

# CRITICAL ONE ENERGY

Ontario antimony with a direct line to North American security and supply

OUTER RING OF FIRE, ON  
Strategic Location  
North American  
Security

## MINE TO MILITARY:

Critical One is advancing the 100%-controlled Howells Lake Antimony-Gold Project in Ontario, a district-scale antimony system now backed by near-pure stibnite in modern drilling. With an issued permit, an Eabametoong First Nation agreement, Ontario support, and U.S. defence advisory reach, Howells Lake is entering the North American supply and security conversation.

## WHY THIS IS CRITICAL NOW

Antimony is essential to defence, industrial, and energy supply chains. Canada lists it as a critical mineral, and the U.S. stayed 91% net import reliant in 2025. With secure supply now tied to military readiness and industrial resilience, Critical One offers exposure to high-grade Ontario antimony, with modern drill proof, district control, and growing mine-to-military relevance.

## WHY CRITICAL ONE MATTERS

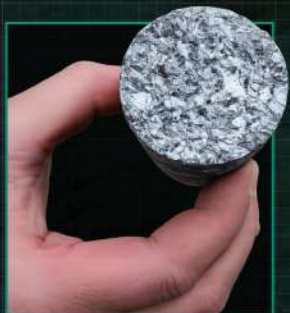
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| <b>STRATEGIC METAL</b><br>Used in defence, flame retardants, batteries, semiconductors, and energy systems. | <b>DISTRICT SCALE</b><br>24,887 hectares, 697 claims, and about 30 km of priority targets. | <b>PRODUCT POTENTIAL</b><br>Near-pure stibnite could support direct-ship, high-grade feed options, subject to further work. | <b>SUPPLY PATH</b><br>Positioning for processors, defence-linked buyers, and future supply agreements. |

## HOWELLS LAKE PROJECT



## WHY HOWELLS LAKE

Howells Lake has the foundation for a future mine decision: near-pure stibnite near surface, gold/base-metal upside below, and room to scale.



### PHASE I CONFIRMATION

C\$9M 2026 drill program underway. Visible stibnite logged in all eight early holes near the East Zone.

### KNOWN SYSTEM

Historic work points to antimony, gold, silver, and base-metal sulphides across a larger system.

### ROOM TO GROW

Geology supports untested near-surface targets along strike and deeper feeder conductors.

### GOLD SUPPORT

Gold and base-metal findings add deeper upside below the near-surface antimony story.

## 2026 VALUE CREATION SEQUENCE

High-Grade Feed / DSO Potential



Ontario government exploration funding approved under OJEP.

Ontario exploration permit issued for Howells Lake.

Exploration agreement signed with Eabametoong First Nation, Phase I drilling commenced.

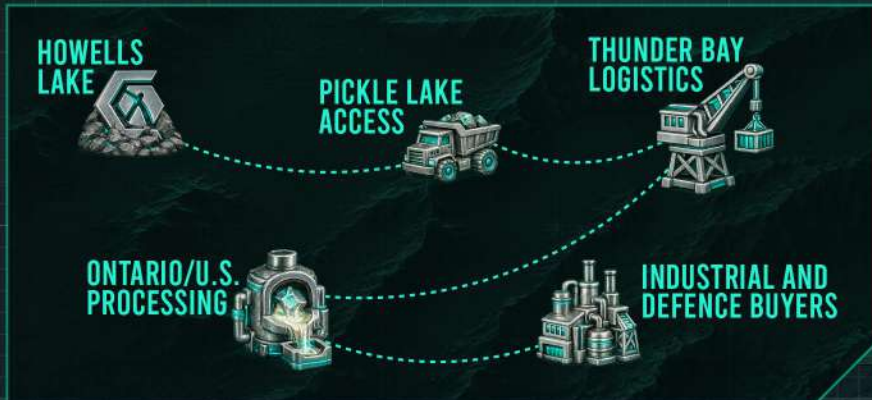
General (Ret.) Charles A. Flynn joins the Strategic Advisory Board to support U.S. engagement, supply-chain relationships, and future offtake discussions.

Near-pure stibnite discovery and GIP MOU advance mine-to-market planning.

Historical technical information shown for content only. Estimates are non-current, intervals are down-hole, and true widths are unknown. Results above 5% Sb reported as WDXRF are semi-quantitative pending confirmatory analysis. Reviewed by Matthew Trenkler, P.Geo., Chief Geological Officer and Qualified Person under NI 43-101.

## FROM OUTER RING OF FIRE TO NORTH AMERICAN SUPPLY

Howells Lake sits about 120 km west of the Ring of Fire access corridor, where Ontario is accelerating roads, power, and critical-minerals infrastructure. With near-pure stibnite, the GIP MOU, and EFN agreement, the project has a clearer path toward processors, defence-linked buyers, and future supply partners.



### ACCESS FIRST

Pickle Lake and Thunder Bay connect Howells Lake to roads, rail, port, air, and regional mining services.

### GIP INFRASTRUCTURE

The GIP MOU supports road planning, civil works, workforce training, and future contract-mining services.

### U.S. END-MARKET

Ontario antimony could serve North American defence and industrial users with shorter, more secure supply lines.

### PARTNERSHIPS/OFFTAKE

Near-pure stibnite gives Critical One a clearer reason to engage processors, buyers, and future offtake partners.

## WHY CRITICAL ONE

- Outer Ring position:** Howells Lake sits about 120 km west of the Ring of Fire access corridor, where new roads and power could improve access, lower costs, and connect critical-minerals projects to northern Ontario's mining supply chain.
- GIP MOU:** adds infrastructure planning, road access, workforce training, and future contract-mining support.
- EFN agreement:** creates a local framework for responsible exploration, monitoring, benefits, and future development dialogue.
- \$9M 2026 drill program underway:** visible stibnite in all eight early holes, near-pure stibnite in Hole 6, and gold/base metal upside across the district.

As of Aug 14, 2026

## OWNERSHIP & LIQUIDITY SNAPSHOT

Critical One is tightly held, with approximately 27% insider ownership, significant institutional ownership, no debt, and capital to support its 2026 drill campaign, assays, and near-term catalysts.

| SHAREHOLDER                  | # OF SHARES                | PERCENTAGE                 |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| FOUNDERS                     | 13.7 M                     | 19.5%                      |
| MANAGEMENT & ADVISORS        | 5.5 M                      | 7.8%                       |
| INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS      | 15.9 M                     | 22.6%                      |
| RETAIL INVESTORS             | 35.2 M                     | 50.1%                      |
| MARKET CAP<br><b>\$80.9M</b> | SHARES O/S<br><b>70.3M</b> | TREASURY<br><b>\$11.6M</b> |

Options: 5,785,000 | Warrants: 10,195,923 | F/D: 86,320,707

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## LEADERSHIP WITH DISCOVERY PEDIGREES & BILLION-DOLLAR EXITS



### DUANE PARNHAM

#### FOUNDER & CEO

Built and sold resource companies worth over \$1.5B in shareholder value, including UNX Energy and Forsys Metals. Largest shareholder, fully aligned with investors.



### CHET IDZISEK

#### DIRECTOR & DISCOVERY GEOLOGIST

Original Howells Lake discovery geologist. Recognized for Eskay Creek and involved in major discoveries including Cobre Panama.



### MATTHEW TRENKLER

#### CHIEF GEOLOGICAL OFFICER

Professional geologist (P.Geo.) with Ontario operating-mine and district exploration experience at Wesdome's Eagle River and IAMGOLD's Côté Gold.



### GENERAL (RET.) CHARLES A. FLYNN

#### STRATEGIC ADVISOR

Retired four-star U.S. Army general and former Commanding General of U.S. Army Pacific. Supports U.S. strategic engagement, defence-linked relationships, funding, supply-chain partnerships, and future antimony offtake discussions.

## REQUEST THE INVESTOR PACKAGE

Request drill results, technical materials, management access, and supply-chain discussion.

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