



NORTH SASKATCHEWAN REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (RAC)

Session #1 – MINUTES

July 29 - 31, 2014

Camrose, Alberta



Session Objectives:

1. Common understanding of regional planning
2. RAC norms and decision-making process
3. Common understanding of the North Saskatchewan regional drivers and the state of the environment

Attendance:

<p>RAC Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wendy Boje (Chair) • Doug King (Vice-chair) • Patrick Alexander • Cecil Anderson • Tim Burton • Nicholas Gafuik • Leslie Gammie • Rob Gibb • Ed Gibbons • Arnold Hanson • Lorne Hindbo • Tim Hofstra • Charles Newell • Ed Parke • Robert Phillips • Neal Sarnecki • Tracy Scott • Stephen Stanley • David Taylor • Peter Vana 	<p>RAC Members Continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liv Vors • Leonard Wade • Allen Wright • Marla Zapach <p>Government of Alberta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Milligan (Environment & Sustainable Resource Development - ESRD) • Niki Atwal (Energy) • Jason Cathcart (Agriculture and Rural Development - ARD) • Joannes Wong (Municipal Affairs - MA) • Tracy Howlett (Environment & Sustainable Resource Development - ESRD) • Chris Spytz (Tourism, Parks and Recreation - TPR) • Crystal Damer (Land Use Secretariat - LUS) <p>Consulting Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elevate Consulting <p>RAC Members Absent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stan Delorme • Cecil Janvier • Robert Winship
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Agenda Items:

Tuesday, July 29, 2014 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	
1.1 FORMAL WELCOME	Wendy Boje, RAC Chair
The RAC Chair formally opened the RAC Session.	
1.2 LAND-USE FRAMEWORK (LUF) AND REGIONAL PLANNING	Crystal Damer, LUS
Highlights from the presentation included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Land-use Framework (LUF) and Regional Planning.</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">– Integrated Resource Management System (IRMS)– Land-use Framework– Alberta Land Stewardship Act (ALSA)– Regional plans - the components; planning process; implementation and improvement; compliance; monitoring, evaluation and reporting	
1.3 JOURNEY OF RAC	Crystal Damer, LUS
This presentation provided the process and set of tools which RAC will be following over the next three months to ensure an integrated discussion occurs when providing recommendations and advice.	
Wednesday, July 30, 2014 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	
1.4 RAC CHARTER	Wendy Boje, RAC Chair; Elevate
RAC developed and agreed on their Charter, Decision Management Process and Consensus Model. RAC was successful at the “norming, storming, forming” components of developing a collaborative group. RAC members were also walked through the LUS Administration processes.	



Thursday, July 31, 2014

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

1.5 DRIVERS OF CHANGE: SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVES OF THE REGION

Niki Atwal (Energy) and Jason Cathcart (ARD)

The Government of Alberta presented on the *Drivers of Change: A Social and Economic Perspective of the North Saskatchewan Region*, which included an overview of the following:

- Drivers of Change
- Social Perspective
- Economic Overview
- Industries: Current State and Existing Policies
- Economic Development Considerations

1.6 STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Scott Milligan, ESRD

The Government of Alberta presented an overview of the State of the Environment of the North Saskatchewan Region, which included a high level overview of the following areas:

- Air
- Water
- Biodiversity
- Environmental Management Frameworks
- Cumulative Effects Management

1.7 CLOSING OF SESSION #1

Wendy Boje, RAC Chair; Elevate

- RAC was provided the Agenda for Session #2 in Drayton Valley along with the Primers and Backgrounders that will support the presentations to be provided to RAC
- Meeting adjourned by the Chair
- Next Session – August 12-14, 2014 in Drayton Valley