

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2020



Minister's Message

As Minister of Agriculture and Resource Development, I am pleased to introduce the Manitoba Geological Survey's (MGS) annual *Report of Activities*. The 2020 edition features eight professional geoscience reports and provides an update on key projects and activities from this year. Each report contributes to the overall delivery of a knowledge base that is fundamental to the future as we move forward to rebuild and draw investment, exploration and development to our province's valuable minerals sector.

This year's report represents a special achievement in the face of many challenges since March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The department's geoscience team is committed to ensuring the industry is supported during these most unprecedented times. A rapid response approach by Survey staff included developing new internal protocols alongside long-term health and safety measures, and set the stage for a number of field projects to take place this summer on short notice, conducted in accordance with public health orders.

The Survey also produced a record number of reports and data releases throughout the year.

In addition to this year's report, I recommend visiting the MGS website at Manitoba.ca/minerals where you can review the *Manitoba Mining, Exploration and Geoscience 2020–2021* brochure along with comprehensive databases, reports, maps and digital products.

As we work towards safely restarting the economy, the minerals sector remains vital to Manitoba's growth. The MGS continues to play an important role in building a legacy of knowledge while working with industry, Indigenous communities, educators, associations and others.

Manitoba is also actively participating in the *Canadian Minerals and Metals Plan*, supporting the vision, principles and strategic directions that governments, industry and stakeholders can pursue to drive industry competitiveness and long-term success.

Manitoba's resources are as great and diverse as our citizens. The sector has a long history of resilience, and there are always new opportunities to take hold of as we stay the course. We are in this together and stand by our Survey's commitment that there is *always* more to explore!

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