



Ministry of
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Governance Recommendations from Professional Reliance Review

July 9th

Vancouver



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Meeting Outline

- Government Direction
- Engagement Objectives
- Professional Reliance Review Project Status
- Overview of Recommendations 1 and 2 on Professional Governance
- Proposed meeting schedule

What will make this engagement process most effective?

Government Direction

- Received recent cabinet direction to address governance recommendations
 - Move forward with bringing legislation for fall 2018
 - Establish oversight office

Engagement Objectives

- Gather input on Governance
Recommendations 1 and 2 to identify risks and implications to inform policies and legislation
- Are there other approaches to timely achieve recommendation 1 & 2?

Intent of Proposed Changes

- Ensure the appropriate QP is hired for the work & that they're competent
- Ensure QPs are giving unbiased advice
- Minimize controversy over NR decisions
- Improve timeliness of NR decisions
- Ensure equal oversight of QP regulators & QPs
- Increase transparency & accountability in PR model
- Increase First Nations and public trust in NR decisions

Timeline

- June 28 - Final Report released
- July - Engagement with QP regulators on R1 & R2
- Summer - Engagement with Indigenous nations, communities, and stakeholders
- Fall 2018 - Introduce legislation

Overview of Recommendations 1 and 2 on Professional Governance

- 1. Establish an office of professional regulation & oversight independent of natural resource ministries*
- 2. Legislate critical elements of professional governance*

Recommendation 1

Establish an Office of Professional Regulation and Oversight

- an agent of government focused on professional organization governance issues
- independent from natural resource sector ministries.

Recommendation 1

Establish an Office of Professional Regulation and Oversight mandate and authorities:

1. Administer the Act
2. Develop and administer merits-based process
3. Research and develop best practices
4. Develop governance and other necessary training
5. Investigate and audit QP regulators
6. Provide directives to QP regulators

Recommendation 1

Establish an Office of Professional Regulation and Oversight mandate and authorities:

7. Appoint a public administrator
8. Appeal certain professional organization decisions
9. Report regularly to legislature
10. Administer lists or rosters of practitioners
11. Investigate and recommend to Cabinet whether to designate new natural resource professions under Act
12. Amalgamate professional organizations

Recommendation 2

Legislate critical elements of professional governance

- Recognized as best practices
- Legislate to achieve greater consistency across the professions

Recommendation 2

Legislate critical elements of professional governance

1. Standardize council & committee functions and governance requirements
2. Standardize appointment process for councils & committees
3. Enable regulation of qualified professional (QP) firms
4. Giving councils the authority to adopt professional practice bylaws
5. Ensure focus of professional organization is on regulation of profession and public interest
6. Require continuing professional development
7. Standardizing codes of ethics
8. Improving and standardizing public interest duties
9. Improving reporting duties
10. Providing whistle-blower protection

Proposed Meeting Schedule

- **Wed. July 11 (Victoria) 11am-3pm** – Transition to Act and Office; R#1 to establish an Office, Office mandate and authorities
- **Tues. July 17 (Vancouver) 11am-3pm** – R#2 including: standardizing key duties of councils and committees; merit-based approach and public appointees
- **Wed. July 18 (Victoria) 11am-3pm** – regulation of firms, adopting bylaws without member vote; clarify advocacy, code of ethics, continuing professional development
- **Tues. July 24 (Vancouver) 11am-3pm** – complaints and discipline, reporting unprofessional conduct, whistleblower protection, list of accredited practitioners e.g., roster, develop and/or update practice standards
- **Wed. July 25 (Victoria) 11am-3pm** – appeals, investigations and audits; issuing a directive, imposing sanctions, and appointing a public administrator
- **Mon. July 30 (Vancouver) 11am-3pm** – Bringing it all together