

Farmington Community Working Group Summary Notes

Date: Aug. 28, 2018

In Attendance: Director Len Hiebert Area D, Peace River Regional District
Chair Brad Sperling, Peace River Regional District
Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager, Peace River Regional District
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
Laura-Lea Gibson, Community Relations, BC Oil and Gas Commission
Hugh Craig, Community Member
Clarisse Hanfield, Community Member
Lana Sprinkle and Corey Quinton, Community Members
Jim and Pat Strasky, Community Members
Kim Strasky, Community Member
Barry Critcher, Community Member

Summary of Discussion:

Peace River Regional District (PRRD) Director Hiebert opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the table. Director Hiebert shared that since the last meeting an Internal Working Group has been formed within the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) to action the recommendations brought forward by the Farmington Working Group. In addition, two Commission staff members, Maria Reschke, Manager of Stakeholder Relations and Laura-Lea Gibson, Community Relations Assistant, have been dedicated to work with the Farmington Working Group. Director Hiebert also noted if community members require further information regarding any of the topics discussed, this can be provided upon request.

The community members anticipated Commission representatives to report back on some actions on the recommendations from the last meeting. They made it clear they would not be interested in attending many more meetings if reports of actions are not provided. Commission staff assured the community members that steps have been put in place through the Commission's Internal Working Group and it is anticipated that a positive report of actions will be available by the next meeting.

It was suggested the Internal Working Group establish meeting times that coincide with the Farmington Working Group meetings. Ideally, this would be one or two days following and would allow the Internal Working Group sufficient time to have a report of actions back to the Farmington Working Group for the following meeting.

It was also explained concerns and recommendations will be provided to the Commission's Internal Working Group the next day after the meeting.

Concerns and

Recommendations: The community working group discussed Timing/Planning and agreed on the following items to send forward to the Internal Working Group:

CONCERNS	RECOMMENDATIONS
No long term planning is in place or being considered when additional permits are being issued. There is something on every corner/site in Farmington. Industry does not communicate the actual intent (eg. number of wells), only what they are applying for now.	• Industry is to communicate with land owners/ community regarding the long term plan and be more upfront with specific information. • Disclose all information on proposed projects to community/land owners and the Commission. • Commission to inquire regarding long term plans. • Put a hold on permits until current projects are completed.
The number of permits in one area is not being considered. Industry seems to react (as opposed to following through with a longer term plan). Placement of activity within property is not being considered (in middle of field as opposed to along the perimeter).	• Factor how many permits are issued per hectare before issuing more permits. • Add a cumulative layer in the permitting process. • Consider placement of leases to protect ALR land. • Quality of Life added to considerations in application review.
The community has no representation	• Land owners/community would like to have ownership in the plan. • The Commission's role should be about protecting the public/environment and not supporting oil and gas activity. • Agreements made between land owners/community should become part of the permit.
Temporary becomes permanent	• Define "temporary" and what the activities are. • "Temporary" should not be used in the permit.
Lack of balance: too many permits – not enough enforcement	• Reporting compliance issues should not be the job of the land owners. The Commission should be proactively inspecting all facilities to ensure there are no issues in the first place.

Next Steps:

The community working group began the discussion of Consultation and Notification but recognized it would require more time to finish the topic completely. This topic, along with lighting and emissions/odours, will be discussed and recommendations agreed on at the next meeting.

The working group agreed to continue exploring the topics in the same format with no outside facilitator required at this time. It was also agreed to wait for recommendations from the Commission's Internal Working Group before inviting industry. This would be

the appropriate time to involve a third-party facilitator, recognizing sufficient time would be required to arrange this. Community members stressed how important it is to have industry representatives with the ability to make decisions present at the meetings as opposed to local industry representatives they have been dealing with till now.

There was much discussion about the checklists used during the permitting process with interest on the part of community members to have opportunity to see the lists. Commission staff agreed this could be incorporated into the discussions and will provide more information on how to best share details.

The working group was reminded this will be an ongoing process as we continue to sort through various issues, however; community members emphasized how important it is to them to see results from the Aug. 14, 2018 meeting regarding noise.

Next Meeting: Sept. 18, 2018