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Fort MacLeod	
High River	
Lethbridge	
Longview	
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MD of Ranchlands	
Nanton	
Okotoks	
Red Deer	
Siksika First Nation	Launching Legal Challenge
Town of Pincher Creek	
Town of Vulcan	
Turner Valley	
Ermineskin, BearsPaw, Whitefish Lake First Nations	Separate request for judicial review
Kainai Blood Tribe.	Will be launching legal challenge
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Clearwater County	March 9th.

Coal – Municipalities Weighing In

Compiled by Bruce Masterman Feb 28, 2020

HIGH RIVER:

In response to the Government of Alberta's action, the Town of High River's Council adopted the following resolution at its Regular Meeting of Council on January 11, 2021:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Administration to draft a letter to Premier Jason Kenney, requesting the immediate reinstatement of the 1976 Alberta Coal Policy which was rescinded on June 1, 2020;

AND THAT the letter requests that the Government of Alberta begin public consultation with Indigenous groups, environmental groups and all stakeholders in Alberta on any proposed revisions or replacement to this policy;

AND FURTHER THAT this letter be sent to the Minister of Environment & Parks Honorable Jason Nixon, Minister of Energy Honourable Sonya Savage as well as the MLA for Livingstone-Macleod Roger Reid.

This letter was sent to the Premier and Ministers on January 12, 2021 and a meeting has been requested with the Premier. To date, the Town of High River has neither received a response to our letter nor a meeting with the Premier.

Other local governments, public officials and Albertans have called upon the Government of Alberta to reinstate the Coal Policy. In response, the Government of Alberta has cancelled some of the coal leases but this is not adequate in order to protect water resources for downstream communities, such as High River.

Therefore, at the February 1, 2021 Special Meeting of Council, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS Council adopted resolution #RC 14 -2021 requesting the Province of Alberta immediately re-instate the 1976 Coal Development Policy;

AND WHEREAS coal exploration and open pit mining will impact water resources for downstream communities affecting businesses, residents, ranchers, farmers and ecosystems;

AND WHEREAS coal exploration is causing irreparable damage to the landscapes and watersheds as well as adversely affecting the public's access, use and enjoyment of Crown lands on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta;

AND WHEREAS local First Nations groups, municipalities, landowners and ranchers are legally challenging the Province's rescindment of the 1976 Coal Policy in the Courts;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request all coal exploration be immediately ceased on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta and cease issuance of any new exploration permits on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta until public consultation has taken place regarding the future of coal mining on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta;

AND THAT Council request the Government of Alberta & Premier Jason Kenney issue an immediate stop work order for all existing coal exploration permits on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta and cease issuance of any new exploration permits on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta until public consultation has taken place regarding the future of coal mining on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta;

AND THAT Council direct Administration to investigate legal options relating to the damage caused due to exploration on Alberta's Eastern Slopes.

Mayor

CAO

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct Administration to prepare a letter with a copy of this resolution to all members of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, Municipalities of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities and Association of Manitoba Municipalities requesting their support to re-instate the 1976 Coal Development Policy.

In light of this resolution, the Town of High River is respectfully requesting that you consider drafting a letter of support to the Government of Alberta for the immediate Exploration Stop Work Order as well as the reinstatement of the Coal Policy.

NANTON:

Jan. 18/21

"Whereas Council wishes to express its concerns over the safety and quality of regional water resources that supply Nanton's water licence allocations it directs the Chief Administrative Officer to draft a letter to Premier Jason Kenney for signature by the Mayor.

- Requesting a new and comprehensive consultation process subsequent to the Government of Alberta's rescindment of the 1976 Coal Policy on June 30, 2020
- Seeking a more thorough analysis of the local hydrological, environmental and economic impacts of any watershed changes
- requesting further local public presentation and discussion prior to any further consideration or action regarding applications for open pit mining to the Alberta Energy Regulator."

OKOTOKS

Jan 27

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs our Chief Administrative Officer, CAO to draft a letter to Premier Jason Kenney for signature by the Mayor requesting:

- An immediate rollback of the decision to rescind the 1976 Coal Policy.
- A new and comprehensive consultation process on the desired changes to the 1976 Coal Policy.
- A more thorough analysis of the local hydrological, environmental and economic impacts of any watershed changes
- Further local public presentation and discussion to any further consideration or action regarding applications for open pit coal mining to the Alberta Energy Regulator.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct our CAO to draft a letter, for signature by the Mayor, to the President of Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), Barry Morishita, requesting AUMA develop an advocacy strategy on this issue for a wholesome consultation process on any changes to the 1976 Coal Policy with a thorough analysis on the environmental impacts particularly to watersheds.

LONGVIEW

Feb. 12 letter from Mayor Wight to Kenney

Thank you to the Alberta Government for reinstating the 1976 Coal Policy. This is a good start but just the beginning.

The Government must stop any current permitted exploration of the land. It does not matter when they were given permission, it has an impact on the land.

Intense public consultation along with Municipalities on any changes must be undertaken. These changes affect a lot of people and businesses. They deserve an opportunity to evaluate all the information and give feedback.

A thorough analysis of potential watershed impacts must also be done before any development. Provincial maps show Category 2 lands where Province is allowing mines going into the Kananaskis where the headwaters of the Highwood River and Cataract Creek begin. We must not forget about the rivers and streams that start at the Crowsnest Pass. These waterways supply water for people/businesses in southern Alberta.

The Government has been promising strict regulatory standards for mine development. How will this be done with cuts being made to the Environmental Monitoring Plan? There have been high levels of Selenium shown in rivers by mines up north, but nothing was done. Tailing ponds should not be anywhere neat waterways.

Increased scrutiny needs to be done in the future with strong penalties for the offenders.

The UCP needs to step back, stop all development, and do a lot more work before proceeding with this. The Coal policy should also be brought into legislation requiring more oversight before any changes would be made. The public will remain vigilant in watching what is happening. It is not over.

BLACK DIAMOND

Moved by Councillor Sharon Hart that Council agree to send a letter to Premier Kenney, advising of concerns related to the provincial government's rescinding of the 1976 Coal Development Policy for Alberta. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Veronica Kloiber that Council agree to direct Administration to post the final letter supporting the reinstatement of the Coal Policy to the Town's website and social media channels. MOTION CARRIED

Res. 2021-42 Res. 2021-43

The letter, when written and sent, will be posted on our website.

Also the Town of Black Diamond sent the request to discuss the Coal Policy and future development in the Category 2 lands west of Black Diamond to be sent along to our Water Corporation for review and discussion. That meeting will occur on Thursday.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSES

1.1 Alberta Coal Mining - Staff Report - Michelle Ouellette

Res.21.02.01.06 Motion by Councillor Wilkie be it resolved that Council direct administration to work with the administration of the Town of Black Diamond (should Black Diamond's Council be so amenable) to draft a letter to Premier Jason Kenney (and other relevant recipients) including the following information and any other such information that our colleagues in Black Diamond may wish to include or that our administrations may deem advisable:

- A request for a re-instatement of 1976's A Coal Development Policy for Alberta (the "Coal Policy") which was rescinded on June 1, 2020;
- A request to initiate a comprehensive consultation process on the proposed changes to the Coal Policy including all relevant stakeholders (and specifically including all potentially impacted municipalities that draw water from the South Saskatchewan River Watershed including the Towns of Turner Valley and Black Diamond);
- A request for thorough analysis in advance of consultation including local hydrological, environmental, economical, recreational and tourism impacts of the proposed changes to the Coal Policy;
- A request for an immediate halt to any coal exploration and development activity resulting from rescinding the Coal Policy and the subsequent issuance of Crown mineral leases until such time as the above analysis and consultation is completed; and
- An expression of concern about policy changes that impact the sole source of water for many communities along the Eastern Slopes of the Rocky Mountains being undertaken without fulsome public consultation.

AND THAT should Black Diamond's council be amenable to such an approach that a draft letter be presented to the next Joint Friendship Advisory Committee meeting for consideration of approval and joint signature by the Mayors of Turner Valley & Black Diamond.

AND FURTHER THAT should Black Diamond's Council not wish to proceed jointly with this initiative that Council approve the preparation of a letter on the same terms listed above and authorizes the Mayor to sign such letter on behalf of Council as soon as feasible.

CARRIED

Res.21.02.01.07 Motion by Councillor Gordon that Council direct administration to prepare a letter to Associate Minister Grant Hunter requesting clarification by

identifying and providing the detailed red tape reductions to the current Alberta Environmental regulations that supersede the Environmental Regulations of the 1976 Coal Policy.

CARRIED

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Res.21.02.01.08 Motion by Councillor Gordon that Council direct administration to prepare a letter to Highwood MLA RJ Sigurdson requesting his position on the Coal Mining in the Sheep River watershed.

CARRIED

Res.21.02.01.09 Motion by Councillor Gordon that Council prepare a letter on behalf of Council to Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks asking specifically to provide information that coal mining development would not negatively impact the Sheep River and Blue Rock Provincial Parks.

CARRIED

Res.21.02.01.10 Motion by Councillor Raab that Council direct administration to prepare a letter to Sonya Savage, Minister of Minister of Energy on behalf of Council specifically asking how the Ministry of Energy justifies how coal development on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta would be compatible with the environment.

CARRIED

Res.21.02.01.11 Motion by Councillor Hamilton that Council direct our CAO to draft a letter, for signature by the Mayor, to the President of Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), Barry Morishita, requesting AUMA develop an advocacy strategy on coal mining in the Eastern Slopes for a wholesome consultation process on any changes to the 1976 Coal Policy with a thorough analysis on the environmental impacts particularly to watersheds and; furthermore consultation should be held with all stakeholders down stream from any coal mining or industrial development.

CARRIED

COUNTY OF FOOTHILLS

January 27, 2021, Foothills County Council passed the following motion:

"MOVED that a letter be sent to Premier Kenney respectfully requesting that the Province of Alberta commit to developing legislation that would replace the Coal Development Policy for Alberta".

Since 1976, residents of the County relied on the Coal Development Policy and other Government policies to protect sensitive areas in Alberta. Premier Lougheed took measures to protect the area for all and in Foothills County, Kananaskis had four major access points that were improved so everyday Albertans could access trails and campgrounds that had been developed. We believe that Albertans take pride in how this area, so close to Calgary, is being used and support the controlled harvest of the timber as well as cattle grazing in many parts of K-Country.

In order to protect the area west of the County and all sensitive areas that may be subject to mining, the absence of clear policy and legislation for the area raises concerns with

Foothills residents regarding the water quality and allocation in the headwaters, as well as the loss of our mountain vistas, grasslands and wildlife habitats.

We urgently request that your Government undertake a consultative process with Albertans towards clearly outlining, in policy and legislation, protection for K-Country, our watersheds and other areas that affect the lives and enjoyment of everyday Albertans.

AIRDRIE

At the Feb. 1, 2021 meeting, moved by Deputy Mayor Petrow that Council sends a letter to the Province of Alberta to express concern on behalf of Airdrie regarding the proposed Grassy Mountain Coal Mine Project.

ACME

The following motion was passed by the Village of Acme Council at our February 8¹h, 2021 Regular Council meeting:

"that a letter be sent to High River in support of their position in regard to requesting the Provincial Government of Alberta to reinstate the 1976 Coal Development Policy and stop the surface mining on the Eastern Slopes of the Rockies. Acc of the letter will go to the Minister of Energy Sonya Savage, Minister of Environment & Parks Jason Nixon, as well as our MLA the Honourable Speaker of the House Nathan Cooper".

We strongly agree that the Government of Alberta begin public consultation with Indigenous groups, environmental groups and all stakeholders in Alberta on any proposed_revisions or replacement to this policy.

BANFF

Feb. 8 2021

That Council request the Mayor send a letter to the Provincial Government thanking them for reinstating the Alberta 1976 Coal Policy, which protects the Eastern Slopes, and which also requests that the Provincial Government issue an immediate stop work order for all existing coal exploration permits on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta until public consultation has taken place regarding the future of coal mining on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta. For: (7): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor DiManno, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

CANMORE

February 2, 2021 council meeting. I will note that the minutes from the meeting have not been officially approved, but when they are they will be posted on our website here: https://canmore.ca/town-hall/town-council/council-minutes-agendas. I've also attached the letter that was sent to the Premier following the motion. (letter in Coal folder)

Moved by Councillor Comfort that Council direct the Mayor to ask that the Premier reinstate the 1976 Coal Policy, which protects the Eastern Slopes.

EDSON:

Wrote to Kenney on Jan. 19 asking the province to reopen closed, already-developed metallurgical mines instead of moving forward with new ones (Global News Jan. 27, 2021)

COCHRANE

Letter from mayor to Nixon (in folder):

It is our understanding that the Province is planning to change the activity designations in the Oldman River basin, thereby increasing allocation for industrial use. Water allocation in the South Saskatchewan River Basin remains a high priority for Cochrane, and many of the municipalities participating in the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB). CMRB member municipalities have committed to participating and supporting collaborative, sustainable regional planning through the CMRB's growth and servicing plans.

Thank you for allowing Albertans to be heard on this important subject and your commitment to conducting a comprehensive public consultation on the desired changes to the coal policy and completing a thorough analysis of potential watershed impacts.

CLARESHOLM

July 20, 2020

Moved by Councillor Carlson to write a letter to the Alberta Energy Regulator and the Minister of Environment stating the Town of Claresholm's position is that the promotion of exploration of coal in Alberta is not conducive to the protection of our environment, and that these actions are harmful to the environment, our waterways and our wildlife. MOTION #20-095

January 25, 2021

Moved by Councillor Carlson to write a letter to the Minister of Environment and the Minister of Energy, and to cc MLA Roger Reid and Premier Jason Kenney, requesting that the government take a closer look at instituting more aggressive regulations and more environmental controls

Mayor CAO

regarding coal leases and the Town of Claresholm's concern over the rescindment of the 1976 Coal Policy on June 30, 2020. MOTION #21-008

FORT MACLEOD

Feb. 8, 2021 6-1 vote

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request all coal exploration be immediately ceased on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta and cease issuance of any new exploration permits on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta until public consultation has taken place regarding the future of coal mining on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta;

AND THAT Council request the Government of Alberta & Premier Jason Kenney issue an immediate stop work order for all existing coal exploration permits on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta and cease issuance of any new exploration permits on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta until public consultation has taken place regarding the future of coal mining on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta;

MD OF PINCHER CREEK

Council for the MD of Pincher Creek, at their meeting of January 26, 2021 discussed various concerns from the public in our community regarding potential impacts of coal mining in the Easter Slopes. Council is requesting the immediate reinstatement of the June 15, 1976 Coal Development Policy for Alberta, which was rescinded on June 1, 2020.

We also strongly further request that the Government of Alberta begin public consultation with all stakeholders in Alberta on any proposed revision or replacement to this policy.

In closing, our Council looks forward to the engagement of stakeholders, other municipalities and Provincial Departments as this process move towards a broader public consultation.

TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK

Feb. 3 Committee of Whole meeting, Council decided to send letter to GOA similar to what MD sent, but also asking for immediate reinstatement of Coal Policy.

The Town of Pincher Creek respectfully requests that the Government of Alberta begin public consultation with all stakeholders in Alberta on any proposed revision or replacement to this policy.

MD OF RANCHLAND

Motion No. 391/20/12/09

MOVED by Councillor Gardner that the Affidavit by Ron Davis, Reeve, M.D. of Ranchland No.66; authorizing intervenor status for the Application of Macleay Blades, Rocking P Ranch Ltd, John Smith and Plateau Cattle Co. Ltd. submitted to the Court of Queen's Bench in July of 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Motion No. 415/21/01/05

MOVED by Reeve Davis that as per agenda item 5B, administration proceed to draft a Foothills Little Bow Municipal Association resolution; in support of recognizing the importance of water quality and access to water quantities, as per discussions by Council and furthermore that the draft be circulated to Councillors prior to submitting the resolution.

CARRIED

Motion No. 447/21/02/02

MOVED by Reeve Davis to approve and sign the joint letter between the M.D. of Ranchland and the M.D. of Pincher Creek which expresses concern regarding the proposed changes to the Oldman River Basin Water Allocation Order – Alberta Regulation 109/2010.

CARRIED

Motion No. 449/21/02/02

MOVED by Councillor Gardner that the Government of Alberta be requested to place a moratorium on all new coal exploration within the headwaters of the South Saskatchewan River Basin until such time as the implications to the water security and other environmental impacts are understood and furthermore until such time as Albertans are fully consulted.

CARRIED

SUNDRE – to be discussed Feb. 22 – result unknown.

CLEARWATER COUNTY – scheduled to be discussed March 9

LETHBRIDGE

Lethbridge City Council wants its voice to be heard in regards to any current and future coal mining projects on the Eastern Slopes of the Rockies.

Council members on Tuesday Feb. 9 voted unanimously to support other communities in their ongoing efforts and directed the Mayor to write a letter to Premier Kenney, as well as the Ministers of Environment and Energy and the Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, to include:

- Thank the Government of Alberta for re-instating the 1976 Coal Policy
- Bring forward a comprehensive public consultation on proposed changes to the 1976 policy
- Complete a thorough and complete analysis of potential watershed impacts that will result from allocating water to mining operations that could impact the supply of water to existing and future downstream users
- Complete a thorough and complete analysis of potential water quality impacts from mining operations, including but not limited to, higher levels of selenium in the river systems
- To review the Mine Financial Security Program to ensure that it is properly financed to ensure reclamation of any project that may go ahead
- A full stop on any and all Watershed Water Allocation amendments, including those in the Oldman Watershed, pending Public Consultation on a new Alberta Coal Policy and comprehensive review of the potential watershed impacts on the Oldman Basin
- Support on the Stop Work Orders for all existing exploration
- Invite the two Lethbridge MLAs and the Member of Parliament for Lethbridge to a conversation with Council on these matters, and to forward a copy of the letter to them

RED DEER:

On Feb. 17, after a long discussion about water quality and threats to it, Council affirmed the GOA's reinstatement of Coal Policy and asked the government to conduct broad public consultation before enacting any future changes to coal mining policy.

EDMONTON: Feb. 22, 2021

- 1. That Administration, in consultation with EPCOR, return to Utility Committee with a report on the following:
- a. the potential impacts to City of Edmonton headwaters that may result from the four currently approved coal mining projects, and for future mining projects should the Government of Alberta choose to rescind the 1976 coal mining policy
- b. an outline of tools the municipality has to protect these headwaters, including but not limited to mitigation for potential impacts of high rates of selenium in our water supply and the

possibility of the municipality working in regional partnership to seek intervener status with the provincial government.

- c. recommendations on the feasibility of developing a headwater protection strategy for the City of Edmonton
- 2. That the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, write a letter to the provincial government to request municipalities be consulted as major stakeholders on future coal policy change, and to ask for a moratorium on exploration until after public consultation has been completed and a replacement coal policy is in place.

CALGARY:

Feb 8 2021

Moved by Councillor Sutherland

Seconded by Councillor Demong

That with respect to Report UCS2021-0174, the following be adopted, as amended:

That Council:

Direct Administration and other experts to make a presentation at the Standing Policy Committee on Utilities and Corporate Services no later than May 2021 on the Government of Alberta's decision to rescind the 1976 coal-mining policy that had protected the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains – and the headwaters that flow from them; and

Request the Mayor to write to the Government of Alberta in support of other Southern Alberta municipalities expressing our support for the full reinstatement of the 1976 Coal policy and significantly more public consultation, and advocating for the protection of the watershed through the cancelation or suspension of the coal mining leases granted after the 1976 coal mining policy was rescinded in June 2020. .

For: (12) Mayor Nenshi, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Gondek, Councillor Chahal, Councillor Davison, Councillor Keating, Councillor Woolley, Councillor Carra, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Sutherland, and Councillor Demong

Against: (2) Councillor Chu, and Councillor Magliocca

MOTION CARRIED

Also additional direction was provided last week:

Coal Mining Policy Update (Verbal), IGA2021-0269This item has attachments.

A presentation entitled "Coal Mining Policy Update" was distributed with respect to Verbal Report IGA2021-0269.

Moved by Councillor Demong

That with respect to Verbal Report IGA2021-0269, the following be approved, after amendment:

That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee:

- 1. Receive the Presentation for the Corporate Record; and
- 2. Direct Administration to participate in the Government of Alberta consultation process.

COUNTY OF STRATHCONA

Feb 22/21 Council meeting

- 1. That administration, in consultation with EPCOR and other municipalities, provide a report to Priorities Committee by the end of Q3 on the feasibility of developing a headwater protection strategy for Strathcona County, the report to include the potential impacts to the County's headwaters that may result from the four currently approved coal mining projects, an outline of potential municipal tools to protect headwaters, and opportunity to work in regional partnership to seek intervener status with the provincial government.
- 2. That the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write a letter to the provincial government to thank the provincial government for reinstating the "1976 Coal Policy" pending a thorough consultation, to seek their commitment to consult with municipalities as major stakeholders on future coal policy changes, and to request a moratorium on further exploration until after public consultation has been completed and a replacement coal policy is in place.

MCCREARY, MANITOBA

The Municipality of McCreary endorses and supports the reinstatement of the 1976 Coal Development Policy that as at June of 2020, the Government of Alberta rescinded the Coal Development Policy (Coal Policy) without adequate consultation with First Nations, environmental groups, residents, property owners and local governments.

The Municipality of McCreary supports the immediate Exploration Stop Work Order as well as the reinstatement of the Coal Policy for the Province of Alberta.

FIRST NATIONS:

ERMINESKIN, BEARSPAW, WHITEFISH LAKE FIRST NATIONS: Have filed separate requests for a judicial review of the decision to rescind Coal Policy.

KANAI-BLOOD TRIBE – will be launching a legal challenge against GOA over decision to rescind Coal Policy (Lethbridge Herald Feb. 2, 2021)

SIKSIKA FIRST NATION – launching a legal challenge against GOA decision to rescind Coal Policy (Calgary Herald Feb. 4, 2021)

PIKANNI COUNCIL:

Town of Vulcan

6.8 Alberta Coal Development Policy At the Regular Council meeting of January 25, 2021 Council Armstrong gave a verbal presentation regarding concerns that had been raised as a result of the Provincial Government rescinding the Alberta Coal Policy on June 1, 2020. The Town of Vulcan has received additional information from Councillor Armstrong and letters of concerns from other municipalities.

Motion No.: 2021.36 Moved by Lorna Armstrong THAT Council directs Administration to send a letter to the Town of High River expressing support for their January 11th, 2021 resolution regarding the reinstatement of the 1976 Alberta Coal Policy and that the letter be forwarded to the Minister of Environment and Premier Kenney.

CARRIED.