

April 28, 2008

Ms. Tracey Butler
Deputy Clerk
City of Rossland
1899 Columbia Avenue
Rossland, BC V0G 1Y0

Dear Ms. Butler:

Subject: Request for release of information pursuant to

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND
BYLAW #1842**

The Citizens for Responsible Development request access, without delay, to the development application filed by Red Mountain Ventures, or filed by any other entity acting on behalf of Red Mountain Ventures, on or about April 18, 2008 pertaining to golf course development and any related commercial or residential development within the City of Rossland.

Sections of Bylaw #1842 that pertain to this request:

3 (2) Council hereby authorizes the Deputy Clerk to perform the following duties or exercise the following functions of the Head under the Act:

9 (1) The power to, without delay, disclose to the public, to an affected group of people or to an applicant information:

(a) about a risk of significant harm to the environment or to the health or safety of the public or a group of people, or

(b) the disclosure of which is, for any other reason, clearly in the public interest

CRD is not requesting a complete copy of the entire application. CRD is requesting access to the entire application so as to identify those portions of the application relating to:

1. The location of the golf course and any related commercial or residential development, either within the Rossland Watershed Environmentally Sensitive Area ESA Development Permit Area or extending beyond the Red Mountain Land Use Designations, Schedule 2 – Land Use, Bylaw #2279 dated February 18, 2005.

2. The projected costs of any and all municipal infrastructure whether provided by the developer or the City
3. Economic impact data for:
 - Golf course operations – annual impacts
 - Golf visitor expenditures – annual impacts
 - Incremental municipal property tax
 - Developers contribution to municipal infrastructure
 - * development cost charges
 - * sewer cost charges
 - * subdivision servicing
 - * ongoing city maintenance costs
4. The entirety of all information relating to water management, including, but not limited to:
 - water demand estimates
 - irrigation requirements
 - watershed data including yield and flow estimates
 - water supply options
 - stormwater management
5. Construction phase and post construction Best Management Practices for the golf course, and related commercial and residential development.

CRD estimates that access to the plan for a period of approximately 4 hours will be sufficient to identify the specific records for which copies are required. We estimate that the number of copies required will be in the range of 100 – 200 8.5 x 11 pages.

The 900+ signature petition submitted to the City on February 25, 2008 asking that Council not permit any developments such as the proposed golf course and residential development in community watershed confirms the clear public interest. The Council's Planning and Development Committee meeting on April 8 in response to the petition further confirm the public interest.

Risk of significant harm to the environment and to public health through contamination of the community's drinking water may result from the golf course and related commercial and residential development. Public interest in these risks were confirmed at the April 24 public Strategic Sustainability Plan public meeting where many residents challenged Council's exclusion of WATER from their high priority list of strategic actions and not a single resident supported Council's preliminary decision to exclude water from high priority ranking.

For the reasons stated above, and in accordance with Bylaw #1842, CRD requests that Rossland Deputy Clerk Ms. Tracey Butler perform the duties authorized by that Bylaw and make the entirety of the above specified development application available, without delay, and no later than 10:00 am on April 29, 2008 at Rossland City Hall.

Sincerely yours,
Citizens for Responsible Development