



Council News, May 23, 2017

Teck Coal Ltd. Update

Nic Milligan provided an update on mine activities throughout the Elk Valley. He reported that the global steel demand is improving and the coal prices have gone up. Teck managed to maintain its operations during the coal price slump of the past few years and remains competitive on the steelmaking coal margin curve. Coal Mountain Operations will close in the first quarter of 2018 as the coal will be depleted in that area.

Centermount Coal Ltd. Update (May 15th Committee of the Whole)

The company continues to move forward in the Environmental Assessment process in relation to Bingay Main Coal Project located north of Elkford. The environmental assessment application will be submitted later this year following public consultation. The company will then await the receipt of the required regulatory approvals. The mine plan has been updated and will include one surface pit, a processing plant, one topsoil stockpile, and one material disposal stockpile. Planned annual production is between 1 and 2 million tonnes which will be transported by rail to market through a port on the west coast. Construction works are planned to commence in late 2018 and operations to begin in 2021. Future employment is predicted between 150 to 250 direct employees.

2017 Access Management Program

Conservation Officer Patricia Burley provided an overview of the program and its activities. It is focused on enforcement and education of users of access areas. In 2017 CO Burley plans to conduct school presentations, field education, and meetings with stakeholders, all in addition to her routine patrol activities.

Public Works Office Expansion

Council approved an expansion to the Public Works Office that will include the addition of 4 separate offices, a reception area, a lunch/training room, a kitchen, and a locker room.

Upcoming Events

Council approved attendance at the following events:

Royal Canadian Air Cadets, Annual Ceremonial Review, June 1, 2017

Coal Miner Days Parade, June 10, 2017

Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association Convention, June 15&16, 2017

