



## Frequently Asked Questions – Regional Advisory Council

### **Q: What is a Regional Advisory Council?**

A: A Regional Advisory Council (RAC) is created for all regional plans. The RAC is composed of a cross-section of individuals who live, work, recreate and/or have an interest in the region, and are able to strategically consider what is best for the entire region at a holistic level.

### **Q: What is the role of the Regional Advisory Council?**

A: The RAC provides strategic advice to Cabinet in the development of a regional plan based on a terms of reference for developing each regional plan.

### **Q: What is a terms of reference for developing a regional plan?**

A: The terms of reference for developing a regional plan provides guidance on the economic, environmental, and social factors that are to be considered as the RAC prepares its advice to Cabinet and as the Government of Alberta prepares the regional plan. The Terms of Reference for Developing the North Saskatchewan Regional Plan will be released in May 2014.

### **Q: Who leads the Regional Advisory Council?**

A: The RAC is led by a chair that represents the Government of Alberta.

### **Q: How are Regional Advisory Council members appointed?**

A: The RAC is appointed by Cabinet through a public and transparent nomination process.

### **Q: How many individuals will sit on the Regional Advisory Council?**

A: The RAC will consist of approximately 20 members.

### **Q: What are the requirements to be a member of the Regional Advisory Council?**

A: RAC members are appointed based on the following criteria:

- An understanding of the complexity of land and natural resource use in central Alberta;
- Ability to provide a regional and provincial perspective;
- Demonstrated expertise (e.g. education, volunteer or work experience) in land use, stewardship and conservation, or resource management;
- Experience in a sector or community of interest affected by land use issues and experience in strategies to address these issues;
- Creative and innovative thinking;
- Have the interest and the time to commit to an intensive, but highly rewarding process; and
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively, in an advisory capacity and under tight timelines.

**Q: Are Regional Advisory Council members expected to represent the viewpoint of their company or organization?**

A: RAC members are expected to provide their expertise and perspectives of the region and not represent their respective company or organization's position.

**Q: When will I know if I'm selected to be a member of a Regional Advisory Council?**

A: Successful candidates are notified directly.

**Q: How often does the Regional Advisory Council for the North Saskatchewan Region meet?**

A: RAC is scheduled to meet eight times over the course of completing its work at varying locations within the North Saskatchewan region. Tentative schedules of dates for the RAC meetings are:

- June 10 – 12
- June 24 – 26
- July 8 – 10
- July 29 – 31
- August 12 – 14
- August 26 – 28
- September 9 – 11
- September 23 – 25

**Q: How much are Regional Advisory Council members paid?**

A: Expenses and honorariums, in accordance with approved [government rates](#), will be provided to council members that require them for meeting dates as well as one day for preparation prior to each meeting.

**Q: When will Regional Advisory Council work for the North Saskatchewan Regional Plan be completed?**

A: October 2014. The RAC ceases to exist after it delivers its advice to government.

**Q: When is the deadline to submit my application, biography and resume to be a member of the Regional Advisory Council for the North Saskatchewan Regional Plan?**

A: April 23, 2014.

**Q: How do I submit my application?**

A: Those interested in becoming members of the Regional Advisory Council for the North Saskatchewan Regional Plan must complete the application form and submit it with their resume and a biography of no more than 200 words to the Land Use Secretariat by email, mail or fax.

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**Q: I can't fill out the application online, how do I submit it?**

A: Print the roster application form, scan it and send it to the Land Use Secretariat by email. Alternatively, submit your application form, resume and biography by mail or fax.