



May 3, 2021

Honourable Sonya Savage
Minister of Energy
324 Legislature Building
10800-97 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Savage:

I am writing on behalf of Alberta's urban municipalities to thank you for suspending all Category 2 coal explorations, pending the completion of the public consultations. AUMA looks forward to participating in these consultations and we trust the engagement of local government representatives will be inclusive and comprehensive so that consultations remain effective and credible.

In addition to meaningful consultation with local governments, AUMA believes that the Coal Policy Committee's Terms of Reference must be holistic and include both Water and Land Use. We understand that this will require collaboration between provincial Ministries; however, it is AUMA's position that a provincial coal policy can be neither effective nor credible if it does not consider the cumulative environmental impacts of coal exploration.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact me by email at president@auma.ca or my cell phone at (403) 363-9224. Thank you again for engaging Alberta's municipalities on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Barry Morishita
AUMA President

CC: Honourable Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks
His Worship Craig Snodgrass, Mayor of the Town of High River