



**OIL AND GAS COMMISSION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

File: 20400-40

May 10, 2006

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

Dear Commissioner Curtis:

Re: Advice / Recommendations from the OGC Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee held its quarterly meeting on March 13 and 14, 2006 in Fort St. John. The following represents a summary of the Committee's advice and recommendations to the Oil and Gas Commission as a result of discussions at that meeting:

Education

⇒ Revisit and pursue the education recommendation.

[No. 8-05 February 8, 2005 - "Initiate a media strategy and active PR campaign by publishing results of Emergency Response Plan tests to aid in public confidence. Possible avenues would be via web, annual report, enforcement statistical report, newspaper, and/or hold public meetings."]

Land Agents Package of Information

⇒ Investigate the feasibility of implementing the process used in Alberta whereby land agents provide a specified package of information to landowners and wait 48 hours before negotiating a lease agreement. In addition, explore the development of a checklist of information and items discussed that the landowner could sign and then submit to the OGC.

Terms of Reference – Committee Representation

⇒ Remind the new Commissioner that Recommendation No. 27-05 dated February, 2005 was accepted and was to be advanced during the next slate of appointments by government.

"Terms of Reference indicate that the Advisory Committee is an 8 member Committee. Investigate and implement change to 9 or 10 members. The Committee would like to see committee membership increased to include and broaden additional First Nations perspective and regional experience (for example, KinBasket, Southern BC)".

Landowner Liaison Inspector, OGC

⇒ Provide an update to the Advisory Committee with respect to the progress of independence of the Landowner Liaison Inspector as well as the effectiveness of the new Preliminary Alternative Dispute Resolution Manager.

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Requests for Reconsideration

⇒ Application of consistent approach with respect to terms and conditions for both community and individual-based applications (see also: R4R FY06-29).

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 and recommendations that we have provided.

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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