

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Colliery Dams Update

*City granted temporary stay*

#### Summary

The City of Nanaimo has been advised that a temporary stay of the Comptroller's Order of April 29th concerning the Lower and Middle Colliery Dams will be granted. The temporary stay (approximately two to four weeks in duration) will allow time for the Environmental Appeal Board (EAB) to consider if they are prepared to grant a full stay for the Comptroller of Water Rights' Order. If the EAB agrees to a stay, the Comptroller's Order will be held in abeyance until the EAB hears the City's appeal of the Order, a process that typically takes several months to complete.

Having obtained the temporary stay, Council will not receive a report regarding the Colliery Dams at its upcoming meeting June 1st.

*Strategic Link: N/A*

#### Key Points

- A temporary stay to the Comptroller's Order will be granted.
- The temporary stay will likely be for two to four weeks, allowing time for the EAB to consider the stay application.
- If the stay is granted, the appeal of the Order will be heard by the EAB, delaying the need for City Council to make a decision on the remediation for the Lower Colliery Dam.

#### Quotes

"Having received a temporary stay, staff will not be providing a report to Council at its upcoming meeting June 1st."

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