

Letter Writing Message Samples- Current Concerns

- It is also known in Ymir that acid-containing rock is present in our hills. Disturbing the landscape with roads could potentially release these toxic acids and minerals into our water. Not to mention, the contaminants from the machinery themselves.
- Immediate major concerns involve a lack of hydrology data, lack of geological data and the absence of a long term contingency plan to provide the community with a water supply if the development plan is flawed and our current water becomes unuseable.
- We need at minimum a three-year thorough baseline hydrological study of Quartz Creek, not some averaged, computer-model of our watershed. A minimum of three years before any development commences, done by independent hydrologists qualified to study creek drainages used as community water sources.
- There is evidence, revealed by excavating for the foundations of our new water reservoir, that rock underlying the watershed becomes acidic if exposed to air and moisture. It is an absolute necessity to know where this "acid rock" occurs and how to avoid it so it doesn't pollute the water with sulfuric acid- before machines start digging.
- We need to understand the ecology of the watershed and how the entire drainage system operates before we start messing with it. There is no small lake or pond at the headwaters of Quartz Creek. The water comes from the sky as rain and snow.
- Our water source is unusual and specific. It has no lake or pond at its headwater. We want a baseline study for at least three years to ascertain basic data like snowfall and melt water quantities and water qualities that only a multi-year study can show.
- I want some sort of projection of the possible impacts of climate change and how those would affect the watershed and the water in future.
- We need a thorough geological study of the soil and underlying rock to uncover any potential conditions which if disturbed could pollute the water rendering it unuseable.
- We require some firm commitments on a number of things before machines start ripping up the environment that provides the water that flows down the creek into Ymir's water system and into our homes.

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- The people of Ymir are strong and forward- minded. There is a shared awareness of health and wellness among the community, and we care about what we choose to eat and drink, making this town's water a wonderful perk to living where we live.
- We are good people, and truly don't deserve to lose a vital part of what keeps us alive. Our water is delicious; I guarantee you've never tried anything like it.
- I am resident of this funny little community -- 15 years next summer. I came for the inexpensive housing and stayed because it became my home. I like the quirky people, the kids that play safely on the streets, the people who gather at any excuse in our old-but-great community hall or the restored school up back.
- I like it here, I want to stay. I don't want development to destroy Quartz Creek water.
- I am resident of Ymir who is very concerned about plans to log Quartz Creek Watershed next summer. I am worried that it will have serious, detrimental consequences to Ymir's water supply which comes from Quartz Creek.
- As everyone knows water is essential for life and without it people and towns die.
- I am a committed citizen of my community, my long-term home. It's a great place bring up my kids. I don't know of many places where youngsters can play in the streets freely without parents being worried. Neighbours here take care of each other and each others' children. People here don't just talk about things like a community skateboard park. They simply get out, raise the necessary money and build it. In winter a householder builds a skating rink on a vacant lot for everyone to use. That's our town.
- If this proposal proceeds it will destroy the Quartz Creek drainage as a water source for our village. There is no other reasonable alternative to give us treatable and economically viable water, Ymir will become a dead town, even more a ghost town that it was in the early 20th Century when the mine closed.
- The RDCK, with Ymir's water taxes, and federal and provincial support, invested \$1.7 million in a water treatment system and water reservoir. If the water source is ruined that investment, and our own residential investment, becomes worthless.

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