



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES:

CITY OF ARMSTRONG
DISTRICT OF COLDSTREAM
CITY OF ENDERBY

VILLAGE OF LUMBY
TOWNSHIP OF SPALLUMCHEEN
CITY OF VERNON

ELECTORAL AREAS:

"B" – SWAN LAKE
"C" – B.X. DISTRICT
"D" – LUMBY (RURAL)

"E" – CHERRYVILLE
"F" – ENDERBY (RURAL)

OFFICE OF: Electoral Area "D" Director

FILE No.: 0530 - D

June 3, 2011

The Honourable Shirley Bond
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Box 9053 STN PROV GOVT
Victoria B.C. V8W 9E2

Dear Minister:

Re: Proposed Correctional Facility – Village of Lumby

As the representative for Electoral Area "D" in the Regional District of North Okanagan, I wish to reiterate my support for the residents of Electoral Area "D" who have clearly stated their opposition to a correctional facility in the Village of Lumby.

Electoral Area "D" envelops the Village of Lumby with a significant number of residents living within the first few kilometres of the Village boundary. Area "D" is an integral part of Lumby's social and economic well being with children attending schools in Lumby and residents supporting local businesses and belonging to Lumby community clubs and churches.

A project of this magnitude expands beyond the borders of Lumby. Consideration needs to be given to the impact on water courses in Area "D", as well as services such as waste disposal, sewage treatment and effluent discharge that are provided in Area "D". The Shuswap River and the rural beauty of Area "D" have given rise to numerous tourism businesses which have already been, and will continue to be, severely impacted by the stigma attached to a prison town. This project affects the entire Lumby community, not just the Village, and is one of the fundamental reasons why I conducted an Opinion Poll for Area "D" residents.

The results of the Opinion Polls conducted in both the Village of Lumby and Electoral Area "D" are as follows:

Electoral Area "D" - 1,101 residents voted - **66% voted NO**

Village of Lumby - 875 residents voted - **44% voted NO**

Lumby Community (Area "D" and Lumby combined) – 1976 residents voted - **56% voted NO**

Village of Lumby Mayor Kevin Acton concurs that Area "D" and the Village of Lumby are one community, as he was quoted in the Morning Star on April 29, 2011, "I can only speak for myself but my sense is Council will go with what the Community wants. ... We consider Area "D" as the Lumby community. It's one community."

I implore the Province to consider the wishes of the "entire" community by recognizing the NO position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Fairbairn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R".

Director Rick Fairbairn
Electoral Area "D"

cc: Honourable Christy Clark, Premier
Honourable Eric Foster, MLA
Honourable Kevin Acton, Village of Lumby Mayor
Herman Halvorson, RDNO Board Chair
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