

Good afternoon,

As co-chair of the Lower Mainland Municipalities Working Group, I am submitting on behalf of the member municipalities, their feedback on the Rules of Practice and Procedure Regulations. The below was developed and reviewed by the members Cc'ed.

Feedback pertaining to the Rules of Practice and Procedure Regulations:

- \* Recommendations pertaining to hearings:
  - \* Define categories of participants in the Rules of Practice
  - \* Enable local governments to request a hearing to remove abandoned pipes
  - \* Enable local governments to cross examen – recognize it is not possible for all interveners to cross examen; local governments could be granted this status.
  - \* Provide companies with requirements for their responses to Information Requests (IRs). Responses have lacked the specificity needed to be meaningful.
  
- \* Timelines to resolve disputes: Recommend adopting fixed timelines (e.g. DFO process) to encourage timely resolution.
- \* Application forms: Recommend more streamlined, non-lawyer-intensive processes, to improve access to participation by local government staff and others.