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Bindle proposes resolution to recognize importance of mining industry

Mining is critical to Manitoba's economy, producing \$1.4 billion worth of minerals every year

Kelly Bindle, MLA for Thompson, today proposed a private member's resolution to recognize the importance of the mining industry to Manitobans, and to commend the provincial government's work in the past three years to promote increased mineral exploration and development.

"Mining is a key part of our Manitoba and global economy, providing valuable materials for the manufacturing, agriculture and electronics sectors in our province," said Bindle. "Mining is also a labour-intensive industry that brings significant spinoff benefits to other sectors such as accommodations, construction and logistics."

Bindle, an engineer formerly employed in the mining industry in Thompson, noted Manitoba produces \$1.4 billion worth of minerals every year. He also pointed out the Progressive Conservative government is establishing a mineral development protocol for promotion of exploration and development investment, and to ensure Indigenous communities in Manitoba benefit from mineral development while their treaty rights are protected.

The opposition NDP members chose to run out the clock on the debate, preventing the resolution from coming to a vote. This is not surprising, after the NDP showed disdain for responsible development of Manitoba's natural resources by committing in its alternative throne speech to ending incentives for oil and gas exploration. As well, the leader of the opposition has signed on to the Leap Manifesto, which calls for an end to the development of our natural resources.

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