

Resume

Contact Information

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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, 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 AUMA have jointly utilized his services to address intermunicipal cost sharing issues.

Recent Projects (2018)

Beaumont – Land use issues
Edmonton, Leduc, Leduc County and Edmonton International airport – Transit
City of Edmonton and Leduc County - Annexation
Alberta Justice - Legal Aid funding

Current projects (2019)

Sturgeon County – Land use issues
Edmonton, Beaumont, Leduc County – Land use issues
Cardston and Cardston County - Intermunicipal cooperation
Cardston County and Magrath - Intermunicipal cooperation
Strathcona County and Ft Saskatchewan – Annexation and Intermunicipal cooperation
RMA District 1, Irrigation Districts and Gov't of Alberta - Interjurisdictional issues

Training

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

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| Resolving Environmental Controversy | 1992 | 14 hrs | G. Cormick |
| Multiparty Mediation | 1993 | 40 hrs | Whistler Center |
| Advanced Mediation | 1999 | 14 hrs | G. Sloan |
| Designing ADR Systems | 1999 | 14hrs | Sharon Wilson |
| ADR System Design | 2000 | 7hrs | CS Merchant |
| Mediators in Conflict | 2001 | 14hrs | B Mayer |
| Mediating in the Workplace | 2001 | 21hrs | Whistler Center |
| Intensely Value Based Identity Driven Conflict | 2006 | 14 hrs | ADR Education |
| Value Based Conflicts | 2006 | 14 hrs | Jane Dougherty |
| Apology | 2007 | 14 hrs | M Umbriet, D. Peachy, P. Field, & N. Funk-Unra |
| Creating Collaborative Municipal Cultures | 2010 | 14 hrs | D Brubaker |
| Insight Mediation | 2008 | 21hrs | C Picard |
| Restorative Justice in the Municipal Sector | 2011 | 14hrs | H Mika |
| Restorative Practices | 2013 | 40 hrs | ADRIA |

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 and Wilfred Laurier University.

Professional Associations

ADRIA
ADRIC

References

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