

THE SPRINGPOLE EXPLORER

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MESSAGE FROM DAN

Happy New Year from the team at First Mining Gold!

As we move into 2024, it is a very exciting time for our team advancing the Springpole project. We anticipate submitting our final Environmental Assessment document in the summer of this year, which will mark the culmination of 12+ years of environmental study at Springpole. This tremendous amount of work gives our team the strong confidence in the data and science that is underpinning. Springpole Lake is now one of the best studied water bodies in Canada, and our development plan provides for a significant net improvement of fish habitat over the life of the Project. In addition to the water bodies, we have also spent over \$3 million studying terrestrial species, including wolverine and caribou, and the scientific data we are collecting will benefit conservation efforts for both of these important species. At First Mining, we are also actively building business partnerships seeking to establish long-term relationships with local and Indigenous companies interest in providing goods and services to the Project. I'm pleased that in 2023, we did over \$4 million of business in the local area. If you are looking for a new challenge in 2024, have a passion for protecting the environment, enjoy working in this beautiful part of Northwestern Ontario and are a team player, we would love to hear from you!

2024 FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SUBMISSION

First Mining is excited to announce that the submission of the final environmental impact statement/environmental assessment (EIS/EA) is planned for the summer of 2024. Since the <u>draft</u> was released in May 2022, we have been engaging and collecting feedback on the Project and associated effects assessment. Thank you to everyone who has participated in the process to date as your input has helped us optimize the Project, including the technical work carried out to assess potential effects and mitigation measures, as well as the projected benefits. Following the submission of the final EIS/EA in 2024, additional consultation and review opportunities will take place.





Dan WiltonChief Executive Officer and Director, First Mining Gold

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SPRINGPOLE GOLD PROJECT VIDEO



In early 2023, First Mining Gold released an updated video highlighting key components of the proposed Project and animation of the proposed site plan. The video is available in English and Ojibwe and can be found on First Mining Gold's Springpole Gold Project EA website portal. We encourage you to check it out to learn more about the proposed mine! The video can be viewed here: https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/fb5518492b144cd7a4c4a4617683ee22/page/Home/

WOLVERINE STUDY



2022 ESG REPORT

First Mining Gold published its second annual Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Report for 2022. The ESG Report

provides a comprehensive overview of the Company's ESG commitment, practices, and performance. The 2022 ESG Report can be viewed and is available for download at: https://firstmininggold.com/esg/report/



CARIBOU STUDY

Early in 2023, FMG conducted a caribou study in the area around the Springpole site. The study, required by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, involved an aerial survey by helicopter, followed by a caribou collaring program. The program resulted in 50 caribou being fitted with GPS satellite collars that are programmed to drop from the animals in 4 years. The objective of the study is to identify important seasonal habitat areas that have the potential to be directly or indirectly impacted by mining activities and how local caribou (boreal population) respond to these activities, as well as the effectiveness of conservation and mitigation strategies. The caribou study will collect important information on caribou movements and habitat use areas.



A wolverine study commenced around the Springpole site in February which involved the placement of 25 non-invasive hair snag and camera monitoring stations. The intent of the study is to develop an understanding of Wolverine use of the landscape relative to the proposed Springpole project. The stations involve erecting a run pole that is affixed to a sturdy tree. On the run pole there are two upright structures – the first holds 12 alligator clips intended to trigger, grab a small amount of fur, and release easily upon contact by wildlife passing through the frame. Fur samples collected and sent to a lab for genetic analysis. The second upright structure serves as a platform for the front legs of the target Wolverine to access the hanging bait. This orientation is intended to expose the underside of the Wolverine to be captured by the camera which will provide data for individual identification, classification, and reproductive status. The stations will be checked monthly to collect hair samples, refurbish cameras and to ensure the stations remain in a safe and functioning state prior to being decommissioned in May. A video of the wolverine study can be found here: https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/fb5518492b144cd7a4c4a4617683ee22/page/Home/

FIRST MINING GOLD IN YOUR COMMUNITY

FESTIVAL OF TREES

First Mining Gold participated in the Holly Jolly Fest - Festival of Trees at the Sioux North Highschool in early December 2023 by providing a donation and displaying a "First Mining Gold" themed tree! The event raised money for three high school proms to take place in 2024.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

FMG is pleased to support the following events/groups in the region:

Nordic Nomads Cross Country Ski Club Silent Auction - Sioux Lookout, ON

Broomball Tournament in Weagamow Lake First Nation/Round Lake - Cat Lake First Nation

Festival of Trees - Sioux Lookout, ON

Ear Falls Lions Club 55+ Christmas Dinner -Township of Ear Falls, ON

Christmas Cheer Donation - Ojibway Nation of Saugeen, Slate Falls Nation, Lac Seul First Nation, Northwestern Ontario Metis Community, Nishnawbe Gamik Friendship Centre

Please send your request for sponsorship to <u>communityrelations@firstmininggold.</u>
<u>com</u>

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

First Mining Gold was in the Municipality of Red Lake on November 29th and the City of Dryden on November 30th hosting Open Houses for the Springpole Gold Project! First Mining Gold is happy to have had the opportunity to come out to meet with the public to share the findings of the draft EIS / EA, and to seek input that will help shape the final EIS / EA.

NORDIC NOMADS CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB DONATION



EAR FALLS LIONS CLUB



FISH HABITAT WORKSHOP

First Mining Gold had the pleasure of hosting a fish habitat workshop with members of Mishkeegogamang Ojibway First Nation in early December to share studies and analysis to date, potential mitigation measures, and fish offsetting and compensation strategies to gain input that will help shape the final EIS / EA. Thank you for joining us and sharing your knowledge.



FACEBOOK PAGE

Follow us on Facebook where we will be sharing exciting updates and information about the Springpole Gold Project. We invite you to check out our page by typing First Mining Gold on your Facebook search bar, please give us a 'like' to keep receiving updates.

CAT LAKE BROOMBALL TEAM





COMMUNITY NEWS



BOMBERS VS ICE DOGS



JOIN US ON FEBRUARY 2, 2024!



WEBINAR REPLAY LINKS

First Mining Gold held a series of webinars for the public throughout November focusing on the Environmental Assessment update and optimizations, fish habitat offsetting & compensation strategies, water management and treatment, and an update on alternatives assessment process.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT UPDATE AND OPTIMIZATIONS WEBINAR

FISH HABITAT OFFSETTING & COMPENSATION STRATEGIES WEBINAR

WATER MANAGEMENT AND TREATMENT WEBINAR

UPDATE ON ALTERNATIVES ASSESSMENT PROCESS WEBINAR

You can view the webinars here (November 2023): https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/fb5518492b144cd7a4c4a4617683ee22/page/Draft-EIS%2FEA-Summary-Materials-and-Presentations/

NEW OFFICE IN SIOUX LOOKOUT

First Mining Gold now has an office in the Centennial Centre at 54 Front Street, Sioux Lookout, ON.



The public is welcome to stop in during Monday to Thursday 9:00AM - 5:00PM to learn more about First Mining Gold.



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