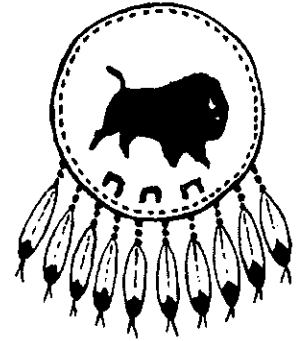


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Review Panel Manager
Grassy Mountain Coal Project
160 Elgin Street, 22nd Floor, Ottawa ON K1A 0H3
Reference Number: #80101

Subject: Letter of Support for the Grassy Mountain Coal Project

Piikani Nation proudly supports the Grassy Mountain Coal Project.

We have been involved with Riversdale Resources since their arrival in the region. Throughout our years of consultation, they have shown great respect for our traditions, cultural values and concerns for the land. For this reason, we signed a formal Impact Benefit Agreement (IBA) in 2016 to enter into a partnership with Riversdale Resources.

Currently, Piikani Nation has over 4500 registered members and a land mass of approximately 46,677 hectares, encompassing some of the most resource rich land in the world. The area where Grassy Mountain is located sits within the Piikani Nation Territory. At the Signing of the Blackfoot Treaty (Referred to: Treaty # 7) signed between the Federal Crown and the Piikani Nation, along with the Blood Tribe, Siksika Nation, Sarcee, and the Stoney Tribe, on September 22, 1877, at Blackfoot Crossing situated on the Siksika First Nation, located east of Calgary, Alberta. Our Piikani Nation Chief who signed Treaty on behalf of the Piikani Nation, Chief Sitting Behind an Eagle Tail, outlined the territory for the Piikani Nation, which included the area where Grassy Mountain is located.

Our membership, approximately 40% live off reserve in order to fulfill needs that cannot currently be met in our community like education, housing and employment.

This reality is why our partnership with Riversdale Resources and the success of the Grassy Mountain Coal Project is so important to our Nation. We, the Piikani people, are leaders in Aboriginal governance and politics in Canada, but we need economic development to bring further leadership, opportunities and prosperity to our people.

Our partnership with Riversdale Resources will allow us to provide employment, training and education to our members. It will spur business development opportunities for local entrepreneurs and help build economies on our reserve. It will increase the administration's capacity to provide community programming and robust support for our members. Most importantly, our partnership will ensure we can continue to be stewards of our land by working with Riversdale Resources on environmental protection and mitigation activities that encompass both traditional and modern methods.

Closing, it is our hope that with this project that is underway, will reduce the unemployment rate, put our highly skilled members to work, increase the quality of life on reserve and create a brighter future for generations to come.

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Yours truly,



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