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Lower Athabasca

Regional Advisory Council – Meeting #6

Location:

Radisson Hotel (435 Gregoire Drive, 780-743-2400), Fort McMurray/Fort Chipewyan, AB.

Date:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – August 4-6, 2009

Background Information to be reviewed prior to meeting:

1. July Meeting Minutes
2. Revised Lower Athabasca Regional Plan (LARP) Report
3. Approved Vision and Outcomes
4. Economic Development Presentation
5. Conservation Map and Analysis
6. Recreation and Tourism Presentation
7. Forestry Presentation
8. Cumulative Effects for Air and Water
9. Four million barrels per day (mbd) Model Presentation Base Case and Best Practices
10. Overview of Best Practices
11. Agriculture Presentation

Meeting Objectives:

1. Update RAC on the feedback from the Ministerial Working Group (MWG).
2. RAC to finalize their recommendations to Regional Planning Team (RPT) and MWG on the following:
 - a. Conservation:
 - i. Decision on map that conserves 20% of the LAR
 - ii. Direction given on the recommended strategy of how to conserve 20% of the LAR
 - iii. Strategy to consider exceeding conservation of 20% of the LAR
 - b. Recreation and Tourism map(s) and management and strategy plans.
 - c. Forestry map(s) and long-term forestry land-use and policy considerations.
 - d. Agriculture with respect to preservation of the agricultural economy within the LAR.
3. Focus on what considerations need to be made on the following:



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- a. Economic development
- b. Best Practices model using production level of four mbd

DAY 1		Fort McMurray	
Time	Discussion Item	LARP Report Section	Lead
9:00 – 10:00	Continental Breakfast		
10:00 – 11:00	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Approval of Meeting Minutes • Acceptance of the Agenda • Update and feedback from the Ministerial Work Group 		Heather Kennedy, <i>RAC Chair</i>
	LARP Report Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharepoint site • Progress update on report writing and key deliverable dates 		Simon O'Byrne, <i>RPT</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Regional Economic Development	4.0	Diane Simsovic Toby Schneider <i>RPT</i>
12:30 – 1:00	Lunch		
1:00 – 3:15	Conservation of up to 20%: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present revised map 	5.4	Scott Milligan, Dave Hervieux, Justin Ellis <i>RPT</i>
	Recreation and Tourism Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review recreation and tourism maps • Discuss creation of different park typologies within the LAR • Review RPT recommended strategy for recreation and tourism management and planning within the LAR 	6.1	
	Management intent and land approaches for conserved and recreation and tourism lands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria and Management intent for Conserved lands • Discuss different recreation and tourism approaches for different areas within the LAR • Provide answers on questions raised by RAC at July meeting 		
3:15 – 3:30	Coffee Break		

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3:30 – 4:30	Finalize recommendations to RPT on the Conservation of Land within LAR	5.4 9.9	Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i>
4:30 – 5:00	Direction to RAC on what decisions and recommendations they want to make regarding Recreation and Tourism to RPT and MWG	6.1 9.9	Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i>
5:00 - 6:00	Strategy to consider exceeding conservation of 20% of the LAR What recommended strategies should be advanced on how to conserve more than 20% of the LAR?	5.4 9.9	Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i> All
6:00	Adjourn - Group Dinner at Tio Mario: 7:00 p.m.		

DAY 2		Fort McMurray	
Time	Discussion Item	LARP Report Section	Lead
7:30 – 8:00	Continental Breakfast		
8:00 – 8:30	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss outcomes of Day 1 		Heather Kennedy, <i>RAC chair</i>
8:30 – 9:00	Forestry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review map(s) Discuss long-term forestry land use and policy considerations 	4.2	Scott Milligan, <i>RPT</i>
9:00 – 10:00	Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review land-use suitability classification maps for LAR Answer questions asked at July RAC Direction to RAC on what they should consider and focus on 	4.4	John Zylstra, <i>RPT</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break		
10:15 - 11:15	Biodiversity information	5.0	Scott Milligan <i>RPT</i>
11:15 – 12:00	Air Threshold information	5.1 5.2	Randall Barrett <i>RPT</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Lunch		
12:30 – 3:00	Four mbd Production Base Case and Best Practices Model Conclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RPT will provide their conclusions on the four mbd model Direction to RAC on what they should consider and focus on 	9.8	Ken Macdonald, Randall Barrett, Preston McEachern, Selena Cole, Scott Milligan, <i>RPT</i> Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i>
3:00 – 3:15	Coffee Break		

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3:15 – 5:30	Finalize RAC's opinions on the four mbd and Next Steps	9.9	Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i>
5:30	Adjourn Day		

DAY 3	Fort Chipewyan		
Prior to 7:30	* Breakfast will not be provided*		
7:30	Meet in Hotel Lobby	Travel to Airport	
8:00 – 10:00	Fly to Fort Chipewyan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flight will be on Government plane Transportation to Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) Council Chambers		All
	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss Outcomes of Day 2 		Heather Kennedy, <i>RAC chair</i>
10:15 – 10:45	Land-use Framework Policy Gaps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The LUF and LARP Terms of Reference highlighted policy gaps within the government. Many of these policies are currently being worked on and will be completed by the end of 2010. These gaps will be partially addressed within LARP.		Crystal Damer <i>Land Use Secretariat</i>
10:45 – 12:00	September RAC meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review objectives Discuss deliverables 		Simon O'Byrne, <i>RPT</i>
	Meeting Summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key messages Topics for external discussion 		Simon O'Byrne, <i>RPT</i> , Heather Kennedy, <i>RAC chair</i>
	Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roundtable review of meeting and overall project progress 		Heather Kennedy, <i>RAC chair</i>
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch with Band Councils		
1:00 – 2:00	Tour Fort Chipewyan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taxi tour of Fort Chipewyan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Museum Church Lake 		All
2:00	Adjourn Meeting and Fly to Fort McMurray and Edmonton		

Next Meeting Date: September 2-4, Bonnyville, AB.



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September Meeting Objectives:

1. Input to RPT on Objectives.
2. Make recommendations to RPT and MWG on Transportation Utility Corridors (TUC). (Per LUF Initiative.)
3. Recommendations to RPT on Transportation Corridors and Utility Corridors.
4. Information update on model progress
5. Make recommendations to RPT on social considerations based on population growth, labour requirements and human settlement patterns.
6. Update on Social Indicator Initiative (Executive Council).
7. Discussion on impacts to Aboriginal communities.
8. Make recommendations to RPT on what economic development considerations must be incorporated within the LARP.
9. Discuss how the three pillars of sustainability will be dealt with using cumulative effects management – integrated approach.
10. Climate change approach.
11. Implication assessment of Tourism and Recreation strategy.