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Mr. Mike LoVecchio Canadian Pacific Railway Suite 500, Gulf Canada Square #401 – 9th Avenue SW Calgary AB, T2P 4Z4

Re: Support for Ms. Marijke Dake: Escaping Coal Dust from CP Rail Cars

Dear Mike LoVecchio,

Thank you for meeting with me on Friday January 19th to discuss issues concerning Canadian Pacific operations in the Shuswap, and more specifically the matter relating to increasing concerns of coal dusting from rail cars travelling through the Shuswap. I very much appreciate your proactive efforts to apprise my office of issues impacting CP's operations in the Shuswap and you making yourself available to discuss areas of concern.

As discussed during our meeting, the concern of coal dusting from rail cars was first brought to my attention Saturday August 5th while attending an event at the Sicamous Beach Park, where I witnessed a significant amount of coal dust emanating from rail cars crossing the Sicamous Narrows. I also received numerous concerns from marina operators in the Sicamous channel citing evidence of coal dust on boats and equipment in the vicinity of the train bridge.

Subsequently, my office received communications of concern from my constituent Ms. Marijke Dake, expressing concerns of coal dusting emanating from a westbound train in the vicinity of the rail crossing at Raven.

I appreciate your candor in sharing the current efforts CP undertakes to mitigate coal dust emissions from rail cars, and sharing the additional measures that CP is investigating to further reduce coal dust emissions from rail cars travelling through the Shuswap.

Following our meeting, I had the pleasure to meet with Ms. Marijke Dake, who provided copies of information and research she has collected in efforts to better understand coal dust emissions from rail cars, related health concerns and potential mitigation solutions. I was impressed by the amount of time and effort Ms. Dake has undertaken in researching this issue as well as the collaborative manner in which she is addressing this matter.

As MLA for the Shuswap, I wish to lend my support to Ms. Dake in her efforts to mitigate coal dust being emitted from rail cars travelling through the Shuswap, and trust that you will copy my office on further communications with local government and concerned residents regarding this issue.

Please accept my appreciation for the efforts of CP Rail in addressing this issue, and working swiftly to identify various mitigation options to address this issue, including but not limited to the "re-wetting" pilot project as discussed.

Sincerely

Greg Kyllo, M

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