

# Raymond Goldie on the Countdown to PDAC 2025, Raising Capital for Junior Miners, and the Growing Importance of Critical Minerals

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February 21, 2025 – In an interview with InvestorNews host Tracy Hughes, Raymond Goldie, President of the [Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada](#) (PDAC), shared insights into his role leading the largest mining convention since 2023. Goldie emphasized that his role as president focuses on using both written and spoken words to advocate for PDAC's principles and goals, particularly around facilitating access to land, capital, and skills for the mining community. Reflecting on his extensive career as a mining analyst, Goldie noted that his ability to communicate effectively with investors has been crucial in his leadership. He also expressed his gratitude for his time as president, highlighting the future leadership of Karen Reese, who he believes will bring valuable experience and a strong understanding of people skills to PDAC.

Goldie discussed key themes for the upcoming [PDAC 2025](#), focusing on the current challenges facing the mining industry. One of the most pressing issues is raising capital, particularly for junior mining companies that rely on funding to continue operations and discovery. He stressed that the continuation of Canada's [Mineral Exploration Tax Credit](#) (METC) is crucial for the industry's survival and growth, noting that without it, funding for

exploration could become scarce. Goldie also pointed to the growing importance of critical minerals, especially in the context of the global green energy transition. He emphasized the need for Canada to fast-track mineral exploration, strengthen strategic alliances, and secure supply chains to ensure a stable future for critical minerals.

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