



Village of Silverton Watershed Protection - Logging Plans Policy

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Amended September 8, 2015

AND RESOLVED THAT, with respect to planned logging operations and other resource development in the Village of Silverton Watersheds, the following policy statement is hereby adopted:

The Council of the Village of Silverton:

As the purveyor of water for its residents and citizens, is committed to ensuring a continued supply of potable water to the community;

Will not support any logging plan or other resource development plan that will in any way endanger or pose a threat to the quality of the Village's water supply, including any standby or back-up water system;

Supports the philosophy that humanity may survive without wood fibre, nothing survives without water;

Appreciating the community's dependence on the forest, the first goal is to ensure the protection and maintenance of the full biological diversity of the forest;

Supports the principle that forest use plans must be based on Ecological Responsibility and Balanced Use;

Supports and endorses ecosystem based plan whereby forest management decisions must consider all values present in the forest;

Recognizing that the logging industry is vital to the economic viability of the province as well as to the Slokan Valley, is not opposed to timber harvesting, however, resource development and watershed management issues should be clearly defined and issues resolved *before* harvesting plans are initiated;

Will hold responsible, the provincial government and its respective ministries, any licensed forestry company or contractor, and/or any other body should their logging practices or other resource development practices lead to any deterioration of the Village water supply, or degradation within the Village watershed;

Will require suitable and adequate safeguards, both financially and legally to protect and compensate where necessary, the Village from any liability as a result of any action or damage caused by any logging or other resource development in the Village watershed;

This is a Statement of Policy by the Council of the Village of Silverton with respect to proposed or planned logging operations or any other resource development in the Village Watershed.