



## South Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council

### Meeting Notes - Meeting # 7

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<b>Date:</b>	February 09-10, 2010
<b>Place/Time:</b>	Radisson Hotel & Conference Centre, Canmore, AB
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	March 29-31, 2010
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Regional Advisory Council (RAC):</b> Jay Bartsch, Linda Bruce (Feb. 09 and morning of Feb.10), Stanley Church, Lisa Fox, Wolf Keller, John Kerkhoven, Leah Lawrence, Gord Lehn, Ron McMullin, Ralph Nelson, Greg Sekura (Feb. 09 and morning of Feb.10), Daniel Smith, John Squarek, Kevin Van Tighem <b>Regional Planning Team (RPT):</b> Glen Tjostheim, Doug Olson, Judy May-McDonald, Rob Stuart, Susan Friesen, Barry Wilson, Heather Sinton, Hugh Norris, Toby Schneider, Justin Ellis, Dennis Bell, Katherine Braun, Jim Der, Rob Dunn (February 9th)

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### Day One

#### Introduction

Glen Tjostheim welcomed the South Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council in the absence of the Chair, Mr. Colin Jeffares.

The agenda was reviewed and approved and the January 05 and 06 meeting minutes were approved.

#### Review of Draft Guiding Principles for Tradeoff Decision-Making - Rob Stuart

- A set of draft guiding principles that will be used to guide the RAC's future discussions on trade off decision-making was reviewed
- A number of suggested revisions were put forward and two RAC members volunteered to continue refining these with the Regional Planning Team for review of the whole group

#### ALCES Modelling Run #2 and #3 Analysis - Barry Wilson, Heather Sinton, Hugh Norris

- This presentation provided the RAC with the results of modelling for a development scenario and a stewardship scenario for water protection, air quality and land fragmentation.
- In the development scenario, there was an increased priority on economic development and increased production rates across all economic sectors from the base case. In the stewardship scenario, a 30 per cent increase in water conservation efficiency, a reduction in footprint creation and enhanced reclamation, harmonization of forestry and energy sectors and 30 per cent of all



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naturally occurring landscape types.

#### **C4SE Economic Modelling Analysis - Toby Schneider**

- The RAC was presented with an overview of the results of the C4SE economic modelling.
- The results reveal that external forces drive 37 per cent of employment in the South Saskatchewan Region and 47 per cent of the economy.

#### **Riparian Areas Follow-up - Heather Sinton**

- This presentation focused on answering questions and concerns raised previously by the RAC.
- The information did not deal with oil and gas or manure.

#### **Source Water Protection Follow-up – Heather Sinton**

- RAC members received follow-up information regarding source water protection
- The Alberta Geological Survey is partnering with Alberta Environment to start a groundwater inventory next year.

#### **Recreation Use Management on Public Lands – Justin Ellis**

- A draft advice sheet on effective management of recreation use on public lands based on the RAC's previous discussion was reviewed.
- The RAC provided a number of changes to this advice.
- The RAC will have the ability for another review of this advice.

#### **Southwest Assessment – Hon. Evan Berger**

- Hon. Evan Berger met with the RAC over dinner and provided them with an outline of the findings of the Southwest Assessment.
- The assessment focused on the primary pressure points of the southwest portion of the SSR and utilized information gained from numerous previous studies.

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### Day Two

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#### **Detailed Forest Management Plan Overview – Gord Lehn**

- The RAC received an overview of what a detailed forest management plan contains and the broad number of requirements that must be met by the industry.
- The possibility that ecological goods and services tools and forest management could play a



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significant role in land-use management in the SSRP was put forward.

#### **Aboriginal Treaty Rights on Provincial Crown Lands and Duty to Consult – Lorne Ternes, Dennis Bell**

- RAC members were provided with an outline of the legal source of Aboriginal rights.
- Various Constitutional Acts, and key cases were noted.
- Alberta Policy and Guidelines relating to Aboriginal rights and consultation were reviewed.

#### **Outcomes and Objectives – Rob Stuart**

- An updated suite of outcomes and objectives based on previous RAC discussion was put forward for more discussion and refinement.
- These outcomes and objectives are required for Cabinet approval and will help guide the development of the SSRP.
- These outcomes and objectives are goals for approaches for land management.

#### **Multiple-use Corridor Strategy – Katherine Braun**

- The SSRP terms of reference require consideration of multi-use corridors.
- The RAC was provided with information on what has been done so far in preparing a strategy for multiple-use corridors.
- The RAC was asked to provide input as to what considerations need to be in place for multiple-use corridors and even suggest a general route or routes.
- Compatibility issues and transmission power line options were also discussed.

#### **Transportation in the South Saskatchewan Region – Jim Der**

- A short overview of transportation in the SSR was provided.
- The impact of transportation routes on development was explored and right of ways and standards briefly discussed.

#### **Closing**

The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm

#### **Deliverables**

- The Regional Planning Team will review the minutes, glean the advice given from RAC that has been provided so far, and apply it to the tasks.



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- A reassessment of previous “brain dumps” will be made and consideration about recommendations that could be made from them provided.
- In future, presentations will only be given if there are “serious policy implications” that need to be considered by the RAC.
- RAC members will receive an email shortly to set a date and time when those who are interested and able can come in and provide input into the spatially explicit mapping that will be used in the next session. It is important for the RAC to understand the mapping and how it works. This will also allow members to provide any additional comments before the mapping is presented for discussion.
- The Regional Planning Team will check to see if the definition of public lands includes tax recovered lands.
- Two RAC members volunteered to work with the Regional Planning Team to further refine the guiding principles document.
- The Regional Planning Team promised to provide RAC members with more information about what kind of data will come out of the groundwater inventory survey (i.e. what we will know when it is done).
- The Regional Planning Team will prepare a draft advice sheet on riparian setbacks for RAC review.
- The Regional Planning Team will prepare a draft advice sheet on source water protection. This will be circulated in the next couple of weeks. RAC members that can provide comments in advance of next meeting will do so.
- The Regional Planning Team and one RAC member will bring more information about setbacks.

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.