



Call for Rock Core Workshop Proposals 2026

Purpose: The Ontario Oil, Gas & Salt Resources Corporation is calling for proposals from industry members to create a new core workshop that promotes and captures Ontario’s geological knowledge and opportunities related to activities regulated or likely to become regulated under the Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act or The Geologic Carbon Storage Act.

Core Workshop: The core workshop should focus on the sedimentary rock strata of southern Ontario that have forward looking resource potential. Interested parties will be considered based on their experience and knowledge in the Ontario industry and the suitability of chosen geology and resource potential as described in the scoring matrix of *Selection Criteria* in this document.

Presentation: The core workshop is to be presented by the author(s) with a guidebook at *EPEX 2026: OPI’s 63rd Conference and Trade Show* and as a *virtual volume*. The virtual volume may consist of any of a video presentation, virtual or augmented reality experience, 3D prints, or other persistent experience that can be accessed on-demand. Staff at the Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Library (Library) will provide resources to assist in the development of a guidebook and produce the virtual volume(s) in-house with participation and guidance from author(s), as required.

Submission & Selection: Interested parties should submit a short proposal addressing the key items listed in *Selection Criteria* by January 31, 2026. Please submit proposals to info@ogsrlibrary.com. A proposal will be selected by February 6, 2026.

Publication: All material produced for the core workshop and virtual volumes will be property of the Ontario Oil, Gas & Salt Resources Corporation (Corp.) to be reproduced and used in any way by the Corp. and their affiliates. Materials will retain author attribution and attribution of their companies or desired affiliations. Initial publications should include a workshop guidebook and virtual video volume.

Budget: A firm amount of \$5,000 (HST inclusive) is offered for the creation of the core workshop and digital guidebook (hardcopies will be printed by the Library as required). An additional \$2,500 (HST inclusive) is offered for the authors to participate in creating and reviewing virtual volumes.

Delivery Schedule:

1.	Workshop Guidebook	May 11, 2026
2.	Presentation of Workshop at EPEX 2024	June 04, 2026
3.	Participation in Virtual Volume	June 25, 2026
4.	Feedback on Virtual Volume	August 21, 2026

See *Selection Criteria* on next page.



Selection Criteria:

Describe in your proposal how you will meet the highest applicable levels below in each category. Final level scores will be awarded by Library staff. Higher levels are better; level 4 is best.

1. Author(s)

LEVEL	CRITERIA
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An individual with training in geology or engineering or related fields.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An individual with training in geology or engineering or related fields. Having a combined total of five years of industry experience and very good knowledge of Ontario.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One or more authors with high-level training in geology or engineering. Having previous workshops, papers, or conference presentations. Having a combined total of ten years of industry experience and excellent knowledge of Ontario.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One or more authors with expert training in geology or engineering. Having previous experience presenting core workshops (at least one author). Having a combined total of twenty-five years of industry experience and expert knowledge of Ontario.

2. Geological and Presentation Value

LEVEL	CRITERIA
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are knowledge gaps in the industry's understanding of this geological unit. Author(s) will contribute substantial knowledge to the industry via the workshop and guidebook. Has cores available at the Library.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are large knowledge gaps in the industry's understanding of this geological unit. Author(s) will contribute substantial knowledge to the industry via the workshop and guidebook. Will use at least one core available at the Library. Will include multiple supporting assets such as core photography and geophysical logs.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are very large knowledge gaps in the industry's understanding of this geological unit. Author(s) will contribute substantial knowledge to the industry via the workshop and guidebook. Will use at least one core available at the Library. Multiple core photographs, available from the Library, will be included in the guidebook with annotations. Multiple geophysical logs are available at the Library and selections of logs will be annotated and included with the guidebook.



4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are extreme knowledge gaps in the industry’s understanding of this geological unit. • New developments relating to this geological unit need to be addressed. • Author(s) will contribute expert knowledge to the industry via the workshop and guidebook. • Will use one or more cores available at the Library. • Multiple core photographs, available from the Library, will be included in the guidebook with annotations. • Multiple geophysical logs are available at the Library and selections of logs will be annotated or drawn as a cross-section and included with the guidebook. • This geology has not been the subject of an EPEX workshop within five years.
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3. Economic and Scientific Value

LEVEL	CRITERIA
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for future economic activities proven by studies, current activities, or pilot projects. • Limited data and scientific research available, indicating future potential. • Resource use / potential is clearly identifiable in rock cores. • Utilization of this resource is or is likely to be regulated under the Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act or The Geological Carbon Storage Act.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good support for future economic activities proven by studies, current activities, or pilot projects. • Good data and scientific research available, indicating high future potential. • Resource use / potential is clearly identifiable in rock cores. • Utilization of this resource is or is likely to be regulated under the Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act or The Geological Carbon Storage Act.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very good support for future economic activities proven by studies, current activities, or pilot projects. • Very good data and scientific research available, indicating very high future potential. • Contributing knowledge to investigating this resource is timely. • Resource use / potential is clearly identifiable in rock cores. • Utilization of this resource is or is likely to be regulated under the Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act or The Geological Carbon Storage Act.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceptional support for future economic activities proven by studies, current activities, or pilot projects. • Strong data and scientific research available, indicating excellent future potential. • Contributing knowledge to investigating this resource is of immediate importance. • Resource use / potential is clearly identifiable in rock cores. • Utilization of this resource is or is likely to be regulated under the Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act or The Geological Carbon Storage Act.



4. Virtual Volume

LEVEL	CRITERIA
0*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Author(s) will not participate in the virtual volume(s) and will produce a core workshop and guidebook only.
1*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Author(s) will provide a written presentation for a virtual volume. Author(s) will provide feedback during editing of the virtual volume.
2*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Author(s) will provide a written presentation for a virtual volume. Author(s) will provide voice narrations for a virtual volume. Author(s) will provide feedback during editing of the virtual volume.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Author(s) will present the core workshop on video for virtual volume(s). Recording will be done by Library. Author(s) will provide feedback during editing of the virtual volume(s).

*At the discretion of Library Staff, offered compensation, from the *virtual volume* amount, will be reduced for participation below level four, to an amount agreed upon by both parties before creating the *virtual volume*.

EPEX Rock Core Workshop History (reference):

Please consider reviewing workshops from previous years to maximum your level. These are presented as reference material.

Year	Author	Workshop	Links
2024	Ian Colquhoun	Middle Ordovician and Cambrian-aged sediments, Southwestern Ontario	<p>Guidebook: https://www.ontariopetroleuminstitute.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/EPEX-2024-Cambrian-Core-Workshop.pdf</p> <p>Virtual Volume: https://youtu.be/eNJ4rOiGjFc</p>
2025	Allan R. Phillips & Frank R. Brunton	Cambrian subsurface of southwestern Ontario: competition for pore space	<p>Guidebook: https://www.ontariopetroleuminstitute.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/EPEX-2025-Core-Workshop.pdf</p> <p>Virtual Volume: <i>Coming soon</i></p>