

SUMMARY OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON DEWATERING OF COPPER MOUNTAIN PIT

May 22, 2024, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

This fourth meeting focused on the field work to come next summer. Sampling stations and the list of parameters to be analyzed were presented to committee members. Sediment sampling over the summer was also discussed, and the parameters will be those proposed in the provincial guides.

The project with INRS is gradually taking shape. The plan is to sample fish and algal microfilms over the summer document the potential presence of contaminants in these organisms along the York River and in a branch not under influence of effluent the Murdochville. Benthic invertebrates will also be collected for enumeration and characterization. The details of the protocols remain to be defined over the coming weeks.

The installation of equipment to measure water flow at two locations on the site was also discussed. This equipment would operate continuously, except probably in winter, but this remains to be defined.

Finally, Osisko Metals proposes to update the latest Water Master Plan (WMP) report for the York River portion, in order to properly document the state of the river and to ensure that a pumping scenario is developed that will preserve the integrity of the environment.

