

Mining Association of Canada Awards its Annual Scholarship to Andrii Soroka

OTTAWA, September 6, 2023 – The Mining Association of Canada (MAC) is pleased to announce that Andrii Soroka has been awarded the [2023 Paul Stothart Memorial Scholarship in Mineral Economics](#). This annual scholarship recognizes the work being done by some of Canada's most innovative minds pursuing advanced degrees in business administration or economics.

“Each year, we are impressed by the caliber of entries received from individuals across Canada who are in the midst of their studies and who have exciting ideas that will help our sector continue making essential contributions for the benefit all Canadians,” said Pierre Gratton, MAC's President and CEO. “These students represent the best of the best, and this year we are excited to recognize the work of Andrii Soroka. Andrii's work experience in the transportation sector, including in remote areas of British Columbia, has given him a unique perspective on the complex policy, socioeconomic, environmental, and infrastructural considerations related to a modern and sustainable mining sector. His academic accomplishments were made even more impressive by the fact that he simultaneously spent a significant amount of personal time and effort to help family members leave Ukraine during the early part of the war in 2022.”

Since its inception in 2012, MAC and its members have awarded the Paul Stothart Memorial Scholarship to support the educational endeavours of students committed to advancing the Canadian mining industry and who show a passion for the minerals sector.



Andrii Soroka

“I am thrilled to have the support of MAC and this scholarship,” said Andrii Soroka, a recent graduate of the MBA program at The University of Northern British Columbia. “The MBA program has emphasized the importance of an integrated approach to the development of a company's business strategy. As I continue my studies and move forward in my career, I am looking forward to supporting sustainability initiatives in the mining sector and ensuring that climate policies, social equity and other key concerns are prioritized as Canada's mining industry continues to play its critical role in transitioning the global economy to low-carbon future.”

The mining industry is a major sector of Canada's economy, contributing \$125 billion to the national GDP and is responsible for 22 percent of Canada's total domestic exports. Canada's mining sector employs 665,000 people directly and indirectly across the country. The industry is proportionally the largest private sector employer of Indigenous peoples in Canada and a major customer of Indigenous-owned businesses.

About MAC

The Mining Association of Canada is the national organization for the Canadian mining industry. Its members account for most of Canada's production of base and precious metals, uranium, diamonds, metallurgical coal, mined oil sands and industrial minerals and are actively engaged in mineral exploration, mining, smelting, refining and semi-fabrication. Please visit www.mining.ca.

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