



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Thursday, April 6, 2017

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NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

**From:** Dale, Erin R OHCS:EX <Erin.Dale@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 4:24 PM  
**To:** Jason.Ilewellyn  
**Subject:** Booking a new date to discuss BO Qualification Requirements

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hi Jason,

I know you haven't had a chance to canvass everyone from RDBN for a time and date to meet with us again. While I'm away on vacation between March 22 (tomorrow) and March 29 (next week), may I suggest that you set up the date according to your people's needs, and send out a calendar invite to Andrew, Jarrett and I? Once I'm back, I can confirm their availability and send out a confirmation and draft agenda to you. And we can go from there?

That way everyone is not waiting for me to get back. It's very important to all of us to continue the discussion of RDBN's concerns about the BO qualification requirements.

Is this possible? If not, then I will happily get back at it when I return.

*Erin Dale*

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## Regional District Bulkley Nechako, Meeting with the Province, March 20, 2017

11:00 am to Noon (12:30)

Conference Call Line: 1-877-353-9184, Participant ID 2615105#

INVITEES		
Regional District Bulkley Nechako	Building and Safety Standards Branch	Licensing and Consumer Services (formerly Homeowner Protection Office)
Bill Miller, Electoral Area B and Chair, RDBN	Andrew Pape-Salmon, Executive Director	Wendy Acheson, Vice-President and Registrar
Jerry Peterson, Electoral Area F	Jarrett Hutchinson, Director of Building Regulations	Tyler Smith, Deputy Registrar, Licensing
Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area C	Erin Dale, Senior Policy Analyst	
Melany deWeerd, CAO, RDBN	Don Pedde, Senior Codes Administrator	
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning, RDBN		
Richard Wainwright, Chief Building Inspector RDBN		
Jason Berlin Building Inspector,		
Tom Clement, CAO, District of Vanderhoof		
Rod Holland, CAO for the Village of Fraser Lake		
AGENDA		
Issue/Discussion	Provincial Response/Discussion	Action/Follow-up
1. Introductions	(All)	
2. Purpose of Meeting	(Bill, Wendy and Andrew)	Invite to potentially meet in person when possible and outside of the election period.
3. Review the Owner-Builder Authorization requirements (exam)	(Wendy)	Set up a meeting outside this call to continue discussion either in person, or on conference call. May BOABC conference? Tyler to pull statistics and do analysis with Richard Wainwright Wendy and Tyler to set up an additional meeting to follow-up
4. Building Official Recruitment Challenges Property Taxation Increases, Drain of	Re. BO qualifications (All) MIABC Risk Management grants	Bring Forward: new meeting date

Inspectors to the South, and Gaps in Coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Service agreements</li> <li>○ New training and exams</li> <li>○ Mentoring new interns</li> </ul>	
5. Building Official Qualifications Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The <i>Building Act</i> context (Jarrett)</li> <li>○ Working group (Erin)</li> <li>○ Existing, expanded scopes of practice (i.e. Building and Plumbing Level I) (Erin)</li> <li>○ Proposed new classes (Erin)</li> <li>○ Four year transition period (Erin)</li> </ul>	BF
6. Rural action plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Roles and responsibilities: e.g. LCS, BSSB, RDBN, BOABC</li> <li>○ Other regional districts? (All)</li> </ul>	BF

**Reference Materials:**

4 Owner-Builder Exams: <https://www.bchousing.org/licensing-consumer-services/owner-builder/owner-builder-exam>

Owner-Builder Exam Study Guide (BC Housing):



Owner Builder Exam Study Guide -.BC Hous

The Building Act Guide (short version): [http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/construction-industry/building-codes-and-standards/guides/baguide\\_b2\\_short\\_feb2017.pdf](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/construction-industry/building-codes-and-standards/guides/baguide_b2_short_feb2017.pdf)

The Building Official Qualifications Working Group: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/construction-industry/building-codes-standards/building-act/working-groups#BOQWG>

Building Act Qualification Requirements: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/construction-industry/building-codes-standards/building-act/competency>



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Mr. Bill Miller, Chair  
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako  
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Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for your December 14, 2016 letter describing the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako's (RDBN) concerns about *Building Act* implementation. I apologize for my delayed response.

I want to thank you for your contributions to the Building Officials' Qualifications Working Group (BOQWG). The working group discussed at length the challenges faced by small and northern communities and the concerns raised in your letter. It agreed on the need for flexibility in the qualification requirements in order to address these concerns.

The *Building Act* gives local governments four years from the regulation's effective date in which to ensure their building officials are qualified. During that time, we expect to take a number of actions to respond to the need for more flexible requirements. For example, the proposed regulatory framework will expand the scope of work for Level 1 building and plumbing officials. It can allow local governments that have only lower-level building officials to rely on architects and engineers to ensure that complex buildings comply with the Building Code. The regulatory framework can also enable communities to hire entry-level building officials who have completed short-term training but are not yet formally qualified at Level 1.

Other organizations are also taking action to address the concerns you raise. The Building Officials' Association of BC (BOABC) has begun work with my ministry and the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training to attract new entrants to the profession, increasing the pool of qualified building officials. The Municipal Insurance Association of BC has offered to support its members with grants to cover the initial costs of qualification and templates and advice for building inspection service agreements

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**MAR 31 2017**

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF  
BULKLEY NECHAKO**

March 27, 2017

Dear Bill Miller:

Your November 3, 2016 letter to Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister Responsible for Housing regarding Owner Builder Authorization in the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako was forwarded to me for response. I am pleased to respond and appreciate the information you provided us on the homebuilding environment in your region. I apologize for the delay.

Your letter expressed concerns on the requirements for an Owner Builder Authorization, including meeting eligibility criteria and passing an exam. BC Housing strongly believes that the requirements strengthen consumer protection for both the owner builder and any subsequent purchaser by ensuring owner builders have the knowledge and understanding of home building basics.

You may be interested to learn that in 2016 more than 34 Owner Builder Authorizations were issued in the Bulkley-Nechako Regional District. I am advised that this includes 11 Owner Builder Authorizations issued to applicants with an address in the district since the introduction of the exam.

If you have any further questions or concerns on Owner Builder Authorizations or regional statistics, please feel free to contact Wendy Acheson, Vice President and Registrar, Licensing & Consumer Services at BC Housing. Wendy can be reached at 604-646-7066 or [wacheson@bchousing.org](mailto:wacheson@bchousing.org).

I appreciate you taking the time to write.

Yours truly,

Shayne Ramsay  
Chief Executive Officer



**Cheryl Anderson**

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**Subject:** FW: Blackwater Gold Project - Proposed Change to the Transmission Line Routing

**From:** New Gold Blackwater Project [<mailto:janice@newgold.ccsend.com>] **On Behalf Of** New Gold Blackwater Project  
**Sent:** March 29, 2017 11:31 AM  
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**Subject:** Blackwater Gold Project - Proposed Change to the Transmission Line Routing

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## Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Blackwater Gold Project

### Open House and Invitation to Comment

New Gold Inc. is proposing to construct and operate the Blackwater Gold Project (proposed Project), an open pit gold and silver mine located approximately 110 kilometres southwest of Vanderhoof, British Columbia. The proposed Project is being designed to produce 60,000 tonnes per day of gold and silver ore over a 17-year mine life. The proposed Project would also include the construction of a 140-kilometre, 230-kilovolt transmission line from the BC Hydro Glenannan substation to the mine site.

The proposed Project is subject to review under British Columbia's Environmental Assessment Act and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 (CEAA 2012) and is undergoing a coordinated environmental assessment. Provincial and federal ministers will each make their own decision on whether or not to approve the proposed Project.

New Gold is proposing a change to the transmission line alignment proposed in New Gold's Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate (October 2015). In order to assess the potential effects of the new proposed alignment, New Gold has submitted the Blackwater Gold Project Transmission Line Addendum Report (March 2017).

In order to provide information to the public about the proposed change to the transmission line alignment, and to receive comments from the public about potential effects related to the proposed



change, the Environmental Assessment Office invites the public to attend an Open House. An Open House is scheduled as follows:

**Nechako Seniors Friendship Centre**  
**219 Victoria St East , Vanderhoof, BC**  
**April 10, 2017**  
**4:00 - 8:00 PM**

The Environmental Assessment Office is also holding a 30-day public comment period on the Blackwater Gold Project Transmission Line Addendum Report. The comment period will begin on Wednesday April 5, 2017, and end on Thursday May 4, 2017. The Environmental Assessment Office accepts public comments in the following ways:

- **By online form at:**  
<http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca/pcp/index.html>
- **By Mail:**  
Tavis McDonald, Project Assessment Manager  
Environmental Assessment Office  
PO Box 9426 Stn Prov Govt  
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- **By Fax:** 250-387-2208

An electronic copy of the Transmission Line Addendum Report will be available at <https://projects.eao.gov.bc.ca/p/blackwater-gold/docs> starting on Monday March 27, 2017. Access to the Transmission Line Addendum Report will also be available for viewing at these locations:

Burns Lake Public Library (585 Government Street)

Cariboo Regional District Library - Quesnel Branch (101-410 Kinchant Street)

Fort St. James Public Library (425 Manson Street)

Fraser Lake Public Library (228 Endako Avenue)

Prince George Public Library - Bob Harkins Branch (888 Canada Games Way), Nechako Branch (6547 Hart Hwy)

Vanderhoof Public Library (230 Stewart Street East)

**Note:** All comments received during this comment period in relation to the Transmission Line Addendum Report will be considered public and posted on the Environmental Assessment Office's website.

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