

Mining Permitting 101

July 29, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

CVRD Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan BC

Participants: Elected officials and senior staff from the CVRD and member municipalities

Workshop Objectives

1. Develop an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the various provincial agencies in the mining permitting and ongoing monitoring and enforcement process.
2. Develop an understanding of the application process through high level presentations by various provincial ministries
3. Learn the scope of local government responsibilities in the mining permitting and ongoing monitoring and enforcement process.

A. Introductions, expectations and overview,

1:00 to 1:10 pm

B. Mine permitting process (Major Mines, Quarries, Sand and Gravel)

1:10 to 2:35 pm

Presentations by Tania Demchuk and Jim Dunkley, Ministry of Energy and Mines and A.J. Downie, Ministry of Environment

- Mine project review process: How does a mine in BC get a permit and who is involved?
 - High-level overview of permitting process including thresholds for Environmental Assessment, Mines Act permitting, Environmental Management Act permitting, other permits.
- Detailed review of Mines Act permitting process for sand and gravel, quarries and exploration, including information requirements and decision making process
- Detailed review of Environmental Management Act (EMA) permitting process, including examples of what situations require an EMA permit and the information required
- Presentations will include discussion of operational oversight and monitoring.
 - Review of who does this and how is it done, e.g. cumulative assessment and what does it mean?
 - Review what is involved and the roles and responsibilities of provincial/federal government agencies and the project proponent.

Questions and Comments

Break

2:35 to 2:40 pm

C. Additional requirements for sand and gravel pit permitting process on ALR land

2:40 pm to 3:10 pm

Presentation by Gordon Bednard, Agricultural Land Commission

- Walkthrough of a mock application through the permit process for a sand and gravel pit on ALR land.

Questions and Comments

D. Local government role in electoral areas of a regional district

3:10 to 4:00 pm

Presentation by Peter Johnson, Stewart McDonald Stuart - Barristers and Solicitors

- Educate participants on the role and responsibility of local government in the mining permitting process and the ongoing monitoring and enforcement of relevant requirements
- Description of the regulatory tools that are available to a regional district: zoning bylaws, soil deposition and removal bylaws. Powers, scope, constraints of each tool.

Questions and Comments