

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board
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Mr. Doug Flynn,
Inspector of Mines, Northwest Region,
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Re: Mineral & Coal Notice of Work File # 14675-30 (Davidson Project)

Dear Doug,

The Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board's mandate is to represent the views of the resident public in land use planning. Following are our comments on the Davidson Project Notice of Work.

Some board members have reviewed the Notice of Work by Blue Pearl Mining, as well as their Project Description document. The board is not meeting during the summer, hence has not discussed these documents in a regular meeting. We are pleased to note that Blue Pearl has identified the two major values of the LRMP for the site, namely visual qualities and water quality. Other areas of concern the board feels are important include potential changes in groundwater quantity, truck traffic, noise, dust and safety.

The BVCRB has received copies of letters by resident groups, sent to you, outlining their concerns with this NoW. As these groups will be affected directly by any exploration and mine activity, we feel their concerns merit consideration. Much of their unease with the work plan is due to lack of details in Blue Pearl's proposal.

We understand that this NoW encompasses reactivated exploration work, and does not constitute mine development. Further we understand that many details absent from the NoW will be made clear once the contractor sets up its own work plan.

Referring to the NoW blank form, such details should include:

- number of people on site
- ventilation plan
- firefighting plan and emergency procedures
- more specific plan and section of tunnel excavation
- plan for monitoring/treatment of portal water during tunnel excavation
- detailed road upgrade plan
- generator/compressor noise volume and any abatement measures
- any details of planning for viewscape preservation

We would appreciate receiving a copy of the detailed workplan, and suggest that it be made available to other interested public groups.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. We hope you can continue to keep us informed as the project proceeds

Rob Boyce, mining and energy subcommittee
For Adrian de Groot, Board Chair