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AJAX PROJECT

**Environmental Assessment Certificate Application / Environmental Impact Statement
for a Comprehensive Study**

Kamloops This Week

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Kamloops council wants both sides in Ajax mine debate to pony up

July 28, 2015 25 Comments 497 Views

Both sides of the Ajax mine debate are being asked to chip in to pay for the City of Kamloops' review of KGHM's proposed copper and gold project south of Aberdeen. Kamloops city council on Tuesday unanimously agreed to ask both KGHM Ajax and the Kamloops Area Preservation Association (KAPA) to help cover the costs of the \$300,000 review of ...

KGHM Ajax willing to help pay for city's review of its mining application

July 26, 2015 36 Comments 779 Views

Kamloops council may ask KGHM Ajax to help fund the city's review of the company's mine application — and, if council decides to make the request, KGHM is willing to ante up. Council will meet on Tuesday, at which time staff will ask council members to finalize plans for the review of the mining company's pending application for its proposed ...

Studying KGHM Ajax documents could cost City of Kamloops up to \$400,000

July 18, 2015 19 Comments 943 Views

Reviewing KGHM Ajax's Ajax environmental application for its proposed copper and gold mine could cost the city as much as \$400,000. Public works director Jen Fretz said staff are working on a report to city council advising it on how to review the tens of thousands of pages of studies and information mine proponents expect to submit to the B.C. Environmental ...

Ajax could fall outside Liberals' plan for new environment legislation

July 4, 2015 8 Comments 693 Views

The three-and-a-half months before the October federal election, along with the time it would take to draft new legislation, means a proposed environmental overhaul by Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau may not capture the proposed Ajax copper and gold mine, according to Kamloops-Thompson-Cariboo Grit candidate Steve Powrie. Trudeau has come out against Enbridge's proposed Northern Gateway pipeline and announced this week ...

Declaring title at proposed mine site

June 22, 2015 12 Comments 663 Views

Skeetchestn Indian Band Chief Ron Ignace (left), Splatsin Indian Band Chief Wayne Christian and Tk'emlups Indian Band Chief Shane Gottfriedson sign documents declaring aboriginal title at Jacko Lake during a ceremony on Sunday. The Tk'emlups and Skeetchestn Indian bands have taken a stand that the proposed Ajax copper and gold mine south of Aberdeen cannot proceed without their approval. For ...

Chiefs to declare aboriginal title of Ajax mine site

June 18, 2015 40 Comments 3082 Views

One of two band chiefs who will declare aboriginal title at Jacko Lake in a ceremony on Sunday said it would be "irresponsible" to approve another mining project on land with great cultural and environmental significance to Shuswap people. Tk'emlups and Skeetchestn Indian bands released a statement this week saying the Ajax mine development cannot proceed without their approval. They ...

Bands declare title on Ajax property

June 17, 2015 27 Comments 2307 Views

An organization representing Tk'emlups and Skeetchestn Indian bands is asserting a right to land at Ajax Mine and claiming it cannot proceed without its consent. The bands, through Stk'emlupsemc of the Secwepemc Nation, released a statement late Wednesday saying members will assert those right at a ceremony on the weekend. "In May of 2015, the Province of British Columbia issued ...

Anti-Ajax groups have cash for research

June 10, 2015 14 Comments 700 Views

With a recent fundraising effort able to garner more than \$25,000, those critical of the proposed Ajax project will be able to hire experts — but it's not the only pot of money at the disposal of anti-mine organizations. Four years ago, the federal government allotted about \$32,000 to three groups for independent studies: two individuals on the part of ...

Gaglardi, Armstrong among 42 signing in support of Ajax mine

May 27, 2015 123 Comments 4007 Views

A number of city luminaries in business, real estate and sports jointly signed a letter expressing unreserved trust in KGHM Ajax as well as the environmental-approval process involved in its mine application. The letter, signed jointly by 42 people, is written to senior federal and provincial political decision-makers and copied to the premier, Kamloops MLAs and the city MP. It ...

Anti-mine group to return \$5,000 donation from KGHM

May 24, 2015 21 Comments 1640 Views

The company behind the proposed Ajax copper and gold mine south of Aberdeen said it is disappointed its \$5,000 donation to a coalition of groups opposed to the project will be returned. "We're disappointed that those speaking out against the Ajax project prior to the release of any studies have rejected our no-strings online donation," KGHM said in a statement to ...

Ajax boosts anti-Ajax fundraising campaign

May 22, 2015 29 Comments 1843 Views

A group of anti-Ajax advocates looking to scrutinize the mine's environmental studies has what might seem an unlikely ally — KGHM Ajax. On Friday afternoon, the company made a \$5,000 donation to an IndieGoGo.com campaign set up by the Kamloops Area Preservation Association, Kamloops Moms for Clean Air and other groups concerned about the proposed copper and gold mine. It ...

Mining watchdog head warns that companies cannot control all concerns

May 12, 2015 18 Comments 1096 Views

The head of a national watchdog organization is warning the public that mining companies cannot control every health and environmental concern, pointing to problems at another Canadian city next door to a working operation. Ugo Lapointe, who heads MiningWatch Canada, was in Kamloops on Tuesday meeting with residents and First Nations on the open-pit copper mine proposed by KGHM Ajax. He ...

Delay in KGHM Ajax's mine application

May 12, 2015 11 Comments 819 Views

KGHM Ajax will delay its application to the federal and provincial governments until the latter half of this year, according to the parent company's latest financial report. The report from the Polish corporation identifies a requirement by the province to study alternative tailings storage as well as "stricter criteria applied in reviewing applications by the decision-making authorities in Canada," as ...

Kamloops council defeats motion to extend mine-review time

April 29, 2015 1 Comment 478 Views

Kamloops city council won't ask the province to give residents more time to digest the approximately 15,000 pages of studies expected to accompany KGHM Ajax's application for environmental review of its proposed mine. Council this week defeated a motion from Coun. Donovan Cavers by a margin of 6-3, opting not to ask the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) for changes ...

KGHM Ajax plans 'plain language' summaries

April 28, 2015 14 Comments 905 Views

The company behind the proposed Ajax copper and gold mine will roll out "plain language summaries" of its environmental impact studies for the public, once its application for review goes to the province this summer. KGHM Ajax spokesman Yves Lacasse said the company will launch a new website containing explanations of the more than 40 studies required for the mine's ...

Cavers wants more time for Kamloops to ponder Ajax

April 22, 2015 12 Comments 1628 Views

A Kamloops councillor is hoping for more time for the public to digest reports on the proposed Ajax copper and gold mine once they are submitted to the provincial government. When council meets next Tuesday, it will debate a motion from Coun. Donovan Cavers calling for a delayed start to the public-comment period that kicks off the province's review of ...

KGHM Ajax drilling Iron Mask claim

April 17, 2015 12 Comments 1722 Views

KGHM Ajax is drilling at neighbouring claims owned by a Vancouver junior resource company as it expands its exploration program. Cicada Venture Ltd. confirmed yesterday it has a deal with KGHM Ajax that allows the company to drill on Cicada's Iron Mask mineral claims. Company director Sammy Cheng said the two sides are working on a deal after an earlier ...

Sunday lecture at TRU on Ajax's social impact

April 16, 2015 7 Comments 876 Views

A Thompson Rivers University professor said public debate on the proposed Ajax mine has become a dumbed-down argument pitting jobs versus the environment when the reality is more complex. Michael Mehta, professor of geography and environmental studies, is calling for a detailed social-impact assessment of the proposed mine, saying the comprehensive environmental assessment doesn't include important social values. Mehta is ...

KEG conference: Ajax among six proposals in region

April 15, 2015 0 1623 Views

The Kamloops Exploration Group's annual conference this week was held at the Kamloops Coast Hotel and Conference Centre. Dave Eagles/KTW Six new mines in various stages of development are proposed for the Southern Interior, a regional geologist told a conference yesterday. Jim Britten, a geologist with the Ministry of Energy and Mines, said the six mines include Ajax in ...

Health Canada says Ajax review will be robust

April 9, 2015 17 Comments 2505 Views

Editor: Re: Dr. Denis Karpiak's letter of March 16 ('Ajax deserves assessment afforded other projects'): It is important Kamloops residents have the facts about the rigorous health assessment that is being

undertaken on the environmental assessment review of the Ajax mine project. The proposed mine is subject to a joint review under the federal Canadian Environmental Assessment Act and British ...

Proposed mine must submit report on alternatives to wet tailings storage

April 5, 2015 2 Comments 1993 Views

A proposed North Thompson copper mine that includes a wet tailings facility to store acid-generating rock is among projects that must submit a report on alternatives. Yellowhead Mining Inc. has submitted its application to the harmonized federal-provincial comprehensive environmental assessment. A final public comment period closed last month. The project garnered almost no opposition. It is located in an alpine ...

Tailings talk at TRU compares dry-stack and wet storage in mines

March 26, 2015 13 Comments 2102 Views

The Mount Polley tailings pond breach of August 2014. While a panel that studied the Mount Polley mine tailings-pond failure pointed to dry-stack tailings as a way to prevent future disasters, an Ontario engineering expert said costs are higher and may prevent some mines from being viable. Eric Domingue, an engineer and manager of operations and environment with DST Consulting .

Mining nature at old Afton (Ajax) tailing site

March 13, 2015 3 Comments 2070 Views

Sagebrush may soon be growing where tailings now sit in the remains of a former mine. Lauchlan Fraser, a professor in the biological-sciences department at Thompson Rivers University — and an expert in grasslands and reclamation — said one of his students has begun a process at the site designed to bring grass, plants and, eventually, animals back to the ...

Kamloops forum told mining disaster shows prosperity comes with risk

March 4, 2015 4 Comments 1311 Views

A co-ordinator for two North Shuswap bands responding to the Mount Polley mine disaster said the First Nations have assumed a watchdog position in wake of the Cariboo disaster. Jacinda Mack is mining co-ordinator for the Soda Creek and Williams Lake Indian bands, appointed in the aftermath of last summer's breach of a tailings dam at Mount Polley. The breach ...

KGHM Ajax to revisit dry-stack tailings option at proposed mine

February 4, 2015 38 Comments 2694 Views

KGHM Ajax will conduct a "trade-off study" to determine whether it will return to a dry-stack tailings system for its proposed mine in wake of a report advocating the technology. The Mount Polley Review Panel report recommends B.C.'s mining industry adopt dry-stack tailings, what it calls best-available technology, that would ensure a dam breach cannot happen at a new mine. ...

Mount Polley report prompts inspections locally

February 2, 2015 10 Comments 1135 View

KGHM Ajax will investigate the material beneath its historic Afton tailings dam west of Kamloops following release of the province's Mount Polley disaster investigation. The report into the collapse of the mine's dam and subsequent flood of millions of litres water and sediment into Quesnel Lake was released on Friday, Jan. 30, and found an unstable clay layer beneath the ...

Ajax advisory group is frozen

January 29, 2015 29 Comments 1997 Views

The province had put on hold all applications to be part of an advisory group for the proposed KGHM Ajax copper and gold mine. The decision comes in the wake of objections to the inclusion of a pro-mining organization into the advisory group. Four groups were told yesterday (Jan. 28) their applications were on hold pending discussion within the Ajax ...

Kamloops wants broader scope in Ajax study by government

December 19, 2014 1 Comment 341 Views

Kamloops city council will ask B.C.'s Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) to broaden its scope as it considers the potential effects of the proposed Ajax copper and gold mine. In a motion passed at its Tuesday, Dec. 16, meeting, council agreed to ask the EAO to consider the cumulative effects of other mineral deposits near the project owned by proponent KGHM. ...

City council wants broader scope

December 19, 2014 2 Comments 439 Views

Kamloops city council will ask B.C.'s Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) to broaden its scope as it considers the potential effects of the proposed Ajax copper and gold mine. In a motion passed at its Tuesday, Dec. 16, meeting, council agreed to ask the EAO to consider the cumulative effects of other mineral deposits near the project owned by proponent KGHM. ...

Ajax comment period coming to an end

December 17, 2014 11 Comments 957 Views

It's not intended to be a vote, but opinions on the proposed Ajax mine — rather than questions — dominate responses submitted to the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office (EAO). Thursday, Dec. 18, marks the final day public comments can be submitted to the EAO. The federal-provincial harmonized comprehensive environmental assessment opened up a second public-comment period last month, following criticism ...

Old tailings dams in good condition, but have 'extreme' rating in event of failure

December 16, 2014 25 Comments 1799 Views

A historic tailings storage facility now overseen by KGHM Ajax is rated as "extreme" on a scale of consequences due to fatalities that could occur at a downstream trailer park, according to a recent safety review. The dam-safety review — conducted in 2013 by Knight Piesold Ltd. and submitted early this year — found no problems with stability or signs ...

Most sophisticated understanding of Kamloops air quality to come

November 25, 2014 11 Comments 1552 Views

Air-quality meteorologists already know the worst air in Kamloops is at the valley bottom but, once studies for the proposed Ajax mine are complete, they will also know the impact of dust from the project at points throughout the airshed. More than 30 consultants and officials from KGHM-Ajax met on Tuesday, Nov. 25, with people who attended an open-house meeting ...

Ajax information meetings, workshops set for Nov. 25, 26

November 21, 2014 3 Comments 1440 Views

The federal and provincial environmental-assessment offices have added a series of workshops to the agenda next week as they accept submissions on revised studies for the proposed Ajax mine. The public-comment period on the revised application-information requirements — the so-called table of contents for studies on Ajax and its impact on health, economy and the environment — began on Nov. ...

Council candidates take tour of Ajax site

October 30, 2014 9 Comments 2223 Views

A tour of the Ajax mine site for city council candidates is getting mixed reviews. About 18 mayor and council candidates attended the two-hour tour and presentation hosted by KGHM Ajax on Wednesday, Oct. 29. Media and members of the public were not invited. Coun. Ken Christian, who has toured the proposed site of the copper and gold mine before, ...

Candidates invited to tour Ajax mine site

October 23, 2014 39 Comments 3373 Views

The proponents of the Ajax copper and gold mine will host a special tour of their mine site next week, but only mayoral and council candidates are invited on the bus. According to an invitation sent to all candidates from KGHM Ajax external-affairs manager Yves Lacasse, the Wednesday, Oct. 29, event will feature an information presentation, followed by a tour ...

First Nations to meet to discuss mining; TIB to hold vote on Ajax

October 22, 2014 2 Comments 783 Views

Secwepemc leaders will meet next week to co-ordinate policy on mining development and environmental sustainability. The Adams Lake Indian Band is hosting a special meeting of Shuswap Nation Tribal Council on Wednesday, Oct. 29, to discuss mining in the region. It comes after a declaration of a moratorium on mine development following the Mount Polley tailings-pond breach. Tk'emlups Indian Band ...

City hall briefs: Ajax education session will wait until after election

October 22, 2014 0 505 Views

A public-education session on the Ajax mine review process requested by city council likely won't go ahead until after the Nov. 15 civic election. Public-works director Jen Fretz told city council at its Tuesday, Oct. 21, meeting that the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office plans to send a representative to Kamloops once the office again begins taking public comments on the ...

Ajax a focus of Kamloops Farmers' Market election forum

October 18, 2014 10 Comments 1916 Views

There were plenty of questions about the proposed Ajax mine, downtown parking and food security at the city's first civic-election forum — but few surprises and little debate. Most candidates who attended a Council of Canadians forum on Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Kamloops Farmers' Market used the event as a chance to introduce themselves to voters, laying out the ...

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Additional comment period for Ajax mine application

September 30, 2014 50 Comments 2881 Views

The public will get another 30 days to comment on the studies and reports the proponents of the Ajax mine must prepare for their environmental review, but a company spokesman said KGHM Ajax isn't expecting the extra input from Kamloopsians to delay its application to the provincial and federal governments. KGHM Ajax external-affairs manager Yves Lacasse told KTW his company ...

Report says Ajax will drive down property values, increase disease rates

September 26, 2014 47 Comments 4261 Views

The proposed Ajax copper and gold mine south of the city will lower property values in Aberdeen and Sahali, bring higher rates of pollution-causing disease and decrease tourism and tournament activity in

Kamloops, according to a report released on Friday, Sept. 26. Ken Blawatt, a retired Thompson Rivers University business professor, and Dennis Karpiak, a retired respirologist, co-authored the 35-page ...

Duo claims Ajax could cost \$40,000 per person

September 23, 2014 99 Comments 6605 Views

Costs from increased health care, loss of commerce and environmental damage will outweigh by nearly three times economic benefits from the proposed Ajax mine, according to a report co-authored by former TRU business professor and a city medical specialist. The report from Dennis Karpiak, an internal medicine and respiratory specialist, and Ken Blawatt, a retired Thompson Rivers University professor, is ...

Ministry of Environment meets with KGHM Ajax

September 17, 2014 4 Comments 1310 Views

B.C.'s Minister of Environment met this week with officials from KGHM Ajax to review the proposed mine's new footprint. In interview with KTW yesterday (Sept. 17) at the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce luncheon for the premier and cabinet, Minister Mary Polak said that, despite the meeting with executives from the Polish mining company, the process remains in the hands of ...

'You get no say': Protesters oppose Ajax at downtown rally

September 10, 2014 2 Comments 1048 Views

Anti-Ajax protesters who greeted passing traffic on Seymour Street yesterday (Sept. 10) said city residents are facing the combination of a condescending attitude from the B.C. Liberal government and a big money PR machine from the mining corporation. About 20 protesters waved signs with slogans including "Jobs for a few – pollution for all" and "zero harm – zero mine" ...

Kamloops Coun. Cavers labels EAO project director 'incompetent'

September 9, 2014 24 Comments 3661 Views

In the photo: Kamloops Coun. Donovan Cavers (left) joins fellow Coun. Tina Lange at an anti-Ajax rally in October 2013. At the Tuesday, Sept. 9, city council meeting, Cavers opined that Environmental Assessment Officer Scott Bailey is "almost as incompetent as the B.C. EAO seems to be." Cavers was referring to a letter from Bailey in which he told council ...

Kinder Morgan looks to reroute pipeline around Ajax

August 22, 2014 0 1396 Views

Kinder Morgan has filed updated information with the National Energy Board (NEB), including an alternative corridor in the Kamloops area for its proposed Trans Mountain pipeline. The company said it has been working with KGHM, proponents of the Ajax mine project south of Aberdeen, to understand future plans for the development of the mine property. Should the Ajax project receive ...

New Afton, Ajax at top of ratings scale

August 20, 2014 9 Comments 2548 Views

The Ministry of Energy and Mines has released information showing one tailings dam bordering Kamloops and another proposed facility are rated near the top of the scale for consequences to life and property. A permitted tailings storage facility at New Afton mine 10 kilometres west of Kamloops and the proposed tailings impoundment at KGHM's Ajax mine south of Aberdeen are ...

Tailings ponds to be independently inspected

August 18, 2014 2 Comments 1176 Views

Satellite image taken the day after Mount Polley mine tailings breach shows drained tailings dam and spill that backed into Polley Lake and down Hazeltine Creek to Quesnel Lake. NASA Earth Observatory photo The province will require independently reviewed tailings-dam inspections at two mines bordering Kamloops, as well as at Highland Valley Copper near Logan Lake, to determine risks of ...

Lake plans fall meet with KAPA

August 11, 2014 4 Comments 1296 Views

A few days after anti-Ajax protesters from the Kamloops Area Preservation Association (KAPA) lined the street outside his North Shore constituency office, Kamloops-North Thompson MLA Terry Lake has agreed to meet with the group. On the day of the protest, Aug. 6, Lake told KTW he didn't want to meet with KAPA en masse "and have the same conversation over ...

MLA Lake agrees to meet with anti-Ajax group

August 8, 2014 3 Comments 2219 Views

In the photo: Two days after protesters gathered outside his North Shore constituency office, Kamloops-North Thompson MLA Terry Lake has agreed to meet with opponents of the proposed Ajax mine to discuss the province's environmental-assessment process. Andrea Klassen photo/KTW A few days after anti-Ajax protesters from the Kamloops Area Preservation Association (KAPA) lined the street outside his North Shore constituency ...

First Nations bands want more time on Ajax file

August 7, 2014 0 1402 Views

In the photo: Tk'emlups Indian Band Chief Shane Gottfriedson and members of the Shuswap Nation gathered in Kamloops on Aug. 5 to demand a halt to all mining exploration in the Shuswap territory in the wake of the Aug. 4 tailings-pond breach at the Mount Polley mine in the Cariboo. The Tk'emlups and Skeetchestn bands are also calling for more time ...

Ajax mine opponents want Lake to jump into discussions

August 6, 2014 21 Comments 2295 Views

In the photo: Anne Neave (front) said the Kamloops Area Preservation Association and some Kamloops-North Thompson residents chose to picket MLA Terry Lake's Tranquille Road office after he refused to meet to talk about the proposed Ajax mine and the environmental-assessment process regarding its application. While about 60 people protested outside Lake's office, he was at a press conference at Vancouver's St. Paul Hospital. Andrea ...

Mt. Polley disaster puts spotlight on Ajax proposal in Kamloops

August 5, 2014 13 Comments 4119 Views

In the photo: A Monday, Aug. 4, breach at Imperial Metals' Mount Polley Mine tailings pond has resulted in damage to lakes, creeks and rivers and has led to a water ban in the Cariboo region of British Columbia. Cariboo Regional District photo Williams Lake Tribune editor Angie Mindus captured these photos of the damage. Shuswap First Nations are ...

Tailings-pond breach at mine forces water-use ban

August 5, 2014 5 Comments 1677 Views

The tailings pond of the Mount Polley mine, southeast of Quesnel, was breached, discharging waste water into Hazeltine Creek (shown) on Monday, Aug. 4. Cariboo Regional District photo Authorities are expanding a water-use ban to include the Quesnel and Cariboo Rivers up to the Fraser River after a tailings pond southeast of Quesnel was breached, sending millions of cubic ...

Ajax opponents applaud city council decision

July 18, 2014 1 Comment 1184 Views

Opponents of the proposed Ajax copper and gold mine are celebrating Kamloops city council's decision to push for more public consultation from the province. At its July 15 meeting, council voted to ask the B.C. environmental assessment office (EAO) to take more public comments on the mine's application information requirements, which lay out what data proponent KGHM must submit to ...

Kamloops council votes to ask for public-comment period, open house in Ajax

July 15, 2014 1 Comment 1379 Views

Applause filled Kamloops city council chambers twice on Tuesday, July 15, as councillors passed a pair of motions which put pressure on the province to do more consultation on the proposed Ajax copper and gold mine south of Aberdeen. In two unanimous votes, councillors asked the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) to give the public a chance to comment on ...

No EAO open house until 2015

July 14, 2014 1 Comment 965 Views

When Kamloops city council asked the B.C. environmental assessment office (EAO) to hold a workshop explaining how it reviews industrial projects, the thinking at city hall was the sooner the better. The EAO disagrees. In a letter to council, EAO executive project director Scott Bailey said his organization doesn't want to hold a public open house in Kamloops until 2015, ...

No public input on new Ajax mine plan?

July 10, 2014 18 Comments 1890 Views

The provincial environmental assessment office is "fast-tracking" approval for KGHM's proposed Ajax copper and gold mine by failing to allow public input into the corporation's new mine plan, a citizens' group has charged. Citing conversations with members of the technical government and First Nations committee, the Kamloops Area Preservation Association said the technical working group failed to request public input ...

Air-quality objectives impact on industry unclear

June 26, 2014 5 Comments 1238 Views

Kamloops air contains levels of a carcinogenic pollutant above provincial air-quality guidelines, but it's unclear how much weight B.C.'s PM2.5 objectives carry when it comes to regulating industry. Kamloops Physicians for a Healthy Environment want Kamloops' higher concentrations of PM2.5 to factor into environmental decision-making for the Ajax copper and gold mine, which they worry will add more PM2.5 to ...

Supporters and protesters at latest KGHM Ajax open house

June 24, 2014 15 Comments 2089 Views

Residents brought questions and some brought a healthy dose of skepticism to the latest round of public forums hosted by KGHM Ajax on its proposed open-pit mine south of the city. The meeting at the Coast Hotel and Conference Centre in Aberdeen attracted about 100 people in the first 80 minutes, well down from numbers for city's first peek ...

Data does not support doctors' claim that Kamloops' air quality is getting worse

June 23, 2014 44 Comments 10684 Views

In the image above: An image from the pamphlet Kamloops Physicians for a Healthy Environment has distributed in Kamloops, claiming air quality in the city is deteriorating. Ministry of Environment data, however, shows no decrease in the quality of air in the past decade. In the image to the left: A graph shows the various PM2.5 threshold levels, with B.C. having ...

Ajax open houses begin this week

June 23, 2014 0 828 Views

The proposed Ajax copper and gold mine's new look is the subject of a trio of open houses, beginning on Tuesday, June 24. Mine proponent KGHM will host public-information sessions on Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Wednesday afternoon from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Coast Kamloops Convention Centre, 1250 Rogers Way. A third session ...

Ajax mine footprint to be moved south of city

May 29, 2014 65 Comments 13237 Views

In the photo: KGHM Ajax project permitting manager Nicola Banton (left), external-affairs manager Yves Lacasse and project manager Warner Uhl announce new plans for the proposed copper mine south of Aberdeen. Dave Eagles photo/KTW KGHM Ajax has unveiled a new proposal it hopes will change public attitudes toward the proposed copper mine and allow it to begin construction in as ...

City council wants public open house on mine-permitting process

May 28, 2014 3 Comments 1043 Views

Four years after the controversial proposed Ajax mine first hit public consciousness, City of Kamloops officials are looking for a refresher course on the environmental-assessment process. City council has agreed to ask the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) to offer a public workshop in the late summer or early fall on the environmental-permitting process for mines. The idea came from ...

KGHM Ajax to make significant announcement on mine site

May 26, 2014 37 Comments 4495 Views

KGHM Ajax will make what an official calls a significant announcement on Thursday, May 29, on the future of the proposed open-pit copper mine south of Aberdeen. Company spokesman Yves Lacasse declined to provide details of what the company will unveil, other than to call it a major development. "We believe it's a positive story," he said. Lacasse, KGHM Ajax's ...

Union presidents divided on proposed Ajax mine

April 15, 2014 29 Comments 3072 Views

In the photo: Richard Boyce (above), president of the United Steelworkers Local 7619, is opposed to the proposed Ajax mine, while Marty Gibbons, president of the United Steelworkers Local 1-417, is in favour. Allen Douglas photo/KTW The controversial Ajax mine proposal has created another division, this time between two local Steelworkers' presidents. Marty Gibbons, president of United Steelworkers Local 1-417, ...

Union president on Ajax: It's simply not the right location

April 13, 2014 77 Comments 20156 Views

With more than 40 years of experience in the mining industry, Richard Boyce said he knows how important it is to the fabric of life — from cellphones to vehicles to virtually every other item in your home. However, that deep connection to exploiting the Earth's resources for our benefit does not mean Boyce, president of United Steelworkers' Union 7619 ...

Steelworkers president to talk Ajax on Sunday

April 10, 2014 11 Comments 1149 Views

Richard Boyce, president of the United Steelworkers local 7619 at Highland Valley Copper, will speak on Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. in the Parkside Lounge at the Interior Savings Centre. Boyce will talk about the proposed Ajax copper and gold mine KGHM wants to create south of Aberdeen in a lecture called The Reality of Having a Mine on ...

TRU dean in Ajax video: 'I was speaking in the voice of my students.'

March 23, 2014 38 Comments 3469 Views

"I was speaking in the voice of my students." So says Lindsay Langill as he explained why he appeared in a KGHM-Ajax video promoting the proposed copper and gold mine south of Aberdeen. Langill, the dean of trades and technology at Thompson Rivers University, said he has no position on the mine proposal, but does see the value in the ...

TRU: Dean in Ajax video does not equal university support of mine

March 20, 2014 99 Comments 22727 Views

Participation of the school's dean of trades and technology in a pro-Ajax mine video does not mean Thompson Rivers University is supporting the proposed project, said TRU vice-president advancement Christopher Seguin. Lindsay Langill is seen in the short video talking about the opportunity the mine will provide to many of the students graduating in coming years from his faculty. The ...

Video: Ajax Project — The Conversation

March 18, 2014 72 Comments 19880 Views

The latest video from KGHM Ajax is 2:34 in length and features external-affair manager Yves Lacasse talking about Kamloops and the desire to have a community conversation about the proposed Ajax copper and gold mine south of Aberdeen. It also features various community members who support the project. Watch it here:

Ajax officials say blasts will not affect homes

March 17, 2014 16 Comments 1977 Views

KGHM Ajax's external-affairs manager said reports by two Cherry Creek homeowners of possible blasting-related problems is an issue for New Gold Inc. alone. "I'll let folks at New Gold address those concerns," Yves Lacasse said. Following revelations by a Thompson-Nicola Regional District board member, New Gold Inc. released information it has received three blasting-related complaints near its underground New Afton ...

Ajax eyes March 2015 as application date

March 17, 2014 6 Comments 1699 Views

In the photo: Marlene King (left), Cairo Ficarina, Mario Ficarina, Caroline King and Shirley Scott show their support for the proposed Ajax mine during a rally in 2012. KTW file photo KGHM Ajax has set a new "internal deadline" to present its application to the federal and provincial governments at the end of March 2015. External-affairs manager Yves Lacasse acknowledged ...

Study: Ajax could be worth \$360K annually to city

March 5, 2014 16 Comments 2343 Views

The increasingly polarized debate on the proposed Ajax copper and gold mine could hinder the city's ability to attract and grow businesses, a consultant hired by Venture Kamloops has told city council. In an economic-impact study conducted for Venture Kamloops, economist Roslyn Kunin identified several

weaknesses that could affect the city's economy between now and 2020, including a high industrial-tax ...

TRU lecture on air quality and Ajax's possible impact

March 3, 2014 7 Comments 1786 Views

Is there an economic cost to air pollution? Peter Tsigaris, a professor at Thompson Rivers University, will address that question on Sunday, March 9, in the TRU Clocktower Alumni Theatre. Using data from Kamloops, from Canada and from around the world, Tsigaris will analyze the cost of deteriorating air quality in Kamloops, including a "valuation" of potential health impacts resulting ...

Ajax foe: Prosperity rejection highlights need for federal panel review

February 27, 2014 45 Comments 5439 Views

A leading opponent of the proposed Ajax mine in Kamloops says Ottawa's rejection of the Prosperity mine shows why the Ajax file needs stronger oversight. John Schleiermacher, spokesman for the Kamloops Area preservation society, said he thinks Prosperity's repeated rejections by the federal government in the face of strong support from the B.C. Liberal government illustrates why the Ajax proposal ...

No panel review, but minister invited to tour Ajax site

February 25, 2014 6 Comments 1372 Views

In response to yet another federal denial of a panel review for the proposed Ajax mine, Kamloops city council is extending an invitation to Environment Minister Leona Aqlukkag to visit the community and tour the site of the copper and gold mine KGHM Ajax wants to develop. Coun. Donovan Cavers pitched the idea at council's Tuesday, Feb. 25, meeting, pointing ...

City, KGHM, seeking intervenor status with NEB

February 14, 2014 0 691 Views

A former attorney general of B.C., the proponents of the Ajax mine and the Kamloops Naturalist Club are among the many Kamloops parties seeking intervenor status during the National Energy Board's (NEB) review of the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion. Applications for intervenor status were due by noon on Wednesday, Feb. 12. By the close of the filing period, more than ...

KGHM Ajax has pending deal to buy adjacent mineral rights

January 31, 2014 11 Comments 4232 Views

KGHM Ajax has a pending deal with a junior resource company to acquire neighbouring mineral rights, a deal that one mine opponent said shows the company is "an elephant no one can avoid." But, contacted on Friday, Jan. 31, officials with KGHM International (KGHMI) said those rights are being acquired for the proposed mine operation rather than any exploration potential. ...

Health-study call for Ajax rejected

January 22, 2014 18 Comments 2865 Views

Proponents of the Ajax copper and gold mine say studies they are conducting as part of their environmental-assessment process are as good as an independent health assessment — and the province's Environmental Assessment Office agrees. During a presentation at Thompson Rivers University last weekend, Dr. Jill Calder, a member of Kamloops Physicians for a Healthy Environment, renewed her group's call ...

Physician group focuses on Ajax

January 17, 2014 1 Comment 1085 Views

A Kamloops physician group is using “quiet time” between proposals for Ajax mine to help educate the public about its potential risks. Dr. Jill Calder, a longtime city doctor and former head of the department of medicine at Royal Inland Hospital, will speak on Sunday, Jan. 19, at Thompson Rivers University on potential health impacts of the open-pit copper-gold mine ...

Treated wastewater could supply proposed mine

January 16, 2014 2 Comments 912 Views

The City of Kamloops will provide samples from its wastewater-treatment plant to the proponents of the Ajax mine as KGHM Ajax looks at alternative water sources for use at its proposed copper and gold mine south of Aberdeen. In a letter to the city, dated Dec. 20, KGHM Ajax asked for samples of treated effluent water so the company can ...

Grey Cup Sunday features forum on Ajax

November 18, 2013 1 Comment 2361 Views

Journalist Mel Rothenburger, the former two-term mayor of Kamloops and past editor of the Kamloops Daily News, will present Imagine a Town with No Mine at Thompson Rivers University. The talk on the proposed Ajax copper and gold mine will take place on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 2 p.m., in the Alumni Theatre in the Clocktower Building. The proposed Ajax ...

Councillors renew call for enhanced form of environmental review for Ajax mine

November 6, 2013 0 1139 Views

Kamloops city councillors have renewed a call for an enhanced form of environmental review for the proposed Ajax copper and gold mine. At their Tuesday, Nov. 5 meeting, councillors passed a motion calling for a joint panel review for the mine, which KGHM Ajax wants to build south of Aberdeen. The motion was passed unanimously by all eight councillors present ...

New Ajax memo on way to city council

September 30, 2013 0 182 Views

An engineering firm has withdrawn a memo claiming overpressure generated from blasting at the proposed Ajax mine could break windows.

Ajax open house: Two views of the information sessions at TRU

September 11, 2013 0 79 Views

There was plenty of discussion of decibel levels and water flows at the first of four Ajax information sessions on Monday, Sept. 9.

Ajax open house: Mine blasts would mimic ‘distant thunder’

September 10, 2013 0 1007 Views

Expert at first day of open houses dismisses report that claims blasting could create sonic booms that can break windows.

Ajax set to present four days of open houses at TRU

September 6, 2013 0 101 Views

Afternoon sessions are Sept. 10 and Sept. 12, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Night sessions are Sept. 9 and Sept. 11, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

'Zero harm' is a core value of KGHM Ajax

August 21, 2013 0 172 Views

KGHM will host four community information sessions at Thompson Rivers University's Grand Hall from Sept. 9 to 12.

Crossing wires and communication breakdown

August 19, 2013 0 76 Views

KGHM says it has always intended to study air-blast effects with proposed mine.

KGHM promises meetings, more information

August 5, 2013 0 102 Views

Four sessions are planned for Kamloops in coming weeks

More ore means Ajax assessment delay

August 5, 2013 0 146 Views

KGHM tells Kamloops media it won't be proceeding with environmental assessment next month

Milobar says Ajax concerns were heard

August 5, 2013 0 101 Views

The proposed mine south of Kamloops continues to create concerns

Ajax rejects calls for blast test

July 31, 2013 0 215 Views

Spokesman says only provincial government would influence another test

City's Ajax report lands with a boom

July 29, 2013 0 142 Views

Air blasts could shake houses, break windows, consultant says

Environmental tours of Ajax prove popular

June 13, 2013 0 95 Views

Tony Brumell said more than 30 people have signed up for his latest tour of the mine site, which runs on Sunday, June 16.

Dever likes new Ajax model

May 15, 2013 0 110 Views

Kamloops councillor says this version is better than the old one

Mining association CEO defends Ajax studies

May 10, 2013 0 126 Views

"Personally, I trust the professionals that are putting their signatures and their names behind the reports they are issuing," Brino said.

Skeetchestn Indian Band chief calls for Ajax review

May 9, 2013 0 127 Views

The decision, however, is ultimately be up to federal Environment Minister Peter Kent.

IHA's ability to assess Ajax's health risk questioned

May 9, 2013 0 229 Views

"It is beyond the scope of our regional health authority to guide the creation of defensible better practices," an IHA staffer wrote.

Ajax plans more workshops in months ahead

May 3, 2013 0 110 Views

The next big piece will come on Tuesday, May 14, when a computerized 3D model of the mine will be released online at www.online-ajaxmine.ca.

ELECTION 2013: Ajax dominates debate

May 2, 2013 0 129 Views

The proposed Ajax mine dominated floor questions, with only health care attracting similar attention.

No Liberals or Conservatives at anti-Ajax open house

May 1, 2013 0 75 Views

NDP candidates Tom Friedman and Kathy Kendall and independent candidate Brian Alexander did visit the event.

Advisory group wants federal review on Ajax

April 22, 2013 0 166 Views

Members of the group released a joint statement on Monday, April 22, airing concerns about the review process.

Ajax officials appear before city council

March 27, 2013 0 116 Views

If there was one message to take away from KGHM-Ajax's presentation to city council Tuesday it was, "Sorry for the wait."

Council will host Ajax-information meeting — at some point

March 27, 2013 0 109 Views

We need to give our community reassurance we are listening to them," said Coun. Nelly Dever.

New Ajax 3D model at council this week

March 25, 2013 0 106 Views

Representatives from KGHM Ajax will be at council during the 3 p.m. delegation slot today to show off a prototype of the new model.

Ajax will file project plans in fall

March 20, 2013 0 152 Views

Proponents of the Ajax mine plan to submit the project for environmental review by the end of September.

City council to meet with Ajax mine reps

January 16, 2013 0 88 Views

Mayor Peter Milobar said there is no set agenda for the meeting, which will also include members of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District.

New Ajax team will be at open houses

January 7, 2013 0 87 Views

The new operating team behind the proposed Ajax copper and gold mine will host two days of meet-and-greets in Kamloops next week.

Public forum on Ajax set for Sept. 9

September 3, 2012 0 96 Views

The forum will be held on Sunday, Sept. 9, at 2 p.m. in the university's Clocktower Building.

Polish firm takes control of Ajax

August 27, 2012 0 92 Views

Until now, Vancouver-based Abacus Mining and Exploration has been the operator of the proposed copper and gold mining project.

Ajax serves up 3D model of mine site, circa 2035

July 23, 2012 0 238 Views

The first of two planned scale models of the Ajax site is now on display at the mine's Seymour Street office.

Ajax looking at amping up advertising campaign

April 12, 2012 0 115 Views

"Everything we do now will be to engage the public and get more information out there," project manager Jim Whittaker said.

Where does council stand on Ajax?

April 11, 2012 0 95 Views

While two have made up their minds, most Kamloops city councillors are still on the fence regarding the proposed mine.

Ajax mine proponents release 3D video of plans

April 10, 2012 0 64 Views

Presentation shows views of dump sites from six locations in Kamloops.

KGHM increases stake, Covers issues challenge

April 2, 2012 0 101 Views

Kamloops councillor wants to enter boxing ring with Ajax mine official — all for a good cause.

Kamloops group wants Ajax information

March 28, 2012 0 93 Views

But mining company argues data is proprietary in the industry.

Lake says city concerns will be heard

March 14, 2012 0 82 Views

Issues about the potential Ajax mine are being considered

All eyes are on Ajax at info sessions

February 6, 2012 0 93 Views

A steady stream of residents got another good look at the proposed Ajax copper and gold mine south of Aberdeen.

Kent says no to federal panel review on Ajax

January 25, 2012 0 83 Views

Federal environment minister makes his decision as he leaves Kamloops following tour of proposed mine site south of Aberdeen.

City still wants Ajax's answers

January 18, 2012 0 88 Views

Company behind proposed copper and gold mine says city support important in approval process.

Ajax off to Kamloops city hall

January 17, 2012 0 83 Views

A delegation from Abacus Mining and Exploration Corp. and the KGHM Ajax project is appearing in front of city council on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Study say Ajax mine a feasible project

December 21, 2011 0 97 Views

Report notes the value of the mine could quadruple to \$1.6 billion from the initial \$416 million.

Ajax mine meetings set for February in Kamloops

December 14, 2011 0 59 Views

Public comment period runs from Jan. 11 to March 12, with Feb. 6 and Feb. 7 set aside for information meetings.

Ajax mine owners dispute European report

December 8, 2011 0 64 Views

The truth is there is an important distinction to be made between mining and smelting operations.

Federal environment minister coming to Kamloops on Ajax file

December 1, 2011 0 88 Views

Peter Kent will visit site of proposed mine and talk to local residents; no word on whether he will authorize panel review.

Mayor off to Ottawa to discuss Ajax mine

November 28, 2011 0 138 Views

Peter Milobar and company to meet with federal environment minister on Dec. 1.

Ottawa meeting set for Ajax mine proposal

November 4, 2011 0 81 Views

The mayor of Kamloops will meet with federal Environment Minister Peter Kent on Dec. 1.

Ajax opens its doors to Kamloops

August 24, 2011 0 60 Views

Company seeks to get approval for controversial mining project south of Aberdeen.

City wants answers from Ajax mine proponent

July 14, 2011 0 55 Views

Go online to kamloops.ca to read the 11-page letter.

Ajax mine open house set for June 16

June 14, 2011 0 69 Views

A public open house on KGHM's Ajax copper-gold mine is planned for Thursday, June 16, at the Kamloops Towne Lodge, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Ajax mine reps to hold open house in June

May 12, 2011 0 74 Views

Kamloops residents and city council got their first public look at a plan for what is already a controversial proposed mining project just outside city limits. Officials from Abacus Mining and Exploration, which is owned by Polish company KGHM, gave council a 10-minute presentation on the proposed Ajax mining project. The mine operation, which is would be located a couple ...

City wants mine chat

April 21, 2011 0 69 Views

The proponent of a proposed mine south of Aberdeen is being summoned to city council. Council has asked Abacus Mining and Exploration Corp. to make a presentation at city hall regarding its Ajax copper and gold project located between Upper Aberdeen and Goose Lake Road in Knutsford. Though some residents expressed their concerns regarding the project at a recent council ...












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- 1) Ajax Study: City conducting independent review ☐
July 28th, 2015
- 2) Secwepemc Nation declares title at Jacko Lake ☐
June 18th, 2015
- 3) Secwepemc Nation declares title at Jacko Lake ☐
June 18th, 2015
- 4) Anti Ajax Group Nears Fundraising Goal
June 4th, 2015
- 5) Business leaders sign letter of support for Ajax ☐
May 27th, 2015
- 6) Ajax Donation Rejected ☐
May 25th, 2015
Coalition of Concerned Community Members returns \$5000
- 7) Anti-Ajax Crowd Funding Campaign Gains Steam
May 22nd, 2015
- 8) MiningWatch targets Ajax ☐
May 12th, 2015
Watchdog compares environmental impacts of Quebec mine to proposed Ajax mine

- 9) Ajax Aims for Summer Submission, Despite Quarterly Report
May 11th, 2015
- 10) KAPA worried Ajax will hire foreign workers
April 17th, 2015
- 11) Ajax Environmental Assessment
November 26th, 2014
Government agencies defend environmental review for Ajax
- 12) Environmental Assessment Information Sessions
November 25th, 2014
Help people engage with proposed Ajax mine public comment period
- 13) Public Input Session For Proposed Ajax Mine
November 20th, 2014
- 14) Council Split on Ajax
November 17th, 2014
New Kamloops city council divided on controversial project
- 15) Ajax Protest
November 14th, 2014
Mine opponents encourage people to vote
- 16) KGHM Election Advertising
November 12th, 2014
Ajax Mine proponent hadn't registered with Elections BC
- 17) Ajax Mine Tour
October 9th, 2014
Local media get the public tour
- 18) Proposed Ajax mine will get second public comment period
September 30th, 2014
- 19) Preservation Association not impressed with latest letter from Environmental Office.
September 29th, 2014
KAPA says Ajax is a "whole new mine" and needs a new public comment period.
- 20) Hot Dogs, Executive Elections & Ajax: Kamloops Council at UBCM
September 28th, 2014
- 21) The Cost of Ajax
September 26th, 2014
- 22) Anti Ajax Protesters Picket Kamloops Chamber Event
September 17th, 2014
- 23) No additional public comment period on Ajax proposal.
September 8th, 2014
Mayor says minister won't be coming to see the site in person.

- 24) Kinder Morgan Veers Off Course for Ajax
August 22nd, 2014
- 25) Mount Polley Mine Local Reaction 
August 5th, 2014
Opposition to Ajax mine believe breach could happen here
- 26) Ajax public comment period in EAO's hands 
July 21st, 2014
Ajax says public comment period may have to wait
- 27) Ajax Comes Up At Council
July 15th, 2014
Ajax A Hot Topic Once Again
- 28) John Horgan stops in Kamloops 
July 14th, 2014
New NDP leader talks Ajax with citizens
- 29) Horgan Cool to Ajax, says Project Needs Social License
July 13th, 2014
NDP Leader was in Kamloops this weekend
- 30) Ajax Open House 
June 25th, 2014
New 3D physical model on display
- 31) Kamloops Voters Society Survey
June 5th, 2014
Opinions Released On Concerns About Propsed AJAX Mine
- 32) KGHM Unveils Revised Ajax Site Plan 
May 29th, 2014
- 33) Mixed reaction to KGHM Ajax changes 
May 29th, 2014
- 34) KGHM Unveils Revised Ajax Site Plan 
May 29th, 2014
The project is moving farther away from Kamloops.
- 35) Steelworkers Union speaks out in support of Ajax Mine 
April 14th, 2014
- 36) KGHM Ajax Releases New Online Video 
March 18th, 2014
- 37) Tsigaris Talks Ajax 
March 10th, 2014
TRU Economics professor says there are costs to project
- 38) KGHM-Ajax Mine Letter 
February 25th, 2014
Fourth letter to make its way to Federal Government


- 39) Federal Minister Gives Ajax Review Panel Thumbs Down 
February 24th, 2014
- 40) Aglukkaq Gives Ajax Review Panel Thumbs Down
February 23rd, 2014
A third rejection despite advocacy from Kamloops mayor and council
- 41) Doctor warns Ajax could cause more deaths 
January 20th, 2014
Added pollution is the culprit
- 42) Potential Ajax Health Impacts Discussed
January 19th, 2014
A KGHM mine opponent is presenting to a crowd of hundreds at TRU.
- 43) KGHM Ajax Distributes 10,000 Information Booklets 
January 16th, 2014
- 44) Milobar not taking KDLC Bait on Ajax
December 4th, 2013
Still too early in the process to take a position
- 45) Kamloops Labour calls on Council to take stand on Ajax
December 3rd, 2013
KDLC says councillors have enough info to choose sides
- 46) Doctors on Ajax
November 8th, 2013
Dissatisfaction In The Ranks
- 47) Taseko's Prosperity Mine rejected a second time by Federal panel 
November 1st, 2013
KAPA contends Prosperity process more transparent than Ajax
- 48) Anti-Ajax Docs set to release FOI emails on website
October 31st, 2013
Group wants full health assessment of the project
- 49) Another Ajax Rally 
October 28th, 2013
- 50) 200-Plus Rally Against Ajax 
October 26th, 2013
The protest against a proposed gold and copper mine also drew project supporters.
- 51 Doctors against Ajax 
) October 24th, 2013
- 52 Milobar in Ottawa to talk Ajax
) October 24th, 2013
Kamloops Mayor meets with Environment Minister
- 53 Medical Health Officer Opposed Ajax Project
) October 24th, 2013

Says project would represent a "serious public health hazard"

54 Steelworkers Against Ajax 

) *October 21st, 2013*

Union Leader for Highland Valley Copper opposes Ajax

55 Kamloops Voters Society - More Results 


) *October 21st, 2013*

The Kamloops Voters Society has released more results from an online survey on the proposed KGHM-Ajax mine.

56 KVS Takes Public Pulse on AJAX

) *October 13th, 2013*

Survey will be posted until midnight Monday at www.kamloopsvoterssociety.com

57 Ajax Survey 

) *October 7th, 2013*

Kamloops Voters Society wants your opinion on Ajax

58 Kamloops Voters Society launches Ajax Survey 

) *October 7th, 2013*

Survey will be online for a week

59 Amended memo on Ajax air blast testing 

) *October 1st, 2013*

City of Kamloops accepts amended memo from consultant on air blast testing for the proposed mine.


60 TRU Professor suggests Local tourism at risk with proposed Ajax Mine 

) *September 30th, 2013*

61 UBCM Gets Underway

) *September 16th, 2013*

Kamloops delegates looking at KGHM-Ajax as well as bringing New Gold into City boundaries


62 Ajax Opponents, Supporters Rally at TRU 

) *September 12th, 2013*

63 Ajax Blast Modelling 

) *September 10th, 2013*

KGHM brought in an explosives expert to help people understand what's involved

64 4 days of Ajax public meetings starts tonight 

) *September 9th, 2013*

Meetings Monday through Thursday at TRU Grand Hall

65 KGHM Ajax looking at larger pit 










) *August 2nd, 2013*

Also looking at increasing distance between mine site and city

66 KGHM Ajax looking at larger pit 

) *August 2nd, 2013*


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- 67 Ajax Test Blast
) *August 1st, 2013* 
- 68 Kamloops Mayor pushing for full blast test at Ajax
) *July 31st, 2013*
 Milobar meeting with Mines Minister in Vancouver
- 69 KGHM hire O'Fee as lawyer 
) *July 25th, 2013*
 John O'Fee joins Robert Koopmans and Yves Lacasse with Ajax
- 70 Daily News Editor quits to take Ajax job
) *July 22nd, 2013*
 Robert Koopmans is mining firm's new Senior Communications strategist
- 71 Could Cabinet Shuffle Lead to Ajax Panel Review? 
) *July 15th, 2013*
 Peter Kent, who initially denied panel review, shuffled out of environment ministry
- 72 KAPA receives unedited letter on Ajax 
) *July 4th, 2013*
 Second letter provided by BC Centre for Disease Control
- 73 Ajax Environmental Tour 
) *June 17th, 2013*
 Tour sheds light on environmental impacts of Ajax
- 74 Federal Panel review of Ajax denied
) *June 12th, 2013*
 Community Advisory Group's request rejected by Environment Minister Kent
- 75 Stone's Ajax Views in the Crosshairs
) *May 12th, 2013*
 NDP say Liberal candidate in Kamloops-South Thompson has reversed course on proposed mine.
- 76 Ajax responds to City's question 
) *May 3rd, 2013*
 Response took almost 2 years
- 77 Latest forum draws small crowd 
) *May 3rd, 2013*
 Ajax and Health care dominate discussion
- 78 Ajax reacting to call for Independent Panel Review 
) *April 23rd, 2013*
 KGHM-Ajax is speaking out after Community Advisory Group calls for full panel review on the project.
- 79 KGHM Ajax responds to renewed call for independent review 
) *April 23rd, 2013*
 Company says call for independent review not a concern

- 80 Community members concerned over Ajax
) *April 22nd, 2013*
 Group wants tougher environment assessment of Ajax
- 81 Pro-Ajax Petitioner Not Surprised by Survey Results
) *April 19th, 2013*
 Daily News survey found more approve of Ajax than disapprove
- 82 Ajax Advisory Group Schedules News Conference
) *April 19th, 2013*
 Group to send letter to federal minister, complaining of problems with process
- 83 Survey Shows Support for Ajax
) *April 18th, 2013*
 Kamloops Daily News survey shows 43% in North Thompson and 42% in South Thompson okay with mine
- 84 Anti-Ajax petition organizer upset with Council
) *April 8th, 2013*
 Steve Knudson doesn't want to simply send in his petition
- 85 Survey Says: Kamloops Doesn't Want Ajax
) *April 3rd, 2013*
 Chad Moats paid for the survey that shows almost 74% of respondents are opposed to the proposed mine
- 86 3D Ajax Mine computer model
) *March 26th, 2013*
 New model showed off to city council
- 87 Ajax To Unveil New Model
) *March 26th, 2013*
 Officials and detractors expected in council
- 88 Pro-Ajax Petition Pops Up
) *March 24th, 2013*
 Those in favour of Ajax want their voices heard as well
- 89 Ajax Assessment Date
) *March 20th, 2013*
- 90 KGHM-Ajax targets end of September for submission of Environmental Assessment
) *March 19th, 2013*
 The end is in sight for the Ajax copper-gold mine environmental assessment process
- 91 Petition urges Council to take a stand against Ajax
) *March 19th, 2013*
- 92) Ajax Assessment Date
 March 19th, 2013
- 93) Kamloops Moms for Clean Air host meeting on proposed Ajax Mine
 March 11th, 2013
- 94) Grassfire at Ajax property

March 11th, 2013

Cause of 4.4 hectare fire a mystery


95) Clean Air meeting raises more Ajax concern 

March 11th, 2013

Is Ajax too close to Pacific Way school to be safe?


96) Mining Bigwig Allays Ajax Fears 

February 21st, 2013


97) KAPA urges more Ajax blast testing 

February 13th, 2013

Watchdog group says last blast in 2011 a fraction of what's being proposed

98) RCMP Supt. Lacasse quits to work for Ajax proponent 

January 31st, 2013

99) Kamloops RCMP Superintendent quits to work for Ajax 

January 31st, 2013

100) Second Ajax Forum accommodates First Nations group

January 17th, 2013

First Nations group given chance to speak on mine concern

101) Ajax Environmental Assessment talk at TRU

January 17th, 2013

Public invited to talk at Clocktower Theatre 7:30pm


102) Council Not Excited About Ajax Meeting

January 17th, 2013

More a grip and grin than a substantial discussion

103) Ajax Open House 

January 16th, 2013


104) KGHM Ajax meeting sees controversy 

January 16th, 2013

Second meeting goes tonight

105) Ajax Mine a Deterrent to Doctors 

November 20th, 2012

106) Krueger Writes Open Letter To Ajax 

October 30th, 2012

107) MLA Krueger's letter to Ajax

October 29th, 2012

Kamloops-South Thompson MLA advises KGHM to get its act together and communicate

108) NDP Environment Critic tours Ajax 

October 11th, 2012

109) Kamloops Councillor Ajax not foregone conclusion

September 27th, 2012

Arjun Singh part of City delegation meeting with Environment Minister

110) Mayor Milobar at UBCM

September 24th, 2012


Ajax, RIH Expansion to be discussed with Ministry reps

111)

Ajax Forum draws 200 people

September 10th, 2012

Participants discuss water quality, dust, tailings and waste¹¹²)

KGHM Ajax to start public tours 


July 25th, 2012

113)

KGHM Ajax Invites Public To View New 3D Model 


July 23rd, 2012

114)

New Ajax Model Unveiled 

July 22nd, 2012

Independent model in 3D¹¹⁵)

Gottfriedson looks forward to Ajax Mine 

July 5th, 2012

Chief foresees job opportunities for first nations

116)

New Gold CEO not surprised by Ajax mine controversy

July 2nd, 2012

Bob Gallagher says concern is normal - but says mines can coexist with cities

Ajax protesters rally at TRU 

June 29th, 2012

KGHM information workshop target of protesters

118)

CEP - Ajax Support

May 23rd, 2012

Domtar employees and their union - CEP Local 10b - support Ajax, with conditions

119)

Ajax Weather Concerns 

May 16th, 2012

120)

Will Ajax affect weather?

May 15th, 2012

Kamloops atmospheric scientist says the potential weather effects of Ajax mine need more attention

121 3-D Ajax Model requested

) *May 1st, 2012*

City council votes 4-3 to ask for KGHM-Ajax to pay for 3-D model of proposed mine








122 Ajax Environmental assessment

) *April 25th, 2012*

Member of BC's Environmental assessment office tells city it's not too late to offer input to Ajax

process

- 123 Ajax Meeting
 -) *April 19th, 2012*
 - Full house for KGHM-Ajax workshop
- 124 KAPA calls for more Ajax info meetings
 -) *April 15th, 2012*
 - Judith Naylor says with Wednesdays session already full, more opportunities for info necessary
- 125 Grasslands Conservation Council concerned over pipeline expansion
 -) *April 14th, 2012*
 - Trans-Mountain pipeline runs through Lac du Bois grasslands
- 126 Concerns In Aberdeen Over Proposed Ajax Mine 
 -) *April 12th, 2012*
- 127 KGHM's releases 3D Ajax video 
 -) *April 10th, 2012*
- 128 KGHM increases stake in Ajax 
 -) *April 2nd, 2012*
 - Abacus Mining President says KGHM pays \$30-million to increase ownership in Ajax to 80%
- 129 Environment-Budget 
 -) *March 30th, 2012*
 - Changes to provincial and federal environmental assessments raises concern among anti-Ajax group
- 130 Face to face meeting with Ajax proponent proposed
 -) *March 25th, 2012*
 - Kamloops council asked to send letter requesting meeting
- 131 Council to send letter to Province outlining continued Ajax concerns 
 -) *March 13th, 2012*
 - BC Environment Minister Terry Lake will be the recipient
- 132 City staff ask council to raise Ajax concerns
 -) *March 11th, 2012*
 - Environment Minister says he'll reassure council
- 133 Ajax air quality examined 
 -) *March 9th, 2012*
 - UBC Atmospheric Science professor warns of need to conduct studies on air pollution potential from proposed mine
- 134 Ajax comment period extended 
 -) *March 7th, 2012*
 - KAPA's Judith Naylor says public needs to take advantage of chance to ask vital questions
- 135 Cherry Creek residents feeling left out of Ajax process 
 -) *February 17th, 2012*
 - TNRD Director Ronaye Elliot says residents being treated like second class citizens

- 136 Ajax Open Houses Wrap Up 
) *February 7th, 2012*
- 137 Ajax Open Houses Underway
) *February 6th, 2012*
 Public invited to Coast Kamloops Hotel and Conference Centre today and tomorrow.
- 138 Ajax open houses begin
) *February 5th, 2012*
 KAPA urges public to attend and bring questions
- 139 Ajax Mine opponents disappointed in Peter Kent 
) *January 26th, 2012*
 Ajax mine opponents say disappointed in federal environment minister's stance on a federal panel review
- 140 Environment Minister Kent gets crash course on Ajax mine 
) *January 25th, 2012*
 Peter Kent hints federal panel review of Ajax Mine not warranted
- 141 Peter Kent - Ajax Tour Wednesday 
) *January 24th, 2012*
 Federal Environment Minister Peter Kent will visit Kamloops Wednesday to tour Ajax Mine property
- 142 Ajax Mine proponent at Council 
) *January 17th, 2012*
 Company behind Ajax Mine proposal to distribute more than 23 thousand pamphlets to Kamloops residents next week
- 143 KAPA cautiously optimistic about Ajax forums
) *January 8th, 2012*
 Group convinced Federal panel review necessary
- 144 Ajax feasibility 
) *December 21st, 2011*
 Abacus mining releases results of feasibility study for the proposed Ajax Copper-Gold mine
- 145 Ajax Opposition 
) *December 15th, 2011*
- 146 Labour Council Against Ajax
) *December 14th, 2011*
 Kamloops and District Labour Council comes out against proposed Ajax Copper Gold Mine but Steelworkers angry
- 147 Doctors concerned over Ajax Mine
) *December 6th, 2011*
 Kamloops area Doctors oppose Ajax mine
- 148 MP McLeod responds to Ajax Mine meeting
) *December 2nd, 2011*

Kamloops delegation meets with Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans regarding Ajax proposal

- 149 Ajax-Federal Environment Minister
 -) *December 1st, 2011*
 - Peter Kent says independent panel review into Ajax not necessary
- 150 Ajax mine flap
 -) *November 20th, 2011*
 - Changes to mine act cause for concern?
- 151 Municipal Forum
 -) *November 9th, 2011* ☐
 - Civic candidates face questions on medical marijuana, smart meters, and Ajax Mine
- 152 Mining Watch Canada Tours Ajax Area ☐
 -) *November 8th, 2011*
 - Kamloops area preservation association conducts tour
- 153 Ajax Mine - Federal meeting
 -) *November 4th, 2011*
 - Local officials to meet with federal Environment Minister December 1s. Ajax candidate forum Monday night.
- 154 Ajax Mine Ignites Controversy In Provincial Politics ☐
 -) *November 3rd, 2011*
 - NDP candidate Kathy Kendall says there is no room for error
- 155 Fleming, Lake Spar Over Ajax
 -) *November 2nd, 2011*
 - NDP critic calls on Environment Minister to stand up for constituents.
- 156 Next Move in Ajax Proposal Up to Environment Minister ☐
 -) *October 6th, 2011*
 - MP has briefed minister on Ajax
- 157 Council calls for independent review of Ajax ☐
 -) *October 5th, 2011*
 - Councillor calls it "win-win"
- 158 Ajax Proposal ☐
 -) *October 3rd, 2011*
 - Company asks council if they want to meet to discuss concerns
- 159 Ajax seeks closed door meetings
 -) *October 2nd, 2011*
 - Mine reps contact some city councillors for one on one meetings.
- 160 Council hopeful says Ajax Mine #1 issue
 -) *September 19th, 2011*
 - Former City Councillor Arjun Singh - hoping to get back on council again -- says Ajax Mine, not parking, is top issue
- 161 Ajax Mine assessment funds
 -) *September 6th, 2011*

Federal government funds 3 groups to allow them to participate in the Ajax Mine environmental assessment

162 Call for Ajax Panel Premature

) *August 31st, 2011*

May be necessary down the road, but not now

163 Environmental Assessments

) *July 21st, 2011*

Canada's Environmental Assessment Agency facing massive cuts - will it affect Ajax Mine project?

164 City Has Questions for Ajax Proponent

) *June 21st, 2011*

Long list of questions touch on jurisdiction, impacts to residents.

165 Ajax Mine Open House draws 350 people

) *June 17th, 2011*

Concerns range from proximity to homes and bodies of water, and noise pollution and pollution

166 Ajax Mine Open House tomorrow

) *June 15th, 2011*

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and BC Environmental Assessment Office Open House tomorrow night at Kamloops Towne Lodge

167 Town hall meeting on Ajax Mine tomorrow

) *June 15th, 2011*

Grasslands Conservation Council says project directly impacts 10 square miles of endangered grassland

168 Ajax Mine - Environment Minister

) *May 13th, 2011*

Proposed mine a long way from becoming a reality.

169 Ajax Proposal Before Kamloops Council Tomorrow

) *May 9th, 2011*

Boarder and land changes may occur.

Kamloops Daily News

(Source: www.kamloopsnews.ca)

(The Kamloops Daily News ceased operations in January 2014)

Ajax mine protest

About 100 people showed up for a rally to protest the proposed Ajax mine near Kamloops. They raised concerns about the possibility of a smelter being built. August 13th 2014

Ajax mailout - info or promo?

KGHM International has sent out full-colour 20-page documents to 10,000 Kamloops residents in a bid to get more of the company's information out about the proposed Ajax mine project. January 9th 2014

Doctor looks at Ajax mine proposal's health impacts

A longtime Kamloops physician will summarize potential health impacts from the proposed Ajax mine at a public forum on Jan. 19 at TRU. Dr. Jill Calder, who has opposed the project as . . . January 7th 2014

Tourism not yet on KGHM agenda

KGHM-Ajax has not yet looked at the impact its proposed gold and copper mine in Kamloops would have on the tourism industry.

Mine opponents demand assay data

Kamloops Area Preservation Association is pressing KGHM to release mineral assay data from the proposed Ajax mine site, but the company says it is not obligated to do so. Nov 20th 2013

Health officers urge impact reviews

A council of B.C. medical health officers is urging health impact assessments be required for large industrial projects, calling the current process inadequate to address human health concerns. Nov 8th 2013

Rally welcomes dialogue with pro-Ajax side

They represent opposing sides of the debate, but Mario Ficarini and Verdell Jessup plan to bear olive branches when they take their views into the street on Saturday. October 25th 2013

Council leans away from referendum on Ajax

Kamloops City council is unlikely to hold a referendum on the proposed Ajax mine, even if it went the inexpensive route and did it in conjunction with the November 2014 municipal election. October 24th 2013

KGHM says poll findings 'tool to better understand concerns'

KGHM International would not comment Monday on the findings of an online survey suggesting a majority of city residents oppose the project. The Ajax mine proponent . . . October 22nd 2013

Aberdeen focus groups in the works for Ajax proposal

KGHM International is asking Aberdeen residents to take part in focus groups on the Ajax mine proposal. The company has sent letters to selected households, inviting . . .October 22nd 2013

Shuswap bands shoot for high First Nations employment at Ajax

Two Shuswap bands negotiating with KGHM-Ajax want to set a high bar on the number of First Nations workers employed if the project is approved and goes into production. . . . October 18th 2013

Voters society launches mine survey

Kamloops Voters Society, a group keen on boosting civic engagement, launches an online survey Monday morning about the proposed Ajax mine. October 6th 2013

City posts air-blast memos on Ajax mine

The City has posted a consultant's original letter about air blasts from the proposed KGHM-Ajax mine as well as his recent letter asking that it be rescinded, and his letter replacing it.. . . October 2nd 2013

Golder reaffirms need for air-blast info

A geotechnical consultant has reaffirmed his initial submission to the City, stressing the need for more information on the magnitude and impact of air-blast from the proposed Ajax mine. Bruce Bosdet, an engineer with Golder Associates, clarifies his Sept 29th 2013

Mine could hurt tourism, forum told

Tourism isn't showing up as anything more than a minor blip on the radar as the city ponders whether it wants to become a mining town, a public forum on the Ajax proposal concluded Sunday at TRU. Spet 29th 2013

Mine forum focuses on possible impact on tourism

A public forum on the proposed Ajax Mine, sponsored by the TRU Faculty Association, will consider how the development might affect tourism. The forum takes place Sunday . . . Sept 23rd 2013

City crew reminds mines minister of Ajax concerns

B.C. Minister of Energy and Mines Bill Bennett was reminded Wednesday morning that the proposed Ajax mine is dividing the community. Mayor Peter Milobar said the . . . Sept 19th 2013

Approval at a glance

AUGUST 4, 2011

The scope of Ajax Mine has triggered environmental assessment reviews by both the provincial and federal governments, which have independent offices to review projects....

Big mine, big rules

AUGUST 4, 2011

Any exploration or mining in B.C. must satisfy federal and provincial laws and regulations. * Canadian Environmental Assessment Act * Canadian...

Mine next door: a new meaning for love thy neighbour

AUGUST 4, 2011

Whether it's the Waihi Gold in New Zealand or redevelopment in Timmins, Ont., history shows people and mineral production can be too close for comfort. If the Ajax Mine in ...

Yea or nay: the buck stops at Lake's desk

AUGUST 4, 2011

The approval process for any major development in B.C. typically takes years, along with millions of dollars spending on reports from engineers, scientists and professional ...

Talk of the Town: What people have to say about the Ajax project

AUGUST 4, 2011

Some people think we are getting rid of Peterson Creek, but that is not the case. At some point in time, we will have to relocate Peterson Creek . . . but anything we build ...

Future impact: residents and City want answers about operation

AUGUST 2, 2011

The fastest growing area in Kamloops - and the one with the most land to allow that growth - faces the possibility of the Ajax gold and copper mine being its neighbour....

Proposal sets stage for scrap over tax 'windfall'

AUGUST 2, 2011

Cherry picking -that's what TNRD director John Sternig calls a potential tax grab if the City of Kamloops were to gobble up Ajax mine. Under its current ...

Talk of the Town: What people have to say about the Ajax project

AUGUST 2, 2011

Certainly, I think most people can agree that any mine site of the size proposed will have impacts. What we don't know yet is how will those impacts be minimized and what ...

Prospect of economic boost pits residents against business groups

AUGUST 2, 2011

When word hit that half of the proposed KGHM Ajax Inc. copper-gold mine would rest inside city limits, a line in the sand was drawn between business leaders, residents and ...

Wildlife - Species of concern that could be impacted by proposed Ajax mine near ...

JULY 30, 2011

B.C. Red-listed species (endangered or threatened) American Avocet, American Badger, Brewer's sparrow, burrowing owl, Great Basin pocket mouse, Louis's...

Ajax will forever change the Jacko Lake grasslands

JULY 30, 2011

There are already many signs of human or industrial intrusion on the bunchgrass and sage covered hillsides around Jacko Lake. Not far from the lake, there is a 300-metre-wide...

