

Building a stronger Alberta

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Albertans invited to make submissions to Royalty Review Panel

Medicine Hat public meetings scheduled to begin June 18

Medicine Hat... Albertans living in and around Medicine Hat have the opportunity to share their views about Alberta's royalty and tax regime during three days of public meetings, beginning June 18. 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 18 to June 20, beginning at 10 a.m. each day, at Medicine Hat College, 299 College Drive SE.

The Royalty Review Panel is examining the province's royalty and tax regime to ensure Albertans are receiving a fair share from energy development through royalties, taxes and fees. Public meetings are being held in a total of five communities to gather input from interested Albertans and stakeholders. Previous meetings were held in Grande Prairie, Edmonton, Calgary and Fort McMurray.

Information about Alberta's royalty structure, a list of scheduled presenters, and directions about how to make submissions online, by fax or by mail are 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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