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## **Ashlu Creek Gold Mine**

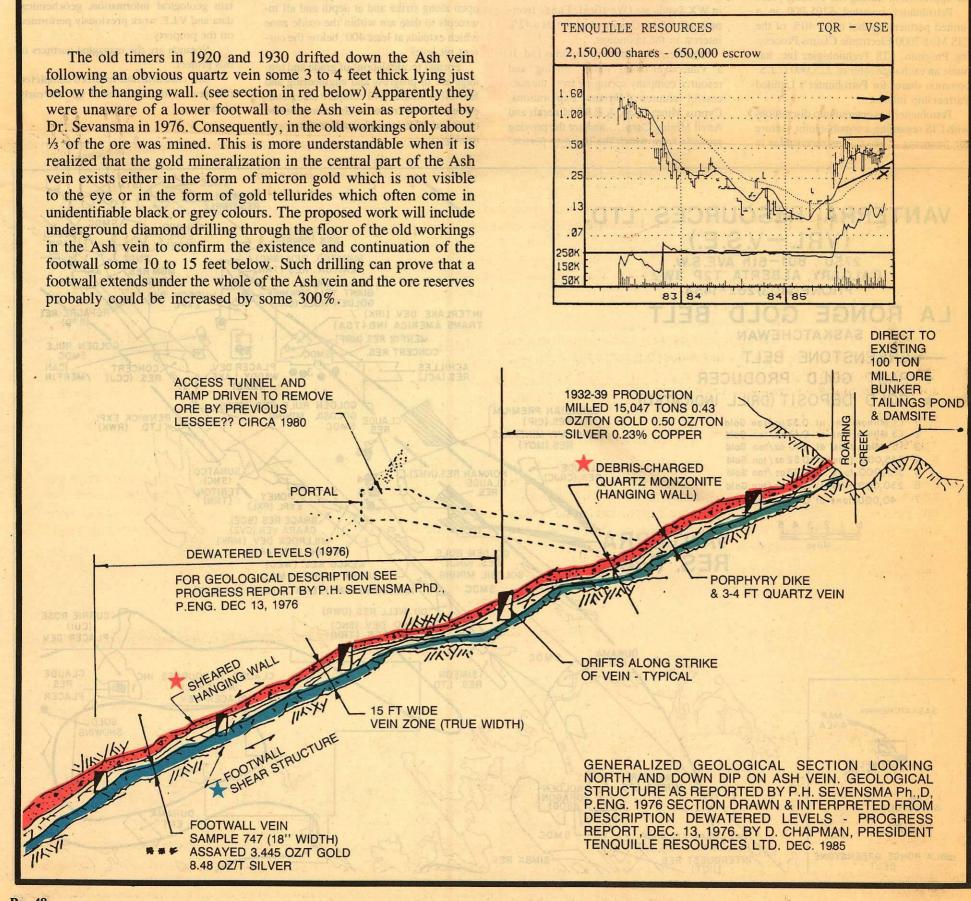
A recent economic evaluation of the Ashlu Creek gold/silver/tungsten Property by E.G. Kennedy, P. Eng. reports 300,000 tons of inferred ore with an estimated gold content of 0.35 oz/ton. The main (Ash) vein is open at the bottom end and on both sides, with 5 levels of development extending across part of the vein on the south side of Ashlu Creek. On the north side of Ashlu Creek, at a distance of some 500-800 feet from the mine workings is a  $\pm 60$ foot tunnel in ore that appears to be the extension of the main Ash vein.

Earlier reports by three different mining engineers and geologists have confirmed 45,000 tons of 0.41 oz/ton gold proven and probable ore on the main Ash vein on the south side of Ashlu Creek. Early assays from the tunnel in ore (1925) on the north side of Ashlu Creek averaged approx. 0.25 oz/ton gold, excluding a 9 inch streak of solid sulphides which assayed 5.44 oz/ton gold, and 18.6 oz/ton silver.

A 1976 Progress Report by P.H. Sevansma, Ph.D., P.Eng., states: "Dewatering of the old workings on the Ash Claim has uncovered three old levels, the lower one of which shows a stronger and more continuous vein than on any of the higher levels." This Report on the dewatering makes the following observation: The main winze and the levels follow the upper part of the vein - zone, along the upper contact of the dyke rock and the overlying debris-charged quartz-monzonite, which contact is always marked by a continuous quartz vein. In the winzes, a number of quartz veins dip easterly and disapear into the footwall of the dyke and vein zone. Two short crosscuts on the second lowest level did confirm this and exposed a footwall vein underlain by a strong shear. This vein revealed the best assay taken in the lower levels (3.40 oz/ton gold) and suggests that the pyrites near the footwall of the vein - zone contain the highest proportion of gold. (see section in blue)

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