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Mayor and Councillors,

On Friday, June 27, John Hughes of CBC Radio in Nelson interviewed Dr. Cheryl Hume and Mayor Gord Smith about the letter of health concerns from over 30 Rossland doctors regarding the RMV proposed golf resort.

Below is the transcription of what Mayor Smith said on CBC radio:

***“What is for me my foremost personal concern, I’m a father of 2 young children in the community, so this is the key issue that needs to be examined by the community.”***

Then, John Hughes continues by saying:

***“Smith said he will send the letter to a consulting firm for review. A copy will also go to the developer at Red Mountain Ventures.”***

WHO is the “consulting firm” that Mayor Smith refers to for a review of the doctors’ letter?

To date, to my best knowledge, only RMV’s groundwater consultant, Stuart Cohen, has responded to the doctors’ letter, so I wonder if Mayor Smith sent the doctors’ letter to any other consultant or if he considers Mr. Cohen a consultant qualified to address this issue in the best interests of the Rossland community as a whole?

Mr. Cohen is engaged by RMV and is therefore motivated to address issues in a manner which supports RMV’s desired outcome.

Furthermore, Mr. Cohen holds a Ph.D. in “Physical Organic Chemistry” and is a CGWP (“Certified Ground Water Professional”). See his impressive bio here: <http://www.environmentalandturf.com/about/staff/cohen/> However, none of his credentials qualify him to address issues raised by Rossland’s medical professionals.

Rossland’s medical professionals have raised their concerns about the RMV golf resort proposal. Many Rosslanders share the doctors’ concerns and are looking to the leadership of Rossland Council for representation that respects and honours these concerns.

Please do not approve a golf course resort in Rossland’s community watershed.

So many vital issues have not been properly addressed.

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