

# NORTH SASKATCHEWAN REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (RAC)



## Session #6 – MINUTES

October 7-9, 2014

Lloydminster, Alberta



### Session Objectives:

1. Full review of all recommendations and advice from sessions 1-5.

### Attendance:

<p><b>RAC Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wendy Boje (Chair)</li><li>• Patrick Alexander</li><li>• Cecil Anderson</li><li>• Tim Burton</li><li>• Nicholas Gafuik</li><li>• Leslie Gammie (<i>Day 2 &amp; 3</i>)</li><li>• Rob Gibb</li><li>• Ed Gibbons</li><li>• Arnold Hanson</li><li>• Lorne Hindbo</li><li>• Doug King</li><li>• Charles Newell</li><li>• Ed Parke</li><li>• Robert Phillips</li><li>• Neal Sarnecki</li><li>• Tracy Scott (<i>Day 1</i>)</li><li>• David Taylor</li><li>• Peter Vana</li><li>• Leonard Wade</li><li>• Robert Winship</li><li>• Allen Wright</li><li>• Marla Zapach</li></ul> <p><b>RAC Members Absent</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stan Delorme</li><li>• Tim Hofstra</li><li>• Cecil Janvier</li><li>• Stephen Stanley</li><li>• Liv Vors</li></ul>	<p><b>Government of Alberta</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crystal Damer (Land Use Secretariat - LUS)</li><li>• Niki Atwal (Energy)</li><li>• Jason Cathcart (Agriculture and Rural Development - ARD)</li><li>• Tracy Howlett (Aboriginal Engagement and Planning - Environment and Sustainable Resource Development - ESRD)</li><li>• Scott Milligan (Environment and Sustainable Resource Development - ESRD)</li><li>• Chris Spytz (Tourism, Parks and Recreation – TPR)</li><li>• Joannes Wong (Municipal Affairs - MA)</li><li>• Mark Parsons (Treasury Board and Finance) (<i>Day 2</i>)</li></ul> <p><b>Consulting Support:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Elevate Consulting</li></ul>
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**Agenda Items:**

<b>Tuesday, October 7, 2014</b> <b>8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</b>	
<b>6.1 FORMAL WELCOME</b>	<b>Wendy Boje, RAC Chair</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The RAC Chair formally opened the sixth RAC Session in Lloydminster, Alberta. The Chair then provided a recap of the topics covered in the previous session, and walked RAC through the agenda, which focused on the review of the recommendations and advice areas developed to date.</li></ul>	
<b>6.2 REVIEW OF MINUTES AND NOTES FROM SESSION #5</b>	<b>RAC</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RAC reviewed the Minutes from the fifth session in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Call for vote to accept the Minutes from the meeting held September 23 - 25 in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta</li><li>– Accepted</li></ul></li><li>• RAC received and reviewed the Notes from the fifth session.</li></ul>	
<b>6.3 DISCUSSION ON INDUSTRY PORTFOLIOS</b>	<b>RAC</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RAC members engaged in a discussion on the following industry topics:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Tourism</li><li>– Forestry</li><li>– Coal</li><li>– Aggregates</li><li>– Agriculture</li><li>– Oil and Gas</li></ul></li><li>• Through round table discussions, additional considerations were provided for some of the advice areas. Amendments to the recommendations report were also put forward. RAC achieved consensus on all of the proposed changes and additions.</li></ul>	



**Wednesday, October 8, 2014**

**8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**6.4 PRESENTATION ON THE GLOBAL AND ECONOMIC STATE OF THE REGION**

**MARK PARSONS, TREASURY BOARD AND FINANCE**

- Mark Parsons, the Acting Chief Economist presented on *Alberta's Economic Situation and Outlook*. The presentation provided a high level overview of the global and economic state of the region, including the main drivers of Alberta's economy, industry growth, and potential risks to the province's economic future.
- RAC members engaged in a round table discussion to further explore the facets that contribute to Alberta's economy, their effects, and the implications around land-use planning.

**6.5 REVIEW OF RAC RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADVICE**

**RAC**

- RAC members reviewed the recommendations and advice on the following topics:
  - Community Growth and Community Land-Use Planning
  - Inclusion of Aboriginal Peoples in Land-Use Planning
  - Wetlands and Lakes Management
  - Supporting Biodiversity on Public Lands
- Through round table discussions, additional considerations were provided for some of the advice areas. Amendments to the recommendations report were also put forward. RAC achieved consensus on all of the proposed changes and additions.

**Thursday, October 9, 2014**

**8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**6.6 DISCUSSION ON HOLDING AN ADDITIONAL RAC MEETING**

**RAC**

- In order to properly develop the richness of the recommendations report, provide RAC the time to reflect and review the document, and have a more fulsome discussion, the option was presented of holding an eighth RAC session in Edmonton.
  - Call for vote to hold an eighth RAC session in Edmonton with the date (approximately mid-late November) and location to be determined
  - Accepted



## 6.7 REVIEW OF RAC RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADVICE

RAC

- RAC members reviewed the recommendations and advice on the following topics:
  - Supporting Biodiversity on Private Lands
  - Management of Outdoor Recreation
  - Review of maps:
    - Overview of Approaches – RAC Recommendations
    - Private Lands Pilot Areas
    - Priority Wetland Conservation and Restoration
    - Conservation Network Summary
    - Green Area Conservation and Recreation Summary
    - Consolidation Summary
- Leonard Wade shared with RAC a map of the Frog Lake First Nations Traditional Territory for information
- Through round table discussions, additional considerations were provided for some of the advice areas. Amendments to the recommendations report were also put forward. RAC achieved consensus on all of the proposed changes and additions.

## 6.8 CLOSING OF SESSION #6

Wendy Boje, RAC Chair

- The Chair provided a recap of the session and informed RAC that information will be sent prior to the next session confirming the focus for discussion and advising on the material to focus on for preparation.
- Meeting adjourned by the Chair.
- Next Session – October 21-22 in Edmonton, Alberta.