May 7, 2015



Alan Fryer Coal Alliance 505 Burrard Street, Suite 620 Vancouver BC V7X 1M4

## Re: Endorsement of BC's Coal Sector

At its meeting of April 27, 2015, Cranbrook City Council considered a request to formally provide support for the province's coal sector and, more locally, the metallurgical coal sector based in the Elk Valley.

Council received a report on this matter from its Economic Development Office and adopted the following resolution:

Whereas: the coal sector in British Columbia employs 26,000 people directly and indirectly in family-supporting jobs, creates \$3.2 billion in economic activity and generates \$715 million in tax revenues for B.C. cities and towns and the province every year; and

Whereas: the coal sector helps pay for hospitals, schools, roads and many other important public services; and

Whereas: metallurgical coal is essential to the production of steel used in everything from cell phones to wind turbines to subway cars to surgical equipment; and

Whereas: the metallurgical coal industry in the Elk Valley is a major economic driver for Cranbrook directly employing over 400 Cranbrook residents; and

Therefore be it resolved: that this Council acknowledges the important contributions to jobs, the economy and public services that the coal sector in British Columbia provides.

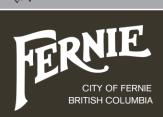
By passing this resolution, Council recognizes the vital role the coal industry plays in supporting the economy of Cranbrook, the East Kootenay region and throughout British Columbia.

Sincerely

Wayne Staudt, CPA, CA Chief Administrative Officer City of Cranbrook

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Attention: Alan Fryer

Dear Mr. Fryer,

## **Re: Resolution of Council**

At the Regular Meeting held April 13, 2015 Council passed the following resolution:

THAT Council support responsible mining of coal in British Columbia and supports the Coal Alliance and the BC's Coal Industry in their efforts to work to counter opposition against the coal industry. CARRIED

On behalf of Council and staff I would like to thank the members of the Coal Alliance for a very informative presentation and look forward to a continued positive working relationship with the group.

Sincerely,

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Sheryl Zral Deputy Clerk Direct Line (250) 423-2238 – email: <u>sheryl.zral@fernie.ca</u>



Excerpt from minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the District of Sparwood held in the Sparwood Municipal Hall on May 4, 2015

> MOVED AND SECONDED WHEREAS the coal sector in British Columbia employs 26,000 people directly and indirectly in family-supporting jobs, creates \$3.2 billion in economic activity and generates \$715 million in tax revenues for B.C. cities and towns and the province every year;

> AND WHEREAS the coal sector helps pay for hospitals, schools, roads, and many other important public services;

AND WHEREAS metallurgical coal is essential to the production of steel used in everything from cell phones to wind turbines to subway cars to surgical equipment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council acknowledges the important contributions to jobs, the economy, and public services that the coal sector in British Columbia provides.

I hereby certify the above to be a true excerpt of the minutes of May 4, 2015

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