

APGO Drone Technology Workshop, Thunder Bay, April 4, 2016

A very successful workshop on unmanned aerial vehicles was presented to about 40 APGO members and others in Thunder Bay on the afternoon of April 4, 2016.

Three interesting and informative presentations were made by experts in the field to an enthusiastic audience.

We learned about the existing and potential uses of drones in carrying out geophysical surveys, photographic and other remote sensing surveys, as well as how AOVs can assist in prospecting, field mapping, dealing with access issues and tracking the progress of field activities.

We also learned about the technical successes and problems with this new technology, about the most successful software available for various activities and, most importantly, about the current and pending future regulations governing the commercial use of drones in our work.

The enthusiastic audience asked many questions and, by the workshop's conclusion, were well informed.

UAV technology holds the promise of significantly enhancing field and information gathering aspects of geoscience and the Thunder Bay workshop was an excellent introduction.

Many thanks to our presenters: Pam Coles, Alex Pleson and Todd Domney, and to all our attendees.

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