



**Ontario's
Mining Amendment Act, 2009 (Bill 173)
and
*Far North Act, 2009 (Bill 191)***

Legislative procedures and next steps

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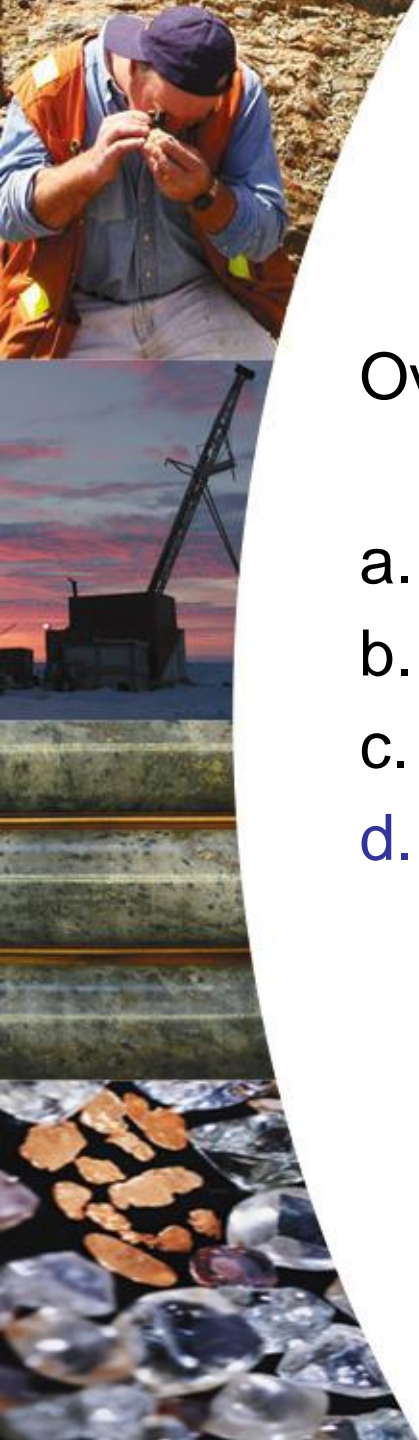
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Prior to Introduction of Bill 173:

July 14, 2008:

Premier's announcement on protecting the northern boreal region (land use planning; resource benefits sharing; reforming and modernizing Ontario's Mining Act)

August 11, 2008:

Discussion paper posted on the Environmental Registry for a 65 day comment period (comments due October 15, 2008).
Public discussion sessions began (five sessions, concluding September 8)

In fall 2008, political pressure resulted in two extensions to the public consultation period: to November 14, 2008 and then to January 15, 2009

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Prior to Introduction of Bill 173:

- Ministry (Northern Development and Mines) seeks and receives policy approval from Cabinet Committees and Cabinet
- Mining Amendment Act drafted and scheduled for introduction by Premier's Office, Cabinet Office, Government House Leader's Office and MNDM
- Bill introduced by MNDM Minister Michael Gravelle on April 30, 2009. Numbered 'Bill 173' in order of introduction

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Legislative steps:

- **First Reading:** introduction (statements; printing)
- **Second Reading:** debate, followed by vote
- **Committee Stage:** public hearings, tabling of amendments, clause-by-clause analysis and votes, then reported back to the House; the Minister's Parliamentary Assistant typically 'leads the bill' through committee
- **Third Reading:** debate, followed by vote
- **Commencement:** Royal Assent & Proclamation

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Regulations:

- The operational details (rules, procedures, fees etc.) that are developed to give effect to a bill that has been passed by the legislature
- Developed by the ministry and submitted to Cabinet Committees (e.g. Legislation and Regulations) and Cabinet for approval (through Order in Council)
- Published in the *Ontario Gazette*

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Current status, next steps and your input:

- Bill 173, *Mining Amendment Act*, passed Second Reading on May 27 and was ordered referred to the Standing Committee on General Government
- Bill 191, *Far North Act*, was introduced (First Reading) by MNR Minister Donna Cansfield on June 2
- On June 3, Bill 191 was discharged prior to Second Reading and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on General Government



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Current status, next steps and your input:

- On June 4, the Ontario legislature adjourned for the summer. The session resumes on September 14, 2009
- On June 3, on a motion of the Government House Leader, the Standing Committee on General Government received the following direction of the House:

*The Standing Committee on General Government may meet to consider Bill 173, An Act to amend the Mining Act, and Bill 191, An Act with respect to land use planning and protection in the Far North, in Toronto on **August 6, 2009**, and to adjourn from place to place on **August 10, 11, 12, and 13, 2009***

Recommendation: write to the committee chair / members to request to appear



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Current status, next steps and your input:

Environmental Registry posting and deadlines

Bill 173: “Proposed legislative amendments to the Mining Act”

EBR Registry Number: 010-6559

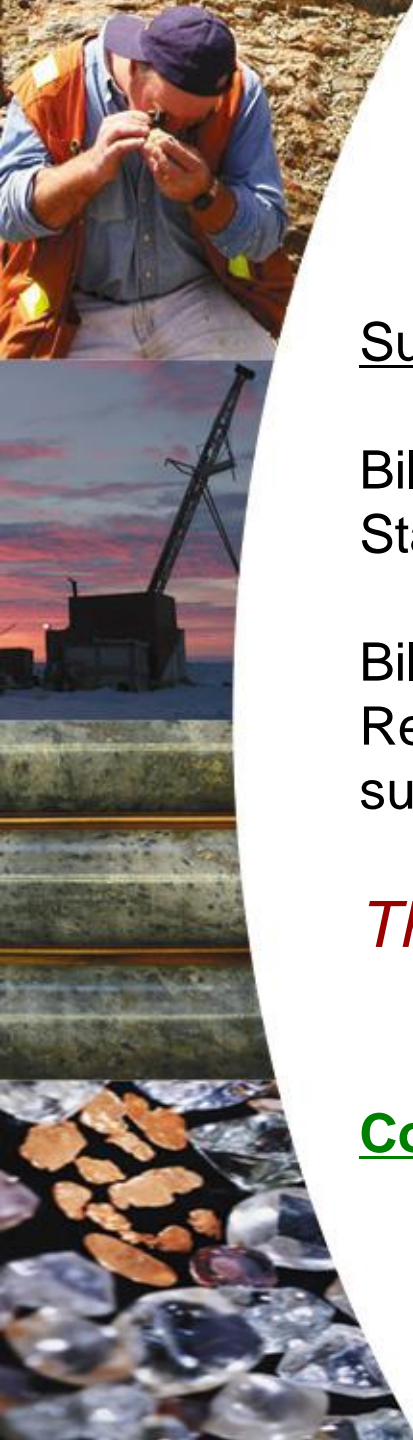
Comment period: May 5, 2009 to [July 4, 2009](#)

Bill 191: “An Act with respect to land use planning and protection in the Far North”

EBR Registry Number: 010-6624

Comment period: June 2, 2009 to [August 4, 2009](#)

Recommendation: make a submission to the Environmental Registry; forward copies to the Minister and other MPPs: Committee members, cabinet committee etc.



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Summary:

Bill 173 and Bill 191 are scheduled for consideration by the Standing Committee on General Government in **August 2009**

Bill 173 and Bill 191 have been posted on the Environmental Registry. Submissions may be made online. Deadline for submissions: **July 4** (Bill 173) and **August 4** (Bill 191)

Thank you – comments and questions to follow during the discussion period

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