

Metal Earth and MERC have had a busy summer. Highlights include:

- In early June, after a 5 day health and safety course, and a 4 day field trip, our field crews, led by 3 Research Associates, headed into the field to conduct geologic mapping and gravity surveys along the Malartic, Rouyn-Noranda, Larder Lake-Ben Nevis and Swayze transects. Geological/gravity work along each transect is progressing well.
- On August 01st, Dr. Ross Sherlock joined the Harquail School of Earth Sciences as Chair in Exploration Targeting and MERC Director.
- We have also hired 3 new Metal Earth supported professors; Dr. Mostafa Naghizadeh, Exploration Seismology (starting Sept. 1st, 2017), Dr. Stephane Perrouty, Precambrian Geology (starting Jan. 1st, 2018), and Dr. Leonard Feltrin, Data Analytics (starting Jan. 1st, 2018).
- The 2D seismic survey acquisition, contracted to SAExploration, Calgary, started work on August 9th. The four vibroseis trucks, support trailers and 44 crew members arrived in Chibougamau for a 24 hr-per-day operation proceeding from Chibougamau, Quebec, westward to Dryden, Ontario over the next 3 months. This is a big step forward for Metal Earth!
- Bids for the MT Transect survey are under evaluation and a contractor will be selected soon. The MT survey will commence in April 2018.
- An end of season field trip to showcase initial results of Metal Earth field work will be scheduled for September (date pending). We hope to have good participation from our industry and government stakeholders.
- Arbutus Consulting, an experienced indigenous engagement group, has developed an engagement plan that will guide our engagement with Indigenous communities who are in vicinity of our planned field work. Part of the engagement is to share the educational partnerships and opportunities that Metal Earth can provide. A goal is to attract indigenous students into our Earth Sciences program.



2D Seismic acquisition begins on August 9th 2017 on the 130 km Chibougamau, Quebec transect.