



ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

Introduction

The Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) is an independent, single-window regulatory agency that oversees oil and gas operations in British Columbia including exploration, development, pipeline transportation, and reclamation.

Created as a Crown owned corporation through the enactment of the Oil and Gas Commission Act, this regulatory model was designed to provide a streamlined and efficient one-stop regulatory agency. The Commission is responsible for reviewing all necessary oil and gas activity applications under the following acts: *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act, Pipeline Act, Forest Act, Forest Practices Code of B.C. Act, Heritage Conservation Act, Land Act, Environmental Management Act, and Water Act*. The cost of operating the OGC is funded through the collection of industrial fees and levies on a cost recovery basis.

What Does the OGC Do?

The regulatory responsibility of the OGC extends from the exploration and development phases, through to facilities operation and ultimately decommissioning. It is charged with balancing a broad range of environmental, economic and social considerations.

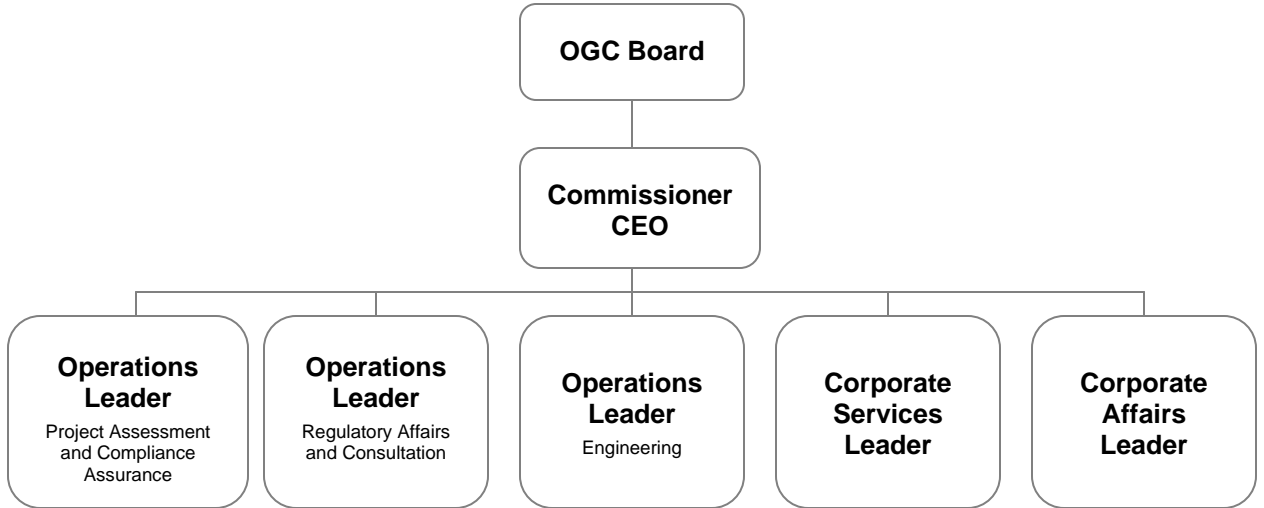
As a Crown Corporation, the OGC's accountabilities extend to affected communities, First Nations, client companies and their representative associations. Among its more specific objectives are public safety, conservation of petroleum resources, fostering a healthy environment, and ensuring equitable participation in production.

Generally speaking, the OGC's core roles are captured below:

1. **Assessing applications** for oil and gas activities, and issuing approvals when appropriate;
2. **Ensuring industry compliance** with legislative, regulatory and permit-specific requirements, in part through inspections and other monitoring and enforcement activities; and
3. **Actively consulting with First Nations** on applications and operations. The OGC is delegated the duty to consult with First Nations on a project by project basis.

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The OGC is divided into five divisions as follows:



Contacts

The OGC operates out of four locations: Fort St. John, Fort Nelson, Kamloops and Victoria.



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Fort St. John	100, 10003 110 Ave Fort St. John, B.C. V1J 6M7 Main Reception: (250) 261-5700 Inquiry BC: 1-800-663-7867
Fort Nelson	RR#1 Mile 301, Alaska Highway Fort Nelson, BC V0C 1R0
Kamloops	250 – 455 Columbia St. Kamloops, BC V2C 6K4
Victoria	Terasen Building 5th Floor, 1675 Douglas St. Victoria, B.C. V8W 2G5 (250) 356-2840

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