

Resume



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Personal overview/ Professional philosophy

Bill Diepeveen is a nationally recognized mediator and conflict management specialist. His experience includes working with municipal and provincial clients (including municipal associations) as well as those in the agricultural community, oil and gas sector, First Nations, and local community groups. Bill's mediation practice is guided by a philosophy that emphasizes local solutions to local issues. He strongly believes in the ability of individuals to develop creative solutions to the issues that face them. To that extent he strives to create a collaborative framework that empowers participants to work together to reach decisions that meet the interests of all involved.

Mediation Experience

Bill has been mediating large, complex multiparty disputes since 1990. His extensive mediation work with municipalities has spanned the province and has involved intermunicipal disputes ranging from large annexations, to cost sharing, as well as land use, joint planning, waste management and recreation issues. In addition, he has worked with individual municipalities on issues related to internal council conflict and individual landowner disputes. Both the RMA and the AM have jointly utilized his services to address intermunicipal cost sharing issues. His work in providing conflict resolution services to Alberta municipalities was awarded the Premiers Award of Excellence and the Canada Award of Excellence. He is also a mediator with the Alberta Provincial Court, Civil Division Mediation Program.

Recent Clients

Town of Drayton Valley – Internal staffing
Edmonton Metropolitan Regional Board - Landuse
RockyView County & City of Calgary - Annexation/Joint Planning
City of Ft. Saskatchewan & Capital Region Northeast Water Services Commission
Stettler County, SV Rochan Sands, SV White Sands - Landuse
Cardston and Cardston County - Intermunicipal cooperation
Alberta Justice - Legal Aid funding

Experience

Bill has been involved with municipal meditations across Alberta since 1990 and has dealt with:

- Annexations
- 690 Appeals
- Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks
- Waste management and recreation services
- Regional Service Commissions
- Cost/Revenue Sharing Agreements
- Council interactions

Training

Bill has taken over 450 hours of mediation and facilitation training since 1985. He has taken conflict management and advanced mediation training from the Harvard Program on Negotiation; The Banff Center; CDR Associates, Boulder Colorado; ADR Education; Eastern Mennonite University; and Central Michigan University.

In addition he has taught over 50 courses, and made presentations nationally and internationally on topics such as interest-based negotiation, consensus decision-making, multi-party mediation, collaborative leadership, and preparing for mediation. He has degrees from the University of Alberta (BA, PDEd) and Wilfred Laurier University (MSW).

Professional Associations

ADR Institute of Alberta
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