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*January 12, 2018*

His Worship Mayor Don McCormick  
and Council representatives  
City of Kimberley  
Email: [mayor@kimberley.ca](mailto:mayor@kimberley.ca)

Dear Mayor McCormick and Council representatives:

I am writing to follow up on my recent meeting with City of Kimberley representatives at the 2017 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention.

The annual UBCM convention offers an important opportunity for local governments to have conversations and outline priorities with the provincial government. These meetings help to inform ministries on issues that matter most to communities in British Columbia. I value these opportunities and I hope that you continue to engage with my ministry and our new government on issues that matter to you and your residents so that we can continue to move forward with our goal of building a strong, sustainable, innovative economy that works for everyone.

Thank you for sharing your vision on a community plan for Kimberley. As discussed, staff from the Environmental Protection Division including Assistant Deputy Minister David Morel and Manager of Risk Assessment and Remediation Peter Kickham, would be happy to discuss and consider next steps and await the invitation for a call from Mr. Don McCormick.

As you may know, I am also committed to implementing a comprehensive climate-action strategy that provides a pathway for BC to prosper economically, while meeting carbon pollution reduction targets and I hope that you will keep this goal in mind in your local decision-making for the benefit of all British Columbians.

Thank you again for taking the time to meet. I look forward to continuing to work closely with you in the future on issues of mutual importance.

Sincerely,

George Heyman  
Minister

cc: David Morel, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Protection Division, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy  
Peter Kickham, Manager, Risk Assessment and Remediation, Environmental Protection Division, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

**From:** [Smith, Curtis PSSG:EX](#)  
**To:** [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Xia, Eveline ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: RESPONSE: Proposed industrial park in Marysville, Kimberley  
**Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 8:49:03 AM

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Reamick,

Response points on this one.

- Decisions regarding siting and approval of industrial park developments are matters within the local authority's powers and not the Ministry of Environment's.
- If the sites in question are contaminated sites, then development plans will need to comply with the Contaminated Sites Regulations.
- We will work with the municipality if we receive a proposal related to the site.

Curtis Smith

Manager Executive Operations

Deputy Minister's Office

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

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**From:** Lo, Reamick ENV:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2017 12:28 PM  
**To:** Smith, Curtis ENV:EX  
**Cc:** Frampton, Caelie ENV:EX; Xia, Eveline ENV:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed industrial park in Marysville, Kimberley  
Hi Curtis,

I spoke with Bev Middlebrook who is a local resident and a Councillor in Marysville. She's concerned about the proposed industrial park and according to her, many local residents are upset. She expressed her concern and local residents are in the process of organizing themselves. They will likely have petitions on this issue so this is FYI for you.

Reamick Lo

Executive Assistant to the **Honourable George Heyman**  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

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**From:** Xia, Eveline ENV:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 10:21 AM  
**To:** Lo, Reamick ENV:EX; Smith, Curtis ENV:EX  
**Cc:** Frampton, Caelie ENV:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed industrial park in Marysville, Kimberley  
What's her question? Please work with Curtis to get details on the brownfield sites – we have seen these inquiries before.

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**From:** Lo, Reamick ENV:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 8:11 AM  
**To:** Smith, Curtis ENV:EX  
**Cc:** Xia, Eveline ENV:EX; Frampton, Caelie ENV:EX  
**Subject:** Proposed industrial park in Marysville, Kimberley  
Hi Caelie,

We have an inquiry from a local resident in Kimberly and I'm forwarding the information she gave us. Anything info you can please provide?

- Marysville has a population of 2,500 and is part of Kimberley. There are two contaminated sites that are known as brown fields. One of them is less contaminated and people can still walk on it. This site has the best view over the top of a mountain and it's frequently used by

seniors, disabled people, families and local people.

- There's a proposal to decontaminate this site and turn it into an industrial park. It's said that local people do not support this idea because sound and noise would carry in a small community like theirs and they would not be able to access this beautiful area anymore.
- The Mayor is in support of the proposal and has expressed to the media that they will try to push it through before rules change on October 31. It's not clear what "rules" are being referred to.
- However, the local community would have no problem if the industry park could be built on the other side of the road which is the second contaminated site but it's more contaminated.

Reamick Lo

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**From:** [Don McCormick](#)  
**To:** [Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Kimberley Visit  
**Date:** Sunday, October 15, 2017 8:29:46 PM

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Hi Mark. I want to thank you and Minister Heyman for taking time to tour Kimberley last Thursday. Kimberley is more than recovered from the closure of the Sullivan Mine 16 years ago; we are proud of our successful transition. However, our heritage and location dictate that pretty much everything we do with land has some kind of environmental hurdle.

Our long-term success as a community is dependent on diversifying what is now a tourism dependent economy. This is where we will need continued support from the Ministry. The employment lands and the affordable housing initiatives are dependent on achieving environmental certification. This is a challenging path but we are determined to get it done with your help.

Thank you for your interest in Kimberley!

Best regards,



**Don McCormick**

Mayor

City of Kimberley  
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Date: October 10, 2017

To: Minister George Heyman

Re: Kimberly Site Visit

### Background

- Groundwater contamination generated by mine tailings from Teck's former Sullivan Mine in Kimberly has migrated under a significant portion of the developed land base in Kimberly and Marysville BC. Teck has a complex groundwater management plan involving various engineering controls that is operated under its Mines permit to limit offsite migration of contaminated groundwater.
- While groundwater contamination is present at depth, it does not currently pose a human health and or environmental risk, as residents are connected to the municipal drinking water supply, and have no direct interaction with groundwater. There is an area of concern in a portion of Mark Creek in Kimberly (the "lower mine yard") where groundwater discharges may pose a risk to aquatic life.
- Kimberly is actively attempting to re-invigorate the industrial base of their economy, and to support this, is seeking Certificates of Compliance (CoCs) pursuant to the Contaminated Sites Regulation (CSR) for two properties referred to as the "Townsite Garage" and "Marysville Benchland" sites.

### Site Visits

- Kimberly has a small bus on hand to take members of ENV, Kimberly and potentially Teck staff to visit a number of sites of interest. Most of the sites are in close proximity to one another, and travel time between them should be minimal. They propose to visit:
  - a) Townsite Garage– former garage for vehicle maintenance located in Kimberly, near the entrance to the former mine.
  - b) Lower Mine Yard – historical placement of acid generating waste rock material on the banks of Mark Creek have resulted in the installation of significant remedial works in and adjacent to the Creek.
  - c) Sun Mine – Solar energy installation located on a portion of the former tailings impoundment under EMPR permit.
  - d) Marysville Benchland – site located downgradient of the historic fertilizer operations and waste impoundments associated with the former mine.
- Kimberly Mayor Don McCormick has expressed concern regarding the length of time it is taking for their environmental consultant to resolve remaining issues, and finalize the CoC applications for submission to ENV.
- Over the past two years, ENV has been responsive to a number of inquiries from the City's consultant regarding the investigation and remediation of contamination at the Townsite garage and Marysville benchland sites.

- At this time, ENV is not aware of any outstanding issues at the two sites that could not be resolved by the City's consultant and their AP in order to bring the sites forward for CoCs.

**From:** [Lewis, Cameron F ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX](#); [Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX](#); [Morel, David P ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Oct 12th MGH Kimberley tour with Mayor Don McCormick  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 10, 2017 8:36:31 AM

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Mark and David,

Would you like us to book travel to have Peter Kickham from LRS attend the tour? He has been involved with some of the Teck properties.

Alternatively, we can tailor some briefing materials to the sites to be visited. Whatever makes the most sense.

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**From:** Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2017 8:22 AM  
**To:** Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX  
**Cc:** Morel, David P ENV:EX; Lewis, Cameron F ENV:EX; Standen, Jim ENV:EX; Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Oct 12th MGH Kimberley tour with Mayor Don McCormick  
Good morning:

I just spoke with Don McCormick from Kimberly. He says if we have 1.5-2.0 hours we can do lower bench, sun mine and the benchland & townsite garage as all three are in town.

David can you get ahold of Tom Syer at Teck and let him we are coming with MGH and see if we can have someone from Teck join us?

David can you also work with Coleen to ensure we correctly set up the non-Kimberly parts of the tour, including (if time) a staff visit in Cranbrook and possible tour in the vicinity of the Cranbrook office (EPOs or COS or both)?

Once we have the schedule nailed down Coleen can you let Don M's office know when we are arriving in Kimberly and where Don can meet us?

Doug: Don M will be giving you a call on some deer translocation ideas that Kimberly has been working on.

Regards, Mark

On Oct 10, 2017, at 8:07 AM, Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX  
<[Coleen.Gooderham@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Coleen.Gooderham@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:  
Thank you Coleen

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**From:** Lewis, Cameron F ENV:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017 1:36 PM  
**To:** Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX  
**Cc:** Evans, Peggy L ENV:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Oct 12th MGH Kimberley tour with Mayor Don McCormick  
Colleen,

Possibly too late, but it may be the highlighted sites below that the Mayor and Mark had in mind.

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**From:** Evans, Peggy L ENV:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017 11:00 AM  
**To:** Lewis, Cameron F ENV:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Oct 12th MGH Kimberley tour with Mayor Don McCormick  
Hi Cameron

Please see update to my earlier email to include the two sites that were the focus of the Kimberly LG (Mayor Don McCormick) meeting with MGH at UBCM last week.

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Hi Cameron

For the Minister's visit to Cranbrook and Kimberly on October 12<sup>th</sup> the following sites may be of interest, depending on the Minister's interest.



There's the Sullivan Mine but that would be a much larger visit.

A tour of the Lower Mine Yard of the Sullivan Mine might be more manageable with the time available. There has been both ROB (Liz Archibald, EPO-Cranbrook) and LRS (Peter Kickham) involvement on this site. Teck could probably provide a tour and explain the remedial works that have been implemented to come into compliance with ministry requirements.

There's also the Teck "Sunmine" on the old minesite that would be interesting for the Minister to see and fits within the Green Municipal Fund targets in terms of renewable energy projects, ideally built on brownfield land.

There are two City owned brownfield sites. These are the sites that Mayor Don McCormick met with MGH at UBCM on (and there is a UBCM note for, attached):

- Marysville Benchland
- The Townsite Garage (received funding for site investigations under former BC Brownfield Renewal Funding Program)

Both sites had historic automotive related uses but are also affected by contaminant migration from the Sullivan Mine.

Peter Kickham is the LRS manager responsible for these files. He has had several meetings with the City regarding their interest in obtaining Certificates of Compliance to allow redevelopment of these site.

Other sites in Kimberly and Cranbrook that received funding under the (former) BC Brownfield Renewal Funding Program (2008-14) are:

- Two Oaks Holdings Ltd. site, Kimberley (former petroleum bulk plant)
- 255 Knighton Road, Kimberley (former petroleum bulk plant)
- Tembec Industries Inc. (former sawmill site; closed in 1998)

The grants supported investigation work and estimating remediation costs... however, a systematic follow up with Funding Program recipients has not yet been carried out due to the direction to set aside the BCBS 2.0 research for the time being.

Alan McCammon is the LR lead for brownfields sites.

LR can send Peter Kickham or Alan McCammon on October 12<sup>th</sup>. This will depend on the focus of the Minister for this tour. If it is the Town of Kimberly brownfields and the Lower Mine Yard, Peter would be best to attend. If he's interested in brownfield sites and learning more about brownfields generally, Alan McCammon would be available to attend.

Please let us know what sites the Minister is interested in visiting as the time is very short to provide background information and get contact information.

Peggy

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Reference: 290718

Date: December 23, 2015

His Worship Mayor Don McCormick  
and Councillors  
City of Kimberley  
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Dear Mayor McCormick and Councillors:

This letter is provided as follow-up to your meeting with the Honourable Mary Polack, Minister of Environment, at the 2015 UBCM convention. The Minister has asked that I respond on her behalf.

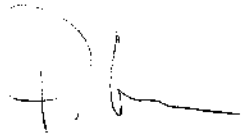
I understand that the City of Kimberley seeks a meeting with ministry staff to discuss options available under the legislation that may facilitate re-use of former industrial land previously owned by Teck Resources Limited (Teck) in and surrounding the City of Kimberley. Two such specific lands were identified consisting of the "Benchland" and "Townsite Garage" sites.

I advise that I am available, along with other technical staff, for the requested meeting in the New Year. It is suggested that Teck also be included as a participant in the meeting given that Teck is the former owner of the subject properties as well as the current owner of prospective future properties that may be subject of divestment to the City of Kimberley. The City of Kimberley may choose to include other participants, as applicable.

The requested meeting may also provide an opportunity to discuss the prospective application of a wide area site (WAS) designation under the Contaminated Sites Regulation for the area of Kimberley and adjacent lands that have been contaminated as a result of the historical Teck mining activities. It is my understanding from Teck that a WAS designation for the Kimberley area has been discussed in general terms with the City of Kimberley. It is also my understanding that the issue is scheduled to be discussed corporately within Teck in January 2016.

I look forward to meeting with you in the New Year to discuss the above in greater detail. Please contact me at (604) 582-5308 or George Szefer, Senior Contaminated Sites Officer, at (604) 582-5323 for meeting scheduling or should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Kickham', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Peter Kickham  
Manager, Risk Assessment and Remediation  
Environmental Protection Division  
Ministry of Environment

pc: Honourable Mary Polack, Minister of Environment  
cc: Michelle Unger, Teck Resources Limited

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