



South Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council

Meeting Notes - Meeting #11

Revised November 11, 2010

Date: September 7 (8:30 am – 6:00 pm) and September 8 (8:30 am – 5:00 pm)

Place/Time: Radisson Inn Airport Hotel, Calgary, AB

Next Meeting: October 25 and 26, 2010 Calgary , AB

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

Jay Bartsch, Stanley Church, Lisa Fox, Colin Jeffares, Wolf Keller (September 8), John Kerkhoven, Georgina Knitel, Leah Lawrence, Gord Lehn, Hugh Lynch-Staunton, Ron McMullin, Ralph Nelson, Greg Sekura, Daniel Smith, John Squarek, Bill Szabon and Kevin Van Tighem

Regional Planning Team (RPT):

Glen Tjostheim, Doug Olson, Judy May-McDonald, Carolyn Johnson, Andrew Bjorn, Rob McManus, Sarah Pasemko, Justin Ellis, Darryl Johnson, Heather Sinton, Kevin Williams, Toby Schneider, Olimpia Pantelimon, Tomas Nilsson, Joannes Wong and Rob Dunn

Day One

Introduction

South Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council (RAC) chair, Colin Jeffares, welcomed the RAC members to Calgary and called the meeting to order.

He noted the RAC had an excellent in-camera discussion, where important issues were discussed. He added that some of these issues would be discussed during the two-day meeting. Mr. Jeffares advised everyone there was a substantial amount of work to complete over the next three months, and handed the meeting over to Mr. McManus.

Mr. McManus welcomed the RAC and Regional Planning Team (RPT) members to their 11th meeting, and reviewed the meeting objectives:

1. Reflect on progress to date
2. Review regional land-use map and classification descriptions with a focus on conservation and high value recreation and tourism areas
3. Further review RAC advice sheets to Cabinet



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Regional Land-use Map and Classification Descriptions – facilitated by Doug Olson

Mr. Olson presented a revised and simplified land-use map, along with five classification descriptions and associated management intents. This map was revised from previous meeting discussions and input provided from the RAC. Comments received from the RAC indicated this approach needed further revisions to capture the values of landscapes, rather than identifying specific landscape categories. The RAC recommended the mapping exercise should encompass a series of overlays, complimented by conservation principles guiding the management intent for the South Saskatchewan Region. Mr. Olson undertook the modification of the map with the RAC's feedback, and intended to provide a second presentation the following day for further review and feedback.

Overview and Feedback on Advice Sheets – facilitated by Rob McManus

The following topics were discussed by the RAC on day one:

- Topic #8: Economic growth and value added
- Topic #9: Infrastructure

Closing: 6:00 pm

Day Two

Introduction

Mr. McManus initiated the meeting by reviewing the following initial agenda items for the second day:

1. Advice to sheets Cabinet
2. Review regional valued landscapes maps

Overview and Feedback on Advice Sheets – facilitated by Rob McManus

The RAC reviewed and provided feedback on the following topics:

- Topic #1: Managing biodiversity within the SSR
- Topic #7: Development needs and healthy communities
- Topic #10: Energy industry
- Topic #11: Agriculture industry



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Regional Land-use Map and Classification Descriptions (revised) – facilitated by Doug Olson

Mr. Olson presented the RAC with a series of map overlays (e.g., conservation, grasslands, forestry, etc.) that could be used with a base map to highlight landscape values across the region. The majority of the RAC supported this approach and recommended conservation principles need to be created to guide management intents for these areas. A sub-committee was formed to develop conservation guidelines in support of moving this process forward. The product of the subcommittee's work will be presented to the RAC for consideration at the next scheduled RAC meeting.

Meeting Wrap-Up

Mr. Jeffares thanked the RAC members for their feedback and input. The RAC's feedback will be incorporated into the next drafts of the advice sheets, as well as into the continuation of the mapping exercise. Mr. Jeffares also thanked the RAC members for participating in the two-day meeting, and noted that they are making continual progress, but still have much work to accomplish before the last two meetings conclude. Mr. Jeffares asked RAC members to consider adding an additional half day to the October 25-26 RAC meeting (e.g., morning of October 27th), and requested RAC members advise Ms. May-McDonald of any conflicts with that date. The next meeting will revisit the advice sheets, conservation principles and other pending items.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:00 pm

Deliverables

- The RPT will take the RAC's feedback on the advice sheets and draft new versions for the next meeting in October.
- The conservation sub-group will provide conservation principles to the RAC one week prior to the next scheduled meeting.
- The RAC was encouraged to provide additional feedback on the discussed advice sheets to the RPT.
- The next RAC meeting is scheduled for October 25 and 26 (and morning of 27th subject to availability) in Calgary.

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.