

# **Resource Road Act Steering Committee Terms of Reference**

## **Background**

The objective of the Resource Road Act (RRA) initiative is to simplify and streamline resource road access and management processes and standards through the harmonization of provincial legislation and regulations.

The Key Principles of the RRA Initiative are as follows:

- A new act will reflect the operational reality of each industrial sector and will not negatively impact industry competitiveness. This initiative recognizes there are fundamental differences among resource sectors and their regulatory and operational environments;
- No changes to land use planning authorities;
- Ensure there is no net increase in costs to industry or to government;
- Eliminate complex prescriptive processes for road construction and shift to a results-based regime for road construction, maintenance and deactivation;
- Standardize administration of licensing, fees and enforcement;
- Ensure a new act is consistent with single-point-of-service delivery initiatives;
- Create a fair and efficient dispute settlement mechanism set in an appropriate organization;
- Individual ministries and the commission would retain responsibility for approval, administration and enforcement of resource roads for their respective industries;
- Avoid change for the sake of change and utilize existing legislation, regulation and policy processes wherever possible, and;
- Maintain the public right to reasonable access over roads except when public safety or environmental integrity may be compromised.

## **Mandate**

The RRA initiative and the RRA Steering Committee (RRASC) have been formalized by direction of the Deputy Ministers Committee on Natural Resources and Economy (DMCNRE). Specifically, the DMCNRE directed that:

- Detailed policy analysis take place for the development of a new Resource Roads Act and regulations.

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- The existing working group be formalized to ensure all ministries and agencies having a mandate for resource roads can continue to contribute to the policy analysis and draft legislation.

### **Function of the RRASC**

The RRASC is a sunset committee established to develop the RRA and attending regulations. The RRASC is the forum through which organizations and agencies with authority for resource roads in British Columbia may provide input to the development of the RRA and regulations. The RRASC will solicit input from government ministries and agencies and from industry stakeholders.

The RRASC will review and consolidate all input received and will prepare a draft Act, regulations and drafting instruction for Legislative Council and for approval by the DMCNRE.

### **Membership**

RRASC membership is determined by the DMCNRE and is open to provincial government ministries, agencies or organizations with authority for resource roads in British Columbia. The RRASC is an action-oriented forum at which participants contribute ideas and efforts towards the identification and resolution of issues.

A distribution list will be established for representatives of organizations who wish to remain apprised of the RRASC's progress, but may not attend meetings.

### **Chair**

The RRASC Chair will be drawn from the Ministry that is funding the RRA initiative and is expected to sponsor the legislation. This currently is the Ministry of Forests and Range. The Chair is responsible for the agenda and the conduct of the meetings. The Chair may delegate portions of the role and responsibilities.

### **Technical Teams**

The RRASC may establish Technical Teams to conduct detailed analysis. The Technical Teams will provide recommendations for consideration by the RRASC.

### **Minutes and Reports**

Notices of meetings, agendas and approved minutes will be provided to members and distributed to interested parties at the discretion of the Chair.

### **Meetings**

RRASC will hold regular meetings or conference calls from 9:00am to 11:00am on the first Monday of each month. Special meetings will be called at the discretion of the Chair. Meetings of Technical Teams will be established by the Team leader.

## **Steering Committee Members (as of Jan 20, 2006)**

<b>Craig Gibson</b>	Oil & Gas Commission, Technical Services and Regulatory Affairs, Executive Director
<b>Peter McAuliffe</b>	Oil & Gas Commission, Technical Services and Regulatory Affairs, Senior Forestry Specialist
<b>Fred Hermann</b>	Ministry of Energy & Mines and Petroleum Resources, Executive Director and Chief Inspector of Mines
<b>Glen Wonders</b>	Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Director - BC Coal & Strategic Initiatives
<b>Allan Callander</b>	Ministry of Transportation, Transportation Policy Branch, Manager Transportation Policy
<b>Dirk Nyland</b>	Ministry of Transportation, Chief Engineer
<b>Nick Crisp</b>	Ministry of Energy & Mines and Petroleum Resources, Infrastructure Section, Director
<b>Brad Hodges</b>	Ministry of Energy & Mines and Petroleum Resources, Oil and Gas Policy Division, Energy Economist
<b>Linda Bates</b>	Ministry of Energy & Mines and Petroleum Resources, Manager OGR II Project
<b>Brian Moen</b>	Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Manager Regional Support
<b>Tracey Woodland</b>	Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Policy Advisor
<b>Steve Carr</b>	Integrated Land Management Bureau, Acting Executive Director of Single Point of Contact Services
<b>Randy Cairns</b>	Ministry of Environment, Innovation and Planning Team
<b>Greg Kockx</b>	Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts, Tourism Policy and Olympic Liaison
<b>Bill Marshall</b>	Ministry of Forests and Range, Forest Recreation Specialist
<b>Alicen Chow</b>	Ministry of Environment, Legislative Advisor
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<b>Paul Quackenbush</b>	Integrated Land Management Bureau. Head, Base Mapping and Data Exchange

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<b>Trevor Swan</b>	Legislative Advisor