

Cariboo_Gold_Application_Summary.pdf

AppSummary_01

A few years ago, BGM stated a 10-15 year mine life. Now you state: "The mine has an estimated operational mine life of 16 years, with an overall mine life of approximately 25 to 35 years (construction through post-closure)." Elsewhere in your docs you say it's a 20 year life.

Which duration is Osisko is actually applying for?

AppSummary_02

Regarding the Septic Field at the camp (above Lowhee Creek), what testing procedure will be implemented for ground water seeping into the Willow or the town's potable water?

How frequently will the testing occur?

Will Residents be able to review the regular results anytime they need to? If not, does that not seem logical?

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Same question as above for the Water Treatment plant discharge.

AppSummary_04

What sound mitigating measures will be put in place to prevent sound from the camp, bridge overpass and services building? Be specific please, with each mitigation measure and its timeline for implementation.

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What analysis has been done of the surface/slope stability and water movement on the north end of Barkerville Mtn, below the proposed haul road?

Is there a study that can be reviewed?

AppSummary_06

I didn't see any reference to the reclamation the land below the Mine Site settling pond. Aka the Flats at the east end of the Jack. This is something that has been mentioned several times at BGM & Osisko community meetings. Is this something that Osisko intends to follow up on?

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"Osisko Development Corp. (ODV) recognized early in Project planning that the key to a successful engagement program was ensuring that stakeholders were identified and had the opportunity to participate in a manner that was both meaningful and practical for them."

What was the rational for *not* consulting the Community, Indigenous Peoples and other Stakeholders on the Services Building location, before the EAO Application was submitted?

It's truly unfortunate, as there would have significantly less resistance to the project if Osisko had located the Services building on back of Cow Mountain.

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The bridge that's shown in Figure 3 and mentioned several times in the document, kindly show a rendering of it.

AppSummary_09

There seems to be a second crossing of the Willow indicated. For "Transport", in Figure 3.

Are you planning for two crossings?

The bridge and "transport crossings" are very unclear and could significantly alter the entrance view to town. **We need more understanding of this.**

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Could we please see a 3D render showing the composition of the underground sedimentary layers around the Services building, including the location of the underground workings?

AppSummary_11

Section 7.2 "Where practicable, select equipment with low emissions and engines that meet latest applicable Canada emissions standards and guidelines."

Please define the all the parameters that affect a "Where practicable" decision?

Are these decisions reviewed during the life of the project, to include Cumulative Effects?

Who decides and monitors the "where practical" line when budget is the main defining factor on using Electric equipment, or not? ODV or an external group?

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Section 7.2 "Equipment will be turned off when not in use, where practical".

Please define what "where practical" means?

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Section 7.3

"Monitor blasting noise and vibration at an appropriate setback that is representative of receptors, or at the closest receptor during the first few blasts, especially when they occur near the surface area. "

Kindly define "Appropriate setback".

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Section 7.8 "A wildlife education program will be developed and provided to employees, contractors, and site visitors."

Who specifically will develop this program?

If the intention is to be internally developed, will external specialists be consulted?

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Section 7.9 "Installation of a clear-span bridge over the Willow River to avoid any instream works and to limit impacts to fish habitat."

Will the clear span be over the entirety of the spring flooding zone, or will footings be used within the flood area?

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Section 7.11

“Provide advanced notice to stakeholders of Project activities and schedules, including road impacts and peak Project traffic times. “

What form will this take, and why are you not doing it already, in the Exploration phase?

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7.11

“Provide advanced notification to relevant stakeholders of Project schedules prior to commencing activities that may be outside conditions considered normal (i.e. noise, dust, or vibration during blasting).”

Why are you not doing this already?

And what/who defines “activities that may be outside conditions considered normal”?

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7.11

“Place signage on affected recreational trails if there is the potential for conflicts with Project activities.”

Please explain how Exploration and the CGP will be consulting stakeholders on closing of Recreational Access! So far it seems that someone(s) just decides to block access, then does so. Most efforts to regain access to Public Land that have occurred so far are either slowed or blocked. Please explain how ODV can usurp Public Rights.

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7.11 “Discuss appropriate mitigation and access requirements with tenure holders.”

Please explain why this is not happening already, in the pre-production phase of the project.

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7.11 “Develop a strategy to mitigate pressures on recreation and tourism in the Project area due to increased population and visitors.”

The same should be said of mitigating pressure of noise and light, on recreation and tourism. Currently, there is significant noise disruption in the meadow, a huge recreational tourist attraction. I haven’t heard anyone discuss that issue, except for locals.

What will the effects be on wildlife and humans be, in the meadow and Community Learning Forest?

What studies have been performed out there?

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7.11

“Minimize the disturbance areas to the extent practicable.”

Practical... for whom? Who determines this and how does the public participate in those decisions?

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7.11

“The emission of light towards the sky will be limited by using Luminaires that produce a sober and uniform lighting that will meet operational lighting needs. Luminaires will not produce any emissions above 90 degrees.” AND “Use structure surface treatments such as non-reflective surfaces and colours to blend in with the natural surroundings and reduce visibility.”

Please explain how reflected light will be stopped, while snow is on the ground?

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7.14 Community Health.

Is this section meant to only reference the community of ODV workers or does this allude to more?

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7.16 “Develop and implement a Community Involvement Plan.”

Please outline the purpose and goals of this Plan.

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7.16

“Contact Indigenous elders on at least semi-annually to inquire about their opinions on if the Project has resulted in any changes to Indigenous language and teachings.”

This is great. How about doing that for residents of Wells and surrounding area, as well? The project is surely having an impact on the community of Bowron as well.

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1.5.2 Summary of Positive Effects- Infrastructure and Services

“Improvement to recycling in the Wells area”

Please outline what BGM/ODV is imagining, as no such discussions have happened with those that run the recycling depot.

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1.5.3 Summary of Negative Residual Effects Effects-Human Health

Add “Addition of Noise Pollution” to this section. Not having it in there suggests that Noise Pollution does not have a negative effect on human health. As you know, Noise Pollution is a significant Value Component in Human Health everywhere, as proven by many studies. Even small increases in noise pollution can lead to anxiety, depression, increased medication use and

heart disease, in addition to the obvious, hearing loss. ***We are already experiencing Negative Residual Effect from the Noise being produced by the Exploration Drilling activities.***

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1.5.3 Summary of Negative Residual Effects Effects- Culture

As the town becomes an Industrial camp and work zone, community members are, and will, continue to leave. This has and will continue to shift the non-mining Culture of the town. The things that have made Wells the unique and peaceful destination that it is, came from the people living here. Events and tone will drop away, leaving a tangible Cultural void.

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1.5.4 Table 5 Potential Cumulative Effects– Acoustic

“Potential cumulative effects for Acoustics were not identified.”

Traffic is a huge factor in the increased noise pollution in Wells. Also, construction of additional housing and businesses, related to the Project’s existence would present Acoustic Cumulative Effects. **Please add this or justify why not.**

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1.7.2 Predicted Benefits to the District of Wells Historically ODV has suggested “Predicted Benefits” which it has then taken off the table. While all of these ideas are nice, they are nothing but carrots dangling in front of the Application Cart. Until ODV has committed to any Benefits, they present more as sales tactics. **Which Benefits has ODV firmly decided to deliver on/made promises to engage with on Project Certification?**