



NORTH SASKATCHEWAN REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (RAC)

Session #2 – MINUTES

August 12 -14, 2014

Drayton Valley, Alberta



Session Objectives:

1. Common Understanding of Aboriginal Consultation Process and Feedback
2. Common Understanding of Consultation Process and Feedback
3. RAC Recommendations on Water and Watersheds

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 • Liv Vors • Robert Winship • Allen Wright • Marla Zapach 	<p>Government of Alberta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystal Damer (Land Use Secretariat - LUS) • Dave Bartesko (Land Use Secretariat - LUS) • Scott Milligan (Environment & Sustainable Resource Development - ESRD) • Chad Willms (Environment & Sustainable Resource Development - ESRD) • Thorsten Hebben (Environment & Sustainable Resource Development - ESRD) • Fiona Slessor - (Environment & Sustainable Resource Development - ESRD) • Tyrell Ludwig (Energy) • Jason Cathcart (Agriculture and Rural Development - ARD) • Cara Gill (Tourism, Parks and Recreation - TPR) • Robert Huston (Energy) <p>Guest Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Tony Alexis, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation • Lyndon Aginas, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation <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 • Leonard Wade
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Agenda Items:

Tuesday, August 12, 2014 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	
2.1 FORMAL WELCOME	Wendy Boje, RAC Chair
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The RAC Chair formally opened the second RAC Session.• RAC reviewed the Minutes from the first session.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Call for vote to accept the Minutes from the meeting held July 29 – 31 in Camrose, Alberta</i>- <i>Passed</i>	
2.2 CONSULTATION PROCESS AND ABORIGINAL PERSPECTIVES	Dave Bartesko, LUS; Lyndon Aginas, Chief Tony Alexis, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation
<p>Highlights from the presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u><i>Aboriginal Peoples of the North Saskatchewan Region</i></u><ul style="list-style-type: none">- Aboriginal peoples in the region- Aboriginal consultation in Alberta- Aboriginal peoples consultation process in the North Saskatchewan Region- Aboriginal peoples and land-use planning- Feedback received from aboriginal peoples consultation• To provide an understanding of an aboriginal perspective from a leadership and cultural perspective, guests Chief Tony Alexis and Lyndon Aginas of the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation were invited to speak with RAC.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Aginas shared an aboriginal cultural perspective on the relationship with land uses- Chief Tony Alexis shared insights, as an aboriginal leader, of balancing economic, social and land considerations	
2.3 PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION PROCESS AND PHASE I FEEDBACK	Dave Bartesko, LUS
<p>The presentation provided an overview of the public and stakeholder consultation process of regional planning. Phase 1 of the public stakeholder consultation is complete. RAC was presented with the results received to date.</p>	



Wednesday, August 13, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

2.4 WATER AND WATERSHEDS

Scott Milligan, ESRD; Thorsten Hebben, ESRD

- ESRD presented on the North Saskatchewan Region Water and Watersheds which included an overview of the following:
 - Context description of water features in the region
 - Current state and existing policies for managing water and watersheds
 - Approaches
 - Water quality management
 - Watershed management
 - Lake management
 - Wetland management

2.5 RAC ADVICE ON LAKES MANAGEMENT

RAC

- Through a facilitated discussion process, RAC referred to the context information they received and contributed to, considered options, consequences and implications, and produced advice for recommendations on the area of lakes management to the Government of Alberta.

2.6 WATER AND WATERSHEDS

Scott Milligan, ESRD

- ESRD continued with the presentation North Saskatchewan Region Water and Watersheds, focusing on wetlands management.



Thursday, August 14, 2014 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	
2.7 RAC ADVICE ON WETLANDS MANAGEMENT	RAC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continuing from the previous day's discussion, RAC considered criteria, options, consequences and implications, and provided recommendations on considerations, tools and identified priority wetland areas.	
2.8 AIR	Scott Milligan, ESRD; Fiona Slessor, ESRD
<ul style="list-style-type: none">ESRD presented on the <i>Air Quality</i>, which included an overview of the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Context description of air quality in the regionCurrent state and existing policies for monitoring and managing air qualityAir quality management frameworksRAC was not asked to provide recommendations on air quality management; the members were, however asked to provide their perspective on whether they supported the proposed outcome and strategic direction.	
2.9 RAC ADVICE ON OUTCOMES AND STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR AIR	RAC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Through a facilitated discussion process, RAC referred to the context information they had received. RAC fully supported the outcome and strategic direction and provided some additional perspectives.	
2.10 ENERGY EXTRACTION METHODS: A LOOK AT INDUSTRIES	Robert Huston, Energy
<ul style="list-style-type: none">ESRD presented on <i>Energy Extraction Methods: A Look at Industries</i>. The purpose of the presentation was to provide an overview of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Extraction methods currently applied in the regionThe Alberta Energy Regulator and other regulating agencies as part of Alberta's Integrated Resource Management SystemConsiderations for regional planningDrivers of innovation	



2.11 CLOSING OF SESSION #2

Wendy Boje, RAC Chair

- RAC was provided the Agenda for Session #3 in Rocky Mountain House along with the Primers and Backgrounders to support the topics that will be presented and discussed
- Meeting adjourned by the Chair
- Next Session – August 26 - 28, 2014 in Rocky Mountain House