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VIA E-MAIL

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Attention: Reeve Dan Henn

RE: Eastern Slopes Coal Exploration & Public Consultation on the 1976 Coal Development Policy

Dear Your Worship & Members of Council:

The Province has initiated the public consultation process for all Albertans to provide their voice as it relates to Coal Development on the Eastern Slopes of the Rockies. However, this iconic landscape remains threatened due to continued exploration activities.

The Town of High River is requesting your support to encourage the Province and the Alberta Energy Regulator to cease all exploration on Category 2 lands within the Eastern Slopes of the Rockies. In addition, we want to encourage all municipalities to actively participate in the public consultation process to ensure our opinions and the voices of our residents are heard. Protection of this valuable landscape and the watersheds that will be impacted by any coal development activity is important to every resident of Alberta.

At the April 12, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Administration to draft a letter to be signed by the Mayor and sent to Premier Jason Kenney and Minister Sonya Savage requesting that the Alberta Energy Regulator stop all activities associated with Coal Exploration Permits on the Category 2 lands that were approved prior to February 8, 2021;

AND THAT given that public consultation that has begun regarding coal mining on the Eastern Slopes, Council requests that these coal exploration projects be put on hold by the Alberta Government until final decisions have been made regarding the extraction of coal on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta or the elimination of the extraction of coal, especially given the destruction that exploration causes and the effects on our landscapes and our watersheds;

AND THAT Council direct Administration to draft a letter to be signed by the Mayor and sent to all municipalities in Alberta encouraging them to also send letters to Premier

Kenney and Minister Savage supporting the stoppage of exploration activities on the Eastern Slopes.

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of High River also encourages all municipalities to participate fully in the ongoing Public Consultation Process, including Phase 1, which is the gathering of information that the committee will use to draft the actual Public Consultation process.

The Town has sent letters to Premier Kenney and Minister Savage requesting that the Alberta Energy Regulator stop all activities associated with Coal Exploration Permits on the Category 2 lands that were approved prior to February 8, 2021. In addition, these letters request that the coal exploration projects be put on hold until final decisions have been made about the extraction or the elimination of extraction of coal from the Eastern Slopes, following a meaningful public consultation process.

The Town of High River is respectfully requesting your continued support and that you consider writing to Premier Kenney and Minister Savage requesting that all exploration activities on the Eastern Slopes of the Rockies be ceased, pending the outcome of a meaningful public consultation process. We are encouraging you and your communities to actively participate in the public consultation process to ensure your views are shared.

It is our responsibility to ensure our communities and our residents have the opportunity to share their views as it relates to resource development along the Eastern Slopes. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment regarding this important initiative for Alberta.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Snodgrass', enclosed within a large, loopy circular flourish.

Craig Snodgrass
Mayor

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