



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

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Nothing has changed, dugout water supplies do not need licences.

The Peace River Regional District and Peace River South, MLA Blair Lekstrom, would like to clarify that dug-out water supplies filled by rain or spring freshet do not require a water license from the Ministry of Environment, Water Comptroller.

The Peace River Regional District has interpreted the Water Comptrollers intended meaning of "other water sources" to include surface water runoff.

The Water Comptroller's interpretation is to require water licensing for water used from all streams which are a natural water course which has a defined bed and banks.

There is no requirement to license dugout water supplies with the Ministry of Environment, Comptroller of Water Rights unless the landowner is diverting from a stream to fill the dugout.

The Water Comptroller has assured us that the Ministry will not be accepting applications for rights on dugouts on private lands if there is no stream involved.

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