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Dear Sir or Madame,

Re: Public Hearing presentation request

The Council for the Town of Pincher Creek is requesting the opportunity to present in person to the Panel charged with the hearing of evidence regarding the Benga Mine/Grassy Mountain Coal Project in southwest Alberta.

The Town of Pincher Creek is located approximately 50 km east of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass where the mine will be located and operated. Our two municipalities are neighbors within the SW corner of Alberta, where the economy, housing, recreation, health and resident welfare is all directly affected.

While the Town is not an expert in environmental issues, we will not present an opinion in that regard. We do however represent the second largest municipal population of the area, next to the Crowsnest Pass itself. As the local public's elected representative, we are very aware and educated in the region and the social and economic conditions. As such, the Pincher Creek Town Council requests the opportunity to make a presentation at the public hearing, tentatively scheduled for October 2020. It is unlikely that we would provide any duplication of material, and we feel that the coal mine project will have a direct and potentially profound effect on the Town and region of Pincher Creek, i.e. housing, schooling, emergency services, and social and recreational facilities and operations and other varied municipal services. The Town is very supportive of the proposed coal mine project and would welcome the increased population and related economic activity.

As a format of the public hearing we would prefer an in person hearing, however we are very familiar with the virtual format if required.

We look forward to your favorable response and the opportunity to represent our community and residents regarding this project.

Yours truly,

<Original signed by>

Mayor Don Anderberg
Town of Pincher Creek