



January 2019

Happy New Year

We Would Love to Hear from You

Welcome to the *Alberta Land-use Knowledge Network's* new monthly newsletter in which we share information and resources about land use planning in Alberta.

If this newsletter was forwarded to you, please consider **subscribing** to our monthly publication.

Review **past issues** of our newsletter



Land Use Planning Hub

The **Land Use Planning Hub** is an informal network that supports the implementation of Alberta's regional plans.

Currently on the Land Use Planning Hub

What Water for Life means for Alberta's Municipalities

Municipalities have a large role in managing water resources and aquatic ecosystems, but their efforts cannot be done in isolation. Water for Life identifies the goals, actions and timelines for managing water at a provincial level. From there, Alberta's municipalities are a key player in this strategy.

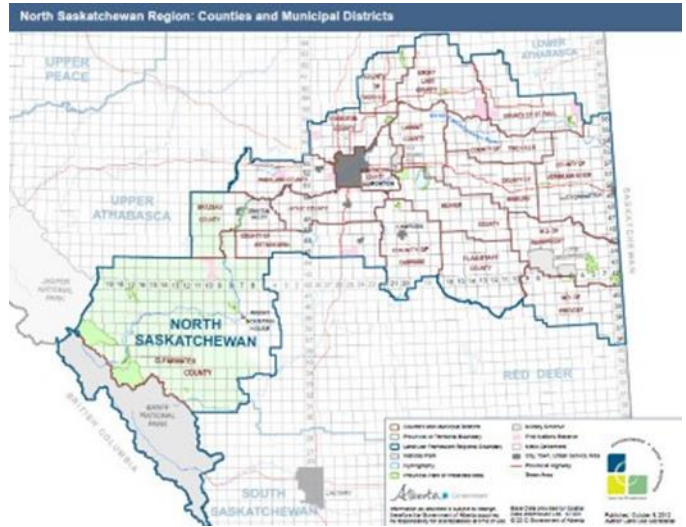


For more information about the Land Use Planning Hub, contact the website's coordinator, **Jeff Wiehler**

North Saskatchewan Regional Plan (NSRP)

The North Saskatchewan Region contains a diverse landscape encompassing Rocky Mountain, rolling foothill and prairie parkland ecosystems. The North Saskatchewan Region includes headwaters forests that provide clean water to downstream communities, mountains foothills, and parkland that support a diversity of habitats that provide homes for species at risk and serves as a major source of recreation and tourism.

The North Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council



Read Jeff Wiehler's post entitled [Preparing for the next regional plans](#)

The [Land-use Knowledge Network](#) was launched in 2011 and the [Land Use Planning Hub](#) in 2018. These two tools continue to grow and support research-based land use decision making throughout the province.

Check out our resource list related to the [North Saskatchewan Regional Planning](#) process.

[Recommendations Document from the North Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council](#)

Calls for Input



Biodiversity Stewardship Area – Wildland Provincial Park

Proposal Open for Feedback

The Government of Alberta is proposing a new wildland provincial park in the Lower Athabasca Region: the Biodiversity Stewardship Area – Wildland Provincial Park.

Webinars on Land Use Planning: [Call for Presentations](#)

fRI Research hosts a monthly webinar series on research, news and updates on natural science, conservation and land use topics. Webinars are hosted by fRI Research and available to the public. Presentation ideas on land use planning in Alberta are being accepted. fRI Research will manage the promotions, recording and facilitation of the webinar to a target audience of land use professionals in the province.



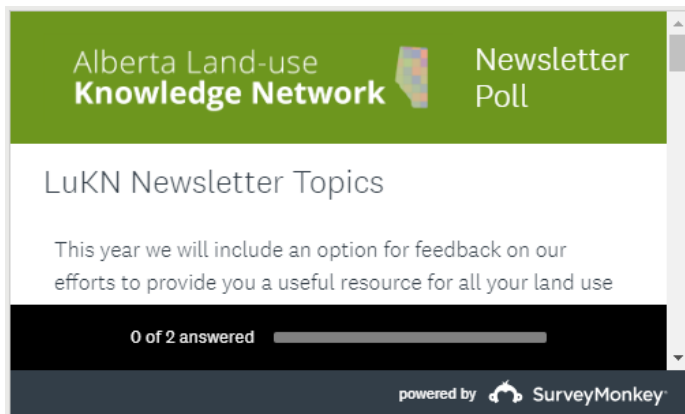
Have your say on the [Big Horn Country Consultation](#) before January 31, 2019

To ensure the right balance of Indigenous, economic, environmental, and social values and goals, all interested parties can provide input on the future of the Bighorn Country through an [online survey](#) available from Nov. 23, 2018 to Jan. 31, 2019.

Please review the [site profiles](#), [boundary maps](#), [glossary](#) and [Bighorn Country overview](#) for details and information on the proposal before you respond.

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Land Use Topics



In March 2018, LuKN relaunched our monthly newsletter and we'd love to hear from you on how we are doing. To do that we will include quick poll surveys (between 1 to 3 questions) in our newsletters and on social media and you can help us make the Land-use Knowledge Network and the Land Use Planning Hub resources that contribute to your planning needs. **The first poll is only two questions.**

Spotlighted Organizations

Miistakis Institute is a research institute, a conservation charity, and a social enterprise that takes knowledge from the realm of academia to the realm of land and resource management. Miistakis scientifically investigates conservation dilemmas, analyzes policy implications, develops decision support tools, and catalyzes community conservation action.

Miistakis identifies six research areas where their skills and expertise might have the greatest impact. Some research areas are tightly focused on a critical issue, while others reflect a common thread binding several issues. These research areas are:

- Conservation Planning and Policy
- Citizen Science
- Human Wildlife Coexistence
- Private Land Conservation
- Municipalities and Conservation
- Transportation Ecology



The **Land-use Knowledge Network** is a repository of a wide variety of resources to support your land use and planning research. Take a look at these items...

Resources on the LuKN

Least Conflict Lands: Municipal Decision Support Tool for Siting Renewable Energy Development (Miistakis Institute)

The Miistakis Institute partnered with the County of Newell and Wheatland County to develop a least conflict lands decision support tool to inform planning of renewable energy development. This process and decision support tool was modeled after the Least Conflict Lands for Solar PV development in the San Joaquin Valley of California developed by Conservation Biology Institute, UC Berkeley School of Law, and Terrell Watt Planning Consultants.

The report was the conclusion of a six-month project with the County of Newell and Wheatland County. The two Alberta municipalities were the test regions for developing this tool that identifies high value agriculture, ecology and cultural and scenic resources. By identifying the high value sites, solar and wind developments can be sited away from areas that have important value to residents, wildlife and businesses.

Join the discussion on the [Land Use Planning Hub](#) about this report.

EVENTS

If you have an event that you would like to see included in our monthly newsletter, please email [Linda](#) with the details.

January

Deadline

Have your say on the Big Horn Country Survey

31 January 2019, Online

February

Shelterbelt Workshop in Northern Sunrise County

6 February 2019, St. Isadore

Northern Sunrise County Bumblebee House Building Workshop

7 February, St. Isadore

March

Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Spring 2019 Convention and Trade Show

18-20 March, Edmonton

Apply for Funding

Improve your municipality with FCM's capital project funding

31 March (deadline)

April

Registration Opens 2 January

LGAA 2019 Conference Strength Through Networking

2-5 April, Red Deer

Environmental Services Association of Alberta (ESAA): EnvroTech 2019

23-25 April 2019, Calgary

May

Registration Opens 10 January

Canadian Water Network: Blue Cities 2019

7-8 May, Toronto

June

Save the Date

Canada's Oil Sands Innovation Alliance (COSIA): 2019 Oil Sands Innovation Summit

3-4 June, Calgary

September

Save the Date

AUMA 2019 Convention and AMSC Trade Show

25-27 September, Edmonton

October

Call for Papers/Save the Date

Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation 2019 Sustainable Communities Conference

1-4 October, St. Johns, NL

If you have an announcement that you would like to see included in our monthly newsletter, please email [Linda](#) with the details.

NEWS

Alberta Wetland Replacement Fee: Changes Coming

On December 1, 2018, Alberta Environment and Parks announced that it would be changing the interim wetland replacement process.

19 Dec 2018, Government of Alberta

Canmore council approves plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

17 Dec 2018, Marie Conboy, Bow Valley Crag & Canyon

Anderson Confirmed for January Mid-Size Cities Meeting Here

Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funding is among the topics mayors hope to discuss with Municipal Affairs minister Shaye Anderson during the Alberta Mid-Cities Mayors' Caucus meeting being hosted by Cochrane, Jan. 30-31.

17 Dec 2018, Noel Edey, Cochrane Now

Sylvan Lake moving towards greener future with Fogdog contract

17 Dec 2018, Megan Roth, Sylvan Lake News

Alberta gets federal disaster mitigation funding

17 Dec 2018, Government of Alberta

Happy trails ahead for active Albertans

17 Dec 2018, Government of Alberta

Beaumont to receive city status on Jan. 1

14 Dec 2018, Caley Ramsay, Global News

Grande Prairie highway projects boost local economy

14 Dec 2018, Government of Alberta

Agreement secures Slave Lake forestry jobs

A new agreement will safeguard sustainable forestry in the Slave Lake region for the next two decades.

13 Dec 2018. Government of Alberta

Collaboration to protect boreal forest

An innovative agreement between Indigenous communities, energy companies and federal and provincial governments is expected to conserve more than 166,000 hectares of boreal forest.

13 Dec 2018. Government of Alberta

Amended Brownfield regulation in effect January 1

Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) has amended the *Remediation Regulation*, which will come into effect on January 1, 2019. The amendments were developed jointly with major stakeholders including AUMA, and the amendments streamline existing processes that were deemed as barriers by municipalities in the past.

12 Dec 2018, AUMA

Premier seeking industry interest in oil refining

In response to strong industry encouragement, Alberta is taking action to explore interest from the private sector in building a new oil refinery in the province.

11 Dec 2018. Government of Alberta



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