

# **A comment of support for the Grassy Mountain Coal Project**

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416

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**Text**

To whom it concern,

I was born and raised in the Crowsnest Pass, and after completing post secondary school in Calgary I chose to return to my home town as this is the place I wanted to live. Sadly the job opportunities over the recent years have dwindled away, and have left very little for those looking to move into this beautiful community, including myself who must work away from the area.

The Crowsnest Pass has lost all industry that was once present including Coal Mining, Pulp and Paper, the Natural Gas Plant, etc. These industries provided high paying jobs in the area, and brought in secondary companies that were needed to support these operations. The industries also helped to take a share of the heavy tax load, that now rests on the shoulders of the residents of the pass.

The Grassy Mountain Project will help to turn the page and get the area moving back in the right direction by bringing industry back to the area, provide high paying jobs, take the burden of some of the tax load from the resident's, help support the small businesses in the Pass from grocery stores, mechanic shops, restaurants, and hopefully start to fill all the empty stores that litter the main streets in each of the little towns throughout the pass. This project is great for the community and has my full support.

**Submitted by**

Jesse Brazzoni

# For the good of The Pass

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410

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**Text**

I am writing to voice my support for the Riversdale Mine Project. As an avid mountain bike enthusiast and user of recreational facilities in and around the crowsnest pass, I am excited about the possibilities that could arise from having a project such as the Riversdale mine operating locally.

To use Sparwood as an example, the Teck Mines have provided support and funding for recreational facilities in Sparwood and have even provided funding for a popular mountain bike trail in Blairmore. I think it would make for a healthier and happier population and draw further tourism into the community.

**Submitted by**

Saajan Dhillon

# Review Panel Mandate

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## Text

My grandparents moved to the Crowsnest Pass to find work in the early 1900's and I was born and raised there. I know the area well, visit there frequently and did see the original Grassy Mountain mine in operation in the late 50's. The area was prosperous over the first 100+ years and the economy was supported by logging, coal mining and natural gas. Jobs were plentiful and pay was good. Slowly, these industries closed, and today few or none are currently operating in the area. Families in The Pass now have few good job opportunities and businesses struggle to stay afloat. Young people must leave the Pass for opportunities elsewhere. There are coal mining jobs across the border in BC, but the long commute makes for a long work day.

In spite on the many years of resource development in the Pass, the environment has not suffered even though there was very little or no regulation in the early days.

People in the Pass overwhelmingly support the proposed Grassy Mountain Coal Project, as it brings hope for job and business opportunities. I am confident that the development can proceed with minimal impact to the environment and provide opportunities for the people of the Pass.

The mandate for the review panel is to "consider potential environmental, health, social and economic impacts of proposed projects, **including benefits**. Potential impacts on Aboriginal treaty rights are also assessed and consulted on. The Agency or review panel uses the information to develop an impact assessment report."

In reviewing the project, I would urge the panel to **give greater weighting to the views of the people of the Pass** and those that grew up there who understand the benefits of the project and know the area well. I urge the panel to give lesser weighting to comments by people that do not live there, pontificate about their obligation to protect the environment and who have well-paying jobs in communities not affected by the proposed mine. They are not directly impacted by the project and do not rely on the Crowsnest Pass for the livelihood of their families.

## Submitted by

Tom Yanota

# **Karlie Stella**

## **Reference Number**

415

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## **Text**

To whom it may concern,

In 2014 I moved away to attend post-secondary education in Kelowna, B.C. Upon completion of my degree, I have recently moved back to my hometown of the Crowsnest Pass where my family and friends live. I moved back home feeling both excited to be back in my hometown and nervous knowing finding a job in my career field of Human Resources was going to be next to slim. Unfortunately, if a job opportunity arises in my field, my chances are still low at getting a job because the competition is so high in a community where little opportunity is regularly given. This puts me in the unfortunate position of having to look for employment in surrounding communities who have more opportunities due to their thriving economies and industries.

I strongly believe that the Grassy Mountain Project has the potential to bring many employment opportunities back to this community. Being a young individual in this community is hard because you feel as though there is little opportunity for you to grow here. Sadly, for recent graduates at the beginning of our careers and lives we feel like our hometown is not a place where we can be successful. Not only will people in my circumstances benefit from having more job opportunity, but I believe the project will attract other young families who want to move to our community as well. Most importantly, for us locals (of all ages) who are forced to seek employment elsewhere, this project will hopefully be able to afford us the opportunity to find success in our hometown.

Thank you for your consideration on this exciting project,

Karlie Stella

## **Submitted by**

Karlie Stella

# Letter of Support

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**Text**

I am writing to voice my support and excitement about the Riversdale Mine project. As an employee in the health sector I recognize the value that an increased population will have on the longevity of the hospital. With the current political climate and the ongoing disputes between health care and the government, an increase in local population and tax payer base would provide more stability and funding for health related projects and hopefully decrease further cuts. I hope this letter positively influences your decision to go forth with the mine project.

**Submitted by**

Anelske Dhillon