



British Columbia Geological Survey Geological Fieldwork 1978

GENERAL REVIEW

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DISTRICT GEOLOGISTS

In 1978, the number of district offices was expanded to six, with headquarters maintained at Victoria. The office locations and the outline of the respective districts are shown on Figure 28.

The addition of District Geologists at Charlie Lake and Fernie now provides increased access by industry and the public to Ministry information files, technical assistance, and training. The District Geologists in these two offices will primarily be responsible for monitoring and inventorying the coal resources of the northeast and southeast coalfields, as well as specialized coal-related studies.

District Geologists in the Nelson, Kamloops, Prince George, and Smithers offices maintained their established roles in monitoring and providing assistance to various facets of the metals industry.

PROSPECTORS' ASSISTANCE

The Prospectors' Assistance Program was expanded in 1978 through the Accelerated Mineral Development Program, funded by Bill 5, *Revenue Surplus of 1976/77 Appropriation Act, 1978*. The number of grants made to prospectors was increased to 211, and a complementary increase in technical assistance was provided by hiring field geologist, T. D. Lewis, and student assistant, A. D. Rivard. An overall increase in the number and depth of the basic geology/prospecting courses given during the fall of 1978 has also been made through the expanded program.

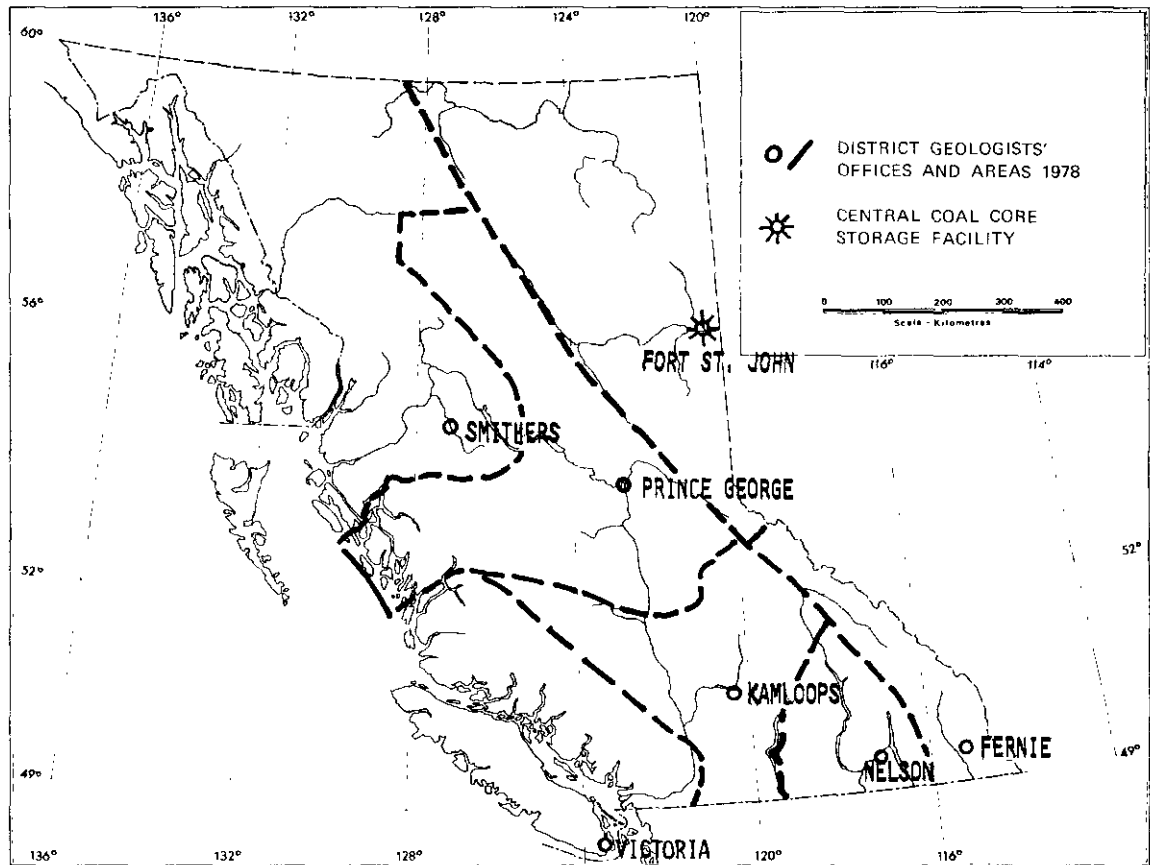
MINERAL EXPLORATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Mineral Exploration Incentive Program was instituted in 1978 and funded through the Accelerated Mineral Development Program. The program provides grants, limited to one-third of the cost of exploration, up to a maximum of \$50 000, on any one property in one year.

The intention is to provide a level of funding, previously unavailable to prospectors and developers, to stimulate industry at this level.

An experienced mine and exploration geologist, J. F. Bristow, P. Eng., was hired to administer the program, with assistance from T. D. Lewis and A. D. Rivard. Short term office clerical help was also provided.

Of 190 requests and applications received prior to September 1, 1978, 72 were examined in detail and 38 contracts were awarded. All approved projects were visited in the field and, where necessary, some geological mapping ensued or technical assistance provided.



DISTRICT GEOLOGISTS' OFFICES	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Northwestern District - T. G. Schroeter	Box 877, Smithers V0J 2N0	847-4411 (local 277)
Northeastern District - R. H. Karst	Box 7438, Fort St. John V1J 4M9	785-6906
Central District - G. H. Klein	1652 Quinn Street, Prince George V2N 1X4	562-8131
South Central District - G. P. E. White	101, 2985 Airport Drive, Kamloops V2B 7W8	376-7201
Southwest District - E. W. Grove	30 - 617 Government Street, Victoria V8V 1X4	387-5538
West Kootenay District - G. G. Addie	310 Ward Street, Nelson V1L 5S4	352-2211
Southeast District - D. A. Grieve	Box 1290, Fernie V0B 1M0	423-6222

Offices of the District Geologists are open to the public on normal business days from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. District information available for public use includes assessment reports, mineral deposit records, geological reports and maps, topographic maps, current air photograph indexes, some photographs, and Ministry publications. Information on Prospectors' Assistance, Prospectors' Training, and other Ministry programs is also available from all offices.

Representative coal cores for the Northeast Coalfield are stored at the Charlie Lake (Fort St. John) warehouse. Cores and coal reports are available for viewing, subject to the terms of confidentiality.

Figure 28. Locations and areas, District Geologists; central coal core storage facility (1978).