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Subject: BC Guidelines for Work Camp Operations

Good afternoon,

At its May 12, 2016 meeting the Peace River Regional District Board discussed Work Camp Guidelines and Regulations.

Please find attached a letter with respect to that subject.

Thank you for your consideration of the Regional Board's concerns.

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Thank you for sharing this letter with us. Its contents will be reviewed and you can anticipate follow-up response at the earliest opportunity.

Again, thank you for writing. We do appreciate hearing from you.



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

June 3, 2016

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
Box 9041, Stn Prov Govt.,
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1
via email: premier@gov.bc.ca

Dear Premier Clark:

We are writing to request that the completion and release of the final version of the BC Guidelines for Work Camp Operations be considered as imperative.

As you are aware, currently there is no single entity that tracks the existence and location of work camp operations. Various agencies such as the Oil and Gas Commission, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Environment, BC Assessment, and Peace River Regional District, all have knowledge of certain work camp operations, but no single group has access to a consolidated list of who is operating and where. The lack of this vital information by a single agency was emphasized during the recent extensive rural wildfires in the Regional District. Evacuation Orders and Alerts were issued without full knowledge of whether or not all work camp operations were properly notified and accounted for. Fortunately, there were no reports of work camp operations not being notified, but the significant risk remains.

Provincial approval and adoption of the BC Guidelines for Work Camp Operations document will result in a work camp with five or more beds having to register with the health authority. The information they provide through the Environmental Health Plan as part of the registration process will provide valuable information on the location of work camps how many beds (possible evacuees) are involved.

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Although the primary intent of the Work Camp Operations Guidelines document is to establish minimum conditions essential to good health, the benefit of sharing the Environment Health Plan information will allow the Regional District to develop better plans during emergencies and aid in day to day planning by knowing who is operating in the Electoral Areas.

Yours truly,



Brad Sperling
Acting Chair

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