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Lower Athabasca

Regional Advisory Council – Meeting #5

Location:

Lakeland Inn (5411-55 Street, Highway 28), Cold Lake , AB.

Date:

Wednesday and Thursday – July 8-9, 2009

Background information to be reviewed prior to meeting:

1. June Meeting Minutes
2. Revised Lower Athabasca Regional Plan (LARP) Project Flowchart
3. Revised LARP Table of Contents
4. Phase One Public Awareness Summary Report
5. Compiled RAC Vision Statement
6. Compiled RAC Outcomes
7. Responsible Actions: A Plan for Alberta's Oil Sands (**RAC Binder #1 – Tab 4**)
8. Athabasca Caribou Landscape Management Options Report

Meeting Objectives:

1. Finalize RAC's preferred LARP Vision and Outcomes.
2. Make recommendations to RPT on the preferred LARP Objectives.



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3. Finalize RAC's recommendations to Regional Planning Team (RPT) and Ministerial Working Group (MWG) on the conservation map and strategies.
4. Finalize RAC's opinions on the Base Case model.
5. Make recommendations to RPT on social considerations pertaining to population growth, labour requirements and Aboriginal communities.

DAY 1			
Time	Discussion Item	LARP Report Section	
7:30 – 8:00	Continental Breakfast		
8:00 – 10:00	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Approval of Meeting Minutes • Acceptance of the Agenda • SharePoint site 		<u>Heather Kennedy, RAC Chair</u> – Details included in Heather's speaking notes. Heather should note that, hopefully, with advanced circulation of presentations and a solid attempt by RPT members to hone in on the most important points in their presentations, this two-day meeting should flow pretty well. Again, a lot of important material to cover. With the feedback from the June meeting regarding group discussion, just one session has been planned in small groups, just after lunch on Day 1.
	Review LARP Project Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flowchart 		<u>Simon O'Byrne, Stantec</u> – Simon will provide an overview of the LARP project flowchart. The schedule will be reviewed in detail.
	Aboriginal Consultation Plan	9.7	<u>Morris Seiferling, RPT</u> – Morris will review Phase 1 GOA approach and strategy going forward for the next several months with the assistance of Stantec.



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	<p>Annotated LARP Table of Contents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The LARP report, as is, will be reviewed and discussed 		<p><u>Simon O'Byrne, Stantec</u> – The change to use the draft plan document extensively will be discussed, and if necessary, the acceptance of this approach will be tested.</p>
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break		
10:15 – 12:00	<p>LARP Vision and Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review RPT recommended changes Further refine RAC's preferred Vision and Outcomes 	3.1 & 3.2	<p><u>Terry Koch, Stantec</u> – Full group discussion led by Terry as facilitator, with Bonnie McInnis of Stantec as the recorder at the front.</p> <p>Bonnie will point out the recommendations made to RAC by RPT on changing the Outcomes.</p> <p>The discussion will be focused on bringing closure to the RAC's preferred Vision and Outcomes.</p> <p>Vision and Outcomes were sent to RAC on July 2nd. Copy distributed to Land Use Secretariat and Heather on July 6.</p>
	<p>LARP Objectives: Setting Priorities and Making Trade-Offs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAC is to discuss setting priorities and making trade-offs relative to the Objectives 	All sub-sections of 4, 5, 6 & 7	<p><u>Terry Koch, Stantec</u> – Full group discussion led by Terry.</p> <p>The Objectives will be viewed and prefaced as a “work-in-progress” that has not been vetted. Most importantly, RAC will be told that the Objectives have not been looked at from the perspective of trade-offs and priorities.</p> <p>RAC is to discuss what Objectives should be given priority over others and in the process start to deal with trade-offs.</p> <p>Objectives sent to RAC on July 7th. Copy distributed to LUS and Heather on July 6.</p>
12:00 – 12:30	Lunch		

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12:30 – 3:45	<p>Workshop – Objective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break into two groups • Report back to entire group after each pillar has been reviewed • Rotate groups to review each pillar • Report back to entire group 	3.2	<p><u>Terry Koch, Simon O’Byrne, Stantec</u> – Following the morning introduction of Objectives, RAC will break into two groups, which will be facilitated by Simon and Terry.</p> <p>Each of the two groups will start with one of the three pillars. After 20 minutes, each group will share their discussion with the full RAC (reporting back by RAC members only). Then each group will share their work with the group that has not worked on that pillar for another 20 minutes of discussion.</p> <p>We exchange presentations and ‘work in progress’ once more so that each group will have considered each of the two pillars and fleshed out the collective objective discussion.</p>
	<p>Review LARP Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAC will summarize their comments and questions to RPT on the Objectives 	3.1, 3.2 All sub-sections of 4, 5, 6 & 7 (Objectives)	<p><u>Terry Koch, Stantec</u> – A final large group discussion focused on summarizing the comments and questions that RAC wants to communicate back to RPT with respect to the priorities and trade-offs of the Objectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What questions does RAC need answered in order to continue the discussion of trade-offs and priorities? • What decisions were made by RAC on trade-offs and setting priorities?
	<p>Review Compiled LARP Vision, Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAC will make a recommendation on their preferred Vision and Outcomes to advance forward 	3.1, 3.2 All sub-sections of 4, 5, 6 & 7 (Objectives)	<p><u>Terry Koch, Stantec</u> – A final large group discussion to check for any errors or omissions. It could be that we finish this section before the 3:45 coffee break which means we could have Mel Miller give his presentations before the break.</p>
3:45 – 4:00	Coffee Break		
4:00 – 7:00	<p>Presentation on Responsible Actions: A Plan for Alberta’s Oil Sands</p>	6.0 7.1, 7.2	<p><u>Mel Miller and Jennifer McGill, RPT</u> – This presentation was put on the SharePoint site on July 6th.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The social aspects of Responsible Actions will be reviewed and discussed. 		
	<p>Workshop – Social Considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population growth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human settlement patterns Conflict with economic land uses Conflict with traditional uses Recreation needs Environmental implications (e.g. water use, wildlife, etc.) Social infrastructure Labour requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Community well-being Quality of life related to population growth and labour retention and attraction Impacts to Aboriginal communities 	<p>5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4</p> <p>6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4</p> <p>7.1, 7.2</p>	<p><u>Terry Koch, Stantec</u> and <u>Simon O’Byrne, Stantec</u> – Large group discussion with about one hour allotted for Population Growth and one hour for Labour Requirements. Maps showing where industry development (i.e. SEWG’s TEMF and Oil Sands projects from Binder #3) is expected to occur in the next five, 10 and 15 years. Chair wants to get to the point where we aren’t talking population generalities but are speaking of where these people might need to be located, based on a 50 km (or whatever) proximity to the development. Need to address this for both the north and south regions, as Cold Lake will have a unique set of challenges here.</p>
7:00 – 8:00	Dinner Break – off site		
8:00 – 9:30	Doug Parrish will lead an optional tour of Cold Lake.		

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DAY 2			
7:30 – 8:00	Continental Breakfast		
8:00 – 10:00	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss outcomes of Day 1 		<u>Heather Kennedy, RAC chair</u> – Terry to call to order, review agenda for Day 2 and then turn it over to Heather.
	Conservation of Lands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report back from RPT Present and discuss revised map Discuss conservation management strategies Athabasca Caribou Landscape Management Options Report Provide answers on questions raised by RAC at June meeting 	5.4	<u>Scott Milligan, RPT</u> – A combination of presentation and free-flowing discussion that will be documented by the RPT.
	Finalize recommendations to RPT on the Conservation of Land within LAR	5.4 9.9	<u>Terry Koch, Stantec</u> – Terry will ask Stantec staff documenting key points to read back what was captured.
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break		
10:15 – 12:00	Base Case Model Conclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RPT will provide their conclusions on the two mbd base case model 	9.8	<u>Randall Barrett, Selena Cole, Lisa Sadownik, Bob Nichol and Scott Milligan, RPT</u> – Joint presentation
	Finalize RAC's opinions on the Base Case model	9.9	<u>Terry Koch, Stantec</u> – Large group discussion
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch with Cold Lake Council		

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1:00 – 4:00	<p>Modeling Process Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the models that will be used in LARP 	9.8	<u>Ken MacDonald, RPT</u>
	<p>Review Best Practices Model (In Progress)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What were the assumptions? Which indicators were used? What is the likely output? 	9.8	<u>Ken MacDonald, Randall Barrett, Lisa Sadownik, Selena Cole, Bob Nichol, Scott Milligan, RPT</u> – Ken will lead this presentation and then direct Q&A to the appropriate RPT member.
	<p>Presentation on agricultural issues (e.g. preservation of agricultural land, restricting fragmentation, transportation accessibility, grazing leases, etc.)</p>	4.4	<u>John Zylstra, RPT</u> – Explain that this is an introduction and that the issues will be discussed further in August.
	<p>August RAC meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review objectives Discuss deliverables 		<u>Simon O’Byrne, Stantec</u>
	<p>Meeting Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key messages Topics for external discussion 		<u>Heather Kennedy, RAC chair</u>
	<p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm August as a three-day RAC meeting Roundtable review of meeting and overall project progress 		<u>Heather Kennedy, RAC chair</u> – Each RAC member will be asked to share their view on progress and process to date.
4:00	Adjourn Meeting		

Next Meeting Date: August 5th and 6th and either the 4th or 7th – Fort McMurray and Fort Chipewyan

August Meeting Objectives:



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1. Update on the Land-use Framework Policy Gaps.
2. Feedback from the Ministerial Working Group.
3. Review Vision, Outcomes and Objectives sections of the LARP report.
4. Make recommendations to RPT and MWG on Transportation Utility Corridors (TUC).
5. Make recommendations to RPT on their conclusions made on the four and six mbd growth scenario.
6. Make recommendations to RPT on their conclusions of the Best Practices model.
7. Make recommendations to RPT on the Forestry map(s) and long-term Forestry land use and policy considerations.
8. Make recommendations to RPT on Social considerations based on population growth, labour requirements and human settlement patterns.
9. Make recommendations to RPT on the impacts to Aboriginal communities as well as treaty and other constitutional rights exercised by members of those communities.
10. Make recommendations to RPT on their Recreation and Tourism map(s) and management and strategy plans.
11. Make recommendations to RPT on agricultural issues within the LAR as presented by RPT and provide advice with respect to what further considerations need to be addressed (e.g. preservation of agricultural land, restricting fragmentation, transportation accessibility, grazing leases, etc.).
12. Make recommendations to RPT on what economic development considerations must be incorporated within the LARP.