



**OIL AND GAS COMMISSION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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Derek Doyle  
Commissioner  
Oil and Gas Commission  
200 10003 110 Ave  
Fort St. John, BC V1J 6M7

Dear Derek Doyle:

**Re: Advice from the Advisory Committee**

Thank you for attending out last Advisory Committee meeting February 25, 26 and participating in the March 12, audio-conference. It is always enjoyable meeting with you.

On behalf of the Advisory Committee, I am writing to provide our specific advice to the Oil and Gas Commission.

- OGC needs to remember First Nations' rights and roles in the process of conflicting tenures while respecting their treaties.
- OGC needs to take some action when impairment of fairness takes place with contractors (local contractors losing bids to bigger outfits and out-of-province contractors) i.e. OGC facilitating and showing leadership. Carylin Greatbanks and David Luff will draft proposal of ideas.
- It is recommended that there be clear administrative processes on what to do with the Application for Reconsideration paperwork after decision is made for all parties involved. Also, that the proponents involved provide better documentation on their actions of consultation. Scott Wisdahl will research what the public's right is to access the information through the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
- We suggest that the Advisory Committee member's appointments be staggered to prevent not having a committee at any given time.
- To assist the First Nations capabilities to apply for the Environmental Fund, Carylin Greatbanks has offered to prepare a professional handout for the First Nation people on what the process is for applying.
- It was suggested that a small team/committee be formed to bring options to the Advisory Committee on the Environmental Fund – Wayne Sawchuk and Scott Wisdahl will look at model options.
- There was consensus on agreement for the Western Interprovincial Scientific Studies Association to fund their animal health study from the Environmental Fund.
- It was suggested that the wording in the seventh item of the Principles for Prosperity's be changed.

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- We think that there is a need to quantify benefits of the General Development Plan's approach versus other approaches.
- Scott Wisdahl to provide copies of the current and future Management Letters from the Office of the Auditor General.
- We support the Muskwa-Kechika project and would like to contribute \$200K from the Environmental Fund. This will be a one-time only contribution. We also suggest that First Nations' items to be given priority status in the Muskwa-Kechika fund.

We look forward to hearing how you will move forward with the advice given.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by***

Bob Fedderly  
Chair

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