

NEWS RELEASE

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Colliery Dams update

Summary

On June 22, Council passed a motion to write to the Comptroller of Water Rights regarding an alternate course of action to remediate the Colliery Dams. On June 24, the City received a letter from the lawyer representing the Comptroller denying the alternate course of action proposed by the City.

The City's application to the Environmental Appeal Board (EAB) for a stay of the Comptroller's Order is being considered by the EAB. It is expected a decision of the EAB will be received in the next one to two weeks.

Strategic Link: N/A

Key Points

- The Comptroller has denied the City's request.
- The EAB is considering the City's application for a stay.
- The decision of the EAB is expected in one to two weeks.

Quotes

"The Comptroller's rejection of the City's proposed alternative course of action further reinforces the need for the City to evaluate the two previously identified remediation options for the dams."

Bill McKay
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- Council's proposed alternate course of action included - completing remediation on both dams by 2017, remediation work on the middle dam in 2015, establishing/updating various flooding/emergency plans, creating a select committee, undertaking additional engineering studies.

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