

## COAL-BURNING PLANTS

# Protest calls for alternative

**All British Columbians want for Christmas is a reduction in carbon emissions, said a group of concerned Vancouverites yesterday.**

More than 100 people rallied at Kitsilano Beach yesterday morning to take a stand against two proposed coal-burning plants in B.C.

The proposals are by Compliance Power Corporation for a 56-megawatt coal- and wood-burning plant near Princeton, and AESWapiti Energy Corporation for a 184-megawatt plant near Tumbler Ridge.

“There’s no need for coal in B.C. because of our capabilities for hydro-projects like wind,” said perplexed Princeton Mayor Randy McLean, who attended the Vancouver rally.

The proposed Princeton plant will spit emissions and mercury across the entire Similkameen Valley.

And “they’re going to build a coal mine right in the middle of it,” McLean said.



- Carmine Marinelli, 24 hours

**Rally organizer Kevin Washbrook, dressed as the Grinch, led a demonstration at Kitsilano Beach yesterday to protest the building of coal-burning plants in Princeton and Tumbler Ridge.**

Greenpeace co-founder Rex Wyler, NDP MLA Gregor Robertson and climate-change expert David Suzuki also attended the rally yesterday, which called for a five-year annual reduction in emissions for an 80 per cent re-

duction by 2023.

“All we’ve got is hope,” said Suzuki yesterday, adding that grassroots movements such as these are key to turning the tide on climate-change policies.

- Robyn Stubbs, 24 hours