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Lower Athabasca

Regional Advisory Council – Meeting #4

Location:

Sawridge Hotel, Fort McMurray, AB.

Date:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – June 2-4, 2009

Background information to be reviewed prior to meeting:

1. Conservation, Tourism and Recreation mapping
 - a. Four Regional Advisory Council (RAC) group maps
 - b. Compiled RAC map
 - c. Analysis maps and information prepared by Regional Planning Team (RPT)
 - d. List of RAC Binder #3 maps and policy summaries that pertain to the analysis of the compiled RAC map
 - i. Forestry fact sheets
 - ii. Cumulative Effects Management Association (CEMA) terrestrial ecosystem management framework
 - iii. Facts About Alberta's Oil Sands – the Oil Sands in Alberta Canada
 - iv. Protecting the Environment
 - v. Energy: The Resource
2. Compiled RAC Vision Statement
3. Compiled RAC Outcomes
4. Perspectives on Social Well-Being and Economic Health in the Lower Athabasca Region (LAR), Historical Trends and Current Conditions

Meeting Objectives:

1. Confirm the preferred version of the Lower Athabasca Regional Plan (LARP) Vision and Outcomes that should be recommended to the Ministerial Working Group (MWG).
2. Provide advice to the MWG and RPT on the creation of a LARP Conservation map and Tourism and Recreation map(s).



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3. Provide summary of comments and recommendations to the MWG and RPT on the first model run, which was based on the Business as Usual Scenario.
4. Provide input on the assumptions and considerations on the second model run (i.e., Best Practices) to RPT.
5. Identify the important social considerations to RPT and the MWG that must be used in the LAR on a qualitative and quantitative basis.
6. Provide the MWG with a set of specific questions that need to be clarified or require direction, as per the Terms of Reference. For example, MWG will need to address questions related to the full range of social considerations that may be examined within the LARP.
7. Provide the MWG with a status update report, which outlines progress made to date, and future next steps.

DAY 1 - JUNE 2			
8:30 – 9:30	Continental Breakfast		
9:30 – 10:00	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Approval of Meeting Minutes • Acceptance of the Agenda 		Heather Kennedy, <i>RAC Chair</i>
	Land-use Framework (LUF) update	The LUF process will be updated with a focus on the Alberta Land Stewardship Act (ALSA).	
10:00 – 11:00	Vision Statement and Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and Discuss Compiled Vision Statement and Outcomes • Refine • Recommend final version to MWG 	Page 19 of the T of R – develop a Vision and Outcomes for the Region.	All
11:00 – 11:10	Coffee Break		
11:10 – 12:30	Conservation Mapping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to each groups preliminary strategy • Clarification of terminology: conservation, Tourism and Recreation • Recommendations for to 	RPT will provide a presentation on the analysis of RAC's Conservation mapping.	Bonnie McInnis, Scott Milligan, Justin Ellis, Audrey Murray, and

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	consider		Shannon Flint, <i>RPT</i>
	Tourism and Recreation Mapping and Strategies	RPT will provide a presentation of its analysis of RAC's Tourism and Recreation mapping.	
	Workshop Conservation mapping • Revise maps	RAC groups will reconvene and make changes, if necessary, and identify recommendations with their respective map.	Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i>
	Workshop – reconvene Establish a recommendation from RAC to the MWG on: • conservation lands – amount and location	Page 14 of the T of R – provide advice on a conservation scenario of 20 per cent of the lands in the region.	Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i>
	Workshop Recreation and Tourism mapping Revise maps and suggest strategies and management approaches	RAC groups will reconvene, make changes, if necessary, and identify recommendations with their respective map.	Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i>
12:30 – 1:00	Lunch		
1:00 – 1:30	Workshop – reconvene Establish a recommendation from RAC to the MWG on: • tourism and recreation opportunities – where and policy considerations	Page 18 – consider options for tourism development in Lakeland Country and recreational development and management activities on Crown Land.	Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i>
1:30 – 2:30	Presentation on Transportation Utility Corridors	RPT will provide a presentation on the creation of possible Transportation Utility Corridors within the LAR. RAC will need to provide input to RPT on what further analysis they would like to see produced and analyzed in order to facilitate robust discussion on the same item in July.	Katherine Braun, <i>RPT</i>

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2:30 – 4:30	Presentation Legal and constitutional overview of Aboriginal Rights in Canada	RAC asked that RPT provide information on the legal and constitutional rights of Aboriginals. This will help RAC provide advice on impacts to Aboriginal communities.	Lorne Ternes Dennis Bell, <i>RPT</i>
		RAC will need to begin the process of providing recommendations back to the MWG on the impacts to Aboriginal communities that must be considered in a long-range land-use plan.	Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i>
4:30	Adjourn		
4:45 – 8:00	Helicopter tour of Fort McMurray and area • Convene at Fort McMurray airport	The helicopter will take groups of three at a time to fly over Fort McMurray and the surrounding area.	RAC members can choose whether to attend the Open House or take part in the fly over.
5:00 – 8:00	LARP Open House – Quality Inn	RAC members can attend the LARP Open House.	
8:00	Socialize at Sawridge Hotel		

DAY 2 - JUNE 3

8:00 – 8:30	Continental Breakfast		
8:30	Call to Order		Heather Kennedy, <i>RAC Chair</i>
8:30 – 8:45	Discussion of fly over	RAC members will be invited to share their impressions of flying over Fort McMurray and area.	All
8:45 – 9:00	Public and Stakeholder Engagement Update	RAC members will be asked to share their thoughts on the Open House and discuss the comments that were raised.	All Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i>
		RPT will update RAC on LARP and ALSA public and stakeholder engagement.	
9:00 – 10:00	Economic Thresholds for Model	Page 12 of the T of R – explore 3 development scenarios.	John Nichol, Audrey Murray, <i>RPT</i>

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10:00 – 10:30	Presentation – First Model Run		
	The results of the model run will be presented	The first modeling run was based on the Business as Usual scenario.	Geetha Ramesh, <i>RPT</i>
	Analysis of the first model run	RPT will provide an analysis of the first model run.	Shannon Flint, Audrey Murray, <i>RPT</i>
	Discussion of the first model run: What did we learn?	RPT will facilitate a thorough discussion and debate of the results of the first model run. RAC will need to provide substantial input back to RPT about the results of the model run.	Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i>
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break		
10:45 – 12:00	Continued discussion of first model run		Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Lunch		
12:30 – 1:30	Next Model Run – Best Practices	RAC will need to provide input to RPT on assumptions and factors that will impact the second model run, which will use best practices as the scenario.	Geetha Ramesh, Simon O'Byrne, <i>RPT</i>
1:30 – 3:30	Presentation on CEMA and LICA	RPT will provide a presentation on past and contemporary work that has been done by both CEMA and LICA. The focus on the presentation will be on what information from both stakeholders could potentially be used to inform, or potentially be incorporated within the LARP.	Randall Barrett, <i>RPT</i> Terry Koch <i>RPT</i>
3:30 - 4:30	Presentation on Forestry	RPT experts on Forestry will provide a presentation. The presentations are intended to prepare RAC for the July meeting.	Scott Milligan, <i>RPT</i>
4:30 – 6:00	Dinner Break		
6:00 – 8:00	Discussion of Forestry	Discussion will follow the presentation of Forestry. RPT will need to know from RAC what they should consider in their preparation for the July meeting with respect to additional background information, government initiatives, or non-government initiatives or studies	Scott Milligan, <i>RPT</i> Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i>



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		that may have an impact on Forestry within the LAR.	
8:00	Socialize at Sawridge Hotel		

DAY 3 – JUNE 4			
8:00 – 8:30	Continental Breakfast		
8:30	Call to Order		Heather Kennedy, <i>RAC chair</i>
8:30 - 9:00	<p>Social Indicators</p> <p>Response and discussion regarding the list of potential social indicator sources put forward at last RAC meeting</p>	<p><i>Page 18 of the T of R</i></p> <p>This discussion will explain the process that was followed to determine the quantitative indicators that have been included in the model. There will be explanation of criteria—correlation with land-use; availability of current data sets in time series, available at the provincial and regional scale, etc. Comment will be provided on other indicator sets reviewed and other suggestions that have been made for quantitative social indicators. This will also include an introduction to the proposed new approach for modeling social indicators. This will be a lead in to the next discussion on providing additional social perspective during the planning process.</p>	<p>Mike Kennedy, John Steil, <i>RPT</i></p>

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9:00 - 10:30	Workshop – Social Issues - Quality of Life	Social considerations are the third pillar in the cumulative effects approach, along with economic and environmental considerations. Quantitative measures are generally considered ‘top down’ and typically use existing data, but usually only tell part of the story. Another approach is the ‘bottom up’ approach that is linked to specific local goals, whether qualitative (such as sense of place) or from new primary data collection. Economic growth creates jobs, which bring people with needs for certain outcomes or services. This discussion will focus on developing the bottom up perspective, based on regional perspectives and needs. There should be discussion on the various ‘populations’ (Aboriginal, Fort McMurray residents, smaller centres, agricultural communities, shadow population, etc.) in the region and how needs may differ, for example, at the regional/local level over time. The discussion will be based on those social issues that are part of objectives, will be used to predict the outcomes of planning options, and can be used to measure ongoing plan implementation success. There needs to be discussion about how some of these other measures might be defined (what are they?), could possibly be brought into the model (new data acquisition, etc.), or dealt with outside the model. Or, addressed in the future in sub-regional plans, etc.	John Steil, <i>RPT</i> Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i>
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee Break		
10:45 - 11:30	Workshop – reconvene Discuss each groups results		Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Report to MWG	RAC will collectively prepare key recommendation statements back to the MWG. These statements will be typed into a PPT.	Simon O’Byrne, <i>RPT</i>



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12:00 - 1:00	Lunch with RMWB Council		
1:00 – 1:30	Finalize the report back to the MWG		Simon O'Byrne, <i>RPT</i>
1:30 – 1:45	Deliverables for July RAC Meeting		Simon O'Byrne, <i>RPT</i>
1:45 – 2:00	Other Business	RAC will discuss if an August meeting is possible considering members' vacation schedules.	Heather Kennedy, <i>RAC chair</i>
2:00	Adjourn Meeting		

Next Meeting Date: July 8-9, Cold Lake

July Meeting Agenda:

1. Review report back from the MWG.
2. Revisit the LARP Vision and Outcomes.
3. Provide recommendations to RPT and MWG on Transportation Utility Corridors (TUC).
4. Debate Social Report prepared by RPT and make recommendations back to RPT and MWG.
5. Provide comments and recommendations on the Best Practices Model.
6. Review RPT-created Forestry map(s) and make recommendations back to RPT and MWG on long-term Forestry land use and policy considerations.