



April 19, 2021

Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Environment & Climate Change
Environment and Climate Change Canada

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Dear Minister Wilkinson:

Re: Water Allocation Licenses

On behalf of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass we are writing concerning a joint letter written to you by our neighboring municipalities, the MD of Ranchland and the MD of Pincher Creek of March 25, 2021.

While we share in their desire to ensure water quality and quantity in our region, we also must reiterate to your ministry that the water allocation is intended to be shared among the three municipalities. With that being said, we feel that our right to support our residents is being ignored. In that regard, we are requesting that equal consideration be granted to all three municipalities especially taking into account that a certain portion is dedicated to industrial activities.

The intent of the agreement on apportionment encourages and respects each Province's autonomy to independently manager water resources. Further to that, the agreement states that the water is to be used for the most effective and, economical and beneficial use of waters. While our neighboring municipalities wish to ensure the water resources for their economic drivers specifically farming and ranching, our economic driver is mining which is being blatantly disregarded. We believe that each Municipality must have the opportunity to protect the very thing that makes for a viable and sustainable economy.

We thank you for your understanding of our concerns, and hope that you will consider all perspectives regarding this very important issue.

Sincerely,

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