

## MINISTRY OF NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT AND MINES

## SUMMARY

As the regional ministry for Northern Ontario and the ministry responsible for the provincial minerals sector, the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines strives to make Northern Ontario and the provincial minerals sector strong, healthy and prosperous.

The ministry leads and coordinates government programs aimed at growing the Northern Ontario economy, building strong northern communities and creating job opportunities in the North. Through a network of offices and strategic program and policy development, the ministry ensures northerners have access to government programs and services and a say in government decisions affecting the North.

As the sectoral ministry for the provincial minerals sector, the ministry supports a strong, sustainable mineral industry by promoting investment and exploration, by providing information to global clients on Ontario's wealth of mineral resources and through the fair, effective and efficient administration of Ontario's *Mining Act*.

2005-06 Estimates	PROGRAMS	Change from 2004-05	2004-05 Estimates	2003-04 Actual
\$		\$	\$	\$
<b>OPERATING</b>				
10,440,546	Ministry Administration Program	100,000	10,340,546	9,854,790
76,371,500	Northern Development Program	38,547,300	37,824,200	42,526,487
23,054,300	Mines and Minerals Program	(2,285,000)	25,339,300	26,117,145
109,866,346	<b>Ministry Total Operating</b>	36,362,300	73,504,046	78,498,422
1,050,246	<b>Less: Statutory Appropriations</b>	1,001,000	49,246	48,246
108,816,100	< TOTAL OPERATING TO BE VOTED	35,361,300	73,454,800	78,450,176
109,866,346	<b>Ministry Total Operating</b>	36,362,300	73,504,046	78,498,422
900,000	Net Consolidation Adjustment - Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation	400,000	500,000	-
110,766,346	<b>TOTAL INCLUDING CONSOLIDATION AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS</b>	36,762,300	74,004,046	78,498,422
<b>Assets</b>				
1,000	Northern Development Program	1,000	-	-
1,000	Mines and Minerals Program	1,000	-	-
2,000	<b>Ministry Total Assets</b>	2,000	-	-
2,000	< TOTAL ASSETS TO BE VOTED	2,000	-	-

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2005-06 Estimates	PROGRAMS	Change from 2004-05	2004-05 Estimates	2003-04 Actual
\$		\$	\$	\$
<b>CAPITAL</b>				
366,850,000	Northern Development Program	5,912,500	360,937,500	299,370,819
11,690,000	Mines and Minerals Program	190,000	11,500,000	9,811,323
<u>378,540,000</u>	<b>Ministry Total Capital</b>	<u>6,102,500</u>	<u>372,437,500</u>	<u>309,182,142</u>
<u>378,540,000</u>	< TOTAL CAPITAL TO BE VOTED	<u>6,102,500</u>	<u>372,437,500</u>	<u>309,182,142</u>
378,540,000	<b>Ministry Total Capital</b>	6,102,500	372,437,500	309,182,142
54,600,000	Net Consolidation Adjustment - Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation	(20,400,000)	75,000,000	-
(12,123,000)	Net Consolidation Adjustment - Ontario Northland Transportation Commission	(12,123,000)	-	-
<u>421,017,000</u>	<b>TOTAL INCLUDING CONSOLIDATION AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS</b>	<u>(26,420,500)</u>	<u>447,437,500</u>	<u>309,182,142</u>

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**MINISTRY ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM :**

This program provides executive direction and strategic business and resource planning services to ensure the efficient and effective delivery of ministry programs. Through sound management of ministry resources (people, money, information and information technology) and policy, financial and communications leadership, this program supports the achievement of ministry and government objectives.

<b>VOTE and item</b>	<b>2005-06 Estimates</b>	<b>VOTE AND ITEMS</b>	<b>Change from 2004-05</b>	<b>2004-05 Estimates</b>	<b>2003-04 Actual</b>
	\$		\$	\$	\$
<b>2201</b>		<b>MINISTRY ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM</b>			
<b>OPERATING</b>					
1	10,391,300	Ministry Administration .....	100,000	10,291,300	9,806,544
S	1,000	Bad Debt Expense, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i> .....	-	1,000	-
S	36,057	Minister's Salary, the <i>Executive Council Act</i> ..	-	36,057	36,057
S	12,189	Parliamentary Assistant's Salary, the <i>Executive Council Act</i> .....	-	12,189	12,189
	10,440,546	Total Operating .....	100,000	10,340,546	9,854,790
	49,246	Less: Statutory Appropriations .....	-	49,246	48,246
	<u>10,391,300</u>	<b>Amount to be Voted</b> .....	<u>100,000</u>	<u>10,291,300</u>	<u>9,806,544</u>

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**NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM :**

This program helps build a more prosperous Northern Ontario and strong, vibrant northern communities. The ministry is leading the implementation of the government's Northern Prosperity Plan, a range of targeted initiatives aimed at stimulating growth, job creation and a better quality of life for Northern Ontario. It coordinates provincial economic development initiatives in the North with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund, Grow Bonds and GO North as its pillars. The program supports strategic investments in infrastructure such as the Northern Highways Program, and markets Northern Ontario's strengths and opportunities to the world.

The program's network of Government Information Centres and area teams provide northerners with access to government programs and services. Through this network, coordinated policy and planning activities, and Northern Development Councils, this program also ensures northerners have a say in the government programs and services that affect them.

<b>VOTE and item</b>	<b>2005-06 Estimates</b>	<b>VOTE AND ITEMS</b>	<b>Change from 2004-05</b>	<b>2004-05 Estimates</b>	<b>2003-04 Actual</b>
	\$		\$	\$	\$
<b>2202</b>		<b>NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM</b>			
<b>OPERATING</b>					
1	75,371,500	Northern Economic Development .....	37,547,300	37,824,200	42,526,487
S	1,000,000	Bad Debt Expense, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i> .....	1,000,000	-	-
	76,371,500	Total Operating .....	38,547,300	37,824,200	42,526,487
	1,000,000	Less: Statutory Appropriations .....	1,000,000	-	-
	<u>75,371,500</u>	<b>Amount to be Voted</b> .....	<u>37,547,300</u>	<u>37,824,200</u>	<u>42,526,487</u>
<b>Assets</b>					
3	1,000	Northern Development Operating Assets ....	1,000	-	-
	1,000	Total Assets .....	1,000	-	-
	<u>1,000</u>	<b>Amount to be Voted</b> .....	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>CAPITAL</b>					
2	366,850,000	Northern Economic Development .....	5,912,500	360,937,500	299,370,819
	366,850,000	Total Capital .....	5,912,500	360,937,500	299,370,819
	<u>366,850,000</u>	<b>Amount to be Voted</b> .....	<u>5,912,500</u>	<u>360,937,500</u>	<u>299,370,819</u>

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**MINES AND MINERALS PROGRAM :**

This program helps build a strong, sustainable provincial minerals sector contributing to the prosperity of all of Ontario. Province-wide geological mapping, online 24-7 access to geoscience information, international marketing, and expert geological advisory services in field offices across the province create a competitive advantage for Ontario - helping a global exploration industry assess Ontario's mineral potential and attracting investment, exploration and mineral development to Ontario. This program's geoscience expertise also supports other government priorities, such as groundwater mapping as part of drinking water protection efforts and identifying new industrial and energy development opportunities.

This program administers the Ontario *Mining Act* to ensure sustainable and responsible development of Ontario's mineral resources. This involves equitable public access to Crown mineral rights, fair and efficient management of Ontario's mining lands, and ensuring safe, environmentally sound mineral development and rehabilitation of mining lands.

VOTE and item	2005-06 Estimates	VOTE AND ITEMS	Change from 2004-05	2004-05 Estimates	2003-04 Actual
	\$		\$	\$	\$
<b>2203</b>		<b>MINES AND MINERALS PROGRAM</b>			
<b>OPERATING</b>					
1	23,053,300	Mineral Sector Competitiveness .....	(2,286,000)	25,339,300	26,117,145
S	1,000	Bad Debt Expense, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i> .....	1,000	-	-
	<u>23,054,300</u>	Total Operating .....	<u>(2,285,000)</u>	<u>25,339,300</u>	<u>26,117,145</u>
	1,000	Less: Statutory Appropriations .....	1,000	-	-
	<u>23,053,300</u>	<b>Amount to be Voted</b> .....	<u>(2,286,000)</u>	<u>25,339,300</u>	<u>26,117,145</u>
<b>Assets</b>					
3	1,000	Mines and Minerals Operating Assets .....	1,000	-	-
	<u>1,000</u>	Total Assets .....	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,000</u>	<b>Amount to be Voted</b> .....	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>CAPITAL</b>					
2	11,690,000	Mineral Sector Competitiveness .....	190,000	11,500,000	9,811,323
	<u>11,690,000</u>	Total Capital .....	<u>190,000</u>	<u>11,500,000</u>	<u>9,811,323</u>
	<u>11,690,000</u>	<b>Amount to be Voted</b> .....	<u>190,000</u>	<u>11,500,000</u>	<u>9,811,323</u>

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