



Greenstone Gold presents Hardrock Environmental Assessment draft, 3D Video

By Jose De Barros

In front of a packed Royal Canadian Legion building in Geraldton on March 21st, Greenstone Gold Mines (GGM) took another step towards advancing its Hardrock gold mine project by presenting a draft version of its environmental assessment.

The meeting was another in series held over the past few years to update the public on GGM's activities over the past few months. It was mostly presented by Ian Horne, the director of the Environment and Community Relations for GGM, as well as Steve Lines, who is the director of the environmental assessment and permitting.

"Tonight marks a significant milestone for GGM and our team of consultants for the project overall," said Lines to the listening public. "We have worked quite hard over the last year and a half to be able to deliver the draft EA and put it on the table for people to look at and review. It's the culmination of several years of work that's been done out in the field to collect information about the environment as it is today. To think about if we build a new open pit mine, how that will affect the environment and the people that live in the area."

One of the notable moments of the meeting included a presentation of a five-minute video showing the planned evolution of the Hardrock project site over a twenty year period. STANTEC consulting Ltd, who are a partner in the construction process with GGM, took its engineering plans and put them into a 3D model which guides the viewers through the life of the project.

Different views were shown in the video, including what it would look like to drive south on Michael Power Boulevard as well as driving east on TransCanada Highway #11.

In each observation, the viewer sees the progression of the mine rock as it piles up on the landscape surrounding the proposed open pit mine south of Geraldton. By the end of the expected 15-year min-

ing project, the site is expected to be a series of rolling hills made up of the rock from the mining process, as well as the open pit being converted into a man-made lake with water coming from run-off from the surrounding area.

The draft of the environmental assessment for GGM's Hardrock project was presented to a large audience of over a hundred attendees. The crowd was significantly larger than on previous meetings held by the mining company previously known as Premier Gold Mines.

Some of Greenstone's highest officials were attended the presentation to emphasize how important the meeting and the project is to the municipality. Greenstone mayor Renald Beaulieu was there, as well as numerous members of the municipal council and office.

Many of those people took advantage of the question period nearing the end of the meeting to express concerns they might have over the environmental impact the Hardrock project could have on the re-



gion.

Some on these concerns included the future of the MacLeod and Hardrock historic tailings, which has impacted the water quality on Kenogamis Lake for decades after the closure of previous mine projects. Lines said in his presentation the plan for GGM is to excavate over 80% of the Hardrock tailings as well as nearly 25% of the McLeod tailings and moving to the proposed Tailings Management Facility (TMF) that GGM will use to deal with the tailings from its own mining process.

Concerns were also brought up about the diversion of creeks in the project site that need to be moved to accommodate the new buildings. The creeks include the Goldfield creek that needs to be diverted around the TMF to keep the clean water from the creek away from the mine site. Other water that might contact the facilities is planned to be gathered in collection ditches to be build around important components of the mine site such as the waste rock piles and the mill yard and

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Help Prevent Forest

flow away into collection ponds.

The draft was already submitted to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) and the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) on February 1st.

The draft EA consists of 17 large binders, each of which are four inches thick. The full document is large since each aspect of the environment had to be explained in great detail.

Copies of the documents are being sent to Greenstone's public libraries and posted on GGM's website so the wider public can access them. There are even plans to make the draft EA available for iPhone users.

"We want your input," Horne said to the audience. "We need to understand from you what your issues and concerns are, and what your positive statements are about this project. It will help us facilitate changing this document into the final version. It is very important."

Greenstone Gold made improvements to its presentation of their meetings to better communicate

with the public in attendance. This included introducing a microphone system so the audience can hear clearly what is being said by the presenters.

GGM said it had received confirmation from both the federal and provincial regulators will carry out the review of the draft in the five to six weeks after its submission. The goal of the review is to identify any issues requiring fixing in the final submission of the EA.

GGM hopes to produce the final environmental assessment to both the federal and provincial regulators to start the formal EA review process in the third quarter of this year. The approval process is expected to take about a year to process through.

Once the EA is complete, GGM hopes to get started on the permitting for the proposed mine site and begin the construction of its infrastructure by late 2017 or early 2018. After the expected two years of construction are completed, GGM wants to start mining for gold at the Hardrock project by 2020.

Fires This Year

Province Reminding Public to Practice Safe Fire Etiquette

Ontario is reminding the public to practice safe fire etiquette when camping or starting a fire outdoors this year.

April through October marks forest fire season in Ontario. On average, more than 1,000 wildfires burn each year across the province, with about half of them caused by people.

Anyone starting outdoor fires must follow strict guidelines under the Forest Fires Prevention Act to ensure their fires are properly managed, including:

- Taking all necessary steps to tend the fire
- Keeping it under control
- Making sure the fire is out before leaving the site.

A person failing to adhere to these standards could be fined and held responsible for the cost of putting out the fire.

Other ways you can help prevent forest fires include:

- Spreading out leaves if

raking them into a forested area. Piles of leaves don't decompose very quickly and if they catch on fire can be quickly carried by the wind.

- Storing all firewood at least 10 metres from all structures, including decks.
- Keeping roofs and rain gutters free of flammable leaves, pine needles, and other debris that can be ignited by wind-blown embers.
- Ensuring firework displays are safe by launching fireworks over an area free of flammable material, such as gravel or a body of water and, when completed, checking the area for any hot residue to ensure it is put out.

Quick Facts

- Ontario's forest firefighting program has more than \$42 million in fire suppression equipment, as well as nine water bombers, four helicopters and three twin otter aircraft. Additional contract aircraft are added as needed.
- In addition to fighting fires in our province, Ontario personnel fight fires in other jurisdictions as needed. Through this reciprocal agreement, when Ontario needs help, other jurisdictions send personnel to Ontario.
- People are reminded to consult with local fire officials for specific municipal bylaws on outdoor fires.



"DAY CARE ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR (Geraldton Day Care)" REQUIRED

The Community Services Department in the Municipality of Greenstone requires an Assistant Supervisor in the Geraldton Day Care Centre. This is a permanent full time union position.

Position Function

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To provide care and supervision to children at the Day Care Centre through the planning and implementation of a program conducive to their social, emotional, physical, creative and intellectual development in accordance with duties outlined for an Early Childhood Educator.

To oversee the daily program operation of the Centre.

Position Qualifications

- Early Childhood Education Diploma from a two year College of Applied Arts Program
- Minimum of 2 years experience as an Early Childhood Educator in a licensed Childcare Program
- First Aid certificate
- Bilingualism an asset
- Criminal Record Check

Salary

- \$30.20 per hour

Hours of Work

- 35 hours per week. Daily hours of work to be determined by Day Care Manager.

A detailed job description is available upon request.

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a resume in writing by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2016 to:

Nancy Proteau, Director of Community Services
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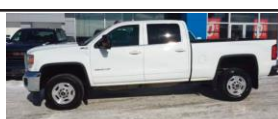
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