

NEWS RELEASE

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Colliery Dam Update

Summary

During its meeting May 18, Council received a number of delegations and advice from the City Solicitor regarding applying for an appeal and stay to the Comptroller of Water Rights' revised Order, received April 29, regarding remediation of the Colliery Dams. The appeal to the Comptroller's Order would be made to the Environmental Appeal Board, who would consider the appeal and request for a stay which, if the stay is granted, would set aside the Comptroller's Order until the appeal is heard. After a lengthy discussion, Council directed staff to have the City Solicitor submit an application for an appeal and stay, plus request a meeting with the Provincial Deputy Minister responsible for dams in BC and the Comptroller. A further report regarding the Colliery Dams will be received by Council at its June 1 meeting.

Strategic Link: N/A

Key Points

- Council has directed the City Solicitor to submit a stay and broad appeal to the Environmental Appeal Board regarding the Colliery Dams.
- Council has authorized the Mayor and a delegation to request a meeting with the Deputy Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and the Comptroller of Water Rights.

Quotes

"The City Solicitor is preparing documents to support the application for an appeal and stay which must be submitted prior to May 29."

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