

Concerns and comments to be presented at the COMEX hearing regarding the impacts of the Whabouchi Project


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| Name | Bella Jolly |
| In the capacity of | Community member and family member of Trapline R21 |
| Gender | Women |
| Age Group | 35 to 64 years old |
| Submission to the COMEX | Verbally in person and in writing |
| Comment/concern | Safety of the land users of camps located near the Route du Nord |

I am concerned of the safety of land users that spend most of their time at their camps which happens to be close to the Route du Nord. I am especially worried about the Elders, such as my brother. My brother spends most of his time at his camp which is located on the Route du Nord, approximately one kilometer from the turn off for the Albanel Substation. His camp is situated very close to the road. While exercising traditional activities such as hunting and trapping, he must cross the Route du Nord frequently. Many years ago, while crossing the road, my brother was hit by an oncoming truck. Since the truck was white, my brother did not notice it until it was too late. I do not want this to happen to him again.

This project will increase the traffic on the Route du Nord as I understand that the rock that will be extracted from the mine will be transported to Chibougamau by transport trucks using the Route du Nord. This will increase the chances of accidents occurring on the Route du Nord.

Furthermore, the increase in traffic will also create an increase in dust. This also concerns me. When a vehicle passes near a camp, the air is filled with the dust and the visibility becomes limited. This can cause accidents and affect the health (skin irritation, respiratory problems, etc.) of the people at the camps.

I also believe that the rocks that the trucks are transported could fall or fly off the trucks. I am concerned that these rocks could hit someone that is walking near the road.

| Proposed solution(s) | |
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| <p>I want the Proponent to ensure that proper signs be erected along the Route du Nord to warn the drivers to slow down near the camps. A simple sign demonstrating that there is a camp near is not sufficient. I want signs to be erected approximately one Kilometer from camps state to slow down and a sign demonstrating a pedestrian crossing.</p> <p>I also request that the Proponent ensures that the Route du Nord is properly and regularly maintained, including spreading ecologically friendly substances to limit the scattering of dust.</p> <p>Moreover, in order to prevent rocks from falling from the trucks, I would suggest that the material be covered.</p> | |
| Concern and comment | The conditions of the bridges along the Route du Nord |
| <p>Another concern I have is the condition of the bridges along the Route du Nord. I do not know how old they are or how often they are inspected and maintained. I am worried that the increase of traffic on the Route du Nord and the weight of the transportation trucks will affect their condition.</p> | |
| Proposed solutions | |
| <p>I would like the Proponent to ensure that the bridges are inspected before the transportation of the rocks begins. I want the bridges to be regularly inspected (more frequently than they are right now) and regularly maintained.</p> | |
| Other Comments/Concerns | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The summary of the project that was given out at this hearing should have been distributed at least one week before so that we could review it before making our comments. I understand that it was available online, but some members do not have access to the internet and cannot access it. 2. I would like to know how many truck loads represents 2775 tonnes of ore per day (as indicated in the introduction of the summary distributed) | |
| Signature of participant |  |

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| Submission to the COMEX (in writing or verbally) | In writing |
| Comment/concern | The final report published by COMEX |
| <p>Description:</p> <p>If they [COMEX] make a report out of this, they should include the before and after pictures of what the land will look like from this project. That way we will be able to see what the impacts will look like. For example, they can do that for the pit and [waste rock and tailings] pile.</p> | |
| Proposed solution(s) | |
| Comment/concern | Location of the mine |
| <p>Description:</p> <p>The project is [located] too close to the community.</p> | |
| Proposed solution(s) | |

| Comment/concern | Community consultation |
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| <p>Description:</p> <p>They are rushing us with this project. Why do the CRA and our leadership put community members last? They already agreed to this project, so why come to us so late? I have a question to our leadership: can you share with the community what will be the next project? I would like to know when they started negotiating this project. Why didn't they tell us at the beginning?</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed solution(s) (any other)</p> <p>Talk to the community first, before signing the Chinuchi Agreement.</p> | |
| Comment/concern | Social impacts |
| <p>Description:</p> <p>When a project is completed, the impact is not just visual. We are also emotionally affected by this.</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed solution(s)</p> | |
| Comment/concern | Impacts on Bible Camp |
| <p>Description:</p> <p>What are they going to do with Bible Camp? Will it have to be relocated?</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed solution(s)</p> <p>Stop the construction during the Children's Bible Camp.</p> | |
| <p>Signature: <i>Bileen Juler</i></p> | |

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| Comment/concern | Blasting schedule |
| <p>Description:</p> <p>It is important for trappers to know the exact date and time of the blasting.</p> | |
| <p align="center">Proposed solution(s)</p> <p>Distribute to all community members a schedule detailing the date and time for each blasting session at the mine site.</p> | |
| <p>Signature: <i>Bella Jolly (Jm)</i></p> | |

