



Office of Mayor Greg Moore

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VIA EMAIL

Honourable Murray Coell
Minister of Environment
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Dear Minister Coell:

RE: WATER SUSTAINABILITY ACT – POLICY PROPOSAL

I am writing this letter in response to your letter of December 17th, 2010 requesting comments on the Policy Proposal for the new *Water Sustainability Act*.

First, I would like to say that I am pleased that the Province is bringing forward modern legislation to regulate groundwater, which is a valuable resource in BC that requires protection.

The Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam's Council, at its regular meeting of February 14th, 2011 passed the following resolution:

That the City of Port Coquitlam supports the proposal to modernize the Water Act, including the application of regulations on an area-based model;

That the Province require water licencees of irrigation/hydroelectric/water storage dams to undertake appropriate flood protection measures, such as operating procedures, inspections and structural upgrading for public safety and to help prevent downstream property flooding in developed areas of the province;

That the administration and enforcement of the Water Sustainability Act not be transferred to local government and remain the sole responsibility of the Province;

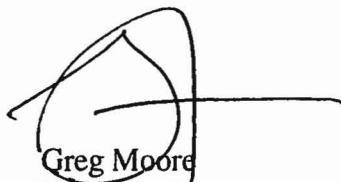
That Water Rights not be traded as a commercial commodity, and should remain in public hands for the benefit of all British Columbians; and

That local governments be given an opportunity to comment on drafts of the proposed new Water Sustainability Act.

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Thank you for your consideration of Council's comments on the Policy Proposal and I look forward to receiving the draft of the proposed new *Water Sustainability Act*.

Sincerely,



Greg Moore
Mayor

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