

**Definition of First Reading:**

The term 'First Reading' is actually a misnomer. Although it is the first chance for the public to see proposed legislation, First Reading is actually an advanced stage of development, after which it is sent for comments to over 100 government agencies and First Nations. Because of the document's advanced stage, after First Reading only cosmetic changes can be made. In this particular case, although a massive public backlash halted the First Reading, the Trust has continued to send it to agencies and first Nations anyway. This signals that they are reluctant to consider the hundreds of letters and e-mails opposing the draft and are not listening to residents and property owners at Public Information Meetings, which are supposed to be used to gather public input before proceeding with any new legislation.

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