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Mount Polley Independent Expert Engineering Review Panel
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Attention: Norbert Norgensern

Dear Sir,

Re: Call for Written Submission to the Mount Polley Independent Expert

Thank you for the opportunity to send a written submission from the public in Horsefly, regarding Mount Polley.

The Horsefly District Board of Trade had a meeting last night and discussed this issue. Horsefly residents feel that it is unfortunate that the tailings pond breached, but give credit to Imperial Metals because they were trying to do something about the problem, and were not permitted to do so, because of pressure from First Nations and Environment Ministries. Mount Polley is also doing an excellent job at the clean up at Quesnel Lake – that fact is recognized by Horsefly residents, and many people who live here are working on that clean up, so have first hand knowledge.

There are many people who work at Mount Polley, that live in Horsefly. We did a rough count on the numbers, and there are approx. 10% of the population working there. That is a big statistic, because most people out here are retired, so the mine is actually our biggest employer.

Horsefly needs to retain it's young people. Most of them move away to the oil patch in Alberta. For a community to be healthy it needs young people.

It is for that reason that the Horsefly District Board of Trade strongly supports the re-opening of Mount Polley mine as soon as possible.

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There are no members on the Board that are knowledgeable enough to comment on the failing of the storage pond, management practices, and future changes.

However, we would really like to take advantage of this opportunity to express our opinion that the re-opening of the mine should be the highest priority, and that should happen as soon as possible, so that the communities of Horsefly, Likely and Williams Lake have employment possibilities.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leonard Teppema".

Leonard Teppema
President, Horsefly District Board of Trade
By: Linda Bartsch, Secretary