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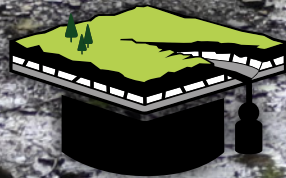
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REVOLUTIONIZING PUBLIC GEOSCIENCE EDUCATION



Our Mission is to advance education in Geoscience education by:

- Promoting a greater understanding of geoscience
- Leveraging innovative technology for education, outreach, and support
- Addressing the need for more accessible and understandable information about geoscience for the public
- Encouraging and supporting young people to consider geoscience as a profession
- Helping integration of internationally trained geoscientists
- Highlighting how Critical Minerals need geoscience!

Geoscience affects people's lives almost every day but most people do not realize that – we are working to change this!



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Photos: (front cover) Large fragments of Irondequoit Formation dolostone along the creek bed in the Louth Conservation Area, Louth GeoHike, Niagara Geopark. (this page) Gneiss outcrop at Parry Sound GeoPaddle. (back cover) Gneiss outcrop on Upper Stony Lake GeoPaddle.

2025 Highlights

- Celebrated 10th Anniversary of Revolutionizing Public Geoscience Education
- Virtual Field Trips (VFTs) on [GeoscienceINFO.com](https://www.geoscienceinfo.com) now total 58 with 571 stops!
- Launched new Geoscience Hubs to allow easy access to all VFTs in key geographic areas
- Since 2016, awarded 17 -\$5000 scholarships totaling \$85,000 to outstanding 3rd year students
- Total of \$26,500 bursaries awarded to support internationally trained geoscientists to become P.Geos.
- Partnerships with earth science departments in six major universities – McMaster, Toronto, Queen’s, Western, Carleton and Laurentian
- Strong funding support from Mitacs Accelerate and the Canadian Geological Foundation
- Ten GeoHikes completed in the Niagara Geopark with a Niagara Wine GeoRoute under development
- Continued development of GeoHikes along the Bruce Trail in partnership with the Bruce Trail Conservancy
- Publication of our first children’s book – “Rocky Raccoon Explores the Niagara Escarpment” along with the launch of a new “Kid’s Zone” on GeoscienceINFO.com
- Two new Urban GeoWalks in Toronto – Mud Creek-Evergreen Brickworks and Wilket released with University of Toronto.
- Two more GeoPaddles released in Parry Sound and Upper Stony Lake north of Peterborough with Queen’s University.
- Continued expansion of content on Social Media, Websites, Blogs and Podcasts
- Attendance at major events with partner Mining Matters including Science Rendezvous in Kingston, Bancroft Rockhound Gemboree, Thunder Bay Mining Day and Ottawa Lapsmith and Mineral Club Show.
- Joint booth with Niagara Geopark at Ball’s Falls Thanksgiving Festival with guided geology tours to the Upper Falls
- Presented Outstanding Service Awards to long serving departing directors Kristin Hanson, Andrea Waldie and Dr. Neil Westoll
- Welcomed new directors Pierre Vaillancourt, Eilidh Lewis and David Burga



Photo: Dr. Daniel Dick documenting fossiliferous limestone on the Niagara Escarpment near the Milton Quarry.

Major Activities in 2025



10th Anniversary

2025 marked the 10th anniversary of the APGO Education Foundation (APGOEF)! For the past decade, our team has been working hard with our university partners to provide reliable and accessible information about geoscience, emphasizing the field experience in the beautiful province of Ontario. Our innovative website, GeoscienceINFO.com, started with just one virtual field trip in the Niagara Falls area in 2017 and has developed into a multi-faceted source of virtual tours across the province. By the end of 2025, our virtual field trips (GeoHikes, GeoWalks, GeoRoutes, and GeoPaddles) highlighting Ontario's rich geology have grown to 58 with a remarkable 571 stops.

The geology of each stop is described in an easy to understand format and enhanced with photos, 360° images, 3D LiDAR, and split screen technology. This achievement was made possible working with our university partners (McMasters University, University of Toronto, Western University, Queen's University, Carleton University, and Laurentian University), supported by funding from Mitacs Accelerate, the Canadian Geological Foundation, and APGOEF. Special thanks go to Dr. Deana Schwarz, P.Ge., Manager of GeoscienceINFO.com, who managed the creation of all our virtual field trip from the very first launch eight years ago.

Photo: (left) Glacially rounded outcrop of granitic gneiss on the shore of Blueberry Bay, Parry Sound GeoPaddle. (below) 10th Anniversary celebration February 6, 2025.





Outstanding Service Awards

In 2025, three of our long standing directors stepped down from the Board. Each were presented with an Outstanding Service Award in recognition of their many years of visionary guidance, leadership and commitment to building APGOEF:

- **Kristin Hanson**, M.Sc., P.Geo., FGC
Director: January 15, 2015 to February 6, 2025
- **Andrea Waldie**, P.Geo., FGC
Business Manager: May 2008 to December 2021; Director January 1, 2022 to June 18, 2025
- **Neil D.S. Westoll**, Ph.D., P.Geo.
Director: January 15, 2015 to June 18, 2025

Photos: Presentation of Plaques to (left) Kristin Hanson, (top-right) Andrea Waldie, and (lower-right) Neil D.S. Westoll.

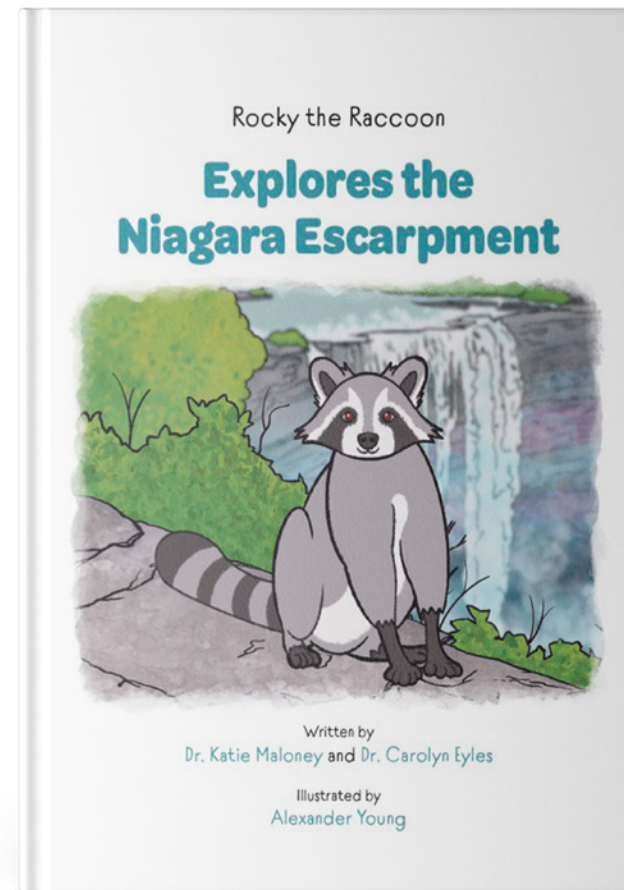
Rocky the Raccoon Explores the Niagara Escarpment

In September 2025, the APGOEF with support from the Paleontological Society and Canadian Geological Foundation released our first children's book, entitled "Rocky the Raccoon Explores the Niagara Escarpment". Written by Dr. Katie Maloney, P.Geo. and Dr. Carolyn Eyles, P.Geo., and illustrated by Alexander Young, the book follows a loveable raccoon named Rocky as he befriends a fossilized crinoid named Lily. Lily teaches Rocky about the rocks and fossils of the Niagara Escarpment, describing what it looked like when the fossils were once living animals in a shallow tropical sea more than 400 million years ago.

The Rocky the Raccoon book aligns with the Grade 4 Ontario Rocks and Minerals Curriculum and is accompanied by a Teacher's Guide including hands-on activities, posters, quizzes and more to make learning about rocks fun and accessible for everyone. Concurrent with the release of the Rocky the Raccoon book, APGOEF launched a Kid's Zone on GeoscienceINFO.com. The book can be viewed digitally on the Kid's Zone along with the free downloadable teacher's guide. Paperback copies can be purchased on Amazon and in the Bruce Trail Conservancy bookstore. Distribution will be expanded in 2026.

Principal author Dr. Katie Maloney, P.Geo. presented a well received poster entitled "Rocky the Raccoon: An Illustrated Children's Book Series for the Next Generation of Geoscientists" at the Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America (GSA) in San Antonio, Texas in October 2025.

Photo: Dr. Katie Maloney with poster presented at GSA Meeting in October 2025.



Rocky the Raccoon Explores the Niagara Escarpment book cover.



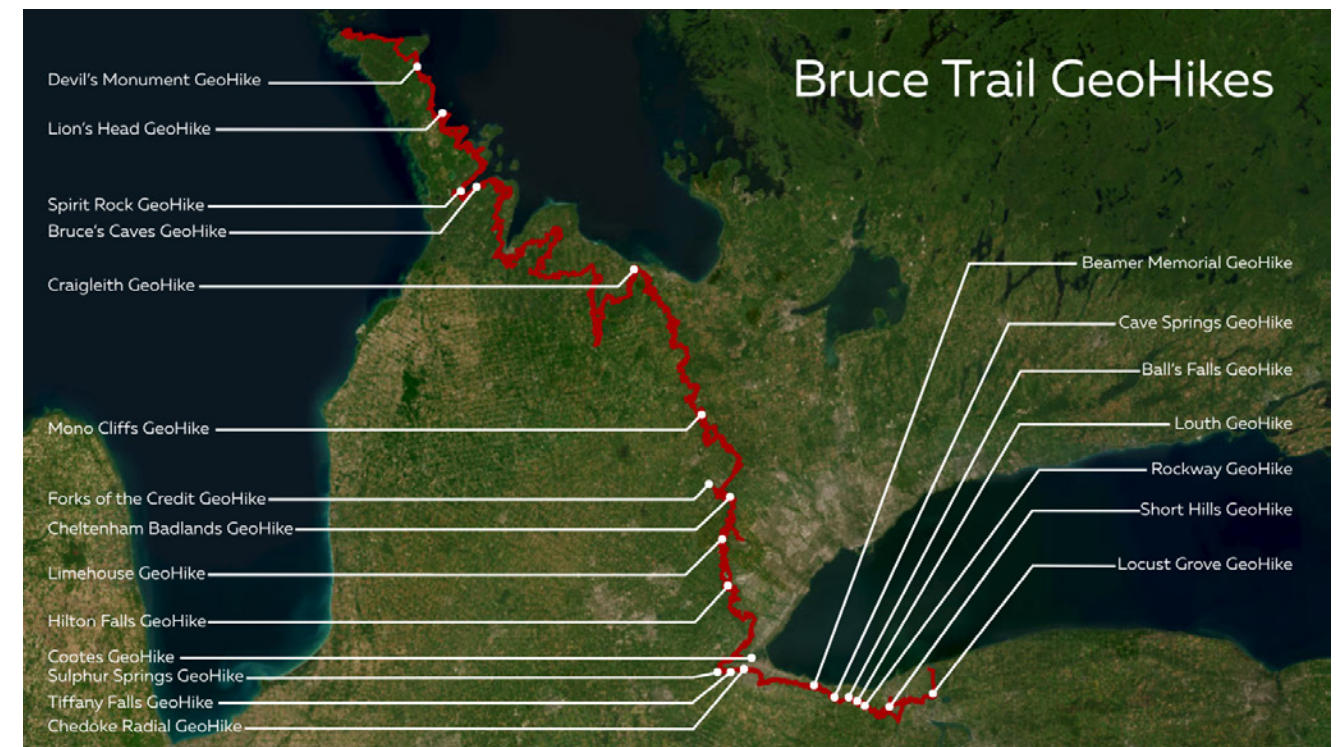


Home page of GeoscienceINFO.com

Geoscience Hubs

First launched in February 2025, these Geoscience Hubs bring together all our virtual field trip products within specific geographic areas for easy access on our [GeoscienceINFO.com](https://www.geoscienceinfo.com) website. There are now seven (7) Hubs and we will be adding additional Hubs as our product offerings continue to expand. These seven Geoscience Hubs include:

- **Bruce Trail Hub** – Twenty-one (21) GeoHikes along the full length of the Bruce Trail from Niagara Falls to Tobermory. Thirteen (13) GeoHikes are completed with eight (8) more in production with all expected to be released by this coming spring.
- **Niagara Geopark** – Eleven (11) GeoHikes completed with a Niagara Wine GeoRoute under development
- **Toronto Hub** – Two (2) Urban GeoWalks completed in downtown Toronto with two (2) more completed in the “green areas” of Toronto – Mud Creek-Evergreen Brickworks and Wilket Creek.
- **Kingston Hub** – Ten (10) GeoHikes released in the Kingston area and our first GeoPaddle at Wolfe Island.
- **Sudbury Hub** – Urban GeoWalk in the Laurentian University Campus and an extensive GeoRoute across the Sudbury area
- **Ottawa Hub** – Downtown Ottawa GeoWalk and Lime Kiln GeoHike.
- **London Hub** – Four (4) GeoHikes in the London area and an Urban GeoWalk on the Western University Campus.



Map of Bruce Trail GeoHikes

New Bruce Trail GeoHikes

The Bruce Trail Conservancy and APGOEF celebrated the launch of GeoHikes in time for March Break 2025. Bruce Trail GeoHikes are interactive digital tools that offer Bruce Trail users an accessible and innovative way of learning more about the geology of the Niagara Escarpment. Each GeoHike is a one to three-hour non-intensive self-guided tour that highlights the significance of the local geology. GeoHikes can be used as guides while walking the trail in person, or as a virtual alternative at home or in the classroom.

Most GeoHikes include virtual 3D models that show the locations of fossils and other geological features, 360° photos or drone videos, slide bars with overlays of important features or geologic information, and written and audio descriptions of the geology.

“For over 60 years the Bruce Trail has brought people into greater connection with nature, and specifically the Niagara Escarpment. In addition to the incredible biodiversity that can be found here are geological features that tell the fascinating history of the landscape we love. We are so grateful for the work and collaboration of the APGO Education Foundation team in creating the Bruce Trail GeoHikes Hub, which offers another layer of information that can enhance your next adventure through our ribbon of wilderness.”

– **Michael McDonald**, Chief Executive Officer of the Bruce Trail Conservancy, commented

Source: PR Newswire March 7, 2025: Bruce Trail Conservancy and APGO Education Foundation celebrate the launch of GeoHikes in time for March Break.



Map of GeoHikes in Niagara Geopark

Niagara Geopark

APGOEF is proud to be a Geoscience Education Partner for the Niagara Geopark, which is working in partnership with local communities, tourism businesses, educational institutions, conservation organisations and government agencies across the Niagara Region to have the Niagara Peninsula designated as a UNESCO Global Geopark.

UNESCO Global Geoparks are non-regulatory entities that recognise places with unique geology, landscapes, history, and culture and are managed with a focus on education, conservation, sustainable tourism, and community engagement.

Since UNESCO's 2024 evaluation, which APGOEF assisted with, Niagara Geopark has made major strides in visibility, education, partnerships, and community engagement including:

- Increased Community Visibility
- Successful Region-Wide Speaker Series
- Enhanced On-Site Experiences
- Engaging Youth Through the GeoClub
- Expanded Education
- Strengthened Partnerships

In April 2025, the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council recognized Niagara's outstanding potential and acknowledged the remarkable progress that the Niagara Geopark had made. Their feedback provided opportunities to build on this strong foundation. Niagara Geopark will be updating their application for submission in April 2026 and are optimistic about a positive announcement on Earth Day in April 2027.

Field work in summer 2026 for APGOEF in the Niagara Geopark will focus on completing the Niagara Wine GeoRoute with support from the Niagara area wineries. The Wine GeoRoute will introduce how climate, landforms, soils, and geology influence the characteristics of the wines produced in Canada's largest grape growing area.

APGOEF, represented by Dr. Bill Pearson, Chair and Veronica Klassen, Manager of Social Media, was very pleased to attend the 20th Anniversary Celebration sponsored by Niagara Geopark, held at the Domaine Le Clos Jordanne winery in August 2025. Each of the attendees received a copy of Rocky the Raccoon, as well as postcards about APGOEF and our GeoHikes in the Niagara Geopark. The response was very positive. At our booth, we were delighted to have many engaging conversations with attendees, including officials from key municipalities in the Niagara region and Green Belt region.



Photo: Exhibit at 20th Anniversary of Green Belt Celebration – Bill and Veronica



Photo: Best pic from GeoWalk

New Urban GeoWalks in Toronto

The team at University of Toronto led by Dr. Heidi Daxberger and Dr. Sarah Peirce and supported by a grant from the Canadian Geological Foundation, completed two excellent Urban GeoWalks in "green areas" of Toronto in 2025 – Mud Creek-Evergreen Brickworks and Wilket Creek. Visitors will be amazed at how much interesting geology is right under their nose in the centre of the largest metropolis in Canada.

The Mud Creek-Evergreen Brickworks Urban GeoWalk is a pleasant two-hour stroll between Moore Avenue and the Evergreen Brick Works. On this GeoWalk you will learn about the different rock types found along the river, see fossils, and discover what the environment was like here when these rocks were formed more than 400 million years ago under water. Visitors will learn why erosion is a formidable force that requires on-going mitigation through the construction of features such as slope stabilizers. The GeoWalk highlights some of the geomorphic features of the river such as cut banks, point bars, riffles, and pools. At the Don Valley Brickyard (or Don Valley Brick Works) you can stand on the site where brothers John and George Taylor excavated clay deposits and water from Mud Creek to make award-winning bricks used in the construction of many of Toronto's landmark buildings, including Casa Loma, Old City Hall, Osgoode Hall and the Ontario Legislature at Queen's Park.

At the last stop on the Urban GeoWalk, visitors will learn how this industrial area was transformed into the Evergreen Brick Works - a cultural environmental centre that has become a global showcase for green design and environmental stewardship. The centre is an excellent example of how a former industrial site can become successfully rehabilitated to a natural state.



Map showing the location of stops on the Mud Creek-Evergreen Brickworks Urban GeoWalk

Toronto's intensely urbanised landscape is a result of several geologic and non-geologic processes such as the movement of continental plates, reworking from glacial ice, stream processes, and human activity. Located in the heart of Toronto, Wilket Creek is an ideal place to explore how these processes have shaped this land and to see the dynamic nature of stream systems. The GeoWalk explores measures that must be put in place to mitigate the effects of erosion and how urbanisation affects natural systems.

The Wilket Creek Urban GeoWalk is part of a walking trail along the scenic stream valley between Edwards Gardens in the north and Sunnybrook Park in the south. The creek itself is a tributary of the larger Don River and is part of the Don River Watershed, which ultimately drains into Lake Ontario.



Map showing the location of stops on the Wilket Creek Urban GeoWalk, Toronto.

Photo: View of Don Valley Brickworks, Toronto.



Photo: Banded granitic gneiss on the shore of Gneiss Bay, Parry Sound GeoPaddle.

More GeoPaddles Released

The team at Queen's University led by Dr. Chris Spencer, created the first GeoPaddle at Wolfe Island in 2024. In 2025 they followed this up with release of two more GeoPaddles: the Parry Sound GeoPaddle, located on the north side of Parry Sound, beginning at Nobel Beach and the Upper Stony Lake GeoPaddle, located on the north side of Upper Stony Lake, north of Peterborough in the Kawartha Lakes area.

Located on the Canadian Shield, the Parry Sound area is part of a large belt of metamorphic rocks that formed over one billion years ago when a huge landmass collided into Laurentia, forming the Grenville Mountains. The intense heat and pressure on the rocks at the base of this massive mountain chain caused them to undergo metamorphism, resulting in the vast units of gneiss we see in the Parry Sound area today. As one paddles (in kayak/canoe or virtually from home), visitors will see many features in the rocks that formed as a result of metamorphic processes, such as gneissic banding and migmatites. On this GeoPaddle visitors learn how processes such as weathering have modified these rocks since their formation and what can be expected as weathering continues.

Composed of over 20 lakes, the Kawartha Lakes mark the geological boundary between the limestone-dominant bedrock that was deposited in the Paleozoic Era in southern Ontario, and the ancient rocks of the northern Canadian Shield. The Upper Stony Lake GeoPaddle takes you on a 6-stop geological tour through Upper Stony Lake – one of the eastern-most lakes in the Kawartha Lakes area. The rocks here are metamorphic rocks that formed over a billion years ago when the massive Grenville Mountains were rising in what is now North America.

Photo: Pic from Upper Stony Lake GeoPaddle.



Peer-Reviewed Article Published on Improving Accessibility of In-Situ Samples Using Digital Preservation

As we continue to develop new geoscience resources across Ontario, APGOEF is dedicated to advancing knowledge on field research techniques and protecting our province's geological outcrops so as to ensure that future generations have access to them. In April 2025, the APGOEF published *Improving Accessibility of in-situ Paleontological Geoheritage Via Digital Conservation: A Case Study Using iPad-Based LiDAR in the Niagara Aspiring Geopark* in *Geoheritage* journal authored by Dr. Daniel Dick, Keira Hum, Leah Smith, Kayci Street, Joseph Hansen, Paige Schotanus, Dr. Deana Schwarz, Dr. Elli Papangelakis, Dr. Alex Peace, P.Geol. and Dr. Carolyn Eyles, P.Geol. in the journal *Geoheritage*. The paper presents the use of tablet computer-based LiDAR technology as an accessible means to digitally preserve in-situ paleontological structures. Such techniques ensure that these structures can be accessed by those unable to visit in person and allow geoscientists to protect against possible destruction in the future.

ESRI Canada Highlights GeoScienceinfo.com

In March 2025, ESRI Canada put the spotlight on the APGO Education Foundation's efforts to educate the public about geoscience using the latest state-of-the-art ESRI StoryMap technology. In her article, "Building Virtual Geoscience Tours for Students—No Code Required", ESRI Marketing Specialist Dani Pacey talked to APGOEF Public Education Director Dr. Deana Schwarz, P.Geol. about how the Foundation is using "geospatial tools to create context-rich, engaging virtual tours of some of Ontario's most captivating geoscientific sites."



Bancroft Rockhound Gamboree 2025

APGOEF and Mining Matters returned to Bancroft from July 31 to August 3, 2025, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Bancroft Rockhound Gemboree! We marked this diamond anniversary by hosting an interactive exhibit on diamonds! Here, over 1,100 people spent some time with us as we discussed the formation of kimberlites, with real samples for people to touch. Visitors also learned about diamond properties and minerals that we look for that may suggest diamonds are present. We had a fun dark box with a UV light so people could look for inclusions in their own diamonds, and we learned how these inclusions are formed. People of all ages were welcome to our mineral pendant making activity, where they chose real mineral beads to make their own pendants, all while learning about the minerals themselves! This was an absolute hit, and we were thrilled that most people wanted to linger longer at the table and keep the conversation going!



Science Rendezvous Kingston 2025

APGOEF, in collaboration with Mining Matters, delivered an interactive exhibit at Science Rendezvous in Kingston, Ontario on May 10, 2025. We welcomed over 1,300 science enthusiasts from the Kingston area to our exhibit this year! Our theme was The Geological Timescale, and we took visitors on a walk through Earth's rich geological history, beginning at the Precambrian, where they learned all about volcanoes, created their own volcanoes with Play Doh, and even took a volcanic rock home. They then moved on to the Paleozoic Era, where they interacted with real fossils and were challenged to find small fossils on pieces of ancient seafloor. A quick stop in the Mesozoic explained why this time unit is not represented in the rock record in the Kingston area. Finally, visitors ended up in the Cenozoic Era, where they learned about glacial cycles, and made their own glacial landforms in our sand-based activity station. Our interactive exhibit was a hit with the public and we look forward to coming back and seeing familiar and new faces next year!



Ottawa Lapsmith and Mineral Club Show

Each September, APGOEF and Mining Matters deliver an interactive exhibit at the Ottawa Lapsmith and Mineral Club (OLMC) Rock and Gem Show, and 2025 was no different! We welcomed over 480 people to our table during this two-day event and discussed how diamonds are formed, their properties, and how they vary. Kids were treated to a selection of mineral-based activities such as mineral pendant making, mineral wire wrapping, and bracelet making. We just couldn't say no when people wanted to do all three activities, so we had a busy and chatty weekend talking about minerals!



Photos: (top) The APGOEF and Mining Matters taking visitors through geological time at Science Rendezvous Kingston in May 2025. (lower-left) Fossil Dan showing our young science enthusiasts through the Paleozoic Era at Science Rendezvous Kingston in May 2025.

Photos: (top-right) Lesley Hymers discussing diamond properties at the 60th anniversary of the Bancroft Rockhound Gemboree in August 2025, (centre-right) A crowd gathers to learn about diamonds at the 60th anniversary of the Bancroft Rockhound Gemboree in August 2025, (lower-right) Deana Schwarz at the Geology Rocks! interactive exhibit at the OLMC Gem and Mineral Show in Ottawa in September 2025, (left) Leading kids in geology themed activities at the Geology Rocks! interactive exhibit at the OLMC Gem and Mineral Show in Ottawa in September 2025.



Thunder Bay Mining Day

APGOEF attended the 10th Annual Thunder Bay Mining Day at Marina Park in Thunder Bay on June 15, 2025. We showcased our latest releases on GeoscienceINFO.com and discussed local geology with the public. Our display highlighted our major plans for 2025-2026 to complete a major upgrade to northern Ontario GeoRoutes into the easy-to-navigate StoryMap™ format. Upgrades to the Thunder Bay GeoRoute were carried out in 2025 with plans to launch Geoscience Hubs for Northwestern and Northeastern Ontario in Fall 2026. This year we have mineral stickers to hand out to the kids which were very popular.



Ball's Falls Thanksgiving Festival

APGOEF had a joint booth with the Niagara Geopark at the Annual Ball's Falls Festival which ran from October 10-13th, 2025. They had an impressive 163 vendors selling crafts and specialty foods along with a bandstand and food court. There were a number of activities for the kids including pony rides. Our joint booth was beside St. George's Church and in front of the Ball's homestead.

Over the 4 days we had meaningful discussions with approximately 350 people. Friday was mainly a smaller local crowd whereas on the weekend and Monday crowds were much larger with people from the GTA attending in addition to locals. Dr. Daniel Dick did guided geology tours over two days to the Upper Falls which were attended by 70 people.

Most people did not know much about the Niagara Geopark. They were intrigued with our GeoHikes especially those in the Geopark and along the Bruce Trail. People from the GTA also liked the Toronto Urban GeoWalks. Everyone loved the idea of a Niagara Wine GeoRoute and kids and parents alike absolutely loved Rocky the Raccoon. Several teachers inquired about the possibility of classroom presentations.



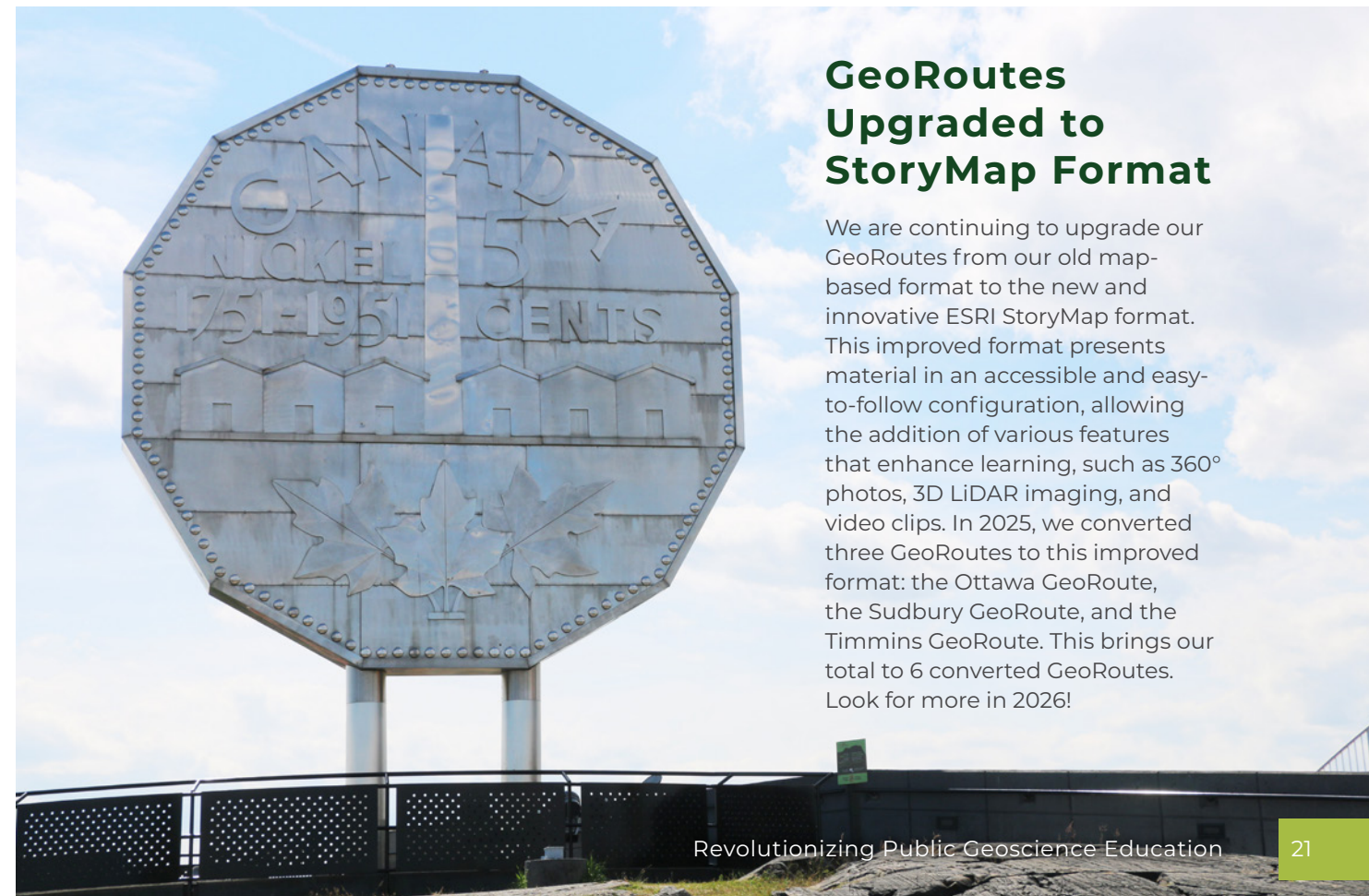
Photos: (top-left) Bill Pearson at Thunder Bay Mining Day booth, (centre-right) Bill Pearson and Perry Hartwick, Chair of Niagara Geopark at the Ball's Falls Booth, (lower-right) Bill Pearson and Daniel Dick at the APGOEF Display at the Ball's Falls Booth.

Sponsorship of Geologist-in-Residence Program

APGOEF is proud to continue to support the Geologist-in-Residence program, an initiative that began in 2021 through the Canadian Federation of Earth Science and Parks Canada. Each August, one person is selected as a geology ambassador at Pukaskwa National Park, near Marathon, Ontario. In 2025, Mark Smyk, M.Sc., P.Geo., filled this role to deliver geology based educational experiences to the public. Mark led people on hikes, answered questions, and met with community members from the nearby Biigtigong Nishnaabeg First Nation.



Photos: (top) Geologist-in-Residence Program at Pukaskwa National Park, (lower) The famous Big Nickel, on the Sudbury GeoRoute.



GeoRoutes Upgraded to StoryMap Format

We are continuing to upgrade our GeoRoutes from our old map-based format to the new and innovative ESRI StoryMap format. This improved format presents material in an accessible and easy-to-follow configuration, allowing the addition of various features that enhance learning, such as 360° photos, 3D LiDAR imaging, and video clips. In 2025, we converted three GeoRoutes to this improved format: the Ottawa GeoRoute, the Sudbury GeoRoute, and the Timmins GeoRoute. This brings our total to 6 converted GeoRoutes. Look for more in 2026!



Scholarships and Bursaries

The 2025 scholarship recipients, each of whom received a \$5,000 scholarship, were:

APGO Education Foundation Scholarship

- **Olivia Winslow** – University of Ottawa

Robert Hodder Memorial Scholarship

- **Claudia Forgett** – Laurentian University

In 2025, we were pleased to award a \$5,000 bursary to Allan David Lloyd to support him in completing his registration as a professional geoscientist (P.Geo.) with Professional Geoscientists Ontario (PGO)

APGOEF works closely with PGO and the Professional Access Into Employment (PAIE) program operated by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to support internationally trained geoscientists through our bursary program to obtain their professional registration in Ontario.

Donations and Grants

The Foundation continued to raise funds to support public education, scholarships and bursaries with overall donations and grants in 2025 totaling \$278,107. Under the PGO Support Agreement, PGO made an annual donation of \$5,000 to support scholarships and bursaries. PGO also makes a significant additional contribution of \$12,536 for APGOEF employee benefits, PGO members, who are provided the option to donate to the Foundation on their annual membership renewal, showed continued strong support in 2025 with donations of \$5,300. The Foundation is also grateful to PGO for continuing to provide office support.

Work with McMaster University School of Earth, Environment & Society preparing GeoHikes on the Niagara Escarpment including the Niagara Geopark and Bruce Trail, is supported by matching funds from Mitacs Accelerate. Development of Urban GeoWalks with University of Toronto in the downtown Toronto area is supported by a grant to APGOEF by the Canadian Geological Foundation.

Photo: Upper Louth Falls, Louth GeoHike, Niagara Geopark.

Outlook for 2026

Public Education

In 2025, we released a wide range of virtual tours, expanding access and creating more immersive ways for people to explore Ontario's rich geology. The strong positive response to these tours indicates a growing demand for more coverage across the province. As we look ahead to 2026, we are excited to continue building on this momentum with even more engaging and innovative virtual tour experiences. Our major projects under development in 2026 are:

1. Continuing development of GeoHikes along the Bruce Trail. We currently have 13 GeoHikes along the Bruce Trail and are developing at least 8 more in 2026.
2. Together with our team at Laurentian University, we are developing a comprehensive ReGreening of Sudbury GeoHike that will take people on a walking tour near Kelly Lake that highlights the successful remediation over the past 50 years.
3. A GeoHike that will follow the Historic Mine Trail at Bruce Mines, the first copper mine in Canada in 1846, located southeast of Sault Ste. Marie.
4. In 2026, Rocky the Raccoon and Lily the Crinoid will be on the move to Toronto, where they will expand their geological awareness to Canada's largest city.
5. Collaborating with a team at the University of Waterloo to begin development of virtual tours in the Waterloo area. We plan to begin with Elora Gorge, a beautiful gorge that hosts spectacular limestone cliffs. We will also digitalize their 4.6 km-long Geological Time Trail.
6. Continuing development of virtual tours in the Kingston area, in particular along the Rideau Trail working with Queen's University.
7. Conversion of northern Ontario GeoRoutes will continue with plans to launch Northwestern and Northeastern Ontario Geoscience Hubs in Fall 2026.

Photo: At Science Rendezvous Kingston.



Photo: Shale shores on Craigeleith GeoHike.

Public Events and Outreach

- **Science Rendezvous Kingston**
May 9, 2026

For our sixth consecutive year, the APGOEF will return to Science Rendezvous in Kingston in May 2026, along with partners Mining Matters. Our interactive exhibit will focus on Kingston in the Precambrian, where we will teach visitors about volcanoes, rock types, and what it looked like in Kingston over 545 million years ago. We will have fun giveaways to keep the learning going at home. See you there!

- **THUNDER BAY MINING DAY**
June 13, 2026

Look for us at the Thunder Bay Mining Day in June 2026, where we will discuss local geology and showcase our latest virtual tour releases.

- **BANCROFT ROCKHOUND GEMBOREE**
July 30 to August 2, 2026

We are excited to return to the Bancroft Rockhound Gemboree in mid-summer 2026 where we will again partner with Mining Matters to deliver an interactive geology exhibit over this fun-filled four-day event. Our young learners are encouraged to stop by our activity table to make some hands-on crafts with a geology theme.

- **OLMC GEM & MINERAL SHOW**
September 19 and 20, 2026

APGOEF will return to the Nepean Sportsplex in September 2026 to host a geology themed interactive exhibit with partners Mining Matters. Ball's Fall's Thanksgiving Festival

- **OAGEE FALL CONFERENCE**
October 16, 2026

In October 2026 we will attend the Ontario Association of Geography and Environmental Education (OAGEE) Fall conference being held at Waterloo University. We will showcase our latest releases to geography, geology, and ArcGIS educators across the province.

- **BILINGUAL VERSION OF GEOSCIENCEINFO.COM**

In response to many requests for a French version of GeoscienceINFO.com, we are pleased to announce that we have begun the process to translate all our virtual field trips to French which we plan to complete for release in 2027. A French version of Rocky the Raccoon Explores the Niagara Escarpment will be released in spring 2026 along with a French Kid's Zone.

Our Mission

The APGO Education Foundation (APGOEF) is a registered charitable organization under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act, registration number 84604 5052 RR0001.

The purpose of the charity is to advance the education of the public in the area of geoscience by:

- Holding lectures, presentations and conferences on geoscience both in person and virtually to introduce geoscience to high school and university students as well as enhance the knowledge of the general public.
- Providing scholarships to post-secondary students for the study of geoscience in the final year of a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degree program.
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Photo: Exploring gneiss outcrops by kayak on the Upper Stony Lake GeoPaddle.

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Dr. Bill Pearson has over 50 years of experience in the national and international mining industry and has carried out exploration and development programs in 18 countries around the world. He has held senior positions in a number of public junior mining companies and has served on several boards. He was the founding President of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario (APGO) from 2000-2003. In 2009 he received the Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award for his outstanding public leadership of geoscience in Ontario and Canada, and for raising recognition of the contribution of his profession to society and in 2015 he received the PDAC Distinguished Service Award for his service to Canada's Mineral and Exploration Industry. He is the Founder of APGOEF and has provided much of the funding to launch and grow the charity. Currently he is Executive Vice President, Exploration of Eoro Resources Limited exploring a major silver-tin polymetallic discovery in southern Bolivia.

DR. CAROLYN EYLES, P.GEO.

Dr. Eyles is a Professor Emerita in the School of Interdisciplinary Science and the School of Earth, Environment & Society at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. She holds a B.Sc. in Environmental Sciences from the University of East Anglia, a postgraduate certificate of Education from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, and an M.Sc. and Ph.D. in geology from the University of Toronto. Her research interests lie in the fields of glacial sedimentology and environmental geology, and she has worked extensively in Alaska, Australia, Brazil, Iceland, Norway, Great Britain and Canada. She has over 75 publications in peer-reviewed journals and books and has co-authored two first year geoscience textbooks. Dr. Eyles is a 3M National Teaching Fellow and has won numerous teaching awards including an OCUFA Teaching Award, an Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance Teaching Award, and the McMaster President's Award for Excellence in Instruction. In 2022, Dr. Eyles received the Award of Merit from Professional Geoscientists Ontario (PGO) recognizing her major contributions to professional geoscience.

PIERRE VAILLANCOURT, B.A., M.SC.

Pierre Vaillancourt is a Senior Analyst at Haywood Securities with over 20 years experience as a geologist in research, exploration and project development, and as a financial analyst with expertise in project evaluation, financial modeling and company analysis. He has a strong ability to source and evaluate investment opportunities in the mining sector, leveraging hands-on perspective from project-related experience and hundreds of site visits, along with financial skills and an extensive network of contacts in the mining and investment industries. He is respected as a trusted advisor who combines deep analytical skills with a collaborative approach to creatively solve problems and produce results through decisive planning and execution.

EILIDH LEWIS, M.SC., P.GEO.

Eilidh Lewis, P.Geo. was born in Glasgow, Scotland and emigrated to Canada in 2006 to pursue an M.Sc. degree in Geology at Laurentian University. She previously earned her B.Sc. in Earth Science from University of Glasgow. Eilidh's work experience includes Ontario Geological Survey as a senior assistant, KGHM International as production geologist, drill geologist and exploration geologist, Wallbridge Mining Company as a production geologist and a brief teaching position at Cambrian College in Sudbury. She joined Professional Geoscientists Ontario (PGO) as Assistant Registrar in 2019 and was appointed Registrar in 2023.

DAVID BURGA, P.GEO.

David Burga is a professional geoscientist and a graduate of the University of Toronto. He is president of Deptford Geoscience Inc., an exploration support services company. David has over 25 years experience working throughout Canada and Latin America on a wide range of exploration projects. This work has included authoring more than fifty National Instrument 43-101 Technical Reports. He has mentored young geologists through Professional Geoscientists Ontario (PGO) over the years and was formerly a board member of the Festival of Literary Diversity in Brampton.

Advisor to the Board

DR. NANCY E. MCINERNEY-LACOMBE, DM, MBA, BA (HONS)

Dr. Nancy E. McInerney-Lacombe is a senior executive with close to 30 years of domestic and international experience in the financial sector. Nancy's career has spanned three distinct areas including: Senior Vice President, Royal Bank of Canada; Director, Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions, Federal Government of

Canada; and Financial Sector Specialist in East Africa for The World Bank Group. Nancy also filled an Executive in Residence (EIR) role at the Richard Ivey School of Business from 2005 to 2014. She returned to Ivey as an EIR in 2016. She also served as a Board member and Chair of the Advancement Committee, Rosseau Lake College, Muskoka, Ontario from 2013 to 2015. Previous public board experience includes Chair of the Audit Committee of Desert Sun Mining Corporation prior to its takeover by Yamana Gold Corp. in 2006.

Management Team

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Dr. Deana Schwarz, P.Geo., received a B.Sc. in biology and a B.Sc. in geology. She received her M.Sc. and Ph.D. in stable isotope geochemistry at the University of Western Ontario, where she focused on the relationship between living systems and their environment throughout the geologic past. Dr. Schwarz has developed a deep sense of responsibility in educating others about geoscience, a sentiment strengthened by her years of teaching to university and college students. She is working hard to continue to make geoscience more accessible to the public, both on-line and in the field. In 2021, she led the successful transition of the GeoscienceINFO virtual field trips to the ESRI ArcGIS™ system. In addition, she has developed a number of StoryMaps™ that have become a key platform to presenting GeoHikes to the public.

BERNARD KRADJIAN, *Director Marketing & Communications*

Bernard Kradjian has over 14 years of solid experience in communications and marketing including website and social media development. As a consultant, he has developed and branded websites and social media accounts for a number of public and private sector organizations. He has produced and edited videos and has extensive experience on YouTube. Since 2008, he has been

the communications manager for PGO and is responsible for their popular "Field Notes" that is distributed to more than 3000 people each week. In addition, he develops PGO presentations, writes and edits reports, including the Annual Report, and designs promotional items for tradeshow and the Annual General Meeting. In 2021 Bernard carried out the conversion of the GeoscienceINFO.com website into WordPress which greatly enhanced the development capabilities of the site.

VERONICA KLASSEN

Manager Social Media

Ms. Veronica Klassen joined the APGOEF Team in June 2021 to develop and manage our new blog, Beneath Your Feet: A Geoscience Blog, which was launched on January 11, 2022. Ms. Klassen continued to develop our communications on social media. In July 2024 she launched Beneath Your Feet: A Geoscience Podcast where she interviews geoscientists about their careers and current research. Ms. Klassen holds an M.Sc. in Science Communication from Laurentian University, and a Bachelor of Arts and Science from McMaster University. She is passionate about making geoscience accessible and engaging to the public.

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Photo: Major tributary channel that empties water into the Thames River, on the Komoka Provincial Park GeoHike



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Photos: (above) Upper Stony Lake GeoPaddle, (right) Fluvial mid-channel bar in Medway Creek on the Medway Valley GeoHike.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of APGO Education Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of APGO Education Foundation (the "organization"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2025, and the statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at December 31, 2025, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the organization in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with ASNPO, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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APGO EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2025

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ -	\$ 4,330
Marketable securities (Note 2)	230,765	154,809
Accounts receivable	24	5,995
Inventory	1,702	-
Harmonized sales tax recoverable	-	15,068
Prepaid expenses	536	8,814
	233,027	189,016
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (Note 9)	2,125	-
TRADEMARK (Note 10)	59,780	52,868
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 294,932	\$ 241,884
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS'		
CURRENT		
Bank indebtedness	\$ 183	\$ -
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	6,229	11,025
Harmonized sales tax payable	316	-
	6,728	11,025
NET ASSETS	288,204	230,859
	\$ 294,932	\$ 241,884

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of APGO Education Foundation (continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Mississauga, Ontario
 June 25, 2026

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT
 Licensed Public Accountant

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

APGO EDUCATION FOUNDATION
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Year Ended December 31, 2025

	General Fund - Administration <i>December 31</i> 2025	Public Education Fund <i>December 31</i> 2025	Scholastic Fund <i>December 31</i> 2025	2025 <i>December 31</i> 2025	2024 <i>December 31</i> 2024
REVENUES					
Donations	\$ 273,576	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 273,576	\$ 312,641
Book sales	-	736	-	736	-
HST Recovery	4,531	-	-	4,531	-
	<u>278,107</u>	<u>736</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>278,843</u>	<u>312,641</u>
EXPENSES					
Salaries and wages <i>(Note 7)</i>	12,929	-	-	12,929	11,329
Public education and events <i>(Note 7)</i>	-	200,228	-	200,228	203,784
General and administrative	35,092	-	-	35,092	25,607
Website	26,125	-	-	26,125	24,623
Accounting and audit fees	17,514	-	-	17,514	16,500
Scholarships and bursaries	-	-	17,500	17,500	20,000
Insurance	2,513	-	-	2,513	1,863
Software and internet	3,086	-	-	3,086	1,926
Office expense	-	-	-	-	156
Memberships	745	-	-	745	-
Interest and bank charges	157	340	-	497	25
Amortization	193	-	-	193	-
	<u>98,354</u>	<u>200,568</u>	<u>17,500</u>	<u>316,422</u>	<u>305,813</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS	<u>192,682</u>	<u>(199,832)</u>	<u>(17,500)</u>	<u>(37,579)</u>	<u>6,828</u>
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)					
Gain (loss) on sale of marketable securities	(6,279)	-	-	(6,279)	14,879
Dividend income	5,472	-	-	5,472	315
Interest income	-	-	-	-	4
Investment fees	(2,667)	-	-	(2,667)	(3,059)
Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities	98,398	-	-	98,398	(61,215)
	<u>94,924</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,924</u>	<u>(49,076)</u>

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APGO EDUCATION FOUNDATION
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures *(continued)*
Year Ended December 31, 2025

	General Fund - Administration <i>December 31</i> 2025	Public Education Fund <i>December 31</i> 2025	Scholastic Fund <i>December 31</i> 2025	2025 <i>December 31</i> 2025	2024 <i>December 31</i> 2024
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 287,606</u>	<u>\$ (199,832)</u>	<u>\$ (17,500)</u>	<u>\$ 57,345</u>	<u>\$ (42,248)</u>

Included in Public Education is salaries related to that function.

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APGO EDUCATION FOUNDATION
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended December 31, 2025

				Total	Total
	General Fund - Administration (Note 4)	Public Education Fund	Scholastic Fund (Note 3)	2025	2024
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 230,859	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 230,859	\$ 273,107
Excess of revenues over expenses	287,606	(212,761)	(17,500)	57,345	(42,248)
Transfer of scholastic fund to general fund purposes (Note 3)	-	-	-	-	-
General fund contributions to other fund categories	(230,261)	212,761	17,500	-	-
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 288,204	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 288,204	\$ 230,859

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APGO EDUCATION FOUNDATION
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended December 31, 2025

	2025	2024
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	\$ 57,345	\$ (42,248)
Items not affecting cash:		
Amortization of tangible assets	193	-
Loss (gain) on disposal of investments	6,279	(14,879)
Unrealized (gain) loss on investments	(98,398)	61,215
	<u>(34,581)</u>	<u>4,088</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	5,971	(995)
Inventory	(1,702)	-
Harmonized sales tax recoverable	15,384	18,140
Prepaid expenses	8,278	(8,248)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(4,796)	(5,341)
	<u>23,135</u>	<u>3,556</u>
Cash flow from (used by) operating activities	<u>(11,446)</u>	<u>7,644</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of marketable securities	-	(72,915)
Proceeds on disposal of marketable securities	12,641	104,205
Return of capital	3,522	-
Purchase of tangible asset	(2,318)	-
Purchase of intangible asset	(6,912)	(52,868)
Cash flow from (used by) investing activities	<u>6,933</u>	<u>(21,578)</u>
DECREASE IN CASH FLOW	(4,513)	(13,934)
Cash - beginning of year	<u>4,330</u>	<u>18,264</u>
CASH (DEFICIENCY) - END OF YEAR	\$ (183)	\$ 4,330

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DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

APGO Education Foundation (the "Foundation" or "APGOEF") is incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act as corporation without share capital. It is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act (Canada) and as such is not subject to income tax.

The Foundation's objective is to provide financial and other support to promote a greater understanding of geoscience, support the individuals who study geoscience, and support the practice of geoscience.

The purpose of the charity is to advance the education of the public in the area of geoscience by:

1. Holding lectures, presentations and conferences on geoscience both in person and virtually to introduce geoscience to high school and university students, as well as enhance the knowledge of the general public;
2. Providing scholarships or post-secondary students for the study of geoscience in the final year of a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degree program
3. Providing bursaries to immigrants to Canada who are internationally-trained geoscientists and have demonstrated financial need for completion of licensure procedures for registration as professional geoscientists (P.Geo.s) in Ontario.

APGOEF provides funding to support innovative geoscience education projects working with university geoscience departments, community groups and not-for-profit organizations across Ontario.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNFP). Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations are part of Canadian GAAP. The fund uses the Restricted Fund Method.

The restricted fund method of accounting involves the reporting of details of financial statement elements by fund in such a way that the organization reports total general funds, one or more restricted funds, and endowment funds.

Revenue recognition

APGO Education Foundation follows the fund accounting method of accounting for contributions, which includes donations and grants.

The General Fund recognizes all unrestricted revenue and restricted contributions for which no corresponding restricted fund is presented.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

General fund restricted contributions are recognized when the related expenses have been incurred under the terms of the restriction.

Unrestricted investment income is recognized as revenue when earned.

Restricted fund contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which they are received.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets are initially recognized at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less any impairment losses. Intangible assets are tested for impairment annually or more frequently, if events and circumstances indicate that there may be impairment.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Contributed services

Contributed materials and services are recognized only when a fair value can be reasonably estimated, the materials and services are used in the normal course of operations and the materials and services would otherwise have been purchased.

Financial instruments

(a) *Measurement of financial instruments*

The Foundation initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. It subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market, which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in net income.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Financial assets measured at fair value include marketable securities.

Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Such estimates are periodically reviewed and any adjustments necessary are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known.

Financial statement items subject to such estimates and assumption include the valuation of accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

2. MARKETABLE SECURITIES

	2025	2025	2024	2024
	Cost	Market value	Cost	Market value
General Fund marketable securities	\$ 265,013	\$ 230,765	\$ 283,597	\$ 154,809
	-	-	-	-
	\$ 265,013	\$ 230,765	\$ 283,597	\$ 154,809

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3. SCHOLASTIC FUND

The Scholastic Fund is comprised of specific bursaries and scholarships as from restricted donations or designated by the board.

	2025	2024
Arsalan Mohajer Bursary	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000

4. GENERAL FUND

The general fund is used to pay for operating expenses including legal, audit, marketing and administration costs.

5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Restricted funds are used to designate donations received for specific purposes. In addition to the General fund, the Foundation has restricted funds for three designated purposes: Public Education, and the Scholastic fund which is collectively for the Arsalan Mohajer Bursary fund and Dr. Robert Hodder Memorial Scholarship fund. All funds are externally restricted or designated by the board. .

6. COMMITMENTS

Professional Geoscientists of Ontario ("PGO") agreed in 2018 to provide an annual \$5,000 donation the use of which is at the discretion of the Foundation. This agreement was renewed in November 2025 for another year.

7. SALARIES AND WAGES

During the year, at least 90% of salaries and wages expenditures were directed to developing public geoscience information, which is shared at www.geoscienceinfo.com, and for attendance at public events.

8. CONTRIBUTED SERVICES

The Foundation has a service agreement with the Professional Geoscientists of Ontario ("PGO") in which PGO provides office support service and the management of the PGO member optional donations to the APGO Education Foundation during the PGO annual membership renewal.

Additional contributed services from other sources have not been recognized in the financial statements as the fair value of such services can not be reasonably estimated.

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9. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2025 Net book value	2024 Net book value
Computer equipment	\$ 2,318	\$ 193	\$ 2,125	\$ -

10. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible asset consists of the costs to trademark the names "GeoRoute", "GeoHike", "Urban GeoWalk", "GeoPark", "GeoBlog", "GeoVideo", "GeoPaddle", and "GeoPodcast".

11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Foundation is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments and has a comprehensive risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage these risks. The following analysis provides information about the Foundation's risk exposure and concentration as of December 31, 2025.

(a) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Foundation will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Foundation is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The Foundation expects to meet these obligations as they come due by generating sufficient cash flow from operations. There has been no change to this risk exposure from 2024.

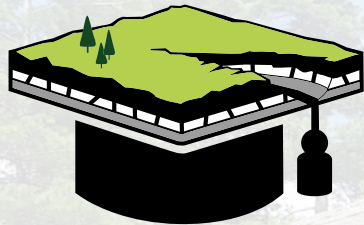
(b) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency rate risk, interest rate risk and other price risk. The organization is mainly exposed to other price risk. There has been no change to this risk exposure from 2024.

(c) Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market. The organization is exposed to other price risk through its investment in mutual funds. This risk is reduced to a minimum, since the Foundation mitigates the risk by investing in conservative investments focused on generating income with long term capital appreciation. There has been no change to this risk exposure from 2024.

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Organization is not exposed to significant other price risks arising from these financial instruments.



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