
From: Minister, ENV ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 10:42 AM
To: Correspondence Unit ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Colliery Dam Park

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Categories: Adriana

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, May 24, 2013 12:06 AM
To: Morgan, Scott FLNR:EX
Cc: Routley.MLA, Douglas G LASS:EX; Krog.MLA, Leonard LASS:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Lorne Gale; mmacdonald@nanaimodailynews.com; XT:Nanaimo, City ENV:IN
Subject: Colliery Dam Park

Mr. Morgan. I am the main spokesperson for the Colliery Dam Preservation Society and have met with you on a few previous occasions. I need you to know that it was very upsetting that you had produced a letter sent to our city council on May 13 just a few hours before the session began. You had been made well aware of the proposal by Dr. Lorne Gale regarding the plan for sequential replacement of the Colliery Park Dams in 2014 and 2015 and had spoken with Councilman Jim Kipp about the same issue. You stated that it would really come down to what the city wanted to do and whether they would accept the risk for another year. Giving direction in your letter that the lakes needed to be de-watered this summer runs contrary to previous discussion along with your supposed mandate. In the past, you have stated that it is the intention of the DSB to ensure that a suitable plan is put forward by the Dam Owner to mitigate risk. You have not previously stated that DSB makes specific demands but rather is to approve of the suggested plan by the dam owner. As well, you have stated that the dam owners are not your clients but rather it is the public and the environment who are truly your clients. De-watering and the planned removal of the dams while leaving them in this state for an undetermined amount of time will be devastating to the existing ecosystem and be a public safety hazard. Our group has made every effort to speak for the community and I have met personally with hundreds of people regarding this issue. I have also conducted a survey of people who reside in the floodplain and may be considered to be most at risk should the dams fail. The response has been overwhelmingly supportive of keeping our lakes and the plan for sequential removal of the dams. People are devastated at the thought of them being removed this summer with the remote possibility that they would be replaced at some point in the future. Your letter on May 13 was a major factor in the decision made by Council to disregard the community's plan for the park. We return to council on May 27 and we are asking for this decision to be reviewed. We know very well that removal of both lakes this summer is not the only way to secure the safety of our citizens and would strongly urge you to enter into a productive conversation with the city representatives and members of the community to produce a suitable solution.

From: Minister, ENV ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2013 5:11 PM
To: Correspondence Unit ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Dam Safety Branch

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From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 1:57 PM
To: Minister, ENV ENV:EX
Subject: Dam Safety Branch

Your Dam Safety officer, Scott Morgan , made a monumental error in rating the the middle and lower Colliery dams as Risk Level 1- the highest in the province. He states the risk factors are heavy rainfall or earthquake. No one bothered to calculate the probability of an event that could destroy these concrete dams-but it infinitesimally small. As a result our Council is going to spend \$7,000,000 tearing down this perfectly good, regularly inspected. Please review this report and fix it. s.22

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