

MARATHON: FORGING THE GREEN FUTURE

Presentation to the Joint Review Panel – Marathon Palladium Project

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Building Marathon Together

- Marathon is a progressive, action-oriented community. Our reputation is that of changemakers. Let's create the future by being sustainability leaders in the emerging low-carbon economy.



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The Future of Mining is Green

- Marathon has a deep mining history and is ready to step into the **Green Future**.
- We believe in Generation Mining's vision of 'Green is the New Gold'.
- Copper and Platinum Group metals are listed as critical metals.
- PGM's and copper are integral metals to develop low-carbon technologies.
- 21st-century metals including palladium, copper, and platinum will help drive the Age of the Electric Vehicles and Hybrids.
- We can be world leaders – let's take on that challenge.



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Jobs, Training, and Education

- 1,100 jobs will be generated during construction.
- The project will create close to 400 permanent jobs in a region that has struggled economically in the last decade. Job creation will extend far beyond just mining extraction and processing jobs and include: construction, environmental management and sciences, transportation, energy, equipment services, management and consulting, food services, and accommodations.
- Marathon and Northwestern Ontario has the capacity to train with assets like Confederation College ready and willing to get to work.
- 80% to 90% of the operational workforce is planned to be hired within the local labour pool.



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Economic Development and Economic Spin-offs

- According to the Ontario Mining Association:
 - 90% of Ontario's mining gross domestic product (GDP) stays in Ontario
 - 38% of mine spending occurs locally
 - Average weekly wage is 67% higher than the average industrial wage in the province
- \$1.5 M in property taxes per year to the Town that can be reinvested for community and economic development.
- New mines drive development along the production and supply chain which increases wealth, productivity, and wages in many other industries locally and regionally.



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Social and Community Development

- Marathon is an active hub community supporting neighbouring regional communities and First Nations with healthcare, sports and recreation, commercial/shopping, and other socio-economic necessities. **What benefits Marathon benefits all.**
- The project will be an asset in attracting and retaining a younger workforce to communities with aging demographics. **Larger population = greater socio-economic benefits to each community.**
- The project will ensure economic and social sustainability for our grandchildren and future generations.
- Modern mining companies contribute locally to social and community development programs. Generation Mining has already shown their willingness to support minor hockey and the local food bank in Marathon.



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Environment and Corporate Social Responsibility

- Generation Mining has been a collaborative and respectful project developer with the Town of Marathon, working to accommodate our concerns and interests through this process on a timely basis.
- Over 15 years of consultation and engagement efforts and input from First Nations and Indigenous communities, public, and regulators have taken place to date.
- We are working with Generation Mining as we do with other partners to sustain the environment in Marathon that supports a healthy quality of life.
- **Our ultimate responsibility is to support projects that benefit Marathon and that are in the best interests of our residents.**



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Community-Driven... Marathon Made

- Marathon is and is known as a prosperous resource-based community with a strong economy, a excellent quality of life, a rich history, and progressive leadership.
- Generation Mining's project represents a significant economic opportunity for Marathon, our First Nation neighbours, the region and local communities, business, and industry while making a meaningful contribution to Canada's low-carbon future.
- Let us not be afraid of the opportunity – let's embrace it.
- **The time for this project is now.**



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Thank You



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