

DIRA Regular General Meeting
May 10, 2010
Motion: Raven Coal Mine Project

Whereas coal for electricity generation and steel-making is the largest source of atmospheric carbon, and coal used anywhere in the world contributes to global climate change;

Whereas the development of the Raven Coal Mine is in contradiction to the provincial Climate Action Plan to reduce BC's carbon footprint;

Whereas on January 11, 2010 the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA), citing concerns about potential human and environmental hazards, resolved to write to the Islands Trust Council and Denman Local Trustees asking that they to "do everything possible to ensure that the Raven Coal development is stopped";

Whereas on March 24, 2010 the Islands Trust Council passed a unanimous resolution in opposition to the Raven Coal Mine Project;

Whereas DIRA believes there is an urgent duty to preserve and protect the planet to the best of its ability and wishes to make its position on the Raven Coal Mine Project known to the provincial government;

Be It Resolved that DIRA write Premier Gordon Campbell, Barry Penner (Minister of Environment), Blair Lekstrom (Minister of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources) and John Yap (Minister of State for Climate Action) with a copy of this motion expressing DIRA's opposition to the Raven Coal Mine Project; and,

Be it further resolved that a copy of the letter be sent to all residents associations between Courtenay and Port Alberni asking each to pass a similar resolution, to regional media for publication and to MLAs (Alberni-Pacific Rim, Parksville-Qualicum and Comox Valley).