

# Minutes of the Special Meeting of the CoalWatch Comox Valley Society Officers and Directors

February 23, 2011

Meeting convened at 10:45am at the residence of Cam Connor

Those in attendance: John Snyder, Cam Connor, Terry Avery, Ross Walton and Jaye Castledon

Agenda: Discuss the letter from Minister Coell and CoalWatch's response to it.

After a reading of the Minister Coell letter by John Snyder the following motion was made by John Snyder and seconded by Cam Connor.

The motion reads as follows:

GIVEN that CoalWatch believes that there is a potential for significant widespread environmental effects from the Raven Coal Mine Project and that there is widespread public concern over this project and...

GIVEN that the full impact of this coal mine project cannot be adequately known without:

1. an environmental assessment by a joint federal/provincial independent expert review panel with public hearings.
2. complete aquifer mapping and modeling of the entire region effected by the Raven Project being completed BEFORE the environmental assessment goes any further and ...

GIVEN that CoalWatch has repeatedly asked both the Federal and Provincial governments for these studies and that these requests have been denied and ...

Given that numerous citizens, environmental groups, relevant local governments, and newly formed groups opposed to the Raven Project have requested these measures and ...

GIVEN that both the CEAA and BCEAO, in our opinion, are refusing to exercise due diligence regarding the environmental assessment of this Raven Coal Mine Project ...

I hereby make a motion that the CoalWatch Comox Valley Society officially oppose the Raven Coal Mine Project, and that our public messaging regarding the project reflect this opposition.

After no discussion, the vote to approve the motion was unanimous and the motion was carried.

A discussion ensued about how CoalWatch should notify other groups about our opposition to the Raven project and it was decided that John and Cam will draft a letter to send to interested groups and organizations.

The official business of the meeting being completed, the meeting adjourned at 10:55am.

Minutes taken by John Snyder