



Lower Athabasca Regional Advisory Council

Meeting Notes – Meeting #3

Date: May 6-7, 2009

Place/Time MacArthur Place, 10307 100 Street, Lac La Biche, AB.

Next Meeting: June 2-4, 2009
Fort McMurray

Attendees: **Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Members:**

Melissa Blake, Eric Butterworth, Archie Collins, Lanny Coulson, Roy Vermillion, Hildy Hanson, Heather Kennedy, Peter Koning, Clarence Makowecki, Doug Parrish, Rick Pawluk, Don Pope, Cecilia Quist, Glen Semenchuk, Dave Theriault, Howard Ewashko, Marc Stevenson.

Regional Planning Team

Crystal Damer, Neal Watson, Simon O'Byrne, Jonathan Mackay, Bonnie McInnis, Terry Koch, Randy Hills, Scott Milligan, Jennifer Steber, Shannon Flint, Jon Fennell, Geetha Ramesh, Brad Stelfox, Cornel Yarmoloy.

Introduction

The Chair, Heather Kennedy, called the meeting to order, introduced the agenda and requested acceptance of the March meeting minutes.

The objectives of the meeting were to discuss:

- Lower Athabasca Regional Plan (LARP) Draft Terms of Reference
- LARP modelling support
- Preliminary advice on potential conservation, recreation and tourism lands
- Vision for the Lower Athabasca Region
- Consultation activities occurring in the region

RAC members provided information updates on interactions with public and stakeholders to date. Noted that there is interest from a number of stakeholders regarding the LARP.

Team Charter

The members were asked to review the Team Charter and to sign off on it.

- Discussion regarding the meaning of 'expertise.' It was clarified that it referred to the expertise of RAC members as informed stakeholders of the Region.
- Members asked that the statement, "Agree and move on," be amended to say, "Agree that it is time to move on."
- More detail and clarity requested regarding "honour group decisions."
- Request by RAC members to enhance information available on Land-use Framework website.



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Terms of Reference

- Draft Terms of Reference provided to RAC.
- Must be considered Draft and remain confidential until approved by Cabinet, when the Terms of Reference will then be made public.
- Several members requested the following:
 - Page 9, paragraph 3 – question the use of “potentially consulted.”
 - Page 11 – suggestion that there needs to be clarification between “Land must be managed” and “Land use must be managed.”
 - Page 18 – amend Lakeland County to Lac La Biche County.
- Additional threshold information will be made available to RAC when completed by the Government of Alberta (GOA).

LARP Process Outline

- Detailed process flow chart presented to Regional Planning Team (RPT) was discussed with RAC.
- Discussion of RAC meeting frequency in order to achieve timelines outlined in the Draft Terms of Reference.
 - Additional meetings should be avoided, but if needed, as much advance notice as possible will be provided.
- Public and stakeholder awareness sessions planned for June in the region. RAC attendance at sessions is voluntary.

Modelling 101

An introduction to land use modelling was provided by Jon Fennell from Worley Parsons.

Brad Stelfox from the ALCES Group presented preliminary results of the Base Case scenario model run.

- A full report of the scenario results will be provided to the LUS.
- RAC discussed the social indicators used in the modelling. Further work will be undertaken by RPT to enhance social modelling to support LARP.
- LARP Modelling indicators report was distributed to RAC members.
- RAC members suggested that there may be social indicator sets from the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, Family and Community Support Services, Indian and Northern Affairs etc. and asked RPT to investigate further.
- RAC members invited to provide suggested social indicators to Stantec by May 15.



Conservation, Recreation & Tourism Mapping

RAC members undertook a Conservation, Recreation & Tourism Mapping exercise.

- RAC members prepared maps using the conservation criteria and the recreation and tourism objectives identified in the Terms of Reference.
- Facilitators will compile comments and maps from the four groups and send the information back to group members.
- RPT will analyse the maps and comments, and report back to RAC members. Maps to be prepared by LUS.
- The RAC created maps will be tested against areas identified as high value, low impact.

Vision Workshop

Members divided into four groups to prepare draft vision statements for LARP.

- The four created visions were displayed and members underlined the statements that they believed needed to be consolidated into a Draft Vision.
- Stantec to compile the Draft Vision.
- Draft Vision to be re-worked at the June meeting.

Consultation Overview

- The LARP and Alberta Land Stewardship Act consultation process was presented to RAC.
- Feedback from the consultation session will be presented to RAC and GOA.

Closing

Documents that can be shared with the *public*:

- Team Charter
- Meeting No. 2 Agenda and Meeting Notes
- LARP Indicators report
- All materials included in RAC Binders Nos. 1 and 3

Documents that are to be treated as *confidential*:

- Draft Terms of Reference
- Profile of the Region
- ALCES presentation

The meeting adjourned Thursday, May 7, at 2 p.m.

The next meeting scheduled for June 2-4, in Fort McMurray, AB.



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The foregoing is considered to be a true and accurate record of all items discussed. If any discrepancies or inconsistencies are noted, please contact the writer immediately.

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Action Items from Meeting:		Lead	Due Date
Additional Indicators <i>(Propose additional indicators not already included in the initial list and which meet the GOA criteria)</i>	Submitted Electronically	RAC	May 15
Indicator Summary Report (Electronic Copy)	Distributed Electronically	Stantec	May 15
Consultation calendars and presentation.	Distributed electronically	Stantec	May 15
Compiled RAC Conservation map	Distributed electronically	Stantec	May 15
Preparation for Next Meeting			
Cultural historic map	Distributed Electronically	Stantec	May 26
Conservation, Recreation & Tourism mapping analysis	Distributed Electronically	Stantec	May 26
Draft Vision	Distributed in Hard Copy	Stantec	June 2
Consultation feedback	Distributed in Hard Copy	Stantec	June 2