



## SUMMARY OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON DEWATERING OF THE COPPER MOUNTAIN PIT

April 18, 2024, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The committee meeting began with an overview of the media coverage surrounding the committee's work and Osisko Metals' intentions. Dewatering is arousing interest and raising questions among local residents.

Since Osisko Metals wants the public to be informed about the project, it has decided to publish information about the committee's work and make it available on the Community page of its website.

Osisko Metals informed the committee that meetings had been held with provincial and federal authorities to fully understand the authorization processes to be followed to ensure proper dewatering. Several documents will have to be submitted to the authorities, including a detailed plan of the dewatering system, as well as the flows pumped and the expected effects in the receiving environment. For the time being, the timetable for submission of applications has not yet been set.

Discussions between Osisko Metals and INRS researchers have taken place, and project ideas are beginning to emerge. Osisko Metals has decided to expand its team by hiring a biologist completing a master's degree at UQAR (Rimouski). Under the supervision of INRS researchers, he will be responsible for carrying out field trials during the summer and fall of 2024.

Work in the summer and fall of 2024 will involve water sampling in several streams around Murdochville, as well as on the site of the former mine. The plan is to re-sample water in the Copper Mountain pit, from the surface to the bottom, at a depth of 180 m. Sediment samples will also be taken at several locations. Finally, test fishing is planned at strategic locations. The detailed work program has yet to be defined.

