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de la Baie James  
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Comité d'examen des répercussions  
sur l'environnement et le milieu social

Environmental and Social Impact  
Review Committee

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **NEW DATES WINDFALL MINE PROJECT COMEX ANNOUNCES HYBRID PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Québec City, March 26, 2026** – Following the postponement of the hearings initially scheduled for February 17, 18, and 19, 2026, the Environmental and Social Impact Review Committee (COMEX) announces that it will hold three public hearing sessions, in a hybrid format (in person and online via Zoom), regarding the Windfall mining project by the Windfall Mining Group Inc. These sessions will take place during the week of April 20, 2026.

The purpose of these hearings is to provide citizens with an opportunity to learn about the project, ask questions, and share their views. Public participation is a key component of the review process, enabling COMEX to consider community concerns and opinions before submitting its recommendations to the Provincial Administrator under Chapter 22 of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA).

COMEX will hear from individuals and groups wishing to submit briefs or express their views during the following sessions:

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

##### **Lebel-sur-Quévillon**

Date: **April 21, 2026**  
Time: 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
Place: Salle Desjardins, Community Center  
500 place Quévillon, Lebel-sur-Quévillon (Québec) J0Y 1X0

##### **Waswanipi**

Date: **April 22 and 23, 2026**  
Times: Wednesday: 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
Thursday: 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
Place: Community Health and Fitness Center  
20 Alder Street, Waswanipi (Québec) J0Y 3C0

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Any group or individual can submit a written brief to the COMEX Secretariat prior to the hearings and, if they wish, present a summary during the sessions. Please note that submitting a brief is not required to participate. The rules governing COMEX public hearings are available on the COMEX website under "[Guidelines on the public participation](#)." **Following the hearings, the public will have 30 days — until May 22, 2026 — to submit a brief or send questions.**

To help us plan the hearings, please notify the COMEX Secretariat in advance if you intend to present comments or opinions. The executive secretary can be reached by email at: [sophie.cooper@environnement.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:sophie.cooper@environnement.gouv.qc.ca).

For more information (venue details, Zoom links, virtual participation guidelines, etc.), please visit: <https://comexqc.ca/en/>.

## **THE PROPONENT'S PROJECT**

Windfall Mining Group Inc. plans to operate an underground gold mine located 115 km east of Lebel-sur-Quévillon and 80 km south of Waswanipi, in the Nord-du-Québec region, on Eeyou Istchee James Bay territory. In addition to the underground mine, the mining complex will include a mineral processing plant, a backfill plant, a tailings storage facility, a waste rock pile, an industrial water treatment plant and a mining effluent system, as well as a camp for approximately 300 workers. The mine will be operated through underground galleries using conventional methods (drilling, blasting, loading, and hauling). A 69 kV power line between Waswanipi and the Windfall project site has been built and will be managed by an entity independent of the proponent. The expected operational life of the mine is approximately 10 years.

## **DOCUMENTATION**

Project information is available on the COMEX website under "[Windfall Mine Project](#)", as well as on the [Environnemental Assessment Registry](#), managed by the ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs (MELCCFP).

## **ABOUT COMEX**

The Environmental and Social Impact Review Committee (COMEX) is an independent body reporting to the ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs (MELCCFP). Its mission is to protect human health and the environment while considering the economic and social well-being of communities within the territory governed by the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement ([JBNQA](#)), located south of the 55<sup>th</sup> parallel.

For any questions regarding the submission of briefs or participation in the hearings, please contact the COMEX Executive Secretary.

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