

# **Ministry of Natural Gas Development**

## **Natural Gas and Petroleum Tenure Contact Information**

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Below is a list of contacts for questions related to natural gas and petroleum tenure. For general inquiries or if you are not sure who to contact, please call 250-952-0333 or send an email to [PNGTitles@gov.bc.ca](mailto:PNGTitles@gov.bc.ca)

Contact:	Topics:
<p><b>Matt Austin</b>  <b>Director, Resource Development</b>                      250-952-0374  <a href="mailto:Matt.Austin@gov.bc.ca">Matt.Austin@gov.bc.ca</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tenure disposition process</li> <li>• tenure referral process</li> <li>• deferred parcels</li> <li>• First Nations engagement</li> <li>• landowner notification</li> </ul>
<p><b>Elle Bardol</b>  <b>Manager, Crown Sale &amp; GIS Services</b>                      250-952-0344  <a href="mailto:Elle.Bardol@gov.bc.ca">Elle.Bardol@gov.bc.ca</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tenure posting requests</li> <li>• Petroleum Titles Online</li> </ul>
<p><b>Terry Branscombe</b>  <b>Senior Tenure Management Advisor</b>                      250-952-0340  <a href="mailto:Terrence.Branscombe@gov.bc.ca">Terrence.Branscombe@gov.bc.ca</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tenure management, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ drilling licence extensions</li> <li>○ lease continuations</li> <li>○ lease selection</li> <li>○ lease splits</li> <li>○ title transfers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Carolyn Desjardins</b>  <b>Manager, Revenue Collection, Reconciliation and Reporting</b>                      250-356-1059  <a href="mailto:Carolyn.Desjardins@gov.bc.ca">Carolyn.Desjardins@gov.bc.ca</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ePayments</li> <li>• pre-authorized debit (for tenure dispositions, rents and fees)</li> <li>• refunds</li> </ul>
<p><b>Dave Richardson</b>  <b>Manager, Geology</b>                      250-952-0359  <a href="mailto:Dave.W.Richardson@gov.bc.ca">Dave.W.Richardson@gov.bc.ca</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• geology, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ earning wells (evaluation)</li> <li>○ lease continuations (geological interpretation)</li> <li>○ land plats</li> <li>○ zone designation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Geoff Turner</b>  <b>Director, Policy and Planning</b>                      250-952-0709  <a href="mailto:Geoff.Turner@gov.bc.ca">Geoff.Turner@gov.bc.ca</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• legislation and policy development</li> <li>• BC Tenure Working Group</li> </ul>

You can also contact **Garth Thoroughgood, Executive Director, Tenure and Geoscience Branch** (also Director of Petroleum Lands) at 250-952-6382 or [Garth.Thoroughgood@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Garth.Thoroughgood@gov.bc.ca)