

# Western Copper And Gold's Casino Project To Have Significant Impact On Yukon's Economy

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VANCOUVER, Feb. 2, 2023 - [Western Copper and Gold Corp.](#) ("Western" or the "Company") (TSX: WRN) (NYSE American: WRN) is pleased to announce the results of an updated study on the potential economic impact of the development of its wholly owned Casino Copper-Gold Project ("Casino" or the "Project") on the Yukon and Canada recently completed by MNP LLP (the "Report").

The Report incorporates the results from the Casino Feasibility Study dated August 8, 2022.

The Report highlights the impressive cumulative economic effect that developing Casino will have on the Yukon and Canada during the project's construction, operation, closure, and reclamation. The Casino project is estimated to contribute \$44.3 billion to Canada's Gross Domestic Product ("GDP"), create 132,280 full-time equivalent positions ("FTE"), and generate \$12.8 billion in wages and salaries over the entire life of the Project. Note that the use of FTEs is a method to account for partial employment or employment for different durations and 1.0 FTE is equivalent to a full-time job for one year of employment.

The Report estimates the GDP generated in Yukon by the construction of Casino at \$1.7 billion. The construction phase is estimated to contribute \$3.6 billion to Canada's economy while generating 25,580 FTEs resulting in \$2.1 billion in wages and salaries across Canada.

During each of its 27 years of operation, the Casino Project is expected to contribute \$1.3 billion to Yukon's economy. Operation of the mine is estimated to contribute \$1.5 billion to Canada's GDP annually while creating 3,880 FTEs and generating \$391 million in wages and salaries across Canada.

The Casino Project is also expected to generate \$11.2 billion in taxes and royalties to various governments during the life of mine.

"The Casino Project is one of the most significant critical minerals projects in Canada and in addition to providing much needed minerals to assist the energy transition will provide great economic benefit to the Yukon and Canada," said Dr. Paul West-Sells, President and CEO of Western. "Additionally, the Casino project will provide additional benefits such as training, education, and infrastructure enhancements, which will benefit the Yukon over the longer term. Importantly, we can do this while developing the Casino Project in a way that reflects Yukoners environmental and socio-cultural values."

## ABOUT WESTERN COPPER AND GOLD CORPORATION

[Western Copper and Gold Corp.](#) is developing the Casino Project, Canada's premier copper-gold mine in the Yukon Territory and one of the most economic greenfield copper-gold mining projects in the world.

The Company is committed to working collaboratively with our First Nations and local communities to progress the Casino project, using internationally recognized responsible mining technologies and practices.

For more information, visit [www.westerncopperandgold.com](http://www.westerncopperandgold.com)

On behalf of the board,

"Paul West-Sells"

Dr. Paul West-Sells

President and CEO

[Western Copper and Gold Corp.](#)

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