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Her Worship Mayor Jessoa Lightfoot
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Dear Mayor Lightfoot and Council,

On behalf of the members of the Coal Alliance, congratulations on your re-election as Mayor for Lytton. We have no doubt that your experience and expertise will continue to serve your community well.

The Coal Alliance brings together representatives from the coal industry, including mines, marine terminals, railways, industry associations and others who support the responsible mining and shipping of coal in British Columbia.

In addition we have support from a number of labour organizations, representing the tens of thousands of employees who work in the industry. Together, our aim is to ensure British Columbians have the facts about the coal industry – how coal is safely mined and transported and the many benefits coal provides British Columbians and the world around us.

The coal industry is an important economic generator for communities such as Lytton and the province of British Columbia. It is responsible for more than 26,000 jobs in mining, transportation, equipment and other related sectors. And while it generates more than \$5.7 billion in economic activity each year, it is important to appreciate that it also provides about \$715 million in government revenues (tax dollars) to support critical services to British Columbians. As a result, a single coal train moving through B.C. can represent more than 14 jobs, \$3.1 million in local economic activity and provide government with enough revenue to pay for 33 hip surgeries, eight grade school teachers, or provide a patient with 24-hour doctor's care for 50 days.

We believe our coal industry is an integral part of our province and something all British Columbians should be proud of and would greatly appreciate the support of your Council.

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In light of this, we would like to request the opportunity for the Coal Alliance, along with representatives from the Unions whose members work in the industry, to meet with your Council to share more information about our industry and its contributions, and will contact your office to schedule a time that is convenient. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me at 778-987-5523 or alan@coalalliance.ca. More information about our organization can be found at www.coalalliance.ca.

Once again, congratulations on your re-election.

Sincerely,



Alan Fryer

on behalf of the members of the Coal Alliance:



CC: B.C. Building Trades
International Longshore and Warehouse Union
International Union of Operating Engineers
Teamsters Canada Rail Conference
United Steelworkers