

Building a stronger Alberta

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Albertans invited to make submissions to Royalty Review Panel

Calgary public meetings scheduled to begin May 22

Calgary... Albertans living in and around Calgary have the opportunity to share their views about Alberta's royalty and tax regime during three days of public meetings, beginning May 22. Anyone interested in making a presentation is encouraged to register in advance to guarantee an opportunity to address the Royalty Review Panel.

To register, visit www.albertaroyaltyreview.ca or call (403) 297-8173. You can be connected toll-free by first calling 310-0000.

Members of the public and media who wish to observe the proceedings are welcome to attend without registering, but space may be limited. The meetings will be held from May 22 to May 24, beginning at 9 a.m. each day, at the Radisson Hotel Calgary Airport, 2120-16th Avenue NE.

The Royalty Review Panel is hosting public meetings to gather input from interested Albertans and stakeholders as the panel examines the province's royalty and tax regime to ensure Albertans are receiving a fair share from energy development through royalties, taxes and fees.

During previous meetings held in Edmonton from May 14 to 16, the panel heard a total of 18 presentations from Alberta residents, organizations, and stakeholders in the oil and gas industry. Additional meetings are scheduled in Fort McMurray (June 4 to 6) and Medicine Hat (June 18 to 20).

Information about Alberta's royalty structure, locations of public meetings, a list of scheduled presenters, and how to make submissions online, by fax or by mail is also available by visiting www.albertaroyaltyreview.ca. The final deadline for submissions is June 22.

The royalty review is part of Premier Ed Stelmach's plan to build a stronger Alberta. Other priorities for the government are to govern with integrity and transparency, manage growth pressures, improve Albertans' quality of life, and provide safe and secure communities.

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