

MacSmith Coal

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ISSUES:

* Pipeline Road gravel pit issues have taken the spotlight this week: (i) Coquitlam S & G application to divert Fulton Creek hit regulatory roadblock at MELP; regional office may approve diversion as part of mine plan instead; (ii) attempts to broker a deal between Coquitlam S & G and Allard for remediation of Pit A have been unsuccessful so far; legal action may be only recourse; (iii) erosion of Cewe's M-Pit has resulted in complaint of public safety and trespass issues from Westbild subdivision; again legal action has been threatened; (iv) FOI requests and media enquiries being dealt with.

* Regional staff responded to complaints of noise, dust, traffic and hours of operation at Lake Erroch Quarry; pit was being operated in compliance with permit; residents have threatened civil disobedience.

Macktush
* Road deactivation activities on the Macktush property have led to allegations of damage to exploration trenches, drillsites and equipment owned by SYMC Resources; meeting of MEI, MOF, MacMillan Blcedel and SYMC planned for May 5th to review issue.

FYI:

Tsable
* VIMDRC met with Tsable River Coal Corp.; application for 90,000-tonne bulk sample from Tsable River property is expected in 2 weeks.

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* VIMDRC also met with Pacific West Coal Ltd.; application for mining of old coal waste on Mac Smith property in South Wellington is progressing; revised application with additional detail is expected in 6 weeks.

ADMIN:

* Carol Howell visited Nanaimo office to review permitting and other admin procedures with regional staff.