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Michelle Stilwell, MLA
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Dear Minister Polak:

Ministry of Environment
Correspondence Unit

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Re: Morrison Mines and Core Review of EAO

s.22 Pacific Booker which is/was the proponent of the Morrison Mines Project which passed, it appears, environmental review but was rejected by the Minister or Ministers of the day.

This project has continued to be raised by my contacts in the mining exploration/development industry as an inexplicable decision.

When s.22 came to see me about this matter, I forewarned s.22 that since this issue is before the courts – and the topic of another Globe and Mail story by Justine Hunter today – I am unable to get into the middle of any legal dispute, nor express any opinion on merits pro or con, and I think s.22 understands that, and is furthermore s.22 merely a concerned bystander.

Based on the information and points s.22 made to me, and without any attempt by myself to verify or challenge s.22 perceptions, the following are some tentative private conclusions which should perhaps guide the *process* of mine permitting in the future.

1. It appears that this project particular passed environmental muster, but was rejected nevertheless. It seems to me the grounds for rejection were never made clear, although it was reported in the press that it was for "environmental reasons." It has been suggested to me that Minister Lake apparently told CTV that this project was something "on the other side of the moon" which, if true, seems not to have been a very professional characterization. Further comments from two senior politicians were to the effect that the company proposing the project was "tiny".
2. As one of the EAO officers remarked in the telephone briefing you offered to private members several days ago, the mistaken impression is abroad that once a project passes EAO,

and subject to subsequent multitude mine permits (the granting of environmental certificate apparently being reasonable grounds for assuming that permits are obtainable), then the mine is a "go" – which is manifestly not the case. I emphasized the contrary reality s.22
The Government has the last word.

3. Clearly, what has been lost in the translation is the reality, reportedly repeated again by Crown Counsel to the judge in the current court action, that "the government can do anything it wants" (famous quote of NDP Forest Minister David Zirnelt in the 1990's). So your ministry has a further education task to fulfill; to instruct the mine exploration and development community that EAO is not the end of the trail, but only part way down the beginning of the trail.

4. If the fundamental reason Pacific Booker was rejected was the fact that it was "tiny" I think many of the hundreds of junior mining folks showing up for the AME Roundup Conference this coming January would find that news disturbing. But it seems that is what some of us said!

5. If the fundamental reason Pacific Booker was rejected was lack of confidence in the capacity of the organization to implement the plan presented for EAO screening, then I can understand that, but it seems to me that your ministry has an obligation to inform the exploration and development industry that "corporate capacity" and I suppose as well "corporate track record" will be an explicit box needed to be checked before the green light for further permitting will be given by the Minister. And prospectors and developers need to be informed of this reality.

6. In my view, it is a reasonable reality. It might lead, for example, to transfer of project ownership to stronger hands.

7. But if a project is declined due to lack of confidence in the ability of an organization to live up the environmental plan, however excellent it may be, we should be brave enough to say that, clearly.

Assuming that the court case has cleared the docket, the upcoming Roundup Conference might offer a suitable platform for the government to make these points.

Yours truly,



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cc: Hon. Bill Bennett, Minister of Energy and Mines

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December 12, 2013

Minister Polak
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Dear Minister Polak,



RE: Delta's 2013 Climate Smart Program and Live Smart BC Small Business Program report.

I am forwarding a report I received from Delta's Office of Climate Action and Environment dated November 07.2013

I'd like you to note that Delta businesses are interested in learning how to benefit from the reduction of greenhouse gas and save money by saving energy. It is a great example of a collaborative effort between local government and small business.

Sincerely,

Scott Hamilton
Member of Legislative Assembly
Delta North

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Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: 2013 Climate Smart Program and Live Smart BC Small Business Program report.

Thank you for forwarding the subject report to my office for review. I find it promising that of the 32 Delta businesses that enrolled, 83% completed the program and nine recertified for another year. Clearly, Delta's business community is interested and willing to learn how to reduce greenhouse gas emission and benefit from energy savings. The best aspect is that it shows how effective a partnership between local government and small business can be.

Going forward it is encouraging that the Live Smart BC Small Business Program will offer another opportunity for participation to the end goal of energy and emissions reduction.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of this report to the Honourable Mary Polak, Minister of Environment, for her review. I am confident I can speak for all Government when I say that Delta has become a leader in climate change and environment initiatives, and continues to serve as an example for other communities to follow.

Sincerely,

Scott Hamilton
Member of Legislative Assembly
Delta North

cc: Honourable Mary Polak
Minister of the Environment