



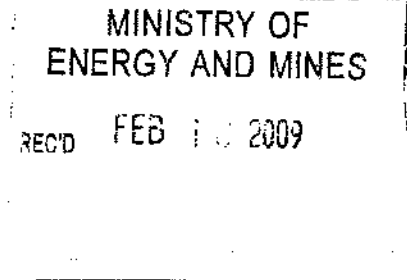
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January 20, 2009

The Honourable Gordon Hogg
Minister of State for Mining
PO Box 9070
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Victoria, BC
V8W 9E2



Dear Sir,

Re: Application for a Mines Act Approval (dated February 28, 2008)
Proposed Sand and Gravel Pit
Lot 20, 21 and 22, Plan 410
Peachland Self Storage Ltd.

The District of Peachland wrote to former Minister of State for Mining, Honourable Kevin Kruger, on April 14, 2008, with respect to an application to your Ministry for the extraction of gravel (gravel pit operation) on 30 acres of land between McDougald Road and Pierce Road in Peachland. The applicant has applied to remove 800,000 m³ over a period of 5 – 8 years: an application which, if allowed, will create an unacceptable impact on the health, safety, and environmental well being of our community.

The citizens of Peachland have expressed their concerns and objections about this application, both in writing to your Department, as well as at the public meeting which was held on October 1, 2008. On behalf of the newly elected Council of the District of Peachland, I would like to advise you again of our significant concerns about this proposal:

1. The proposed gravel pit is located in close proximity to a residential neighbourhood; is accessible only via Princeton Avenue - a steep and winding residential access road which has no sidewalks and which is a busy route for vehicle and pedestrian traffic moving to and from the homes that line and feed that route; and, is adjacent to the Deep Creek water shed that supplies drinking water to Peachland.
2. The high volume of gravel truck traffic on Princeton Avenue will create a major safety hazard for cyclists and for children and other pedestrians who frequently navigate their way to school bus pick up points or to the downtown commercial area.

3. The dust created by the mining operation will travel into and around neighbouring homes giving rise to a concern that the ingestion of air born particulates may have deleterious health effects as well as causing an unacceptable nuisance.
4. Given the proximity of the Deep Creek water shed that supplies drinking water to Peachland and is a spawning ground for Kokanee salmon we are concerned that water quality may be adversely affected by airborne dust and other particulates.
5. Noise generated by gravel truck traffic and by the mining operation itself will create a significant loss of amenity for neighbourhood properties the effects of which will be felt in terms of nuisance value and property value decline.
6. Princeton Avenue was originally created as an access route to Brenda Mine. While used in that capacity until mine closure in the early 1990's, it is currently in a deteriorated state and extensive truck traffic will require early investment in capital expenditure for improvements that are not budgeted by the District and which can otherwise be deferred.

The District of Peachland believes that the health and well being of our community will be significantly compromised by a gravel pit operating in this location and, for the reasons outlined above, requests that the Ministry deny this application and, pending review and update of current regulations, place a moratorium on the granting of permits for gravel pit operations that are in proximity to residential neighbourhoods.

If you consider that it would be helpful to discuss any of these concerns in person, then Councillor Terry Condon and I will be pleased to meet with you at your convenience. Thank you kindly for your attention.

Yours truly,



Mayor Keith Fielding

- c. Council
- Honourable Rick Thorpe, MLA Okanagan-Westside
 - Honourable Bill Barisoff, MLA Penticton-Okanagan Valley
 - ✓ Mr. Douglas Sweeney, Chief Inspector of Mines
 - CAO E. Lemke
 - D. Smith, Director of Planning

Cho, Gayle MEM:EX

From: Reimer, Greg A EMPR:EX
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2008 1:12 PM
To: Cavanagh, John R EMPR:EX
Cc: Cho, Gayle EMPR:EX
Subject: FW: Peachland Self Storage gravel extraction application

John, see attached. Can you pls look into this and advise the status soon.

Thanks

Greg

From: Greg Reimer s.22
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2008 12:47 PM
To: Reimer, Greg A EMPR:EX
Subject: Fw: Peachland Self Storage gravel extraction application

----- Original Message -----

From: Rick Sheldon Thorpe
To: greg reimer
Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2008 10:40 AM
Subject: FW: Peachland Self Storage gravel extraction application

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From:
Sent: October 12, 2008 10:18 AM
To: Rick Thorpe
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From: s.22
Date: Sat, 11 Oct 2008 17:52:10 -0700
To: <mayor@peachland.ca>

s.22

Subject: A post-public hearing follow-up email to oppose gravel pit
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A post-public hearing follow-up email is super important as the letters that were sent out in March/April were letters that have been taken into account and were part of proceedings BEFORE the October 1st meeting.

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Thank you
And happy thanks giving weekend!

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From: Reimer, Greg A EMPR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2008 10:13 PM
To: Reed, Mike LASS:EX; Rick Sheldon Thorpe
Cc: Carwithen, Kelsie LASS:EX; Reed, Mike LASS:EX
Subject: RE: McDougald Road gravel pit application in Peachland
Attachments: image001.jpg

Thanks Mike. I have sent a note to Rick asking for a telephone discussion re this and the Peachland Self Storage question he raised.

Greg

From: Reed, Mike [<mailto:Mike.Reed@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2008 5:30 PM
To: Reimer, Greg A EMPR:EX; Rick Sheldon Thorpe
Cc: Carwithen, Kelsie LASS:EX; Reed, Mike LASS:EX
Subject: FW: McDougald Road gravel pit application in Peachland

Greg as per Rick's request he will be in Victoria all next week and he will appreciate receiving an update.

Thanks,

From: Rick Sheldon Thorpe s.22
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2008 5:27 PM
To: Reimer, Greg A EMPR:EX
Cc: Reed, Mike
Subject: Gravel Pit Applications

Can I please an update from the perspective of the mines branch on each of the gravel pit applications in my riding, thank you, Rick

From: Seguin, Joe EMPR:EX [<mailto:Joe.Seguin@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2008 3:43 PM
To: Reed, Mike
Subject: RE: McDougald Road gravel pit application in Peachland

Mike:

I don't foresee a decision regarding this permit application before end of next week (October 24th). I will keep you advised of any change in status.

Joe

Joe Seguin
Regional Director
Mining & Minerals Division
South Central Region



From: Reed, Mike [<mailto:Mike.Reed@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: October 2, 2008 12:21 PM
To: Seguin, Joe EMPR:EX
Cc: Hupman, C Bruce EMPR:EX
Subject: McDougald Road gravel pit application in Peachland

Following last night's public meeting can you advise what is the approximate timeframe or process leading to a permit decision?

Thanks

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Web: www.rickthorpemla.bc.ca

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From: Reimer, Greg A EMPR:EX
Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2009 9:23 AM
To: 'Rick Sheldon Thorpe'
Subject: RE: McDougald Road and Princeton Avenue Gravel Pit, Peachland

I will talk to John today.

From: Rick Sheldon Thorpe s.22
Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2009 9:20 AM
To: Reimer, Greg A EMPR:EX
Subject: RE: McDougald Road and Princeton Avenue Gravel Pit, Peachland

You were I did not get it until this morning, s.22
s.22 **thanks, Rick**

From: Reimer, Greg A EMPR:EX [<mailto:Greg.Reimer@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: May 2, 2009 9:01 AM
To: Rick Sheldon Thorpe
Subject: RE: McDougald Road and Princeton Avenue Gravel Pit, Peachland

I thought the agreement was that I was to send you his contact info. Here it is:

John Cavanagh
Office: 250-925-0715

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e-mail: john.cavanagh@gov.bc.ca

From: Rick Sheldon Thorpe s.22
Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2009 8:37 AM
To: Reimer, Greg A EMPR:EX
Subject: FW: McDougald Road and Princeton Avenue Gravel Pit, Peachland

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From: s.22
Sent: May 1, 2009 12:01 PM
To: s.22
Subject: McDougald Road and Princeton Avenue Gravel Pit, Peachland

Hi Rick:

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Sincerely

s.22

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From: Reimer, Greg A EMPR:EX
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2009 6:55 PM
To: Cavanagh, John R EMPR:EX
Subject: Re: McDougald Road and Princeton Avenue Gravel Pit, Peachland

Thanks

From: Cavanagh, John R EMPR:EX
To: Reimer, Greg A EMPR:EX
Sent: Sun May 03 17:19:36 2009
Subject: Re: McDougald Road and Princeton Avenue Gravel Pit, Peachland

Greg,
Spoke with s.22
Went well, outlined process going forward.
John

From: Reimer, Greg A EMPR:EX
To: Cavanagh, John R EMPR:EX
Sent: Sat May 02 09:01:59 2009
Subject: FW: McDougald Road and Princeton Avenue Gravel Pit, Peachland
No rush, but give me a quick call when you get a minute.

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