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NEW WESTMINSTER ELECTED OFFICIALS HOST TOWN HALL MEETING ON PROPOSED COAL FACILITY

NEW WESTMINSTER – New Westminster residents are invited to learn more about the proposed Fraser Surrey Docks direct transfer coal facility at a special Town Hall meeting on Thursday, May 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the Douglas College Theatre in New Westminister.

The Town Hall meeting will be hosted by Peter Julian, MP (Burnaby-New Westminister), Fin Donnelly, MP (New Westminister-Coquitlam-Port Moody), Judy Darcy, MLA-elect (New Westminister) and the City of New Westminister.

Representatives from Metro Vancouver, Fraser Health, the environmental community and Fraser Surrey Docks have been invited to participate. The Town Hall meeting will also be web broadcast live on New West TV. Viewers may access the web feed at www.newwest.tv and clicking on the COAL icon.

“This is an important issue for New Westminister, particularly for neighbourhoods like Westminister Quay and Queensborough. I’m glad that representatives from all three levels of government are coming together to hold this important consultation,” said Julian.

“People in the community have concerns about the proposed coal facility,” said Donnelly. “I believe it’s important to provide a forum where these concerns can be properly addressed.”

“The lack of public consultation to date has been very disappointing,” added Darcy. “People of New Westminister have serious questions about this project that must be addressed.”

“Clearly this issue concerns many local residents and it’s one we’ve been working on for some time,” said New Westminister Mayor Wayne Wright. “By partnering with New Westminister’s MLA-elect and MPs to host this Town Hall meeting, we are providing citizens an opportunity to voice their concerns.”

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