

NEWS RELEASE

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Update: Colliery Dams

Summary

At its meeting of March 16, Nanaimo City Council received a staff report regarding the Colliery Dams. The report summarized various dam remediation options and provided information on a letter the City received from the Provincial Dam Safety Section dated February 25. The letter from the Province stated the City must provide a plan and timeline for action to be undertaken on the dams by March 27, 2015.

Following discussion on the dams, Council passed a motion to develop and implement the subsequent plans:

- Colliery Dams Emergency Preparedness Plan
- Colliery Dams Surveillance Plan; and
- Colliery Dams Flood Routing Capacity Action Plan

The motion, approved by Council, has been forwarded to the Province.

Strategic Link: Taking responsibility to be an excellent municipal government.

Key Points

- Finding a solution to the Colliery Dams remains a key priority of Council and staff.
- As new information becomes available, the City will continue to provide the public with updates on the Colliery Dams.

Quotes

"On behalf of Council, staff have sent a letter to the province outlining the motion voted on Monday. We are currently waiting for a reply back and further discussion."

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