
**Cooperative geological mapping
strategies across Canada**

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“Cooperative Geological Mapping Strategies Across Canada” (CGMS) is a 10 year vision statement by the National Geological Surveys Committee (NGSC), endorsed by all of Canada’s Mines Ministers in 2000, that focused on the continuing need for reliable geoscience knowledge relating to mineral and energy resources, compatible with the Intergovernmental Geoscience Accord. It identified geoscience knowledge as a key

competitive advantage, essential to maintaining Canada as a pre-eminent global destination for exploration investment.

The Geological Survey of Canada (GSC, Earth Sciences Sector, Natural Resources Canada) has launched the two year COGMAPS project to formulate and communicate the federal component of a 10-year implementation plan for CGMS, to be co-authored by the NGSC in consultation with industrial and academic partners.

CGMS must contribute to issues and priorities identified by governments. Federal government priorities where public geoscience is a tool that can contribute directly to public good include: improving the quality of life of Canadians; strong and safe communities; sustainable development of natural resources; development of the north; clean environment; aboriginal people; and communicating with Canadians.

At the provincial and territorial level similar priorities are: Employment; Prosperous and safe communities; Sustainable economic development, especially in resource-producing regions; Competitiveness of provincial/territorial resource sectors; and Aboriginal People.

This poster highlights examples of the public good derived from public geoscience projects undertaken over the past decade through various programs in the Atlantic Provinces, and specifically New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Nova Scotia. A vital ingredient for all of these successful projects has been the high degree of co-operation among stakeholders, especially between provincial/territorial and federal governments. The goal of CGMS is to build on this success in the next decade.