



"The Dryden Development Corporation (DDC) has proactively helped our company to diversify its product offerings in the mineral exploration sector."

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

Labour Force Experience

- Total workers with experience: 4,235
- Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities: 250
- Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations: 750
- Business, finance and administration occupations: 640
- Management occupations: 415

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 it. 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 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

Incentive Program

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

- Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC)
- National Research Council-Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP)
- Patricia Area Community Endeavours (PACE)
- Ontario Prospectors Association (OPA)



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
- About 6,000 vehicles travel through Dryden every day
- Rail, truck, courier and warehouse services are available
- Highway 502 provides an easy-access, north-south link to the U.S. Midwest, and beyond
- Dryden Regional Airport, with CANPASS, hosts daily scheduled and charter air service
- About one-third of the population is between 25 and 44 years of age – and the median family income is about \$77,439
- A solid economic base in tourism, renewable energy and resource-based sectors in the region's financial, accounting, real estate, healthcare and transportation hub

Dryden Regional Airport

Dryden Regional Airport's 6,000-ft. main runway can handle small to large freight and commercial aircraft. And with the only Instrument Landing System (ILS) in the Greater Dryden Region, and services and facilities for fixed and rotary wing operations, Dryden Regional Airport offers superior support for future business expansion.

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, transport, 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 and Winnipeg on the Trans-Canada Highway, which links Eastern and Western Canada. Highway 601 runs northeast from the city to Dryden Regional Airport. Highway 502 runs south to the 24 million people in nearby U.S. Midwest markets.

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

- east to Dryden from Winnipeg
- east from Dryden to Toronto, and
- north to Dryden from Chicago

Review Our Mineral Exploration Resource Guide, And Call Us Today!

Learn what Dryden offers your mining and exploration company by reviewing our Mineral Exploration Resource Guide online. And then call Vicki Kurz, Economic Development Manager, today at (807) 223-4100, to learn more.