

MEMORANDUM FROM Paul Hagen

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THE DEPARTMENT OF
MINING AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA V8V 1X4

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TO: Mr. E. J. Bowles
Chief Gold Commissioner

DATE December 16, 1977

The attached copy of coal map C92F/14W shows existing coal licences held by Wellington Colliery Co. Ltd., the area covered by Wellington Collieries applications for coal licences (outlined in red) and the southern boundary of the lieu land (yellow line).

The 'lieu land' is 86,000 acres granted to the E. & N. by the government in lieu of alienated land within the original E. & N. land grant.

At the present time the E. & N. Railway hold all coal rights north of the 'lieu land', according to government records. However, the E. & N. may have assigned the coal rights in some areas to Wellington Collieries, and possibly other companies. Information with respect to the transfer of E. & N. land is available only from E. & N. It is the opinion of those in the Mineral Revenue Division that selected portions of the 'lieu lands', that show coal potential, will not be surrendered.

The E. & N. Railway may surrender the 'lieu land' at some time in the future but the surrender will except out those parcels sold by the E. & N. Railway.

The information on 'lieu land', the ownership by E. & N. Railway, and the possible future surrender by the E. & N. Railway was obtained from the Mineral Revenue Division.

Paul Hagen

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ATTACH.

DATE July 4, 1977

File No: C10-73-1

RE: WELLINGTON COLLIERY COMPANY

The licence areas referred to in your memo of June 17, 1977 appear to be mostly within the "lieu lands" of the E and N Land Grant and these areas have not been the subject of a surrender although they will be in the future.

The minerals in the "lieu land" area are not vested in the Crown. Bob Wilmott of Wellington is aware of the E & N Land Grant situation and should be contacted for clarification. Unfortunately, he will be away until July 12.

It was my understanding that Wellington was to make their own arrangements with the C.P.R. etc. for the coal rights in this area.

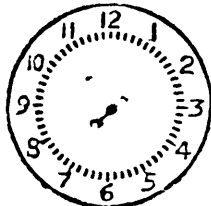
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W. W. Ross, Director
MINERAL REVENUE DIVISION

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July 19, 1977

Wellington Colliery Company Limited,
P. O. Box 2179,
Vancouver, B. C.
V6B 3V8

Attention: Mr. R. B. Wilmott
Property Administration Assistant

Dear Sir:

Re: Coal Licence Applications
Comox Land District

With reference to your letter of June 10, 1977 and the application for three coal licences (applications Nos. 78, 79 and 80), we have been advised by the Mineral Revenue Division that the locations applied for appear to be mostly within land of the E and N Land Grant and are areas not as yet surrendered to the Crown. It is understood from Mr. Norm Smith of the Mineral Revenue Division that you are aware of this situation.

Until such time as the lands have been surrendered and the surrender accepted by the Registrar in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, the Ministry is not in a position to consider issuing coal licences over the lands applied for.

Yours very truly,

A. R. Corner
Administrator for Coal

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E. R. Macgregor
Assistant Deputy Minister
Honourable J. R. Chabot,
Minister,
Ministry of Mines and Petroleum Resources,
Buildings.

October 11, 1977

Re. Issue of Coal Licences to
Wellington Colliery Company Limited

Attached are licence documents for 43 licences, comprising 18,846 acres, applied for by Wellington Colliery Company Limited for lands previously held as freehold and subsequently surrendered to the Crown. A more complete explanation from Mr. Corner is attached. Your approval and signature on the licences is recommended.



E. R. Macgregor,
Assistant Deputy Minister.

ERM/ph

Enclosure.

MINING AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES

October 13, 1977

Registered

Wellington Colliery Company Limited
P.O. Box 2179
Vancouver, B.C.
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Attention Mr. R. B. Wilmott

Dear Sir:

Re: Coal Licences Nos. 3666-3708 incl.
Comox and Nelson Land Districts

The Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources, has pursuant to Section 18 of the Coal Act, issued coal licences numbers 3666-3708 inclusive to Wellington Colliery Company Limited, as licensee.


Pursuant to Section 19 of the Coal Act the licences are valid for a term of one year from the date of issue, July 14, 1977. Section 19 of the Act also details the requirements to extend the term of the licences.

Enclosed is B.C. Mining Receipt No. 120233E in the amount of \$19,276.00 for payment of application fees and rental in advance.

The fees and rentals in the amount of \$19,757.00 for the applications for licences that were withdrawn will be refunded and a cheque in that amount will be forwarded from Treasury to Weldwood of Canada Limited, in due course.

The original licence documents are enclosed for your files.

Yours very truly,



A. R. Corner
Administrator for Coal

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Enclosures

MEMORANDUM FROM E. R. Macgregor
Assistant Deputy Minister
TO Honourable J. R. Chabot,
Minister,
Ministry of Mines and Petroleum Resources,
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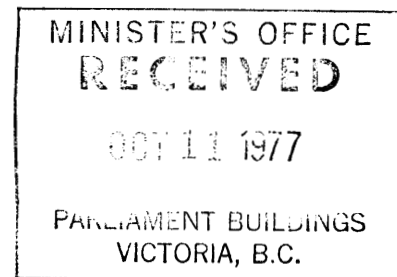
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*Approved by Minister
13/10/77*

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TO..... *M* E. R. Macgregor,
 Assistant Deputy Minister,
 Mines & Petroleum Resources.....

FROM THE

**DEPARTMENT OF MINES
 AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES**

VICTORIA, B.C., October 5th....., 1977....

WHEN REPLYING PLEASE REFER
 TO FILE No.....

Re: Issue of Coal Licences to Wellington
 Colliery Company Limited
Comox and Nelson Land Districts

On February 15th, 1977, Wellington Colliery Company Limited made application, pursuant to Section 15 of the Coal Act, for 77 Coal Licences, comprising 37,432 acres, and, on May 19th, 1977, they withdrew their application for 34 of the 77 licences thereby reducing the number of applications for licences to 43, comprising 18,846 acres.

The company has complied with all the provisions of the Coal Act for issue of licences.

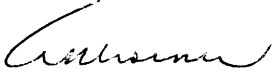
It is to be noted that the lands, comprised in the licences, are situated within the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Co. Land Grant and were formerly held under Certificate of Title No. 7434A. The lands and the coal rights have been surrendered to the Crown and were formally accepted in the Land Registry Office at Victoria on July 14th, 1977, under Charge Document No. F.60387.

It should also be noted that the surveys of lands within the E & N Railway Grant do not generally conform to Land Act surveys with lot sizes of one square mile (640 acres) having north, south, east and west boundaries. Although many of the E & N surveys are of irregular shapes and sizes, they have been used to identify specific licence locations. Perhaps the Minister will recognize the problems involved in identifying the locations in that area and consider the description of the locations to be acceptable as his order under Section 14(2) of the Coal Act.

Licence documents, in duplicate, for Coal Licences Nos. 3666-3708 inclusive are attached.

So as not to encumber the signing of the licences by the Minister the documents will be impressed with his Seal over his signature before returning the originals to Wellington Colliery Company.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER MINERAL RESOURCES	REC'D OCT 5 1977	REFERRED TO	DATE	INITIAL					


 A. R. Corner,
 Administrator for Coal.