



South Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council

Meeting Notes - Meeting # 5

Date:	November 23-24, 2009
Place/Time:	The City of Calgary Water Centre
Next Meeting:	Airdrie, January 5 - 6, 2010
Attendees:	Regional Advisory Council (RAC): Jay Bartsch, Linda Bruce, Stanley Church, Lisa Fox, Wolf Keller, John Kerkhoven, Georgina Knitel, Leah Lawrence, Gord Lehn, Hugh Lynch-Staunton, Ron McMullin, Ralph Nelson, Rob Penny, Greg Sekura, Daniel Smith, John Squarek, Bill Szabon, Kevin Van Tighem Regional Planning Team (RPT): Glen Tjostheim, Doug Olson, Judy May-McDonald, Andrea Dorrans, Richard Roberts, Rob Stuart, Susan Friesen, Sarah Pasemko Presenters: Darryl Johnson, Heather Sinton, Justin Ellis, Toby Schneider

Introduction

Mr. Penny welcomed the RAC to another full two-day agenda. The terms of reference have gone to Cabinet and will be available for the public by the end of the week. The Southwest Prototype will now be prepared as a report to the RAC and is no longer a prototype. The South West Assessment report will amalgamate departmental resources and integrated management plans, providing a review specific to the SW portion of the region to help inform the RAC on strategies and action options for the SSRP as a whole. Mr. Evan Berger (MLA) will present a final report to the RAC in February 2010. Additionally, the profile of the region will be available for the public consultations next Monday, November 30th, 2009.

Mr. Penny proceeded to announce that he would be stepping down from his role as Chair. A replacement is being actively pursued, but in the interim Mr. Morris Seiferling (Land Use Secretariat Commissioner) will fill in as Chair until a replacement is found.

The purpose of this meeting was to:

- Overview the base case modelling scenario with trends and implications related to the social, economic and environmental pillars
- Address and discuss further requirements of an economic analysis
- Introduce the social and economic benefits of recreation and tourism in the South Saskatchewan Region (SSR)
- Discuss the work on valued landscapes and strategies to inform decisions on various land uses
- Revisit the draft regional vision and outcomes, objectives and strategies developed last meeting
- Review the RAC guidance task summary



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- Overview of the public consultation phase 1 prior to commencement November 30th

Base Case Modelling Scenario

The RAC members received presentations on the base case modelling results and analysis. The RAC elicited a number of clarifications regarding the model assumptions and limitations in order to understand the implications of the projected 50 year analysis within the SSR. Discussions on an economic analysis were also initiated, and RAC members were asked to identify what further economic analysis will be important to them in order to better inform their advice to Cabinet. This economic information will be presented to the RAC in a future meeting and will incorporate their concerns and comments.

Recreation and Tourism in the SSR

A presentation regarding tourism and recreation was delivered to the RAC members in relation to the social and economic factors within the SSR. RAC members requested clarification and investigation of various issues regarding this topic, such as: tourism spending per sector, income levels related to the industry, growing conflicts with other industries and users and economic opportunities.

Valued Landscapes Work Continued

The members of the RAC continued to explore strategies that would successfully inform decisions that were value-based on the landscape. The members generated a working list of guiding principles that could inform these value based decisions.

Draft Regional Vision and Outcomes, Objectives and Strategies

Further revisions were made to the vision statement in order to produce a clear and concise statement that the RAC felt confident moving forward with. Continual work will be directed to the outcomes, objectives and strategies in future meetings. The RAC members were tasked with reviewing their comments on the current suite of outcomes, objectives and strategies with the intent that further work would occur at their February meeting.

Public Consultation Phase 1 Update

Public consultation will commence on Monday, November 30th, and will run for two weeks in 16 communities. These sessions will consist of a municipal and stakeholder session in afternoon, as well as evening open houses. RAC members were once again invited to attend these sessions.

Closing



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The meeting adjourned Tuesday, November 24th, at 4:00 pm.

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.