



File: 20400-40

February 6, 2006

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

Dear Derek:

Re: Advice / Recommendations from the OGC Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee held its quarterly meeting on December 5 and 6, 2005 in Calgary. 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:

Letter of Support for Exclusion from PSA and PSLRA

⇒ The Advisory Committee will provide a letter in support of the OGC's proposal to exclude OGC employees from the application of the *Public Service Act* and the *Public Service Labour Relations Act*. Such exclusion will enable the OGC to provide more flexible staff development opportunities and attract and maintain long-term employees.

Stock Panel Sump Fencing

⇒ The OGC investigate Talisman Energy's stock panel sump fencing as a best practice model for wildlife management. A copy of Talisman Energy's presentation is enclosed.

List of "Musts"

⇒ The OGC evaluate the merits of developing a 'list of musts' for proponents with respect to consultation requirements.

Public Consultation Number

⇒ Implement a file numbering system to facilitate tracking of pre-application consultation by proponents. The Committee feels that rather than introducing a new numbering system the OGC should make available, to those proponents who wish, a block of OGC file numbers in advance of their application. The Chair would like the opportunity to discuss this recommendation in more detail at our February meeting.

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First Nation's Trappers

⇒ Investigate Trapper's rights and privileges as being exercised in the oil and gas industry.

Land and Habitat

⇒ Review approval timelines for Land and Habitat as they seem to be more extensive than the Aboriginal Reviews.

A copy of the minutes of the Advisory Committee's December meeting is 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Waberski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line at the end.

Mike Waberski
Advisory Committee Chair

Encl.

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