

# Implementation Committee: NEWSLETTER

February 2008

The Implementation Committee was first tasked with overseeing implementation transition, orientation and training. The first six months involved establishing the committee, terms of reference and ground rules, and jointly developing a cover letter and worksheet for First Nation (referral) packages. Concurrent to the work on the referral package, subcommittees worked on the IT Pilot and preplanning for the selection and documentation of Complex Consultation Zones (CCZs).

One unique aspect of the CPAs is the requirement to categorize applications into notification only, standard (10-day response) and complex (20-day response). A worksheet was developed and tested via workshop in February, 2007, for transparent and consistent categorization of applications.

The second six months has focused on developing the full consultation process with subprocess and tools, completing the IT Pilot and moving forward with Doig River First Nation's proposed Complex Consultation Zones.

The following is a summary of accomplishments since the last newsletter:

**Revised First Nation Cover Letter and Worksheet (referral) Package:** These have been in use for six months now. An updated version has been recently posted on the Oil and Gas

Commission (OGC) website at: ([www.ogc.gov.bc.ca](http://www.ogc.gov.bc.ca)) and addresses issues brought forward by First Nation land offices, industry and OGC application review staff.

**IT Pilot and Kermit:** A First Nations portal was developed to allow viewing of OGC application staff reviews and also to allow First Nations to electronically enter application comments directly into the system. Doig River, Fort Nelson, and Saulteau First Nations were the primary communities testing the system. A number of possible enhancements were identified.

KERMIT is the new system that OGC is migrating to for electronic submissions. The system is now operational for pipeline applications. Wells, facilities and geophysical applications will be added over the next year or so. Some of the proposed enhancements have already been incorporated and linkages to the KERMIT design team have been established. Paper applications and referrals will continue to be used by First Nations communities.

**Complex Consultation Zones (CCZs):** CCZs provide industry advance notice where pre-application engagement is advisable. Applications within these zones allow First Nations 20 days to review and comment.



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Doig River First Nation (DRFN) moved ahead identifying their initial CCZs. OGC Information Letter # OGC 08-03, dated February 15, 2008, provides industry with a March 3, 2008 implementation date and location of map availability. *(During implementation, Industry can expect to receive a “map report” authored by DRFN that explains cartographic conventions used to display features and provide textual information that will work simultaneously with DRFN’s CCZ map).*

Other community CCZs will be established over the next six months.

**Website Resources:** The following tools and documents have been placed under ‘Resources’ in the CPA Implementation Committee section of OGC’s website:

- CPA Flow Diagram/Issue Resolution Process
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- Issue Resolution Process
- Ground Rules for CPA Implementation Committee
- First Nation Comments on Standard or Complex designation
- Consultation Operation Guidelines (COG)- October 2007 typo edit
- First Nation Review and Response Form
- CPA Discussion Period Presentation



February 14, 2007 Training Workshop in Fort St. John

There were a few changes to the Implementation Committee membership over the past six months. Following is the current committee membership:

#### **First Nations**

Laurie Montour, Fort Nelson First Nation  
Warren Reade, Doig River First Nation  
Tina Gillanders, Halfway River First Nation  
Caleb Behn, West Moberly First Nations  
Monica Rice, Saulteau First Nations  
Robin Tsakoza, Prophet River First Nation

#### **Province**

Paul Jeakins, OGC, Co-chair  
Tom Ouellette, OGC  
Lance Ollenberger, OGC  
Paul Perkins, OGC  
Rob Simon, MEMPR

#### **Ex-officio Members**

Kieran Broderick, Treaty 8 Tribal Association, co-Chair  
Brad Herald, CAPP  
Bob Purdon, OGC, Implementation Coordinator

The second round of CPA Information Sessions were held in Calgary on November 14, 2007 and Fort St. John on November 22, 2007 for First Nations, industry, and OGC staff.



Participants at January 25, 2008 Committee Meeting