknowledges the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Ministry of Culture, receives annually \$100 million of government funding generated through Ontario's charity casino initiative.



## Did You Know?



That Ontario's northwest is home to the tropical looking and massive white pelican, with its 3-metre wingspan?