



Farmington Community Working Group Summary Notes

Date: August 14, 2018

In Attendance: Director Hiebert Area D, Peace River Regional District
Director Rose Area E, Peace River Regional District
Chair Sperling, Peace River Regional District
Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager, Peace River Regional District
Lance Ollenberger, Vice President, Operation, BC Oil and Gas Commission
Sara Dickinson, Executive Director, Permit Adjudication, BC Oil and Gas Commission
Corey Jonsson, Director, Stakeholder Relations, BC Oil and Gas Commission
Maria Reschke, Manager, Stakeholder Relations, BC Oil and Gas Commission
Hugh Craig, Community Member
Toby and Clarisse Hanfield, Community Member
Lana Sprinkle and Corey Quinton, Community Member
Jim and Pat Strasky, Community Member
Rod Strasky, Community Member
Barry Critcher, Community Member

Summary of Discussion

Based on the discussion at the July 31 meeting, the working group members expected consultant Alex Ferguson to be in attendance at this meeting and a facilitator to be present to lead the discussions. The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) explained to the working group that no facilitator had been arranged. It was further explained, Alex's contract was for a limited time and he was never intended to be a long term part of the working group.

The Peace River Regional District (PRRD) Chair and Director felt the structure and process of these meetings, as they relate to the function of the Oversight Committee, had not been communicated to them. Further details on their participation on the committee from the Commission and/or Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources are required.

The working group relayed their expectation that the Commission representatives would be providing solutions on the initial four topics at this meeting. The working group was reminded that the purpose, as decided at the July 31 meeting, is to discuss and identify the issues they are facing and develop suggestions and solutions to bring forward to the Oversight Committee. Alex had communicated at the previous meeting that Commission representatives would provide documentation regarding the current state of the Commission's guidance and

Concerns and

Recommendations: The working group began discussing the topic of Noise and agreed on the following items to send forward to the Oversight Committee:

CONCERNS	RECOMMENDATIONS
Guideline/Regulation	
The Noise Control Best Practices Guideline is outdated and favours industry, not landowners or residents.	
When OGC gets a complaint regarding noise, their standard answer is it's only a guideline and cannot be enforced.	Trucks need to have proper mufflers and follow emission standards.
Noise disturbance:	
Every day someone is either drilling, fracking, or building with no breaks from noise. Industry should not be allowed noise disturbance 24 hours per day, seven days a week	Restricting activity (noise levels) to five or six days per week and where possible restrict hours.
Noise assessment and measurement:	
Impact assessments not being completed for noise.	- Require industry to keep noise on site and develop permanent solutions to deal with ongoing and successive drilling. - Require and enforce industry to develop a Noise Abatement Plan/Program.
Noise levels are taken with windows and doors closed. These values are irrelevant when we need to sleep with the windows open.	- Measurements for noise should be measured at the bedroom. - Noise measurement needs to be done at the edge of the property of the source.
Can't leave the windows open due to the intensity of the noise. The reference to indoor/outdoor in the Guideline is irrelevant when we need to sleep with windows open.	Noise measurements should be done with doors to sites open (as land owners experience it) and with weather and all variables taken into account (e.g. wind affects noise carrying).
It isn't just the intensity of the noise but also the low frequency sounds and vibrations.	
What does "excessive" mean?	- Define "Excessive Noise" in the Drilling and Production Regulation. - A specific decibel number should be set for industry not to exceed and it must be strictly enforced.
Cumulative noise needs to be considered.	Include cumulative noise impacts in application permit adjudication process.
Noise from trucks:	
How are preferred routes determined? Residents on the prefer routes pay dearly.	- Designated routes need to be enforced. - Land owners on the designated routes need to be compensated for what they have to endure.
How can you make industry honour agreements?	- Include truck noise in permitting plan/Noise Abatement Plan and include a set place to park. - Put operating conditions on the permit.

Next Steps:

The working group began the discussion of Timing and Planning of activity but recognized it would require more time to finish the topic completely. This topic along with Consultation and Notification will be discussed and recommendations agreed on at the next meeting.

The working group agreed to continue working through the topics in the same format with no outside facilitator required at this time.

The discussion points and recommendations will be reviewed by the working group and with agreement from the group (via email) will be forwarded to the Oversight Committee.

The working group was reminded this will be an ongoing process as we continue to sort through various issues, however, the community members hope to soon see tangible results.

Next Meeting:

August 28, 2018