



To: The Honourable Don Phillips
Minister of Industry, Tourism
and Small Business Development
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Date: December 11, 1979

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Subject: Quinsam Coal Project

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This memo is intended to confirm the handwritten note passed to you by Lorne and referred to by Wally at CCED this morning.

I organized and chaired a meeting held on November 5 between officials of Quinsam Coal (Mr. Tribe, Mr. Curcio) and the province (Mr. Marr, Mr. Macgregor, Mr. McKeown and Mr. Malkinson). At that meeting Quinsam officials explained their market contract (Elsam); their port constraints (Discovery Spit); their trucking problems (off-highway versus on-highway); their timing constraints (order equipment in spring 1980); and their uncertainty over government approvals (municipal, provincial, federal). I understand the same issues were raised again today.

On November 5, in response to Mr. Tribe's request for a letter of approval in principle from the province, we gave Quinsam the following directions:

- (1) Complete and submit Stage II studies under the Guidelines for Coal Development as soon as possible. (They said by the end of January 1980). The CGSC would then be directed to review the studies and submit their recommendations to ELUC within 60 days.
- (2) Hold meetings in Campbell River with elected officials and the general public in order to inform them of the project, and to seek their concurrence (or objections) to the proposed mine, truck haul, and port.
- (3) Even though the CGSC is working cooperatively with the federal Ministry of Fisheries, Quinsam must expect to hold separate meetings with these federal officials when their Stage II reports are submitted to seek their support for the mine plan as it affects the Quinsam River and the port site as it affects the Campbell River estuary.

We told Mr. Tribe on November 5 that until the above three actions were completed, it was difficult to recommend any form of approval in principle because of the complexity (and emotional nature) of the issues. We then advised them to contact you, which resulted in the request to meet with CCED.

On a related issue, government staff are currently reviewing the British Columbia Harbour Board's Master Plan Study for Campbell River. Several concerns have been raised about the study, the most serious of them being that the costs of ship size constraints were not taken into account when the BCHB's consultants recommended Middle Point over Discovery Spit. These comments have been passed on to Mr. King and we hope they will be incorporated into the final report. We will advise you by further memo of the status of the BCHB study after we hear from the consultants regarding our comments.

If you have any questions on the above matters, please advise us.



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Dear Mrs. Duncan:

RE: PROPOSED QUINSAM COAL DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your invitation to the scheduled 1980-01-16 meeting of the Campbell River Environmental Council. I will be pleased to attend, and will probably be accompanied by Ray Crook, Secretary to the Coal Guidelines Steering Committee.

Please confirm the time of the meeting when convenient.

Yours truly,

Erik Karlsen

Erik Karlsen
Chairman (Acting)
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Mr. Otto Langer, Environmental Protection Service
Mr. J. Tribe, Manager, Quinsam Project



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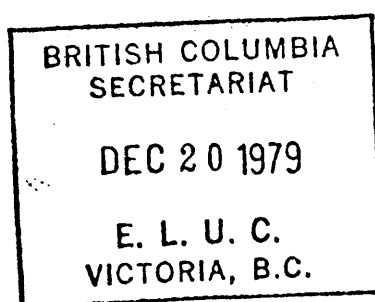
Dear Mr. Karlsen:

The Council would be most pleased to have you attend our public information meeting on January 16th, 1980, as mentioned on the phone last week. The meeting will be held in Cedar School gymnasium, near the corner of Cedar and Second Avenue (east) across from the Campbell River Winter Club curling rink. Tentative hour is 7:30 p.m.--there is a group who regularly meets at this time and are try to arrange a different day to accomodate us. We will let you know the exact time before you come.

Seasons greetings and I hope you enjoy your holiday.

Sincerely,

(Mrs) Shirley Duncan, for
Campbell River Environmental Council





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Dear Mrs. Duncan:

RE: PROPOSED QUINSAM COAL DEVELOPMENT

Further to our telephone discussion last week and to correspondence on this project which I circulated to you last April (1979-04-25), I wish to advise you that Quinsam Coal Limited has not received any approvals for their project from the Provincial Government. After a lapse of some months, the developer has only recently renewed discussions with the Coal Guidelines Steering Committee regarding the contents of its Stage II submission for this project. These discussions have resulted in agreement between the developer and the C.G.S.C. on the enclosed draft table of contents for this submission. You will note that this has been annotated to give direction on specific aspects of the project where the C.G.S.C. felt that such direction was required following review of the company's Stage I submission.

I should also point out that the Federal Government's Regional Screening and Coordinating Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Otto Langer (Environmental Protection Service, Kapilano 100, Park Royal, West Vancouver, B.C. V7T 1A2, telephone 666-6711) is currently reviewing the table of contents. He will be contacting me and Mr. J. Tribe of Quinsam Coal Limited to convey his Committee's comments in the near future. I have advised both Mr. Langer and Mr. Tribe that I am sending to you the draft table of contents at this time, even though these may be augmented as a result of the Federal Government's review. I should also point out that, as a result of discussions since the draft table of contents was produced, Mr. Tribe has advised me that he will be reporting on the potential

effects of dredging in the Tyee Spit area. Regarding the status of work on the Stage II submission, Provincial and Federal Government agencies are currently reviewing various consultant reports prepared for Quinsam Coal Limited to determine whether these will provide sufficient information for the preparation of an acceptable Stage II submission pursuant to the Guidelines for Coal Development. We hope to be advising Mr. Tribe on this matter early in January. Meanwhile, Quinsam Coal Limited is proceeding with work on their Stage II submission, using the draft table of contents as a guide.

In closing, I wish to reiterate that no approvals have been given to the developer; rather the developer has been advised that it must complete an acceptable Stage II submission before such consideration can be given. I would also note that, if you wish me to attend a meeting of the Campbell River Environmental Council in January to explain the Coal Guidelines process and how this is being applied to the Quinsam Coal Project, I would be pleased to do so. I have also spoken to Otto Langer regarding the possibility of his attendance at such a meeting, and he has asked me to suggest to you that you approach him directly on this.

If you have any questions, or if you wish me to attend a meeting, please call me (387-5795) during the week of January 7, 1980.

Yours truly,

Erik Karlson

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