



## Township of Ear Falls – Public Open House

### NOTES

MAY 29, 2023

6PM – 8PM CT

IN-PERSON MEETING  
Ear Falls Legion

ATTENDEES	First Mining Gold (FMG): Shane Hayes (SH), Meghan Bertenshaw (MB), Shila Morin (SM), Jennifer Thomas (JT), Michael O’Flaherty (MO), Larid Tomalty (LT)  8 community members in attendance
APOLOGIES	
NOTE TAKER	FMG: (SM & JT)

- FMG set up information Boards to community members detailing the Springpole project, which highlighted results of the draft environmental assessment and mitigation strategies.
- FMG gave a presentation that included an overview of the Springpole project, the draft environmental impact statement/ environmental assessment (EIS/EA) and ongoing studies in 2023, as well as fisheries compensation plans.
- FMG played a video to community members showing the proposed Springpole mine site, mineral body, potential economic impacts on community and region.
- Discussions regarding the road development and access to the Springpole mine site.
- Inquires regarding the potential labour demand and volume/scope of work resulting expected from the project.
- Common occurring questions surrounding timelines, when is the mine expected to start construction and operations? What is the proposed life of the mine? FMG – The goal is to be “shovel ready” in 2025/2026. The life of mine is 10 – 12 years.
- Questions regarding the capacity for access to power to the mine Site (how many km’s, is there enough capacity, has capacity been approved?) FMG noted that an 89 km 230 kV transmission line is planned to connect the site to the new Wataynikaneyap line and capacity has been confirmed.
- FMG input from the attendees regarding potential fish habitat compensation opportunities within the surrounding requested area.

**Commented [MB1]:** We should make sure any questions directly asked during the presentation are explicitly included (Shila would have taken these down).