



Farmington Community Working Group Summary Notes

Date: March 12, 2019

In Attendance:

Director Len Hiebert Area D, Peace River Regional District
Patrick Smook, Director, Compliance & Enforcement, BC Oil and Gas Commission
Maria Reschke, Manager Stakeholder Relations, Public Working Groups, BC Oil and Gas Commission
Laura-Lea Gibson, Community Relations Assistant, Public Working Groups, BC Oil and Gas Commission
Corey Quinton, Community Member
Kim Strasky, Community Member
Pat and Jim Strasky, Community Members
Hugh Craig, Community Member

Summary of Discussion:

Peace River Regional District (PRRD) Director Hiebert opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and gave a brief overview of the PRRD and the board meeting held on Feb. 28, 2019. Director Hiebert stated there is new information from the Agricultural Land Commission and it can be found on the PRRD website.

Maria Reschke reported that a series of webinars and information sessions are being hosted by the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission). A live webinar was offered in March regarding surface water use and has been made available on the Commission's website. The next webinar will be about emergency management and will take place in May. The Commission also hosted an information session in January regarding dormant sites. A session on the topic of orphan sites is scheduled for April 24, 2019 in Fort St. John at the Pomeroy Hotel from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Farmington Community Working Group (FCWG) will be advised of all upcoming sessions.

It was noted the Commission had invited someone from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) to attend the meeting to hear the community members' experiences with roads and traffic. Although no representative was able to attend this meeting, it was agreed concerns should be recorded and presented back to MoTI. Based on this, MoTI will determine who the best person would be to attend a subsequent meeting to respond to the concerns.

Concerns:

The issues brought forward by the FCWG were sorted into topics divided between the jurisdictions of Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement (CVSE), Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) at the provincial level, the Commission and a few items were slated to discuss with the Producers Group

(Industry) at a future meeting. It was also understood that a number of the issues overlapped between jurisdictions. For purposes of this summary, issues are categorized by the primary jurisdiction.

Roads and Traffic			
CVSE	OGC	MoTI	Industry
Noise due to truck traffic: no mufflers, straight pipes, Jake brakes and use of horns	Dust management, crop quality impacts and financial loss from reaction to herbicide	Obedying traffic laws: speed, stop signs	Follow through with courtesy: truck traffic on road when land owner hosting gatherings
	Calcium effect on vehicles	Timing of rig moves during poor weather conditions	Follow through with enforcement rather than only monitoring
		Who is responsible for road upkeep? Could 'bonding' address this issue?	Onsite supervisor accountability regarding routes used and traffic laws obeyed
		Provide explanation on 'bonding' and agreements	Preferred routes not being adhered; damage to roads not outlined as preferred routes
		Using secondary unmaintained roads after rain	Using secondary unmaintained roads after rain

During the discussion on unmaintained roads, preferred routes and trespassing, community members requested more information on who to consult regarding which roads to use. They also noted local contractors from the area are more conscientious of road use and would prefer industry rely on them rather than someone who does not know the area as well. They feel local contractors will be more likely to respect the land.

Patrick Smook also provided input on the Commission's process for complaints that are related to oil and gas activity but fall under another jurisdiction.

Next Steps:

At the close of the meeting Maria reviewed topics for future meetings and noted the Commission would like some additional input from the community members on possible updates to the written submission form. It was agreed it would be fitting to invite the Ministry of Energy and Mines and Petroleum Resources to this discussion since it correlates with the topic of timing and planning and the cumulative effect when issuing tenures.

Next Meeting:

April 16, 2018 to discuss air quality/emissions and Schedule B process.