

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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# Update on Colliery Dams available on City website

Report outlines details on work completed to date

## **Summary**

Members of the community seeking information on the Colliery Dams can review a report presented to Council during its public meeting held March 24. The report, presented to Council as an update on the work being carried out by the Technical Committee, contains details on the analysis completed by Golder Associates, the engineering firm contracted to examine the dams. Also included are recent recommendations by the Technical Committee, a summary of current consultant costs and budget information.

Strategic Link: Ongoing measures to work with the community to find solutions for, and identify risks associated with, the Lower and Middle Colliery Dams, support the City's strategic priority to take responsibility to be an excellent municipal government.

### **Key Points**

- The Technical Committee continues to examine options to remediate the Lower and Middle Colliery Dams in place.
- The Technical Committee, working with Golder Associates, has determined that additional analysis is required in order to make a clear recommendation on the most viable remediation option for the dams.
- A final report from the Technical Committee is expected in May, 2014.

#### Quotes

"Monday night's update to Council and supporting report outlined the steps taken through 2014 thus far to examine solutions for the Colliery Dams. The Technical Committee continues in their work to identify a solution that is an environmentally minimally invasive, cost and time effective remediation solution that meets safety standards."

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