



**STOP
AJAX
MINE**

**An Initiative of the Kamloops Area
Preservation Association(KAPA)**



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Facts about KGHM Ajax Mine

The proposed Ajax copper/gold mine would be operating 24/7, 365 days/year.

The 6000-acre site will be 50% within the city limits. A Canadian precedent will be set for a new mine; the mine site being only 2 km from the nearest school and houses.

Blasting, crushing, and hauling rock will create dust containing heavy metals and possibly toxic blasting gases.

Daily blasting of up to 180,000 tonnes of rock/day.

Inks Lake will store contaminated effluent removed from the tailings in the tailings thickening process, and possibly from seepage from the tailings storage area as well.

Several documents prepared by the Ajax Mine proponent have not been made available to the public. All of these documents contain critical information necessary to understanding the scope and scale of the project's potential impact.

The existing groundwater and slope stability issues in Aberdeen might become exacerbated due to the close proximity to the mine site.

Did You Know.....

No where else in Canada is there a mine so close to a city with such a large population.

Metal leaching and acid rock drainage are critical elements in the environmental assessment. Ajax Mine states there is no acid rock drainage but KAPA is questioning its claim.

Inks Lake is a popular recreational site but there will no longer be public access. The contaminated water could prove lethal to migratory birds (swans, geese) that frequent Inks Lake.

The area at and around Jacko Lake is "classic grasslands". There will be a substantial environmental impact if this project is allowed to proceed.

It is mandatory that we demand the highest environmental assessment. Write a letter to the federal minister of environment to request an independent panel review.

We have provided a sample letter on our web site here:

<http://www.stopajaxmine.ca/blog/sample-letter-for-canadian-environmental-minister-peter-kent>

Economic Issues

The cost of Kamloops becoming an undesirable place for medical professionals to want to live and work, and an unhealthy place for those with any form of respiratory sensitivity or disease.

The likelihood of Aberdeen, Pineview Valley, Sahali, and Dufferin neighbourhoods becoming less desirable places to live due to the dust, noise, vibrations and light pollution.

If property values fall in Aberdeen and Sahali, the other residential areas in the city may have to make up the decreased tax revenues for these areas through property tax increases. Otherwise, it is decreased services or financial compensation from the mining company to make up the difference.

KGHM Mine is a Polish mine-51% of the project is owned by Polska Miedza, which is partly owned by the Polish government. The company could realize a profit over the expected 23 years of operation of \$7-8 billion.



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Why do we, citizens of Kamloops, need to examine this project?

Will our air quality be compromised?

Will our ground water be contaminated?

Will our endangered species that require grassland habitat be threatened even more?

Jacko Lake will likely drain when it is this close to the open pit mine.

Will there be an increase in respiratory ailments for those who live near the proposed mine site?

Acid mine drainage (AMD) is a potentially severe pollution hazard that can contaminate surrounding soil, groundwater, and surface water. The formation of acid mine drainage is a function of the geology, hydrology, and mining technology employed at a mine site.

Find out more at www.stopajaxmine.ca



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The Kamloops Area Preservation

Association (KAPA) is not opposed to mining, or any other economic activity that conforms to the city's promoted image as a healthy place in which to live, surrounded by a beautiful environment. KAPA is opposed to the location of the proposed Ajax copper/gold mine, a large part of which would be within the Kamloops City limits.

Vision Statement

We envisage a vibrant, prosperous, healthy city in which our children and we can grow and thrive, set in a beautiful environment of productive ranches, woodlands, lakes and streams.

Mission Statement

The Kamloops Area Preservation Association purpose is to preserve and encourage the economic, environmental, human health and welfare of present and future generations of people in Kamloops and the surrounding area.



Learn more about the proposed AJAX Mine within Kamloops, BC.

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