

Science North moves old slag pot

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It took all of Thursday morning to fix the road at the Dynamic Earth construction site so that a crane could get to an old slag pot.

The slag pot, weighing between 50 to 80 tons, was donated by Science North to the Northern Ontario Railroad and Heritage Centre in Capreol.

But first it had to be lifted onto the flatbed of a truck before going to the museum.

"We're quite pleased to be acquiring this piece of mining history,"

said museum president Bob Michelutti. "The slag pot carrier will be displayed as part of our outdoor exhibit area in Prescott Park."

The exact age of the slag pot is not known at this time. However, it fits in with the other pieces at the museum.

"Eventually it will be hooked up to two old Inco electric locomotives that we currently have in storage — one was built in 1916 and the other in 1946," said Michelutti.

"When they're hooked together, it will be an exhibit that authentically represents the vital relationship between mining and railroading."

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