

# EPEX 2019

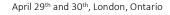
**Energy Prospectors Expo** 

# **OPI 57<sup>th</sup> Conference and Trade Show**











#### WHAT IS EPEX?

EPEX highlights the multifaceted nature of Ontario's oil, natural gas and salt industries and how they fit into Ontario's energy landscape. EPEX identifies opportunities to help other energy sectors. After all, we're all doing the same thing but in different ways -- and that is why the OPI and OGSR Library wanted to bring everyone together.

#### **E**NERGY **P**ROSPECTORS **EX**PO

Each one of you is an important collaborator in this conference and your participation highlights the multidimensionality of our energy sector in Ontario.

The EPEX logo is a tesseract, a four-dimensional shape with 24 faces, chosen to represent the complexities and multiple layers of energy production in Ontario.

EPEX is about more than prospects – it's about exploring.

Join us in the plenary session and let's start generating collaborative energy!

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# Schedule of Events

# Day 1 - Monday, April 29th

Length	Time	Event	Presenters
4 hr	9:00	Glacial Geology Field Trip	Shuo Sun, OGSR Library
4 hr	12:00	Trade Show Booth Setup	Trade Show Exhibitors
4 hr	4:00	Trade Show Opens	Trade Show Exhibitors
		Ontario Petroleum Institute's	Students, Investment Groups,
		Welcome to the Industry	Industry Exhibitors, Public Welcome!
		Reception!	

# Day 2 - Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Length	Time	Event	Presenters			
60 min	7:35	Breakfast				
	8:00	<b>Trade Show Opens</b>	Trade Show Exhibitors			
		Poster Hall Set-up and	Poster Exhibitors			
		Opening				
15 min	8:35	Official Conference Opening	Welcoming remarks			
40 min	8:50	Plenary	OPI, OGSRL, and Industry present <i>Oil</i> Exploration Live! How to explore			
			and drill for oil in Ontario.			
			MC: Candace Freckelton			
60 min	9:30	Morning Networking Break,	Trade Show Exhibitors, Student			
		Poster Contest, Core Display	Poster Contestants, Core Display			
		BLOCK 1: OIL EXPLORATION	MODERATOR: Candace			
		AND PRODUCTION	Freckelton			
20 min	10:30	Integrating large subsurface	Jonathan Garrett, Consumers Energy			
		databases in the Michigan Basin for analyses of field				
		redevelopment strategies				
20 min	10:50	Recent resurgence in the	Bill Van Sickel and Collin Gray, West			
		Devonian Dundee play – Central Michigan Basin	Bay Exploration Co.			
20 min	11:10	A 3-D Tour of the Paleozoic	Terry Carter, Carter Geologic			
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		Ontario				
15 min	11:30	Block 1 Panel Discussion				



95 min	11:45	Networking Lunch and Keynote Speaker	Trade Show Exhibitors, Keynote Speaker
10 min	1:20	Student Poster Awards	Student Poster Exhibitors
		BLOCK 2: ENERGY STORAGE	MODERATOR: Pei Ying Ng
20 min	1:30	Embracing uncertainty in numerical models	Robert Walsh, Geofirma
20 min	1:50	Compressed air energy storage: Learnings from #1 and where the future of the technology lies	Katherine Peretick, NRStor
20 min	2:10	Economic perspective on compressed air energy storage (CAES)	Allan Fogwill, CERI
15 min	2:30	Block 2 Pa	nel Discussion
30 min	2:45	Intersession Break	Trade Show Exhibitors
		BLOCK 3: ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND OUTLOOK	MODERATOR: Pei Ying Ng
20 min	3:15	Compressed air energy storage	Matthew Davison, Western University
20 min	3:35	The Anthropocene - proposed GSSP in varved sediments from Crawford Lake, Milton, Ontario	Francine McCarthy, Brock University
20 min	3:55	Past, Present, and Future Outlook for Lagasco	Jane Lowrie and Jennifer Nisker, Lagasco
15 min	4:15	Block 3 Pa	nnel Discussion
60 min	4:30	Closing Remarks - Wine and Cheese Start Submit your conference survey to enter the prize	Trade Show Exhibitors
	_	draw!	
	5:30	Trade Show Closes/Tear- down	
3 hrs	7:00	Brews, Bowling, Business Networking Evening	





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#### OPI President's Welcome

It is my pleasure to once again welcome all attendees and guests to EPEX 2019: OPI 57<sup>th</sup> Conference and Trade Show.

Thank you to all who are participating - sponsors, presenters, exhibitors and volunteers – for your continuing support of this very important event that brings the industry together.

My appreciation and thanks to the OPI Conference Committee chaired by Ian Colquhoun for their work in organizing the Conference.

We hope you enjoy EPEX 2019. Thank you for attending.

Dale Holland, President
Ontario Petroleum Institute



#### Conference Chair's Remarks

The OPI conference is a time for all of us in the oil and gas industry to come together, share newly acquired knowledge and to update each other on our current business activities. The idea of collaboration between the energy sectors is not new since the launch of EPEX in 2018 but it is one that needs nourishing and further exploration in the years to come.

We petroleum geoscientists and engineers see that our industry is on the brink of a rebirth and we talk about this through our conference and while attending other industry trade shows, such as NAPE and PDAC, to encourage companies to come into Ontario and explore for economic oil and gas deposits that we know remain under our feet. Our new OPI booth panels reflect what we believe to be viable and valuable sources of energy to all Ontarians.

Our industry is passing through a new phase of existence where there has been amalgamation of most of the oil and gas assets in Ontario into a single entity. This signals a time to redefine ourselves and encourage outsiders that have the patience and dedication to explore and develop natural resources to join us and provide both the competition and collaboration that is required to reinvigorate our industry. Please join us in the celebration of our industry that provided us work as young professionals, gave us the ability to grow and develop as individuals, and allowed us to come together as friends, colleagues and respectful competitors.

Ian M. Colquhoun, Conference Chair



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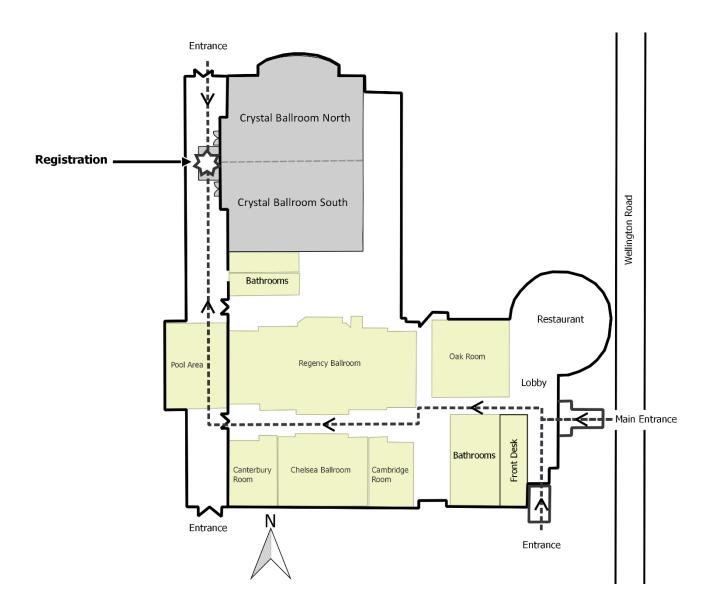


# Venue Map

#### **Best Western Plus Lamplighter Inn & Conference Centre**

**Crystal Ballroom North** – Will host the Trade Show Exhibitors, Networking, Student Poster Exhibitors, and Rock Core Display.

**Crystal Ballroom South** – Will host the Plenary and Speaker Blocks.





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### **Plenary Summary**

EXPLORATION LIVE! Just eighteen years ago Ontario was drilling over 100 petroleum wells per year. Today's drilling levels are down significantly so let's fire up a rig and see what it takes to drill a new Ontario petroleum well in this action-packed plenary session.

Ontario Petroleum Institute (OPI); Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Library (OGSRL); and Industry collaborate again to investigate what it takes to explore and develop petroleum resources and other opportunities in Ontario.

The plenary team has been busy since EPEX 2018 capturing scenes from our current Ontario petroleum industry. We've followed the drilling of one well from start to finish and documented the beginnings of an exciting new prospect.

In this plenary session the team steps through the roles of each organization in encouraging and supporting the exploration and drilling process. Starting with the exploration phase, the OPI examines what it takes to get started, reviews the regulatory regime, and highlights elements of our service industry here to help in the process.

See our mini-documentary on drilling a new well start to finish. What resources were used? How was the prospect developed? This is where to OGSRL comes in to help with data.

Our presentation from the industry highlights new collaborations and new prospects and leaves us uplifted and inspired by a live trip to the field on an active drilling rig. Economic energy production could be right beneath our feet – that's why we keep exploring.

Above all the plenary aims to present the resources that we need to explore, produce, innovate and collaborate in Ontario.





# Core Display

Presented by:

Shuo Sun – Geological Laboratory Technician; Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Library

#### **Select Cores of Ontario**

The following cores will be made available during the core display segment at the first coffee break:

Well Licence	Location (COUNTY- Township-Lot- Concession)	Well Name	Core Number	Box Number	Rock Formation	Significance
T007188	Lambton-Sarnia	MOE Deep Obs. 1	954	58, 67-74, 80-81	Dundee	Hydrocarbons, porosity types and carbonate lithofacies
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T003563	HURON-Goderich-2- MC	Domtar Goderich S.T.#1	1072	96, 100, 126, 156- 159	Salina	Energy Storage – Potential for compressed air energy storage (CAES) in caverns

The OGSR Library has initiated a catalogue of high-resolution core photographs to help our clients conduct their research remotely and more efficiently. Each core is photographed dry, wet, and under ultraviolet light. Over 13,000 photographs have been taken of approximately 4,350 core boxes.

A small number of photographs for the above cores have been printed in the back of this program.



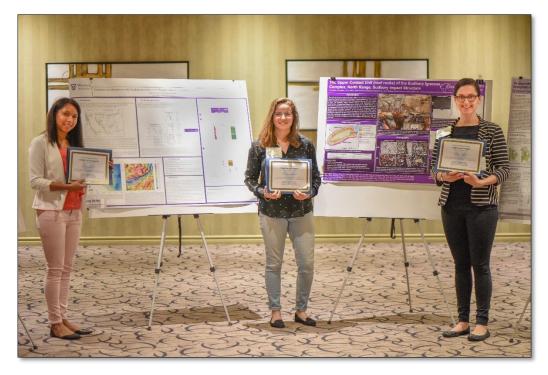
## **Student Poster Competition**

University and college students were invited to submit posters on themes of Ontario Energy or Geology.

Posters are available for viewing outside of the main speaking area, behind the registration desk. Judging for the competition will take place during the first coffee break at 9:30AM. All conference participants are encouraged to read the posters and welcome the students.

An OGSR Trust Scholarship will be awarded to the author of the top poster and two OGSR Trust Awards of Merit will be awarded to the top runner-up entries.

#### Congratulations to our 2018 winners:



#### OGSR Trust Scholarship:

Mailyng Aviles (left): Estimation of Exhumation in the Foredeep Depozone of the Western Canada Foreland Basin Using a Compaction-based Method Approach

#### OGSR Trust Award of Merit Winners:

Lindsay Debono (center): The Upper Contact Unit (roof rocks) of the Sudbury Igneous Complex, North Range, Sudbury Impact Structure

Matea Drljepan (right): Finding order in chaos: Stratigraphy and sedimentology of the Lower Cretaceous Late Albian Viking and Joli Fou formations



# Speaker Biographies and Abstracts

# Block 1 - Oil Exploration and Production Jonathan Garrett

Geologist, Consumers Energy

Jon received a BS in geoscience from the University of Michigan 2014, and an MS in geology from Western Michigan University in 2016. His thesis was focused on characterization and modeling Niagara-Lower Salina reef reservoirs in the Michigan Basin. Recent work for Consumers Energy involves reservoir characterization and modeling of 15 depleted natural gas storage reservoirs, along with collecting and analyzing large amounts of data gathered throughout many years of operation.

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#### Jon Garrett - Abstract

# Integrating Large Subsurface Databases in the Michigan Basin for Analyses of Field Redevelopment Strategies

Jon Garrett, a Geologist at Consumers Energy in Jackson, MI, will present ongoing research related to integrating large subsurface databases (e.g., geological, petrophysical, geophysical, and production data) in order to more effectively evaluate relationships between various data types and formats. Improved accessibility of extensive subsurface data allows for efficient and scalable visualization and analyses. Domain knowledge can then be used to make decisions to enhance existing assets and identify new development opportunities. The presentation will include examples comparing a variety of subsurface data for evaluation of redevelopment strategies pertaining to both gas storage and enhanced oil recovery reservoirs.

# BLOCK 1 – Oil Production and Exploration 10:50 a.m.



#### Bill Van Sickel and Colin Gray

Geologists, West Bay Exploration Co.

Bill Van Sickel is a geologist with West Bay Exploration Company in Traverse City, Michigan. He has a BS in geology from The University of Akron and a MS from Western Michigan University. He has 18 years experience in the oil and gas industry and belongs to AAPG, GSA and SEPM. He has done extensive work on the Hydrothermal Reservoirs of the Trenton/Black River (Ordovician) and Dundee Formations (Devonian). Past presentations have been made at Michigan PTTC (2012), AAPG Eastern Section (2012), OPI (2013), Illinois Gelogical Society (2013) and Dallas E&P Forum (2016).

Collin J. Gray has been employed as a Geologist at West Bay Exploration since 2016. Collin received his M.S. in Geology from the University of Texas at El Paso in 2015 and his B.S. in Geology from Lake Superior State University in 2012. Collin has seven years of experience working in the oil and gas industry. Collin has primarily worked in conventional oil and gas plays in North American basins and has predominantly concentrated on hydrothermally dolomitized carbonate reservoirs in the Michigan Basin. Past presentations have been made at the Institute of Tectonic Studies Research Consortium (2015), Rocky Mountain Rendezvous (2015), and AAPG Annual Convention & Exhibition (2015).

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#### Bill Van Sickel and Colin Gray - Abstract

#### Recent Resurgence in the Devonian Dundee Play - Central Michigan Basin

The Dundee Formation in Michigan has produced nearly 374 Million Barrels of Oil. Of that 374 Million, 134 Million (36%) is attributed to Hydrothermally altered reservoirs. The Dundee Play has seen increased activity in the past several years. Much like the Ordovician Trenton-Black River, recent Dundee success is credited to exploration by 3D seismic. Because the Trenton-Black River and Dundee reservoirs have hydrothermal origins, both share similar reservoir qualities and facies relationships. This consists of a chaotic mix of fractured vugular and matrix porosities resulting in varying degrees of permeability.

# BLOCK 1 – Oil Production and Exploration 11:10 a.m.



#### Terry R. Carter

Consulting Geologist, Carter Geologic

Terry retired as Chief Geologist, Petroleum Operations, of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources at the end of 2014 after 38 years working for the Ontario government, and is now a Consulting Geologist in London, Ontario. Terry specializes in mapping, modelling and interpretation of the Paleozoic bedrock geology of southern Ontario, its oil, gas and salt resources, and regional bedrock aquifers. He is a passionate supporter of the Ontario Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Library in London, and its role in managing and providing public access to data on the subsurface Paleozoic geology of southern Ontario, and the use of GIS technology in accessing and interpreting this data.

Terry is co-author of the book Subsurface Paleozoic Stratigraphy of Southern Ontario, published by the Ontario Geological Survey in 2010 and was project coordinator on a project to produce a 3D geological model of the Phanerozoic geology of southern Ontario.

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#### Terry R. Carter - Abstract

#### A 3-D Tour of the Paleozoic Bedrock Geology of Southern Ontario

T.R. Carter<sup>1</sup>, F.R. Brunton<sup>2</sup>, J. Clark<sup>4</sup>, L. Fortner<sup>5</sup>, C. Logan<sup>3</sup>, H.A.J. Russell<sup>3</sup>, M. Somers<sup>4</sup>, L. Sutherland<sup>6</sup>, K. Yeung<sup>2</sup>

- 1 Geological consultant, London, Ontario
- 2 Ontario Geological Survey (OGS), Ministry of Energy, Northern Development & Mines, Sudbury, Ontario
- 3 Geological Survey of Canada (GSC), Natural Resources Canada, Ottawa, Ontario
- 4 Oil, Gas, & Salt Resources Library (OGSRL), London, Ontario
- 5 Petroleum Operations Section, Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, London, Ontario
- 6 Western Libraries, University of Western Ontario

After three years of development and seven model iterations, the first regional 3-D geological model of the Paleozoic bedrock of southern Ontario is complete. The model encompasses all 110,000 km<sup>2</sup> of the Western St. Lawrence Lowlands region of southern Ontario, except for Manitoulin Island.

The model is constructed in Leapfrog<sup>©</sup> Works (Aranz Geo Limited) - an implicit modelling application, with 56 layers representing 70 Paleozoic bedrock formations, the Precambrian basement, and overlying unconsolidated sediments. Layers were constructed using formation depth data from 26,950 petroleum borehole records in the Ontario Petroleum Data System (OPDS), supplemented by hundreds of deep bedrock boreholes compiled by OGS. Formation depth data in the borehole records comprise the primary data input for the 3-D model. Model layers are based on a new lithostratigraphic chart prepared for this project. A new digital bedrock topography surface has also been constructed and is combined with a new digital subcrop geology map that approximate and constrain the subcrop surface of each modelled formation and better align the layers with expert knowledge and mapped geology. Model development was an iterative cycle of interim model construction, expert geological appraisal to identify errors/inconsistencies, followed by QA/QC editing of formation depth data using well records, geophysical logs, drill cuttings and drill core.

This project has generated a robust lithostratigraphic model which is a logical next step in the evolution of regional geological mapping. Practical applications of the model include; hydrogeological modelling of groundwater systems, natural resource extraction (e.g., water, gypsum, salt, gas, oil, aggregate), site selection for nuclear waste disposal, exploitation of geothermal energy, public outreach and education, identification of gaps in data and knowledge, and shortcomings in modeling algorithms. Users must recognize that the model is a data-driven algorithmic representation of the actual bedrock geology subject to future improvement and is not a substitute for detailed geological mapping.

This presentation illustrates how the model can be used to visualize geological features of the bedrock of southern Ontario with a tour of 3D scenes created using free viewer software provided by Leapfrog. Model publication will likely occur in 2019 as simultaneous releases of Open File reports by the GSC and OGS, with subsequent posting on the website of the OGSRL.



## Keynote Speaker

#### Message from the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry



Hon. John Yakabuski

Our government was elected on a promise to cut red tape, create jobs, and promote economic growth. We recognize the important role the oil and natural gas industry continues to play in driving Ontario's economy.

Since the province's first oil well began production in 1858, approximately 93 million barrels of oil and 1.35 trillion cubic feet of natural gas have been produced in Ontario, almost all of it in the

southwestern part of the province. Because of the continuous search for new oil and gas pools, other industries - such as salt solution mining and underground hydrocarbon - now also contribute to our province's economy.

My ministry is committed to helping industry keep pace with changes in the sector. In 2018, the Province amended Ontario Regulation 245/97 under the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act* to include the regulation of compressed air energy in salt caverns. An existing cavern in Goderich is the first in Canada to use new, innovative technology which involves compressing air into a cavern at times of low energy demand, storing it until the demand is higher, and releasing it to power turbines. The Ontario Petroleum Institute's work in promoting the viability of Ontario's hydrocarbon sector is reflected in new, external investors exploring similar opportunities in our province.

We all know that the oil and gas exploration and production sector has experienced challenges and a decline in activity in recent years. We also know that Ontario's petroleum sector is evolving to meet growing energy demands. This is evident in the transition from drilling traditional exploration wells to the use of hydrocarbon storage wells. I am aware of your concerns for the future of the industry. That is why we are committed to continuing to work with your industry representatives to remove unnecessary administrative burdens and improve regulatory processes. It is part of our government's commitment to reduce barriers and ensure Ontario is open for business and open for jobs.

The OPI-MNRF Hydrocarbon Sector Working Group is an excellent example of the benefits we gain from maintaining an open dialogue on these issues. This collaborative approach between industry and government has resulted in improved processes, and this past year there was an increase in industry outreach and information sessions that kept you informed of regulatory efficiencies and key developments.

# LUNCH - Keynote Speaker 12:30 p.m.



The oil and natural gas industry has experienced many successes, challenges, and changes over the last century and a half. Here in Ontario, the industry has a track record of successful operations, and of developing new technologies and applications that have been shared around the world.

My ministry looks forward to continuing to work with the OPI and I hope everyone enjoys the conference
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#### Block 2 – Energy Storage

Robert Walsh

Senior Engineer, Geofirma Engineering Ltd.

Robert Walsh is a geological engineering consultant with broad experience in numerical modeling of subsurface processes. He studied Civil Engineering at the University of Alberta and continued with graduate studies in Germany, where he investigated coupled thermal, hydraulic, and mechanical processes in rock. In his early career he focused on solving the problem of safe disposal of radioactive waste, with an emphasis on the production and transport of radioactive gases in a waste repository setting. More recently, Dr. Walsh has had a leading role in a multi-year effort to model the effect of increased delta pressure in a large number of gas storage reservoirs. He continues to have a broad practice area, recently working in the area of petroleum wellbore integrity, where he has developed models of gas seepage in wellbores, and has played a key role in writing a technology roadmap to improve sealing performance of hydrocarbon wells.

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#### Robert Walsh - Abstract

#### **Embracing Uncertainty in Numerical Models**

Numerical models are tools for quantification of subsurface processes, typically used in order to aid in decision making. This is a difficult undertaking. To understand subsurface processes, we use models: conceptual models, analytical models, and sometimes numerical models. To populate such models we need information, but the subsurface is largely opaque to us, and the available methods of data acquisition are typically difficult and expensive. As a result, we frequently rely on sparse data sets, subject to significant uncertainty. One option to address this uncertainty is to embrace it by developing many versions of the numerical model with different parameter combinations, informed by scientific and engineering knowledge. The model versions are often described as sensitivity cases (in the case of a deterministic sensitivity analysis) or as realizations (in the case of a probabilistic sensitivity analysis). Here we present two examples of sensitivity analyses where the application of uncertainty improved our understanding of the system, and our confidence in the model predicted behaviour.

For the first example, we describe modelling studies assessing the feasibility of increasing the maximum pressure in an underground natural gas storage reservoir. This required an assessment of the potential for pressure and gas propagation in the caprock, and the geomechanical response to pressure change in the storage reservoir and connected secondary storage zones. To assess the impact of some key, but uncertain, model parameters, 35 sensitivity cases with alternate parameter sets were assessed. These sensitivity cases included changes in the mechanical properties of caprock and storage formations, increases in gas mobility in the caprock, and reduced minimum principal stress.

For the second example, we examine the application of probabilistic modeling in the context of radionuclide transport from a deep geological repository. Probabilistic simulations were used to investigate the relative importance of various transport processes and the sensitivity to parameters describing the processes. In this approach, univariate and multivariate statistics are used to determine the significance of individual parameters to a selected performance metric. Transport simulations were conducted for each of several hundred realizations and metrics describing peak uptake of radionuclides at a well were extracted from simulation results. The significance of the independent variables (the sampled geosphere parameters) was assessed in terms of their correlation and contribution to variability in the dependent variables (well-transport peak value and time). This approach allowed us to quantify what parameters were most significant, and identify thresholds for certain parameters, below which their impact became insignificant. This type of information improves our understanding of the system, increases our confidence in the model results, and may help guide future field characterization efforts by identifying the most significant parameters – and the required level of sensitivity in field measurements.

Many of the methods developed in the radioactive waste field are directly applicable to petroleum engineering problems in southern Ontario, including delta pressure modeling, compressed air energy storage development, and potentially wellbore integrity. The probabilistic nature of these analyses could allow them to be seamlessly integrated into risk assessment frameworks currently employed by the industry.

# BLOCK 2 – Energy Storage 1:50 p.m.



#### Katherine Peretick

Director of Engineering, NRStor Inc.

Katherine Peretick is the Director of Engineering at NRStor Inc., a leading energy storage project developer. She leads the technical work to develop and build energy storage systems for the electrical grid, working with technologies from flywheels to batteries to microgrids, all with the goal of increasing renewable energy penetration on the electrical grid efficiently and cost-effectively. She is also managing the development of the world's first commercial fuel-free compressed air energy storage facility in Goderich, Ontario.

Previously at General Compression, a high-tech compressed air energy storage technology startup company, Katherine led project engineering for the company's first commercial project. She also found and evaluated new project opportunities and developed models to prove functionality, reliability, and profitability of the machine. In prior roles Katherine designed wind turbines at Vestas, and was a reliability engineer for the Mars rover, Curiosity, during her time at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Katherine has a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Science in Energy Systems Engineering, both from the University of Michigan.

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#### Katherine Peretick - Abstract

# Compressed Air Energy Storage: Learnings from #1 and Where the Future of the Technology Lies

NRStor is developing the world's first commercial fuel-free compressed air energy storage (CAES) facility on a salt cavern in Goderich, ON. The project is in the process of commissioning, and once running will provide the Ontario Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) with energy storage services to help balance the electrical grid. Built on a solution-mined salt cavern, the facility will be able to provide 1.75 MW of power for a 4 hour duration during peak usage hours, and will be able to withdraw 2 MW of power during low system usage hours. The first-of-a-kind nature of the project has resulted in regulatory changes, academic advances, and other significant learnings for future CAES projects.

# BLOCK 2 - Energy Storage 2:10 p.m.



#### Allan Fogwill

President & CEO, Canadian Energy Research Institute (CERI)

Allan Fogwill joined CERI in November 2014 as President and CEO. An energy sector executive with over 25 years of experience in both the public and private sector, Mr. Fogwill's background has focused on economic and market analysis of energy sector issues along with policy development related to energy regulation and efficiency issues. Mr. Fogwill has previously worked for natural gas distribution companies in BC and Ontario and for the Ontario Energy Board dealing with market analysis and the analysis of distribution costs. Prior to assuming his role at CERI, Mr. Fogwill provided regulatory consulting services to local distribution companies in Ontario. Allan has a Master's degree from Simon Fraser University in Natural Resources Management and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Saskatchewan in Geography. He has also served as the Chair and CEO of the Canadian Energy Efficiency Alliance and the Canadian Gas Research Institute.

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#### Allan Fogwill – Abstract

#### **Economic Perspective on Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES)**

CAES is an electricity storage technology that can be used to manage the variability in output of wind and solar PV energy systems to ensure their adaptation will not adversely impact electricity system reliability. Availability of suitable geology across the country makes CAES an attractive electricity storage technology for Canadian provinces.

Ontario has a large fleet of wind and solar PV generation in Canada. Specifically, South Western Ontario has an advantage to create CAES projects, as many wind farms are located closely to suitable geologic formations that could be used to store energy underground.

CERI's research will present the economic and environmental impacts of CAES technology in comparison with other power generation options, in terms of levelized cost of electricity (LCOE) and Carbon Emissions Intensity; show a comparison between Ontario and other Canadian provinces; and highlight associated benefits and challenges.



#### Block 3 – Academic Research and Outlook

**Matt Davison** 

Dean of Science, Western University

Matt Davison works at the intersection between applied mathematics, quantitative risk management and engineering. His chief area of academic interest is the economic analysis of green energy infrastructure operating in the face of either environmental uncertainty or financial market uncertainty, or both. Matt holds a B.A.Sc. (Engineering Science, Geophysics Specialty) from the University of Toronto (1991) and M.Sc. (1993) and Ph.D. (1995) degrees in Applied Mathematics from Western. Matt is the author of 67 papers and 9 book chapters. He has graduated 21 PhD students, now all placed in academia, the civil service, or the finance sector and more than 50 M.Sc. students over his career. Matt currently serves as the Dean of Science at Western University in London Ontario.

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#### *Matt Davison – Abstract*

#### The Outlook for Compressed Air Energy Storage of Electricity in SW Ontario

Authors: Matt Davison, Rupp Carriveau

Wind turbines allow the generation of energy from a clean, free, and renewable source, the wind. In Ontario, a low carbon electricity economy has been developed which relies primarily on wind power and nuclear power, eliminating the need for dirty coal fired power production. However, the wind does not always blow, and nuclear plants must run on a nearly all or nothing basis. This is a challenge for the economics of the power market. Energy storage represents a helpful way to cope with these challenges. A promising way to store electrical energy is via Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES, essentially a gas turbine with the compression phase separated in both space and time from the combustion phase, and with the compression being done via an electrical pump). CAES requires an appropriate geological container which abound in SW Ontario as Devonian reefs. The additional availability of other infrastructure makes CAES a potentially economically viable strategy to solve Ontario power market problems. My talk will provide a high level introduction to CAES and its outlook in our region.

# BLOCK 3 – Academic Research and Outlook 3:35 p.m.



#### Francine McCarthy

Ph.D., Dalhousie University, Professor and Graduate Program Director, Earth Sciences, Brock University; Core Member, Environmental Sustainability Research Centre, Brock University; Associate Member, Biological Sciences, Brock University

Francine McCarthy is a micropaleontologist who is interested in Late Cenozoic paleoenvironmental reconstruction, primarily using acid-resistant organic walled microfossils — pollen and non-pollen palynomorphs. Her research has spanned small lake to abyssal marine environments and everything in between, primarily at mid-latitudes in the Northern Hemisphere. Her interdisciplinary research has been conducted in collaboration with several geologists, biologists, geographers, and archeologists from government, university, and the private sector. Current research focus is on meromictic lakes, notably Crawford Lake, which is one of ten candidate sites for the GSSP of the proposed Anthropocene Epoch. She has been on the executive of several organizations, including current membership on the board of the *International Association for Great Lakes Research* and *Canadian Association of Palynologists* liaison to the *International Federation of Palynological Societies*.

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#### Francine McCarthy- Abstract

#### The Anthropocene – Proposed GSSP in Varved Sediments from Crawford Lake, Milton, Ontario

Since the pollen of corn and other cultivars was identified in sediments from the middle of the last millennium, many studies have been conducted on in Crawford Lake. Varved sediments in the deep dolostone basin of this small lake near the edge of the Niagara Escarpment in Milton, Ontario provide annual resolution through the last millennium, dating Iroquoian agricultural settlement between 1268 and 1486 CE and EuroCanadian land clearing beginning ~1822 CE. Organic-walled microfossils are exceptionally preserved in the anoxic bottom waters that inhibit bioturbation, and dinoflagellates germinated from cysts in varves dating to the early 1820s – the oldest record of viable cysts in the world. The varved record of Crawford Lake is one of nine locations being investigated as GSSP candidates for the Anthropocene Series, with a proposed base at AD 1950 (the "bomb spike").

In addition to annual resolution, other attractive features of the Crawford Lake section include its easily accessible location and protection by Conservation Halton since the first archeological investigation discovered artifacts and evidence of longhouses. The reconstructed Iroquoian village is a popular attraction for school children and the general public. The site offers a perfect opportunity to inform people about the geologic time scale and the conventions regulating the erection of formal intervals of geologic time. It is hoped that interest in the Anthropocene, keenly debated among the geoscience and broader community, will draw attention to geoheritage and its value in the broader societal context, particularly in clearly distinguishing between diachronous anthropogenic impact and the proposed boundary between the Holocene and Anthropocene Series.

# BLOCK 3 – Academic Research and Outlook 3:55 p.m.



Jane Lowrie and Jennifer Nisker Lagasco Inc.

Jane is a second-generation oil and gas producer in Ontario, and has been involved in exploration, development and acquisitions for over 35 years. As the Chief Executive she manages over 2,200 BOE/d of oil and gas production in Ontario. Jane is a past President of the Ontario Petroleum Institute (1994-95), is currently on the Board of Directors, and has an in-depth firsthand knowledge of all aspects of the Ontario oil patch. Jane obtained an MBA from the Richard Ivey School of Business and has utilized this educational base to build from the ground floor a viable energy business in Ontario.

Jennifer is a graduate of the Richard Ivey School of Business at Western University and a CPA/CA. Jennifer worked at Deloitte in her early career where she was involved in the tax group and in the financial advisory group gaining valuable experience in business valuations, mergers and acquisitions, financial modelling and business financings. For the past ten years, Jennifer has been a consultant to the Lagasco group where she assumed responsibilities for financing reporting and budget to actual analysis, financial modelling and business acquisition analysis and due diligence work, financing sourcing and bank reporting, cash flow preparation and lease program management. In addition, she has worked with Tribute Resources Inc. to assess renewable energy business opportunities in wind power, landfill gas, hydraulic facilities and marine tidal power generation in addition to being responsible for compliance reporting for this public company including the quarterly preparation of the financial statements and MD&A.

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#### Jane Lowrie and Jennifer Nisker - Abstract

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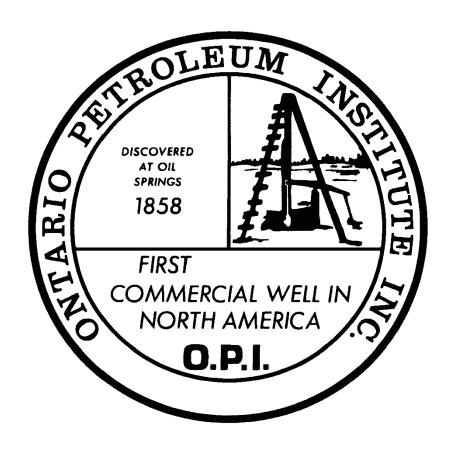


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Photo 2: Well Licence T007188, Core 954, Box 58, Top Depth 162 meters, Wet

Photo 3: Well Licence T007188, Core 954, Box 58, Top Depth 162 meters, UVF

Significance: Oil staining at top of Dundee fm.

Block 2 - Energy Storage / Block 3 - Academic Research and Outlook

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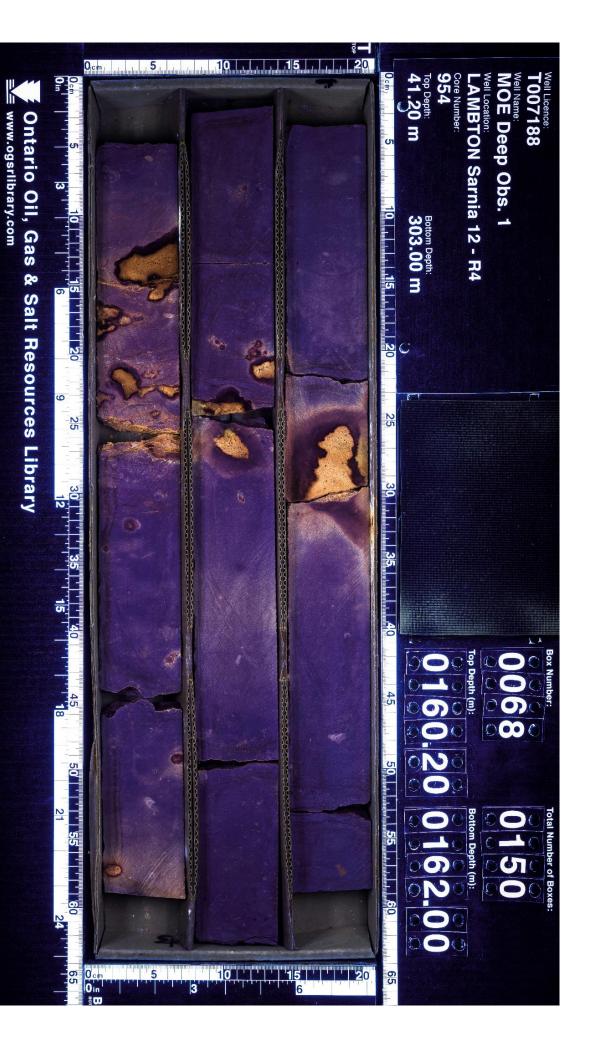


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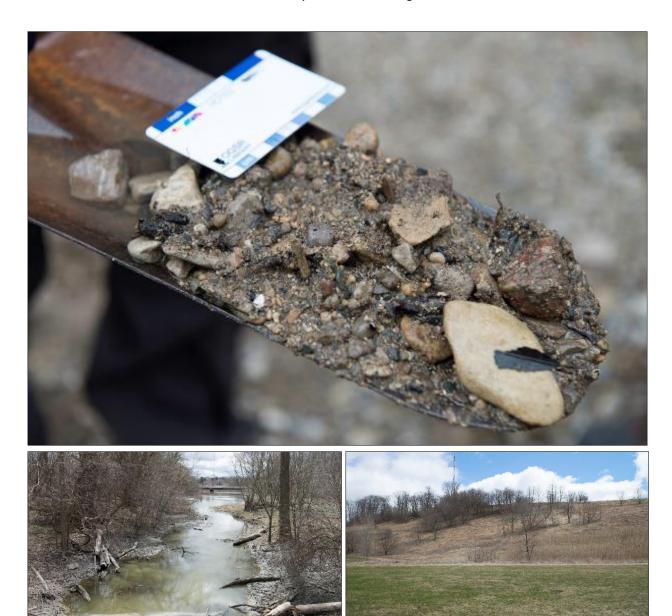






# Glacial Geology Field Trip

Presented by Shuo Sun & Craig Irwin



Medway Creek – Glacial Till (top)
The Coves – Oxbow Lake (bottom left)
Whisperwood Park – Moraine (bottom right)





### Glacial Geology Field Trip in London, Ontario

Monday April 29th from 9am - 1pm

Field Trip Guide(s):

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Shuo Sun is now working as the Geological Laboratory Technician at the Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Library, London, Ontario. He is now working on geologic projects of the Silurian-Devonian carbonate sedimentation in southern Ontario. Shuo obtained his BSc and MSc in at the China University of Geosciences, Beijing and his PhD at University of Western Ontario.

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### **Trip Itinerary**

Begin - Best Western Plus Lamplight Inn & Conference Centre (696 Wellington Rd)

1st Destination - The Coves & Thames River

2<sup>nd</sup> Destination - Medway Creek

3<sup>rd</sup> Destination – Sifton Bog

4<sup>th</sup> Destination – Whisperwood Park

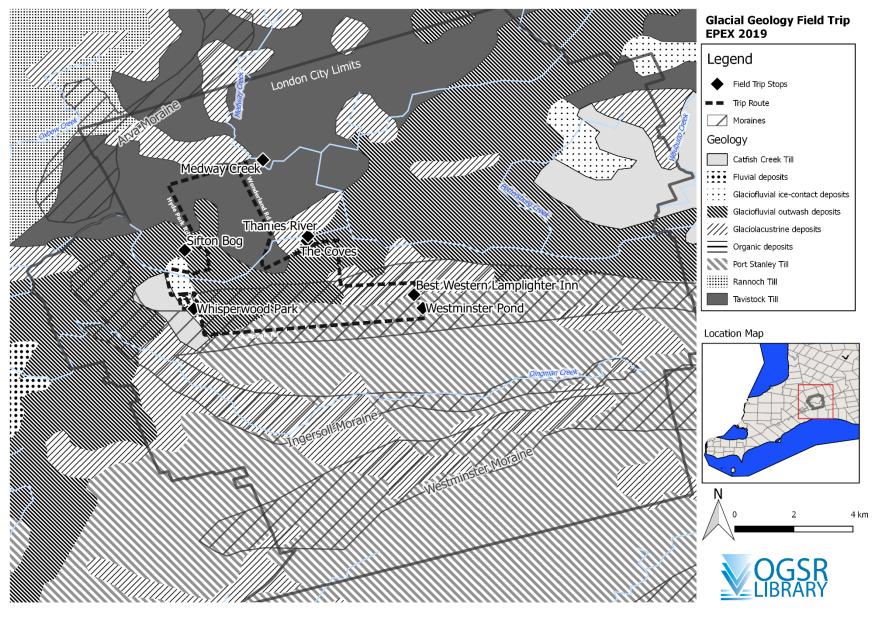
5<sup>th</sup> Destination – Westminster Ponds

End - Best Western Plus Lamplight Inn & Conference Centre

#### Description:

Explore the features left behind in London, ON from the Wisconsin Glaciation 10,000 – 15,000 years ago. Glacial processes shaped the Thames River watershed's current physiography during the Wisconsin glacier, leaving behind ridges, glacial till and kettle ponds. Material, in the form of stones, gravel, sand and clay, were deposited as the glacier retreated. The accumulation of these materials created moraines. Three major moraines surround London, the Arva moraine in the north, and the Ingersoll and Westminster moraines running through the southern portion of the city. This guided tour presents an exciting opportunity learn about the geology and geomorphology of London!

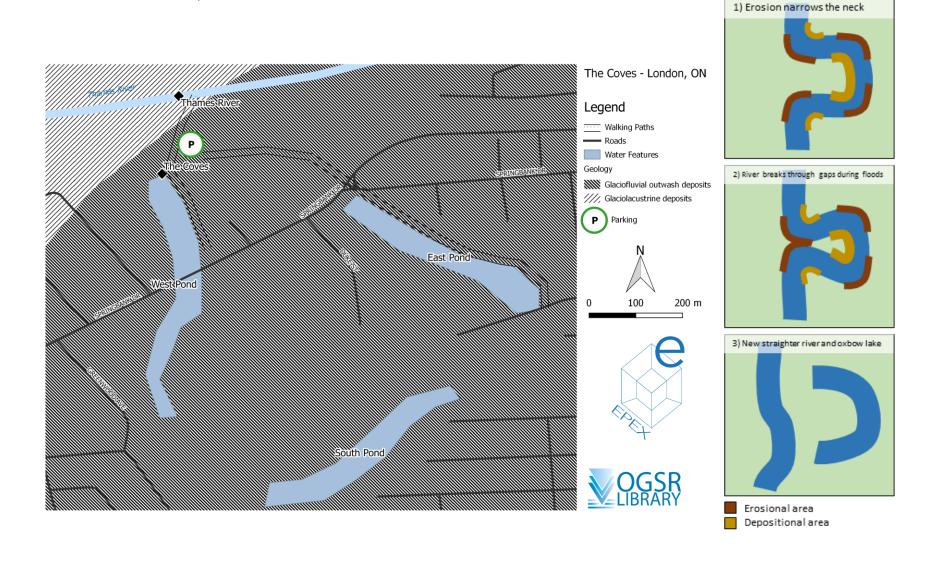






### 1st Destination: The Coves and Thames River

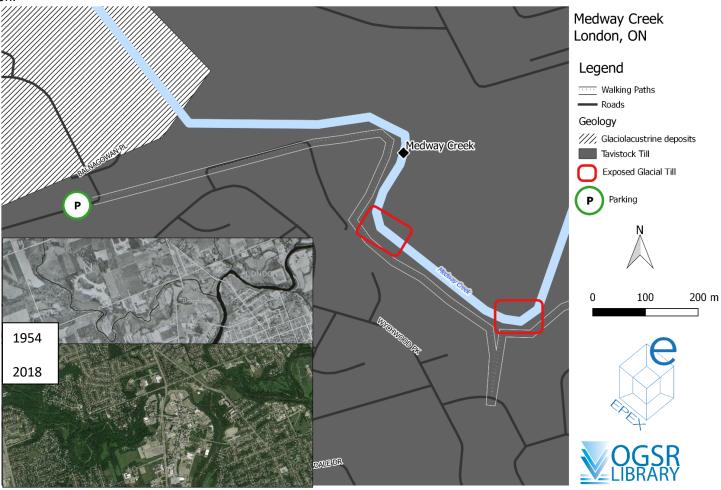
The Coves are a set of three oxbow lakes that used to be connected to the Thames River. As the Thames River meandered and eroded, a new main channel formed because water flow follows the path of least resistance. The abandoned channels gradually became disconnected over time and are now termed West Pond, East Pond and South Pond. The tour will showcase the West Pond and Thames River.





### 2<sup>nd</sup> Destination: Medway Creek

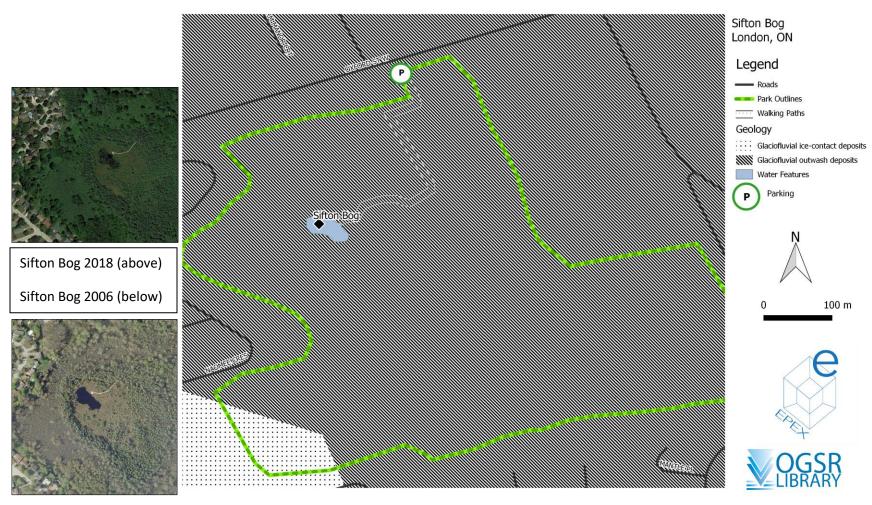
Medway Creek is an alluvial, meandering single channel river with broad well-developed floodplains. Bedrock is composed of glacial till (fine clay with a gravel matrix) which was left behind after the Wisconsin glacier. At its outlet, Medway Creek joins the Thames River which can be seen on the Western University campus. Urbanization in London has influenced the flow regime of the river, with increased high flow events contributing to accelerated erosion.





### 3<sup>rd</sup> Destination: Sifton Bog

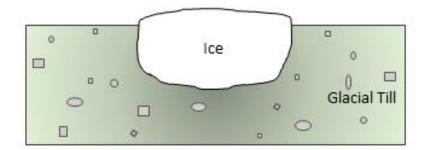
Sifton Bog Environmentally Significant Area is a 50 – hectare floating acid peat bog located in northwest London. Redmond's Pond is located at the end of the boardwalk, which takes you through the floating shrub bog. The forest is a large mixed and deciduous swamp forest with Tamarack and Black Spruce. Sifton Bog is currently classified as a mid-life bog and was formed from a kettle pond (see next page).



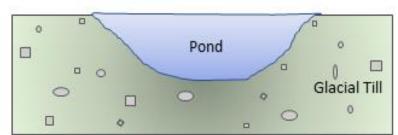


# Formation of Kettle Ponds and Bogs

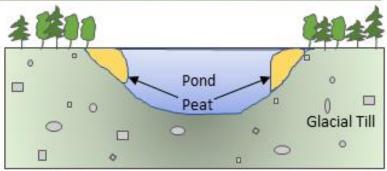
1) Stranded ice block



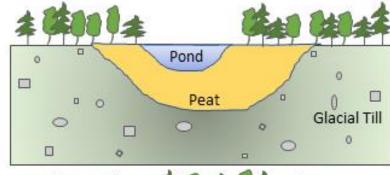
2) Kettle pond (Westminster Ponds)



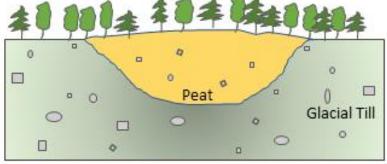
3) Plant colonization begins



4) Mid-life of a bog (Sifton Bog)



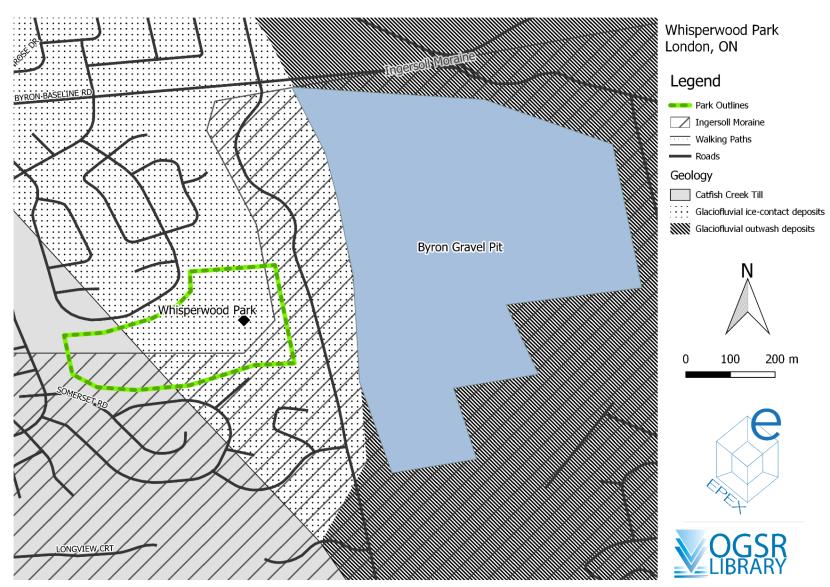
5) Raised bog



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### 4<sup>th</sup> Destination: Whisperwood Park

The Ingersoll Moraine runs east-west through London and represents the northern extent of the Lake Erie ice lobe. The Byron Gravel Pit, which is still operational, mines gravel and stone from the moraine for commercial uses. The edge of the Ingersoll moraine can be seen to the east and south from Whisperwood Park.



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### 5<sup>th</sup> Destination: Westminster Ponds

The Westminster Ponds are located south of the Ingersoll Moraine and north of the Westminster moraine in southeast London. These kettle ponds are permanent depressions left behind in the glacial sediment from blocks of ice melting during the Wisconsin glaciation period. The ponds are fed by surface runoff and are not naturally connected by a stream, resulting in water slowly draining between them through bog and wetland area.





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