



SSN Project Assessment Process

Proposed Ajax Project

Why the SSN Project Assessment Process?

The SSN requested an Independent Review Panel process for the assessment of the Ajax Mine Project. This level of review continues to be denied which led to the development of our project assessment process which will run alongside, and where appropriate, collaboratively with the Environmental Assessment Process (BC & Canada). Our process is inclusive rather than exclusive and assesses the project using our laws and governance including assessments respecting our cultural perspectives, knowledge & history. The purpose of our process is to:

“Facilitate informed decision making by the SSN Communities in a manner which is consistent with our laws, traditions, and customs and assesses project impacts in a way that respects our knowledge and perspectives”

What are the components of the Process?

The SSN Project Assessment Process is comprised of several components including independent expert reviews, Community Information Sessions, an SSN Review Panel Hearing and SSN assessments designed to review and assess both tangible and intangible impacts of the project such as those impacts of a cultural and spiritual nature.

SSN Review Panel

The SSN Review Panel will include Chief and Councils, family appointed representatives, elders, youth and traditional knowledge keepers who will be involved throughout the process and who will sit for a week to hear evidence before deliberating and making their decision regarding the proposed project. The SSN Review Panel will review reports and hear oral evidence from the SSN assessments, experts, the proponent, knowledge keepers and others to inform their decisions.

SSN Decision Package

The SSN Decision Package will be developed as a result of the panel hearing. This package will include the panel’s decisions as they relate to the proposed project. SSN decisions may be general such as the determination of the appropriate use of the area, or specific such as decisions regarding specific project design aspects (e.g. diversion of Peterson Creek). The decision package will be included in the Assessment Report and presented to BC and Canada Ministers during the Ministerial Decision Period.

How can I stay updated or get involved?

SSN will continue to publish Community Information Articles and post information on both our webpage www.stk'emlups.ca and Facebook page (Stk'emlupsemc te Secwepemc Nation). For more information please contact Sunny LeBourdais (Project Coordinator sunny@stkemlupsemc.ca)

