



# COUNCIL REQUEST FOR DECISION

**MEETING DATE:** March 8, 2021

**SUBMITTED BY:** S. Davis, City Clerk

**PREPARED BY:** S. Davis, City Clerk

**REPORT TITLE:** Alberta Coal Policy and Consultation Process

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As a result of the presentation by W. Yule, Chair, Leduc Environmental Advisory Board ("Board") and the Board's letter to Council dated February 17, 2021, (Attached) the following recommendations are being put forward for Council's consideration.

## LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION

That Council send a letter to Honourable Sonya Savage, Minister of Energy, requesting a pause on all current coal exploration on the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains pending a comprehensive public consultation.

That Council provide input to the Coal Policy Consultation Process, when established, at both the political and administrative levels.

## HISTORY

At the February 22, 2021, W. Yule, Chair, Leduc Environmental Advisory Board, made a presentation to Council on the recent developments in coal exploration in Alberta and the negative effects it will have on wildlife, water quality and the environment. As a result, the Board requested that Council pass the recommendations until further research, and a thorough consultation, is carried out by the Province of Alberta.

## LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD RATIONALE

There are concerns about the potential effects of the coal policies on the North Saskatchewan watershed which provides drinking water to the City of Leduc.

## STRATEGIC / RELEVANT PLANS ALIGNMENT

This matter corresponds to our values of Respect for the Planet and a city where people want to live, work and play.

## ORGANIZATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

### ADMINISTRATION:

N/A

### RISK ANALYSIS: FINANCIAL / LEGAL:

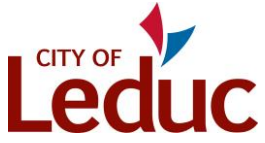
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### IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATIONS:

Should Council desire it, a News Release could be provided.

### ALTERNATIVES:

Council reconsider the recommendations.



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## ATTACHMENTS

February 17, 2021, from Leduc Environmental Advisory Board