

Treaty 8 and BCER Restoration Advisory Committee

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About the Committee: A collaborative approach to landscape restoration

The purpose of the Restoration Advisory Committee (RAC) is for the BC Energy Regulator (BCER) and representatives across the B.C. Nations of Treaty 8 to work collaboratively on restoration matters related to the BCER's mandate in Northeast B.C. resulting in inclusive and culturally relevant approaches, including in relation to wildlife habitat and reciprocal restoration. Working in collaboration, Indigenous perspectives, voices, and cultural values are central to the Committee's efforts.

Year in Review

The RAC had **five main goals** in 2024. We contributed to **four of these five goals this year**:



Collaborate on restoration related legislation, policy and guidance.



Share training and learning about restoration.



Collaborate on restoration programs and projects.



Communicate through monthly meetings and an annual newsletter.



Collaborate on data and information management.

Key Highlights:

7 Monthly Meetings

2 In-Person Workshops

1 Conference



Shared learnings, challenges and recommendations for implementing the "Ecologically Suitable Species Guidelines"

February

One-day workshop in Fort St. John with a live demonstration of restoration permitting systems.



June

Hosted presentations and discussions with B.C. Hydro and the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology.

October

RAC Members attend the Healing the Land Conference hosted at Saulteau First Nation and lead a panel discussion on 'Raising the Bar in Restoration'.

September

Two-day workshop in Fort St. John, including an industrial visit and a learning and sharing session with RAC members, Twin Sisters Nursery, BC Tree Seed Centre and the National Tree Seed Centre.

In **2025**, we are looking forward to another year of collaboration, learning and bettering our restoration practices, along with sharing information and our learnings from the RAC more broadly.