

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (RAC)



Session #7 – MINUTES

October 21-22, 2014

Edmonton, Alberta



Session Objectives:

1. Review of the Draft Recommendations Report – RAC’s Advice to the Government of Alberta.

Attendance:

<p>RAC Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wendy Boje (Chair)• Patrick Alexander• Tim Burton• Nicholas Gafuik• Leslie Gammie• Rob Gibb• Ed Gibbons• Arnold Hanson• Lorne Hindbo• Tim Hofstra• Doug King• Charles Newell• Ed Parke• Robert Phillips (<i>Day 2</i>)• Neal Sarnecki• Stephen Stanley• David Taylor• Peter Vana• Liv Vors• Leonard Wade• Robert Winship• Allen Wright• Marla Zapach <p>RAC Members Absent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cecil Anderson• Stan Delorme• Cecil Janvier• Tracy Scott	<p>Government of Alberta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crystal Damer (Land Use Secretariat - LUS)• Niki Atwal (Energy)• Jason Cathcart (Agriculture and Rural Development - ARD)• Tracy Howlett (Aboriginal Engagement and Planning - Environment and Sustainable Resource Development - ESRD)• Scott Milligan (Environment and Sustainable Resource Development - ESRD)• Chris Spytz (Tourism, Parks and Recreation – TPR)• Chad Willms (Environment and Sustainable Resource Development - ESRD)• Joannes Wong (Municipal Affairs - MA) <p>Consulting Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elevate Consulting
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Agenda Items:

Tuesday, October 21, 2014 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	
7.1 FORMAL WELCOME	Wendy Boje, RAC Chair
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The RAC Chair formally opened the seventh RAC Session in Edmonton, Alberta. The Chair thanked RAC for their hard work at the previous session in Lloydminster and provided a recap of the topics covered at that session. A high-level overview of the Session 7 agenda was given, with the focus on the review of the recommendations and advice areas developed to date as, well as the Minister’s Dinner with the Stewardship Minister on the evening of October 21.	
7.2 REVIEW OF MINUTES AND E-SCRIBE NOTES FROM SESSION #6	RAC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RAC reviewed the Minutes from the sixth session in Lloydminster, Alberta.<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Section 6.5 of the Minutes was amended to say only the wetlands and lakes management topics for the water discussion were reviewed and accepted– Call for vote to accept the Minutes from the meeting held October 7-9 in Lloydminster, Alberta<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Accepted• RAC received and reviewed the electronically scribed notes from the sixth session.	
7.3 DISCUSSION ON RECOMMENDATION REPORT TOPIC AREAS	RAC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RAC members engaged in a discussion on the following RAC advice topics:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Green Zone Integration Story– Recreation Considerations– Governance Models (i.e., Bighorn)– White Zone Integration Story• Through round table discussions on the four topic areas above, additional considerations and context were provided for advice areas.• RAC reached consensus on allowing the Chair to take the comments and suggestions discussed and incorporate them into the recommendations report.	



Wednesday, October 22, 2014 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	
7.4 DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS, REGIONAL OUTCOMES AND VISION	RAC, LUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RAC members engaged in a fulsome discussion on the proposed strategic directions, regional outcomes and vision for the North Saskatchewan Regional Plan, providing comments and suggestions to strengthen the statements.• LUS provided a brief history of the development of the other two regional plans from a strategic planning perspective to give RAC greater context for their discussion.• RAC reached consensus on allowing the Chair to take the comments and suggestions discussed and incorporate them into the recommendations report.	
7.5 DISCUSSION ON CROSS-REGIONAL INTEGRATION FROM AN ABORIGINAL PERSPECTIVE	RAC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RAC members engaged in a round table discussion on cross-regional integration from an aboriginal perspective.• First Nations and Métis concerns and opportunities around the regional planning process were identified and discussed.• RAC provided the Chair with the ability to incorporate the comments and suggestions discussed into the recommendations report.	
7.6 CLOSING OF SESSION #7	Wendy Boje, RAC Chair
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Chair provided a recap of the session and informed RAC that the next draft of the RAC Recommendations Report will be sent in advance of the next session, allowing enough time for RAC members to digest the content, and to be ready to bring their feedback for discussion.• Meeting adjourned by the Chair.• Next Session – November 25-26 in Edmonton, Alberta.	