



January 10, 2018

Ref.: 103162

Mr. Jason Lum
Chair
Fraser Valley Regional District Board

Email: durban@fvrd.ca

cc: Mark.Messmer@gov.bc.ca

Dear Mr. Lum:

Thank you for your December 12, 2017 email and December 5, 2017 letter regarding mineral claims adjacent to Sumas Mountain Interregional Park and for taking the time to write and share your views with me.

If a claim appears to partially overlap a park in the Mineral Titles Online Registry, and if the claim was registered after the park was created, the recorded holder of the claim acquires no rights within the area of apparent overlap with a park. Claims that have such apparent overlaps only confer rights to the area of the claims that are outside a park boundary. Sumas Mountain Interregional Park is defined as “alienated land” as per Section 1 of the *Mineral Tenure Act* Regulation.

The *Mineral Tenure Act* defines “mineral lands” as those lands in which minerals or placer minerals or the right to explore for, develop and produce minerals or placer minerals is vested in or reserved to the Government. The four mineral claims noted in your letter that are adjacent to Sumas Mountain Interregional Park are registered on mineral lands and in accordance with the authority of the *Mineral Tenure Act*.

Should you wish to discuss the details of the Sumas Mountain Regional Park Creation Agreement between the Fraser Valley Regional District and the Province, or if you have any further questions on this matter, please contact Mr. Mark Messmer, Chief Gold Commissioner and Executive Director, Mineral Titles Branch, Mines and Mineral Resources Division, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, at Mark.Messmer@gov.bc.ca or 604-660-2814.

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Once again, thank you for writing. I appreciate the opportunity to hear from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michelle Mungall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michelle Mungall
Minister