



## GASPÉ MINES PROJECT CAFÉ-RENCONTRE IN MURDOCHVILLE

September 10, 2024, 7 to 8:30 p.m. - Murdochville Community Hall

**Nearly 130 people attended the meeting, mostly from Murdochville but also from neighboring municipalities.**



**The question and comment period was followed by informal discussions with members of the Osisko Metals team around posters covering the following topics:**

- Water management and quality
- Aquatic environments and fish
- Dewatering of the Copper pit
- Site geology
- Site history — from 1909 to today
- Community relations

### **Main topics presented:**

- The Gaspé Copper project and the Osisko Metals team;
- The main activities that took place in 2024 and those planned for 2025;
- The composition of the dewatering technical and advisory committee and its activities since it was established in December 2023.

**They are available on the website: <https://osiskometals.com/community/>**

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## Highlights of the discussion period and thematic exchanges around the posters

- The majority of participants expressed support for the project. The potential for well-paid jobs and the significant economic spin-offs for Murdochville and neighbouring towns are seen as favourable elements that will energize these communities, particularly in terms of the return of young people from the region who are currently working outside it;
- Attention must be paid to reducing the social inequalities that could be generated by the creation of new high-paying jobs in a context where the majority of the region's current residents have more modest incomes, as this affects everyone's quality of life;
- The capacity of the city and neighbouring municipalities to accommodate the new workers (around 1,200 during construction, then 500 permanent jobs during operation) and to provide necessary services needs to be assessed and planned in a concerted manner;
- The dewatering of the Copper Mountain pit is a subject that the public would like information on as and when it becomes available; a priority for citizens are the protection of water quality, particularly that of the York River, and the health of salmon.
- Details on the width of the enlarged pit to be created, the number of pits, the location of the tailings facilities and their proximity to the city, are awaited with interest once this information will be known;
- Questions were asked about possible expropriations. This is not part of the project. If necessary, a house buyback program would be offered to residents;
- There are high expectations for Osisko Metals' contribution to improving the town's and the region's infrastructure, particularly regarding roads that will be used by heavy ore trucks. The road between Murdochville and Grande-Vallée should also be considered, as it was heavily used by the former mine workers who lived in this area;
- Early post-project planning is essential to minimize the economic and social impacts of mine closure.
- Many people believe that it will be a long time before the mine is brought back into production. The public would like to be kept regularly informed of the project's progress;
- Participants gave the café-rencontre a very positive assessment, appreciating the fact that discussions were encouraged and respectful. The clarity of the information presented was also emphasized.

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