

Simplifying Alberta Aboriginal Consultations

A Web Solution to Help Project Proponents Carry Out Delegated ACO Activities

Overview

Let's be honest. Tracking and managing the aboriginal consultations process for land acquisition projects has historically been a time-consuming and downright messy task, even for people with meticulous organizational skills. That's because spreadsheets are generally not effective tools for managing obligations, tracking workflow, and sharing updates.

In 2004, Pandell Projects was introduced to the industry, with one of its key goals being to clean up the consultation tracking process in two ways. First, by offering automated tools that make process tracking and administration, a lot faster. Second, by giving land brokers and producers a shared communication hub where project details could be viewed and updated anytime.

Later, two major elements were added to the system:

1. An ACO-approved web form that guides agent activities through the 5 stages of consultation, and generates a populated ROC Log pdf.
2. A document generator that creates ACO-standard and customizable consultation documents (letters).

Results

Today, hundreds of land professionals, numerous E&P companies, and **nearly 70% of the land brokerages in Alberta**, use Pandell Projects for end-to-end acquisitions management, including the entire aboriginal consultations process.

"We used to manage our projects on spreadsheets. Once we realized that all our project info and consultation work could be managed with real-time updates available to all the key players, there was no turning back!"

Jerad Bonetti

Evolve Surface Strategies

"Prior to using Projects, we were doing everything on spreadsheets. Now that we have a database to capture all our projects and workflow, its far superior."

Terry Johanson

Enerplus

"Today it's very important to communicate with our clients, not just by email, but in real time. So, to be able to give them live updates; that's a big deal for us."

Janice Redmond

Action Land and Environmental



Indigenous Relations

The Aboriginal Consultation Office (ACO) manages the following aspects of Alberta's First Nations and Metis Settlements consultation processes:

- Pre-consultation assessment
- Management of the consultation process
- Assessment of consultation adequacy

The ACO is aligned with other regulatory bodies to ensure First Nation's Treaty rights and traditional uses, as well as Metis Settlements members' harvesting and traditional use activities, are respected in all matters regarding land and natural resource management in Alberta.

The ACO publishes and provides a Proponent Guide to First Nations and Metis Settlements Consultation Procedures, which is available from the Government of Alberta website at: www.indigenous.alberta.ca

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