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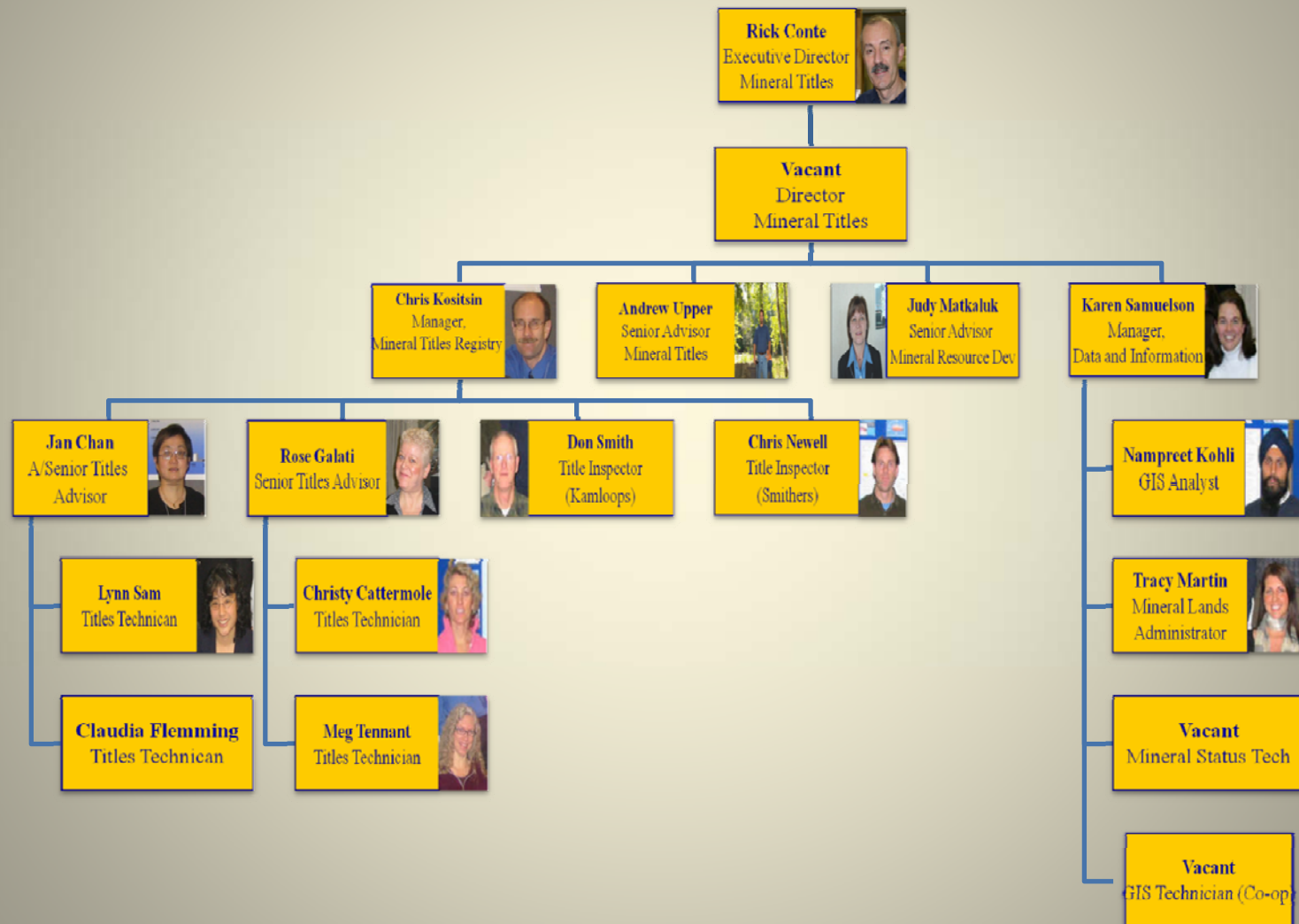


# Mineral Titles Branch

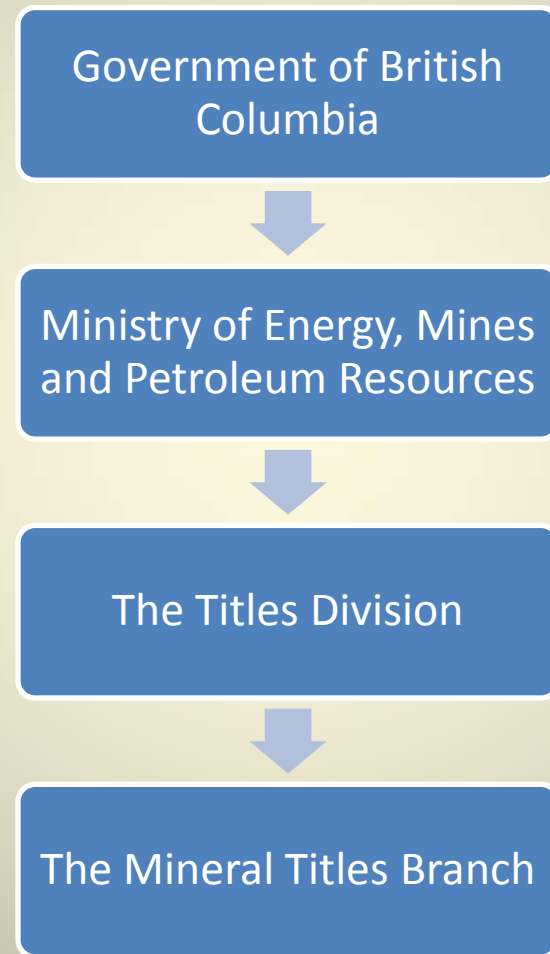


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# Who We Are



# How We Fit





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## Mineral Titles Branch Mandate

To Manage Crown coal, mineral and placer rights  
in a manner that:

- \* Provides continuing economic benefit  
from resource development
- \* Supports an active industry
- \* Is responsive to public concerns



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## How do we fulfill our mandate?

- MTB manages the Crown coal, mineral and placer rights in BC.
- Administers the laws under the *Coal Act* and *Mineral Tenure Act*.
- Manage a tenure registry system, Mineral Titles Online (MTO) for Mineral and Placer rights. And, manage a tenure registry for Coal rights.
- Shape the provincial land-use base by administering Mineral Land reserves in BC.





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## How do we fulfill our mandate?

Assist Clients with:

- Setting up access to, and navigating through Mineral Titles Online,
- Understanding the Acts and Regulations,
- Collecting and reviewing their Technical and Physical Work reports,
- Mineral tenure conflicts,
- Complaints



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## What does all this mean?

1. We generate revenue for the Province by helping develop our mining resources and keeping our industry healthy
2. We try to listen to what people say about what we are doing
3. We uphold and enforce our legislation, the Mineral Tenure Act and Regulations
4. Maintain records and maps pertaining to the acquisition and maintenance of title as well as the location and status of mineral, placer and coal titles

# We have staff who:

- Manage staff and decide the overall direction of the Branch
- Advise on Mineral Resource Development
- Advise on Land Use Issues
- Manage the Titles Registry
- Manage Data and Info. Specifically GIS
- Perform Compliance and Enforcement actions pertaining to the Mineral Tenures Act and Regulations





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# Legislation

## Mineral & Placer

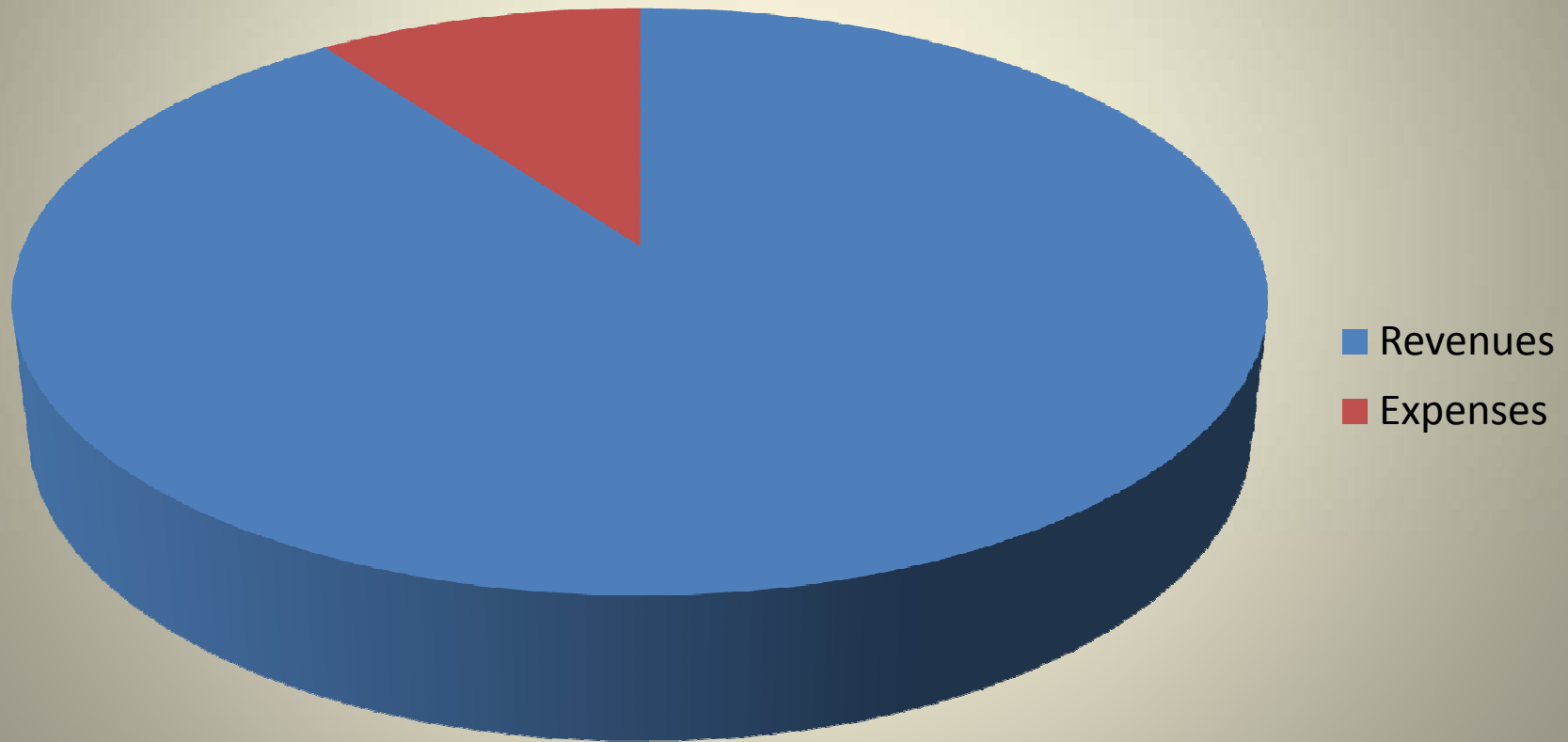
- Mineral Tenure Act (MTA)
- MTA Regulation

## Coal

- Coal Act
- Coal Act Regulation

# Mineral Titles Branch Revenues vs. Expenses

**Balance Sheet**



# Exploration





# Operating Mine



# The End Product



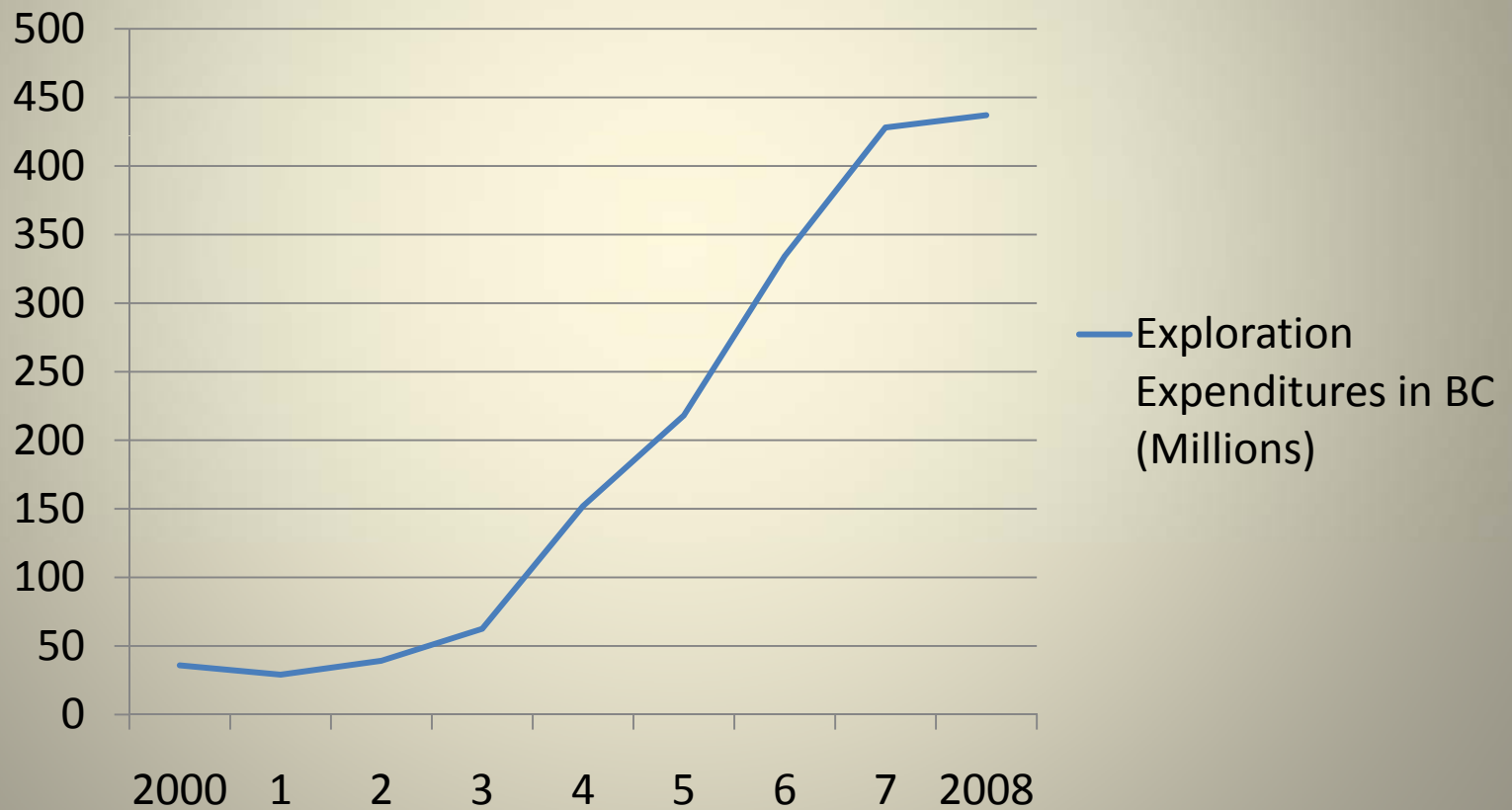




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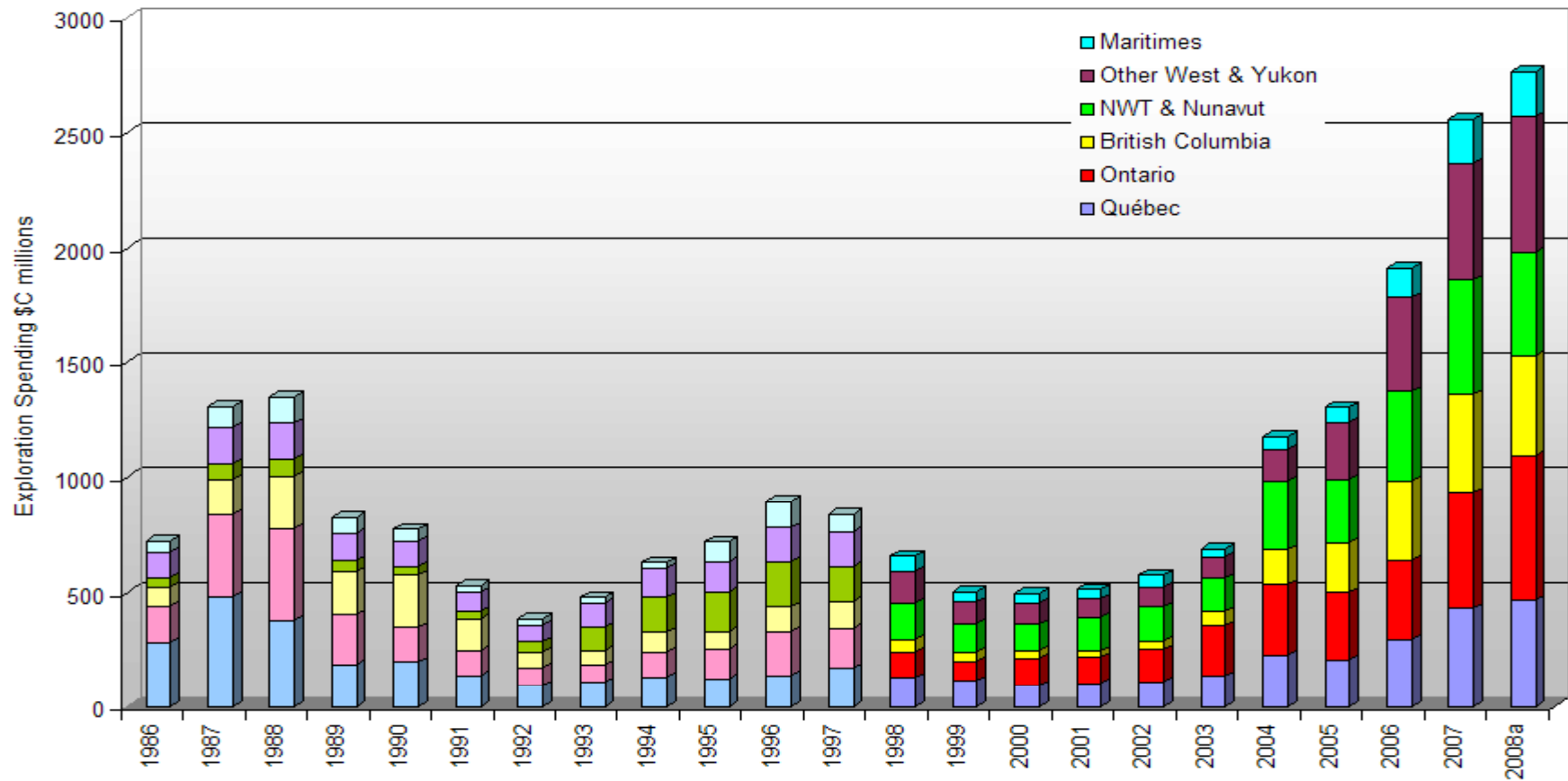
## Exploration Expenditures in BC (Millions)





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### British Columbia Exploration Spending Relative To Other Jurisdictions and Regions





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# What is Mineral Titles Online?

A title registry system used by Mineral Titles Branch and our clients.

MTO is an Internet-based, client driven method of electronic submissions for acquiring and maintaining mineral and placer title in BC.

The screenshot displays the Mineral Titles Online (MTO) website. The header features the British Columbia logo and a search bar. The main content area is divided into a left sidebar and a central panel. The sidebar includes links for 'B.C. HOME', 'Mineral Titles', 'OTHER SERVICES' (Search for Mineral/Placer/Coal Tenures, View Mineral Tenures, View Placer Tenures, View Coal Tenures), 'RELATED LINKS' (Frequently Asked Questions, Map Selection Presentation, Workshops), and 'Exit this e-service'. The central panel has a 'Search' bar, a 'Go' button, and a 'Mineral Titles Online BC' banner. Below the banner, there is an 'About this Service' section explaining that MTO is an Internet-based mineral titles administration system. To the right of the central panel, there are links for 'Start' (Acquire a mineral title), 'MTO Help Tips', and a section for 'Send suggestions, comments, or questions' to the Titles Branch. At the bottom, there is a 'Getting Started' section with buttons for 'Ligon', 'Tenure Search', 'Site Search', 'Mineral Map', 'Placer Map', and 'Coal Map'. The bottom right corner shows a map viewer interface with various map layers and a legend.



# Your Home Page

Receive news relevant to your claim(s) on the bulletin board

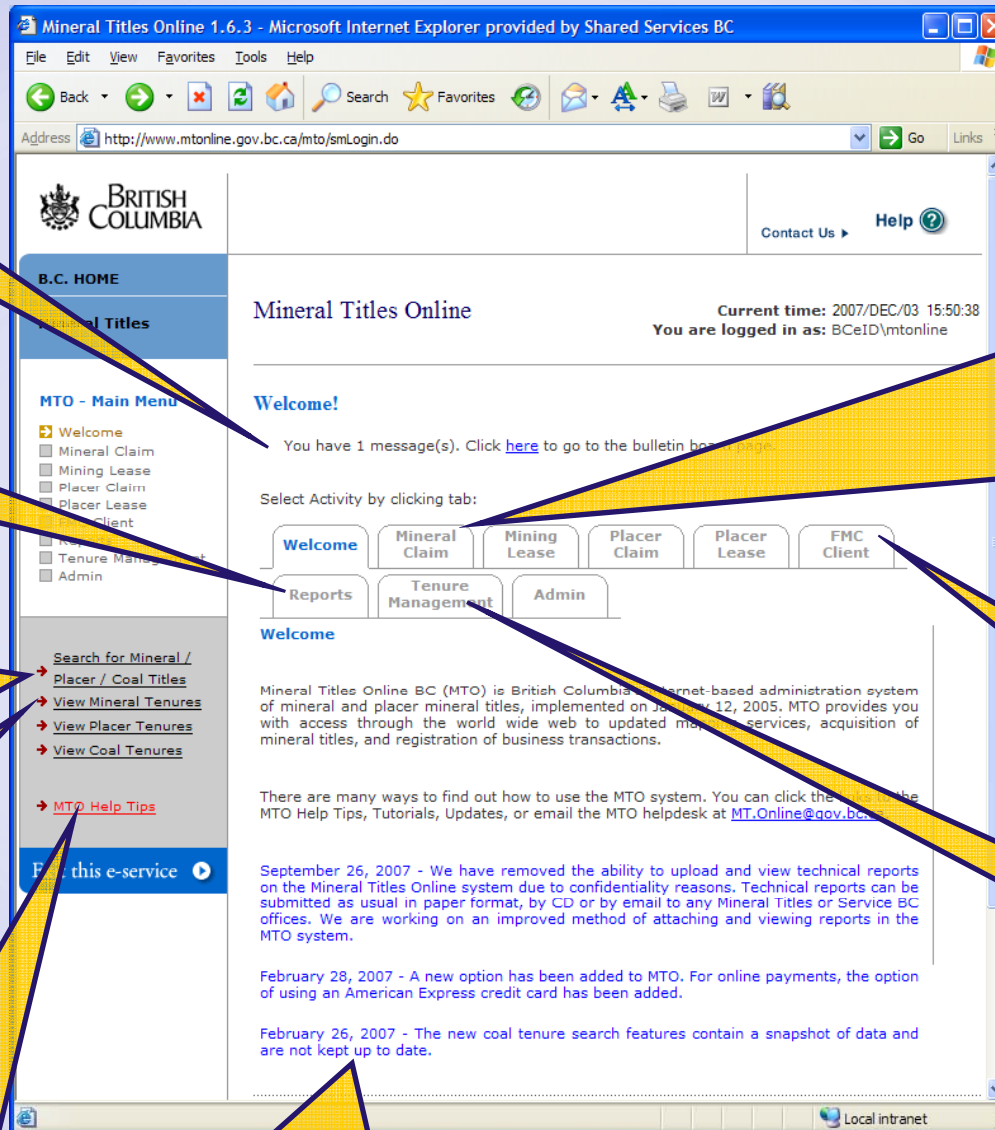
Get payment receipts and check your FMC status

Search for tenure based on a wide selection of criteria

Open an interactive title viewer map of BC

Quick access to FAQs, help topics, and video tutorials

Keep up to date on changes and improvements to Mineral Titles Online

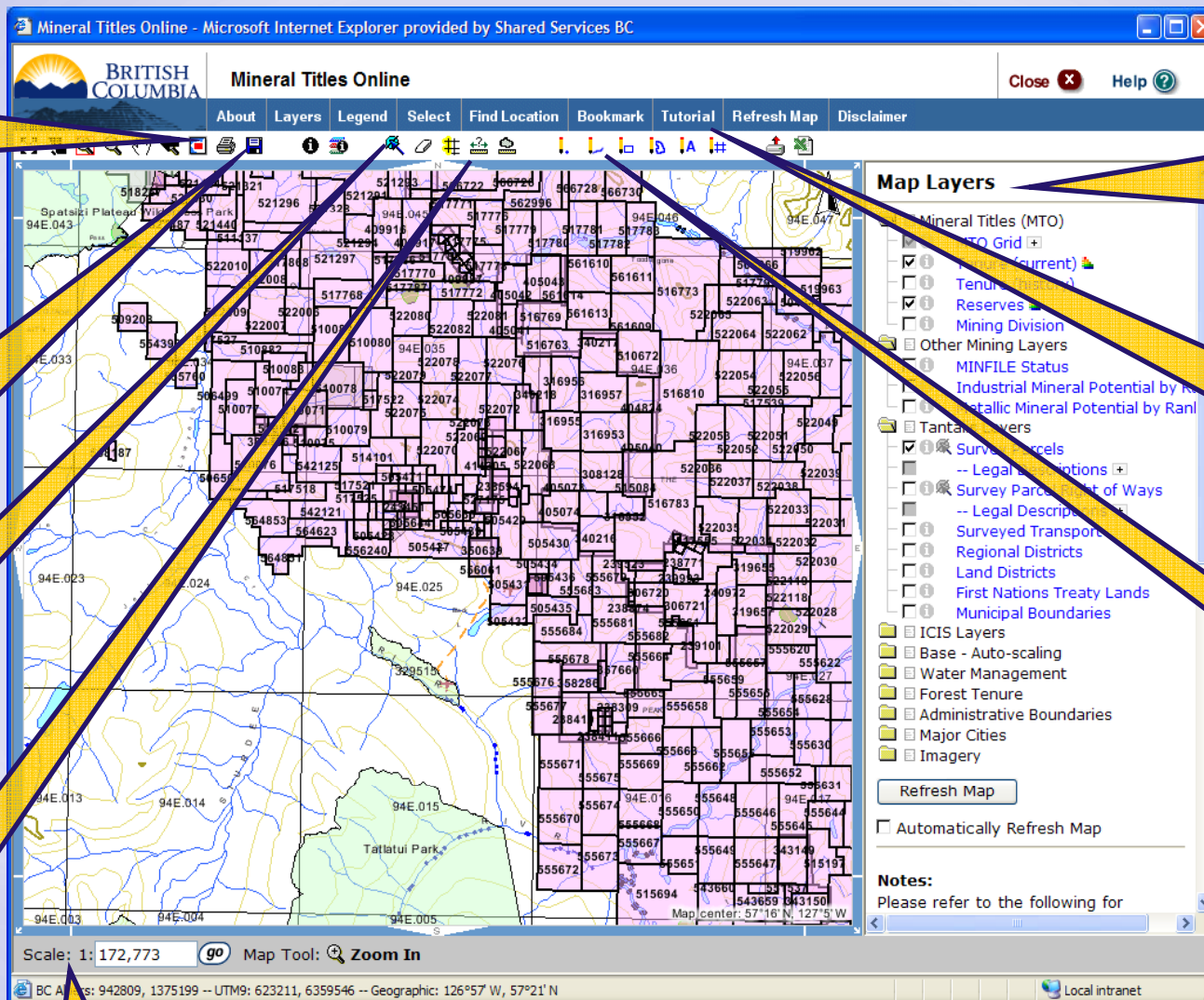


Manage your tenure. On MTO you can register a claim, change expiry date, opt to pay payment instead of exploration and development, convert legacy claims, reduce claim extents, abandon claims, or amalgamate claims.

Edit or renew Free Miner Certificate information

Transfer ownership of mineral and placer tenures

# Mineral Titles Viewer



Print  
your map  
directly

Save map  
directly to a  
unique web  
address for  
future  
reference

Select map  
feature for  
attribute  
information

Measure  
distances  
and areas

Change  
map scale

Get instant UTM and  
Geographic coordinates

Interactively  
display layers  
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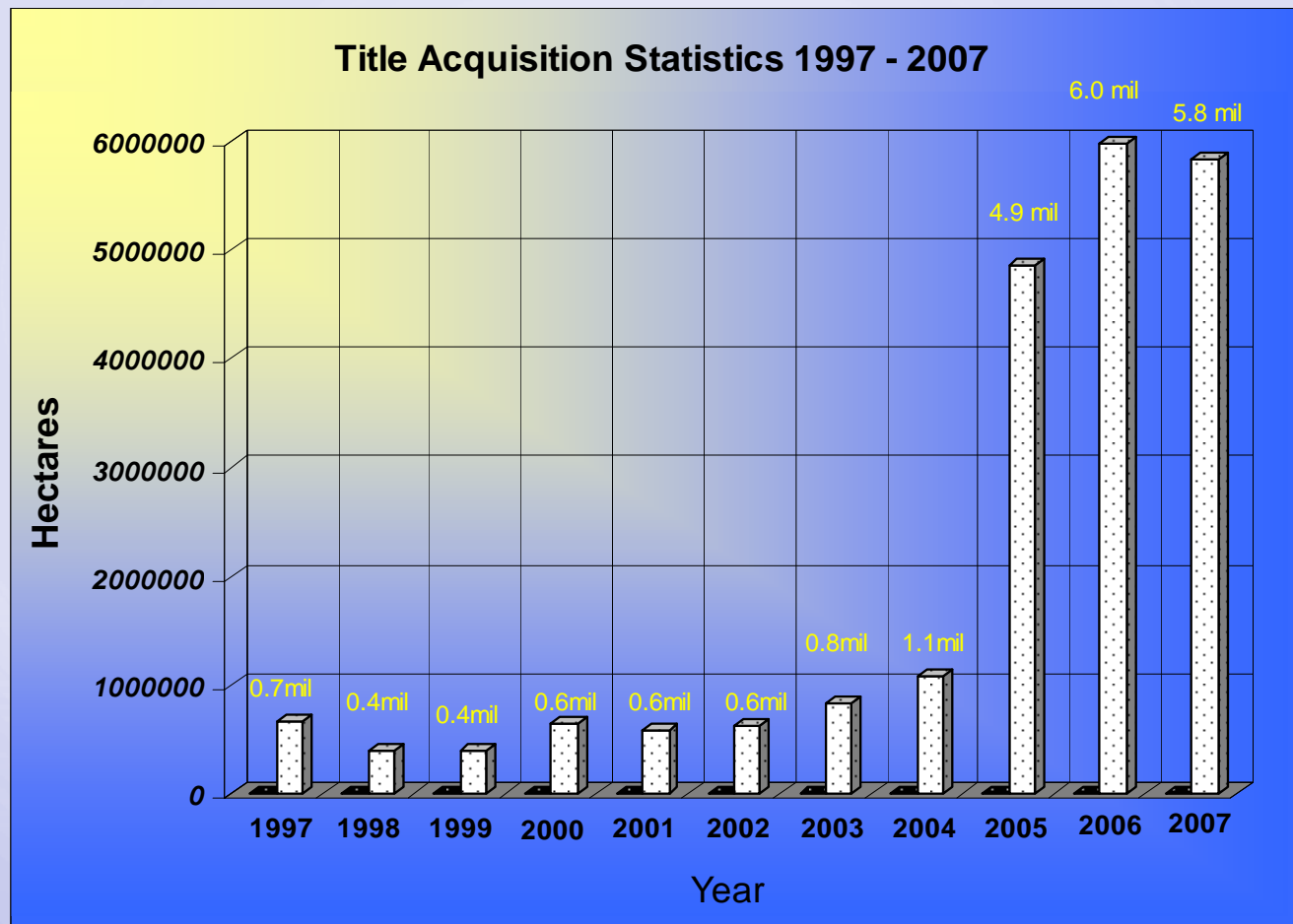




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# Mineral Landscape Post- MTO





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## Mineral Titles Online Grid

Size of Grid Cell is approximately 20 hectares

➤ Cost of acquisition of 1 hectare:

Mineral Title = \$0.40

Placer Title = \$2.00

➤ Required maintenance “per hectare”:

Mineral Title = \$4 (for the first 3 years)

\$ 8 (subsequent years)

Placer = \$10



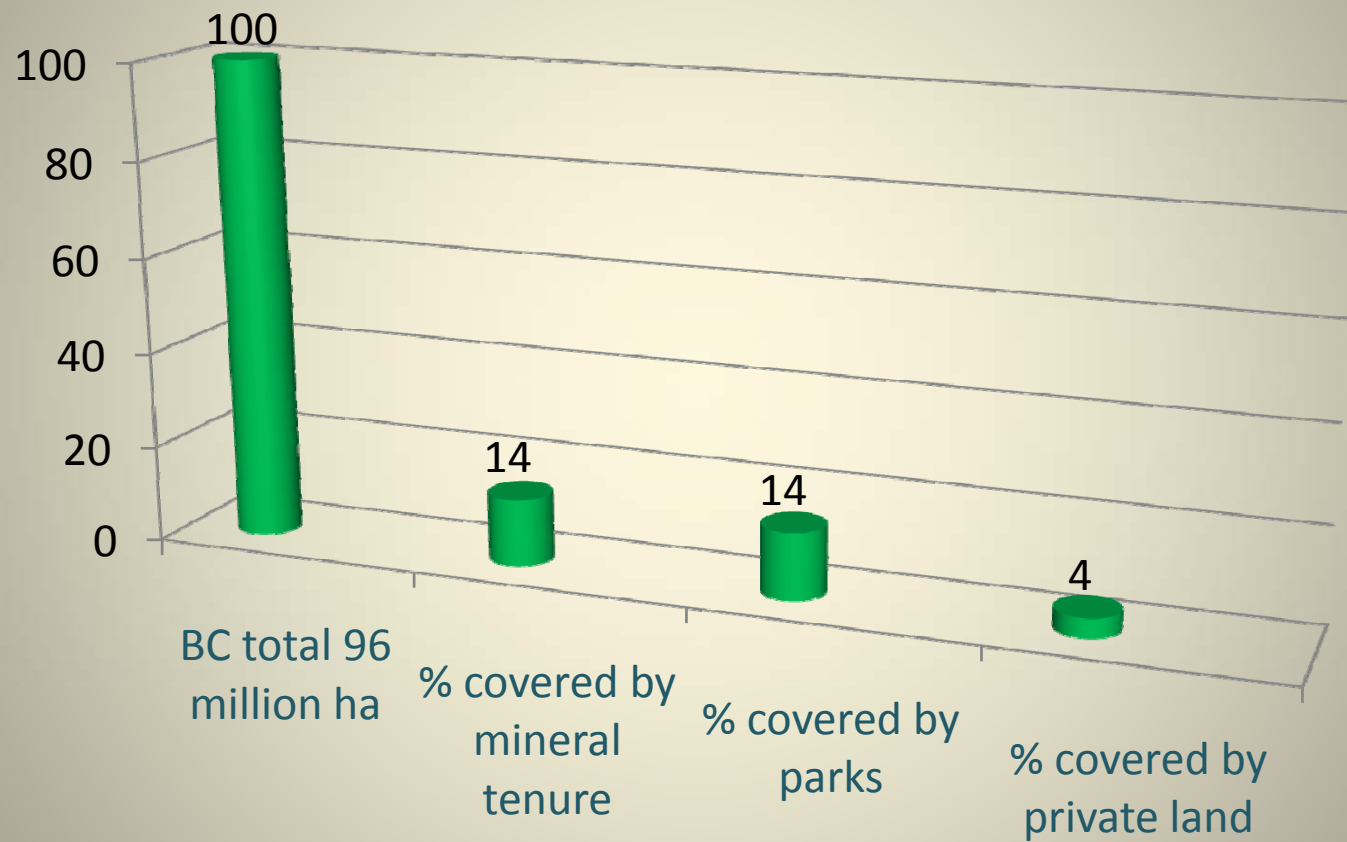
## Fee Schedule

### Schedule B Prescribed Fees

11 Transfer of ownership + per claim or lease	\$10.00
12 Registration of document or notice + per claim or lease	\$10.00
13 Mining Lease application (non-refundable)	\$100.00
14 Mining Lease annual rental + per hectare	\$10.00
15 Placer lease application (non-refundable)	\$100.00
16 Placer Lease annual rental per hectare	\$5.00
17 Complaints (non-refundable) + per claim + per document	\$200.00 \$200.00
18 Search for, or copy of a record Computer generated reports on multiple titles based on client-specified search criteria ordered through the office of the Chief Gold Commissioner + per request + plus for each page of a record Certified true copy of document For the visual examination of records, or the provision of any other service for which no fee is prescribed, per hour or part of an hour	\$2.50   \$20.00 \$0.50 \$10.00  \$25.00



# BC Landbase Coverage



## Where Do I Go For Tenure, Permit and Internet Information?

### Titles and Offshore Division

Laurel Nash, A/Executive Lead

#### Mineral Titles Branch

Rick Conte,  
Chief Gold Commissioner

- Titles acquisition and maintenance
- Reserves
- Leases
- Mineral, Placer, and Coal Tenure
- Mineral Titles Online

contacts

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- Mines Permits
- Health and Safety Reclamation
- Regional Geology

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#### Geological Survey Branch

Dave Lefebvre,  
Chief Geologist

- Assessment Report Indexing System (ARIS)
- MINFILE Mineral Inventory
- Geoscience
- MapPlace

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## Free Miner Certification (FMC)

- **FMC** by client required
- Linked with **BCeID** as authorization to access government wide information



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