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Lower Athabasca

Regional Advisory Council – Meeting #7

Location:

Neighbourhood Inn, 6407-50 Ave, Bonnyville, AB.

Date:

Wednesday and Thursday – September 2-3, 2009

Background Information to be reviewed prior to meeting:

1. August Meeting Minutes
2. Revised Lower Athabasca Regional Plan Report
3. Conclusions of Best Practices Model Run Presentation
4. Best Practices Model Report
5. Conservation Advice Summary Briefings
6. Social-Economic Report
7. LAR Population Forecast Report (2009 to 2030)
8. Aboriginal Values Map and Briefing Summary
9. Transportation Utility Corridors Briefing Summary
10. Draft Land Use Map

Meeting Objectives:

1. RAC to finalize its recommendations to Regional Planning Team (RPT) and Ministerial Working Group (MWG) on the following:
 - a. Conservation:
 - i. Provide advice and direction on each proposed conservation area up to 20 per cent conservation area within the LAR
 - ii. Direction given on the recommended strategy of how to exceed conserving 20 per cent of the LAR
2. Focus on considerations, recommendations and advice needs to be made on the following:
 - a. Proposed routing of Transportation Utility Corridors within LAR
 - b. Impacts and consequences of forecasted population growth within LAR with respect to social considerations
 - c. Impacts to Aboriginal communities
 - d. Draft Land Use Map

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DAY 1			
Time	Discussion Item	LARP Report Section	Lead
7:30 – 8:00	Continental Breakfast		
8:00 – 10:00	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Approval of Meeting Minutes • Acceptance of the Agenda • Debriefing of the meeting with the Cold Lake Wing Commander 		Heather Kennedy, <i>RAC Chair</i>
	Presentation: Impacts to Aboriginal communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPT will provide an overview of the following issues that presently have an impact on Aboriginal communities and land-use decision-making: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Employment ○ Health ○ Minimizing litigation through consultation ○ Access to traditional use lands ○ Land claims ○ Existing land-use conflicts ○ Economic development • Summary of current Aboriginal policies and initiatives pertaining to traditional uses 		Dennis Bell, <i>RPT</i> Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break		
10:15 – 12:00	Presentation: LARP Land Use Maps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Probable route(s) of TUCs within the LAR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RPT will present the probable location of TUC and the issues associated with alternative routing ○ RAC is to provide comment on the TUCs and highlight both opportunities and constraints associated with probably TUC routes in the LAR 		Katherine Braun <i>RPT</i>

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	<p>Presentation: Social-economic considerations and population forecast for LAR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results of the population forecast will be presented and broken down by different areas within the LAR • The conclusions drawn in the LAR social-economic report will be presented 		Brad Dollevoet, <i>RPT</i>
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch with Town of Bonnyville and MD of Bonnyville Councils		
1:00 – 3:30	<p>Workshop: what does the population forecast and social-economic report mean in terms of a regional plan?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAC is to break into three groups and make recommendations on LARP social Outcomes, Objectives and Policies • Discussion should focus on social policy gaps related to the implications of each production level as it impacts Aboriginal communities, labour requirements, and population growth 		<p>John Steil, <i>RPT</i></p> <p>Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i></p>
3:30 – 3:45	Coffee Break		
3:45 – 6:00	<p>Presentation: LARP Land Use Maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aboriginal Values map • Role of the “Map” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Zoning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Designations ▪ Mixed uses ▪ Policies/regulations • Presentation of Base Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conservation area ○ Federal lands ○ Agricultural lands ○ Traditional use areas ○ Forest management areas ○ Multi-use corridors ○ Development patterns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Human settlement ▪ Surface mineable areas ▪ Sub-surface (i.e. Insitu) mineable areas • Draft conceptual Land Use Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Existing conditions ○ 25-year Land Use Plan ○ 50-year Land Use Plan 		<p>Scott Milligan, John Steil, <i>RPT</i></p>
6:00	Adjourn Day		



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DAY 2			
7:30 – 8:00	Continental Breakfast		
8:00 – 10:00	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss Outcomes of Day 1 		Heather Kennedy, <i>RAC chair</i>
	Presentation: Air Threshold Information		Lisa Sadownik, <i>RPT</i>
	Presentation: Conclusions of Model Run: Comparison of both two and four million barrels per day (mbd) of production using both Business as Usual and Best Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the status of the modeling, process and next steps • RPT will provide an overview of the conclusions drawn from the model. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Included in the overview will be preliminary modeling results for air, water quantity, and acid deposition using current thresholds • A colour-coded chart will be presented that highlights the pertinent model conclusions. The chart will highlight the areas of possible conflict where mitigation if required or trade-offs are needed to be made for production number to be reached 	9.8	Lisa Sadownik, Scott Milligan, <i>RPT</i> Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i>
	Discussion: RAC will discuss the impacts of model results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focus of the discussion will be on priorities with an aim of establishing criteria by which production levels may be reached. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Using the colour-coded chart as a base, RAC will discuss the trade-offs that are needed in order to realize production levels 	9.8	Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break		

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10:15 – 12:00	RAC will finalize their comments on what trade-offs they would recommend based on the colour-coded chart to reach a production level of two or four mbd.	9.8	Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Lunch		
12:30 – 4:30	RAC conservation decision: Each RPT recommended conservation area will be reviewed, discussed and a decision will be made by RAC on whether or not it concurs with the recommendation Where RAC does not support the recommendation, it will be asked to provide comments back to RPT		Scott Milligan, <i>RPT</i> Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i>
	Presentation: RPT recommended on how conservation may exceed 20 per cent of the LAR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RPT will discuss both areas and policies that could be used to achieve a conservation area greater than 20 per cent RAC will provide its advice to RPT on the recommended approach brought forward by RPT		Scott Milligan, <i>RPT</i> Terry Koch, <i>RPT</i>
	October RAC meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review objectives Review deliverables 		Simon O'Byrne, <i>RPT</i>
	Meeting Summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key messages Topics for external discussion 		Simon O'Byrne, <i>RPT</i> , Heather Kennedy, <i>RAC chair</i>
	Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roundtable review of meeting and overall project progress 		Heather Kennedy, <i>RAC chair</i>
4:30	Adjourn Meeting		



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Next Meeting Date: October 7-8, Fort Chipewyan, AB (tentative)

October Meeting Objectives:

1. Update RAC on the feedback from the Ministerial Working Group.
2. RAC to finalize its recommendations to RPT and MWG on the following:
 - a. Forestry map(s) and long-term forestry land-use and policy considerations
 - b. Agriculture with respect to preservation of the agricultural economy within the LAR.
 - c. Multi-Use Corridors
 - d. Tourism and recreation Land Use Map and strategies
 - e. Objectives
 - f. Economic development considerations
3. Update on Social Indicator Initiative (Executive Council)
4. Focus on what considerations, recommendations and advice needs to be made on the following:
 - a. Impacts to Aboriginal communities
 - b. Infrastructure and municipalities
 - c. Surfacewater quality
 - d. Groundwater quantity and quality