

Dear Readers,

Thank you for your interest and participation in the second community focus group meeting, held last February in Murdochville. The discussions we had gave us a better understanding of the realities of your community and your expectations for the future of Murdochville.

We are currently preparing for our 2026 work season, which is set to begin shortly. We will be continuing our drill program and the wildlife and flora inventories.

I also invite you to attend the next public information session on Tuesday April 14, starting at 7 p.m., at the Community Centre (486, Miller Avenue, Murdochville).

I will provide an update on the progress of the project, and will be available to discuss it with you and answer your questions.

I look forward to seeing many of you there,

Robert Wares

Chief Executive Officer, Osisko Metals

IMPORTANT REMINDER **NO TRESPASSING**



Access to the site and drilling areas is strictly prohibited to the public at all times.

As operation on-site resume, heavy machinery will be in operation on the site.

Please observe the posted signs for your safety and the safety of workers.

2026 WORK SEASON

This year, exploration activities will be more modest than last year. A drilling program of 50,000 meters is planned for the season. In practical terms, this means a reduced presence on the ground:

- the number of drilling rigs will drop from about ten last year to around four or five this year;
- About 20 drillers will be at work this season compared to about 60 last year.

Respecting the peace and quiet in Murdochville will remain our priority while the work is being carried out.

At the same time, the wildlife and flora inventory season will begin in the spring. A team of 10 to 15 biologists will be in the field until the fall to continue the inventories.

The community focus group initiative continues

The discussions we've had so far have given us a better understanding of the community and your expectations for the future of Murdochville, particularly regarding housing, quality of life, local economic vitality, community engagement, and public services.

The groups will meet again in May to deepen the discussions and identify potential courses of action based on different scenarios. Your participation makes a difference and directly helps shape the direction of our future discussions. You can join the process at any time.

For more information, please email us at nlavoie@osiskometals.com or call **581-899-2450**.

The on-site team is growing

As part of ongoing activities, the on-site team is growing to ensure a continuous presence in the community.

Véronique Morency recently joined as Director of Community Relations. She will work closely with local stakeholders, participate in various committees, and help keep the public informed about the progress of ongoing work.

She will collaborate with Nathalie Lavoie, who now serves as Director of Community Engagement and is already highly involved in the community.

Nathalie remains available at the Osisko Metals office to meet with citizens who wish to connect in person.



Monitoring Committee

The monitoring committee for the Gaspé Copper site is currently being established. This committee is **required by the Government of Quebec** to monitor projects and maintain a connection with the community.

In practical terms, it serves as a forum for discussion, asking questions, and monitoring the progress of the work. The committee typically meets **once or twice a year**, depending on the project's progress.

It is important to note that this committee **does not replace existing communications channels**. Osisko Metals continues to communicate directly with residents, organizations, and elected officials, just as it has done from the start. The monitoring committee simply adds **an additional forum for dialogue**.

In other words, it is another tool to **promote transparency, active listening, and the flow of information**, for the benefits of Indigenous, local, and regional communities.

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