



South Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council

Meeting Notes - Meeting #12

Date: October 25 (8:30 am – 6:00 pm), October 26 (8:30 am – 5:30 pm) and October 27 (8:30 am – 12:30 pm)

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

Next Meeting: November 29 and 30, 2010 Calgary, AB

Attendees: Regional Advisory Council (RAC):
Jay Bartsch, Linda Bruce, Stanley Church, Lisa Fox, Colin Jeffares, Wolf Keller, John Kerkhoven, Gord Lehn, Hugh Lynch-Staunton, Ron McMullin, Ralph Nelson, Greg Sekura, Daniel Smith (October 25 & 26), John Squarek, Bryce Starlight, Bill Szabon and Kevin Van Tighem (October 25 & 26)

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 welcomed Bryce Starlight from the Tsuu T'ina Nation to the RAC as a new member.

Mr. Jeffares then provided a short presentation reviewing the three phases of the Land-use Framework regional plan development process. Afterward, he advised that there was a substantial amount of work to complete over the last two RAC meetings, and handed the meeting over to Mr. McManus.

Mr. McManus welcomed the RAC and Project Management Team (PMT) members to their twelfth meeting, and reviewed the meeting objectives:

1. Review the draft RAC advice to government for the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan document
2. Review candidate conservation areas on public lands draft two advice sheets
3. Review and approve draft advice sheets to Cabinet

Review the Draft South Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council Advice to Government for the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan Document– facilitated by Rob McManus

Mr. McManus led the RAC page-by-page through the draft RAC advice document, starting with the strategic land-use principles. Changes to the report were made during the meeting based on RAC discussion and feedback. Project management assured the RAC that any



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changes that could not be made during the meeting would be reflected in the next draft. Content in the RAC advice document was largely summarized from the RAC's advice sheets to Cabinet. The RAC instructed the PMT to revise the advice sheets to be consistent with the changes they suggested to the RAC advice document.

Discussion on Tax Recovery Land – facilitated by Glen Tjostheim

Mr. Tjostheim provided the RAC with an overview of the origin and history of tax recovery lands and a brief explanation of a proposed controversial tax recovery land sale in Cypress County. The RAC had a lengthy discussion about whether they should provide some direction to the Government of Alberta on the issue. After deliberating, the RAC decided not to provide recommendations on tax recovery lands to the Government of Alberta.

Presentations on Conservation Projects on Private Lands – presented by Larry Simpson and Jay Bartsch

Mr. Larry Simpson from the Nature Conservancy of Canada and Mr. Jay Bartsch from Ducks Unlimited gave presentations to the RAC on conservation activities on private land.

Closing: 6:00 pm

Day Two

Introduction

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

1. Continue revising the draft RAC advice to government for the SSRP document
2. Review draft two candidate conservation area advice sheets
3. Begin reviewing the draft three biodiversity and water advice sheets

Continue to Review the Draft RAC Advice to Government for the SSRP Document – facilitated by Rob McManus

The RAC completed its review and amendments for the RAC advice document.

Review Draft Two Candidate Conservation Areas on Public Lands Advice to Cabinet Sheets – facilitated by Project Management Team

The RAC members broke into small groups and moved through workstations where they reviewed two candidate conservation areas at a time. Maps of the areas were located at each station and members were able to voice support or opposition. Station facilitators took notes on the RAC discussion. Following this, the facilitators reported back to the RAC on the feedback.



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Review 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 (draft three)
- Topic #10: Infrastructure (moved to final draft)
- Topic #14: Groundwater vulnerability and management (moved to final draft)

Closing: 5:30 pm

Day Three

Introduction

Review and Feedback on Advice Sheets – facilitated by Rob McManus

The RAC reviewed and provided feedback on the following topics:

- Topic #15: Headwaters projection (moved to final draft)
- Topic #16: Source water protection and watershed integrity (moved to final draft)
- Topic #17: Wetland area management (moved to final draft)
- Topic #18: Riparian areas management (moved to final draft)
- Topic #2: Development of best management practices to manage footprint (moved to final draft)
- Topic #1: Managing biodiversity within the SSR (draft three)
- Topic #8: Aboriginal people and First Nations communities (draft three)

Meeting Wrap-Up

Mr. Jeffares thanked the RAC members for their hard work over the past two and a half days. The RAC's feedback will be incorporated into the next drafts of the advice sheets and the next draft of the RAC advice to government for the SSRP.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:30 pm

Deliverables

- Project management will take the feedback the RAC provided on each of the advice sheets to Cabinet, and draft new versions for the next meeting in November.



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- Project management will take the feedback the RAC provided on the draft RAC advice to government for the SSRP document and draft a new version for the next meeting in November.
- The next RAC meeting is scheduled for November 29 and 30 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.