



Dryden, Ontario - Your Exploration and Mining Base, in the Heart of a Vast Frontier

The vast unmapped and unstaked regions of Ontario's Northwest offer tremendous potential - and growing numbers of mineral exploration companies are settling in Dryden to tap into these resources. These companies, and those that follow, will need a wide range of specialized services.

A New Mineral Exploration Services Centre

Dryden offers mineral exploration and mining companies a highly productive workforce, reflecting local skills, loyalty and motivation. Dryden keeps business costs low, through affordable taxes and fees, and well-established infrastructure and services. Companies gain reliable access to local, northern and global markets through Dryden's well-connected road, air, rail and communications networks.

A New Mineral Exploration Hub

To support mineral exploration and mining companies, Dryden has established a relationship to foster consultation with our neighbours in First Nations communities from the earliest stages of a mineral exploration project.

Ontario's Ministry of Northern Development and Mines delivers government programs and spurs economic growth and investment by providing:

- Financial assistance
- Guidance from local northern development professionals
- Online information and business forms

Additional incentives are offered by provincial and federal organizations, including:

- Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC)
- National Research Council-Industrial Research Assistance
- Patricia Area Community Endeavours (PACE)
- Ontario Prospector's Association (OPA)
- FEDNOR

Labour Force Experience

- Total workers with experience: **4,156**
- Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing, and utilities: **246**
- Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations: **737**
- Business, finance and administration occupations: **629**
- Management occupations: **407**

"The services offered by the DDC have been invaluable in assisting RES in expanding and adapting within the mineral exploration sector"

- Bob Ray, Owner, Resource Equipment Sales (RES)

Exploration and Mining



Quick Facts

- Population of the Greater Dryden Area is 22,200 with a regional trading area of **35,000**
- Goods and services spending exceeds **\$250,000,000** annually
- Approximately **6,000** vehicles travel through Dryden every day
- Air, rail, truck courier and warehouse services are available
- Highway 502 provides an easy-access, north-south link to the U.S. Midwest and beyond
- Approximately one-third of the population is between 25 and 44 years of age - and the median family income is approximately **\$91,451**
- A solid economic base in tourism, renewable energy and resource-based sectors. "Northwestern Ontario's Service Centre"

Dryden Regional Airport

With a 6,000 ft main runway, the Dryden Regional Airport can handle small to large freight and commercial aircraft. With the only Instrument Landing System (ILS) in the Greater Dryden Region, along with services for fixed and rotary wing operations, the DRA offers superior support for future business expansions. Affordable land is available in the Airport Business Park East.



A Skilled, Motivated Workforce

Dryden's workforce can help your mining company start producing. Workers here have valuable transferrable skills developed in large-scale manufacturing. Dryden is far above the Ontario average in trades, transportation, equipment operators and related occupations. Close to 45% of our workers have an apprenticeship or trades certificate, diploma or degree, or have attended a CEGEP, college or university. In fact, some of our workers have more than one apprenticeship or trades certificate.

Dryden also offers the right workforce for service sector companies. Dryden has 5.2% more people in sales and service occupations than the Ontario average.

Premier Market Access

Dryden is midway between Thunder Bay, Ontario and Winnipeg, Manitoba on the Trans-Canada Highway which links Eastern and Western Canada. Highway 601 runs northeast from the city to the Dryden Regional Airport. Highway 502 runs south to the United States. CP Rail is also easily accessible and acts as the centre for both road and air travel north to 44 First Nation Communities with a trading area of over 35,000.

Dryden's location offers competitive shipping costs to/from anywhere, although great opportunities and pricing exist for backhauls.

For available economic development support services go online or call us today!