

File: 20400-40

September 1, 2005

Derek Doyle, Commissioner
Oil and Gas Commission
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Dear Derek:

Re: Advice / Recommendations from the OGC Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee held its quarterly meeting on June 7th and 8th in Fort Nelson. The following represents a summary of the Committee's advice and recommendations to the Oil and Gas Commission as a result of discussions at this meeting:

First Nations Aboriginal Relations

⇒ Advisory Committee to meet with each of the First Nations Communities.

Website Changes

⇒ The Requests for Reconsiderations be updated and listed by FY# on the website. Add quotations "with recommendations" where appropriate.

Glossary of Oil and Gas Acronyms

⇒ Create a central glossary of commonly used oil and gas acronyms to which all parties can refer. It is recommended that the glossary be posted on the website.

Pamphlet

⇒ Pamphlet to be produced about the Advisory Committee's role (after the OGR II paper is released).

OGR II (Oil and Gas Regulatory Improvement Initiative Paper)

⇒ The Advisory Committee requests a direct opportunity to discuss and review the discussion paper with the OGR II group.

Cumulative Impact Management- recommendations

⇒ Develop a definition of Cumulative Impact Management in northeast BC.

⇒ Develop Cumulative Impact Management around Land and Resource Management Plan resource management zones and begin base mapping using Integrated Land Resource Registry.

⇒ Facilitate a workshop of key players to define "the initial building blocks" of Cumulative Impact Management. (This would kick start Cumulative Impact within a framework of what we already do and can cost effectively manage to the end goal of Cumulative Impact.)

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Public Image and Trust

⇒ Develop an awards program for innovation. Categories could include:

- (a) innovative technology;
- (b) innovative construction;
- (c) innovative collaboration; and
- (d) innovative community relations.

Perhaps announce and present awards at the Oil and Gas Conference.

Client Services Survey

⇒ Rename “Client Services Survey” the “Applicant Services Survey”.

Gravel Royalties

⇒ Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources provide the Committee with an explanation of disparity in gravel royalties in northeast BC.

Meeting with the First Nations

⇒ Improve quality of communication of Advisory Committee with all First Nations communities.

⇒ Reward effective pre-planning project discussions for both private landowners, First Nations and Stakeholders by achieving the ten day turnaround and others who did not provide effective pre-planning would not be afforded that turnaround time.

⇒ Consultation:

- (a) define the consultation process; and
- (b) raise the standard of consultation.

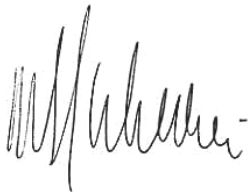
⇒ Advisory Committee to make an effort to meet with First Nations Chiefs and Councils and land offices on a regular basis.

⇒ All approved permits should be promptly faxed to First Nations.

A copy of the minutes of the Advisory Committee’s meeting are attached for your reference. These minutes elaborate on the discussions that culminated in our advice and recommendations to you.

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

Sincerely,



Mike Waberski
Advisory Committee Chair

Encl.

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