

Building a stronger Alberta

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Albertans invited to make submissions to Royalty Review Panel

Fort McMurray public meetings scheduled to begin June 4

Fort McMurray... Albertans living in and around Fort McMurray have the opportunity to share their views about Alberta's royalty and tax regime during three days of public meetings, beginning June 4. 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 June 4 to June 6, beginning at 10 a.m. each day, at the Oil Sands Discovery Centre, 515 MacKenzie Boulevard.

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 Calgary from May 22 to 24, the panel heard a total of 42 presentations from Alberta residents, organizations, and stakeholders in the oil and gas industry. Additional meetings are scheduled in 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 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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