

About the OGC...

“The BC Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) is a single-window regulatory agency with responsibilities for overseeing oil and gas operations in British Columbia, including exploration, development, pipeline transportation and reclamation.”



Role & Responsibilities...

Supports the First Nations Relations and Stakeholder Relations teams by conducting research, providing information and maintaining accurate data on and for projects; as well as accompanying Commission staff on field inspections or community visits.



Major Projects...

BCOGC Land Reclamation Certificate Program

- Course by University of Northern British Columbia and the OGC to provide industry relevant training to Indigenous students across Northern BC.

Emergency Response Plan with McLeod Lake Indian Band (MLIB)

- Assisted the MLIB on updating their existing FNESS Level 1 Emergency Response Plan. The OGC also partnered with BlackGold Emergency Planners to pilot a community specific ERP. This ERP provided a basis for a quick reference guide to be distributed to homes in the event of an evacuation or high level emergency.

Fort Nelson First Nation (FNFN) Borrow Pit Restoration Pilot Program

- FNFN expressed an interest in identifying and rehabilitating borrow pit sites used in the oil and gas sector, that now contain fresh water. Partnering with the OGC, the purpose of the project is to reclaim chosen sites for the purpose of growing and picking berries in locations close and accessible for the FNFN community members.

Consultation and Engagement by the OGC...

The OGC focuses their engagement initiatives with First Nations on building resilient relationships. This is done through discussions, collaboration, and sharing of knowledge, for example:

- Encouraging and facilitating early engagement between First Nations and companies.
- Consultation with First Nations on new applications.
- Fully respecting and following the terms of UNDRIP, as well as going beyond its legal requirements.
- Capacity funding for stronger consultation as well as funding for initiatives supporting First Nations involvement and interests within the sector.

