

Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship

Final Report:

Bill 211, Alberta Underground Infrastructure Notification System Consultation Act

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**To the Honourable Robert E. Wanner
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
of the Province of Alberta**

I have the honour of submitting, on behalf of the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, the Committee's final report on the Review of Bill 211, *Alberta Underground Infrastructure Notification System Consultation Act*.

Sincerely,

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Rod Loyola, MLA
Chair, Standing Committee
on Resource Stewardship

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1.0 Introduction

Bill 211, *Alberta Underground Infrastructure Notification System Consultation Act*, was referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship for review after being introduced and receiving first reading on November 28, 2018.

2.0 Order of Reference

Excerpt from the Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, Wednesday, November 28, 2018:

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 211 Alberta Underground Infrastructure Notification System Consultation Act
— Mr. Schneider

On motion by Mr. Schneider, Hon. Member for Little Bow, the Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship pursuant to Standing Order 74.1(1), with the committee reporting to the Assembly by the week of March 4, 2019.

3.0 Committee Activities

As part of the Committee's review of Bill 211 Committee meetings were held on January 23 and 25 and February 26 and 27, 2019. The sponsor of Bill 211, David Schneider, MLA for Little Bow, provided a written submission to the Committee on the Bill on February 8, 2019; written submissions were also received from Colin Piquette, MLA for Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater, and the Hon. Margaret McCuaig-Boyd, Minister of Energy, on February 25, 2019. Written submissions were solicited from 56 identified stakeholders. The Committee received 15 written submissions from stakeholders, and representatives from six stakeholder organizations made oral presentations to the Committee on February 26, 2019.

4.0 Recommendations

Pursuant to Standing Order 74.2(1)

When a Bill is referred to a standing or special committee after first reading, the committee may conduct public hearings on the subject matter of the Bill and report its observations, opinions and recommendations with respect to the Bill to the Assembly.

The Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship recommends that Bill 211, *Alberta Underground Infrastructure Notification System Consultation Act*, proceed.

The Committee further recommends that:

any public meetings with stakeholders on the underground infrastructure notification system in Alberta conducted pursuant to Bill 211, *Alberta Underground Infrastructure Notification System Consultation Act*, include Indigenous groups, water utilities, and irrigation districts.

the report of the Committee required by Bill 211, *Alberta Underground Infrastructure Notification System Consultation Act*, include a recommendation for the Government to designate one ministry to be responsible for underground infrastructure notification in Alberta.

Appendix A: Written Submissions from Stakeholders

| Name | Organization |
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| Ross Wickware Managing Director | Safety in Schools Foundation of Canada |
| Fraser Paterson Director, Damage Prevention, Land, Community and Indigenous Affairs | Plains Midstream Canada |
| Byron D. Sackville General Manager | PelicanCorp (CA) Inc. |
| Sherry McMullen Civil Underground HSE Advisor | Pidherney's Inc. |
| Jeff Mulligan Owner-Chief Operating Officer | Astec Safety Inc. |
| Tom Kee Executive Director | Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. |
| Robert Hadden Director, Western Region | Trans Mountain Corporation |
| Al Kemmere President | Rural Municipalities of Alberta |
| Ed Plant Consultant/Director | T.E.P. R-O-W Co-ordination Inc. |
| Mark Yeomans Chief Engineer and Vice President | TransCanada Corporation |
| Peter McDowell President | APWA (American Public Works Association) – Alberta Chapter |
| Ron Glen Chief Executive Officer | Alberta Roadbuilders & Heavy Construction Association |
| Mike Sullivan President | Canadian Common Ground Alliance |
| Douglas F. Lapp President and Chief Executive Officer | Ontario Regional Common Ground Alliance |
| Rocky Pooke | 2nd Call |

Appendix B: Written Briefings

| Name | Organization |
|---|---------------------------------|
| David Schneider, MLA, Little Bow (Sponsor of Bill 211) | Legislative Assembly of Alberta |
| Colin Piquette, MLA, Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater | Legislative Assembly of Alberta |
| Hon. Margaret McCuaig-Boyd, Minister of Energy | Ministry of Energy |

Appendix C: List of Oral Presenters

| Name | Organization |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Mike Sullivan, President | Alberta One-Call Corporation |
| Ron Glen, Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Roadbuilders & Heavy Construction Association Al Kemmere, President, Rural Municipalities of Alberta Melissa Pierce, Edmonton Area Pipeline and Utility Operators' Committee Michelle Tetreault, Executive Director | Alberta Common Ground Alliance |
| Darcy Hurlock, Operations Manager | Telus Corporation |
| Ian Phillips, Manager, Government and Regulatory Affairs | Shaw Communications |
| Philippe Gauvin, Assistant General Counsel, Consumer and Retail Business Regulation | BCE |
| Armand Cardinal, Aboriginal and Community Relations | TransCanada Corporation |

