

## Advisory Committee Members

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### LENGTH OF APPOINTMENT:

Appointments to the Committee are four years and staggered to allow for continuity within the Committee.

*The Advisory Committee meets  
four times annually.*

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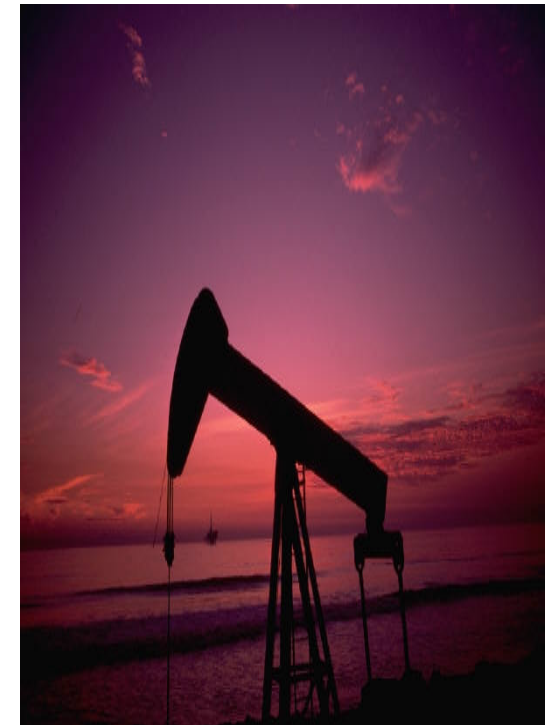
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## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO THE  
OIL AND GAS COMMISSION

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# TERMS OF REFERENCE

## ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

{*Oil and Gas Commission Act Section 8*}

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(1) The Commission must encourage the use of consensual alternative dispute resolution methods for the purpose of resolving disputes relating to the Commission's discretion, functions and duties under

(a) this Act in relation to a specified enactment, or

(b) the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act* or the *Pipeline Act* in relation to a licence, permit, approval or other authorization under either of those Acts.

(2) The Commission on its own initiative or at the request of an interested person may authorize one or more persons to facilitate settlement, by a process of consensual alternative dispute resolution, of a dispute relating to the carrying out of the Commission's discretion, functions and duties under

(a) this Act in relation to a specified enactment, or

(b) the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act* or the *Pipeline Act* in relation to a licence, permit, approval or other authorization under either of those Acts.

(3) The Commission may ask the person or persons authorized under subsection (2), if unsuccessful in settling the dispute, to make recommendations that must be considered by the Commission before deciding the disputed matter.

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S ROLE IN RECONSIDERATION BY ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

{*Oil and Gas Commission Act Section 9*}

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(1) The Advisory Committee, on application in the prescribed manner by an interested person, may request that the Commission grant an authorization, referred to in section 8(2), in respect of any decision of the Commission other than a decision for which a right of appeal is provided under section 136 of the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act*, section 44 of the *Waste Management Act* or section 40 of the *Water Act*.

(2) If the Commission grants the authorization requested by the Advisory Committee,

(a) the effect of the Commission's original decision is suspended pending the outcome of the reconsideration under paragraph (b), and

(b) following the consensual alternative dispute resolution process, and after taking into account the recommendations referred to in section 8(3), if there are any, the Commission must reconsider the original decision and redecide the matter in a manner the Commission considers appropriate.

(3) The Advisory Committee must exercise its discretion to make a request under subsection (1) within the prescribed period after the decision that is the subject of the request.

(4) The Commission must (a) grant or refuse the request within the prescribed period after it receives the request, and

(b) redecide the matter that is the subject of the request within the prescribed period after granting the request.

**General:** The Committee is a Minister's Committee that provides advice to the Oil and Gas Commission and not to the Minister.

The key functions of the Committee are to respond to the plans of the Commission, recommend Alternative Dispute Resolution where appropriate and to bring forward important issues for consideration by the Commission, some of which may be requested to be brought to the attention of the Minister.

**Representation:** The Minister of Energy and Mines is responsible for establishing an Advisory Committee with a broad representation of interests within the constraints of an eight-member committee. Collectively, Committee members will contribute valuable knowledge and make group recommendations to the Oil and Gas Commission. Representation will strive to reflect geographic diversity and perspectives on broad interests regarding oil and gas development in British Columbia

There will be two ex-officio members of the Committee: the Commissioner of the Oil and Gas Commission and a staff member of the Ministry of Energy and Mines.