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Consultation

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.

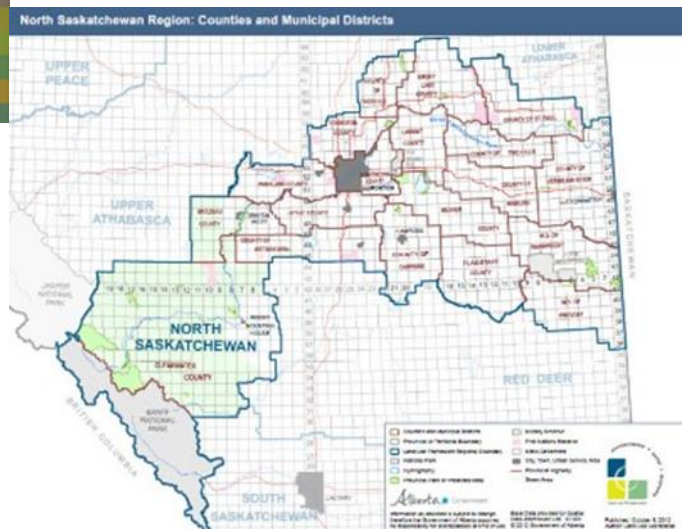
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North Saskatchewan Regional Plan (NSRP)

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 Recommendations Report Survey is now closed. Please stay tuned for the next steps.



Check out our resource list related to the **North Saskatchewan Regional Planning** process.

Recommendations Document from the North Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council

Closed Consultations

Phase 1: **Help build the North Saskatchewan Regional Plan** (closed May 4, 2018)

Upcoming Consultations

Phase 2: Public and stakeholders will be invited to provide feedback on draft plan

Land Use Planning Hub

Check out the Land Use Planning Hub

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

Launched in June 2018, the Land Use Planning Hub connects practitioners and planners from around the province to share information, stories, and feedback related to land use planning. This website was created and is operated by fRI Research, with support from the Land Use Secretariat.

Here is how to use the Land Use Planning Hub:

See how organizations are implementing Alberta's regional plans

Connect with land use practitioners throughout the province

Learn about land use strategies and approaches

Keep up on the latest land use news

Share your experiences to improve land use planning in Alberta

The Land Use Planning Hub complements the **Land-use Knowledge Network**, which was launched by fRI Research in June 2011. Together, the two websites offer resources, information, and support for planners and land use practitioners throughout the province.

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

Land Use Topics Consultation

Consulting with the public and stakeholders is a standard practice for the Alberta Government and there are a number of legislated consultation requirements with key stakeholders and Indigenous populations for those involved in land use planning activities in this province.

Effective consultations require a unique skill set including identifying the key consultation questions, building trust, and building relationships in order to successfully engage stakeholders and the public.

Requirement to Consult

Under the **Alberta Land Stewardship Act**, consultation with Albertans is a legal requirement during drafting of regional plans. For the Lower Athabasca and South Saskatchewan regional plans, a cross-section of Albertans were asked to participate in a Regional Advisory Council and provide their advice to government on what the regional plans should contain. In addition, All Albertans were asked:

- for their input on issues in the region
- for their feedback on advice from the Regional Advisory Council
- for their feedback on draft regional plans

Once consultation is completed, government produces the final plans and **presents the regional plans to the Legislature** before **Cabinet** can approve them.

Indigenous Consultation Requirements

The Government of Alberta, through the **Alberta Ministry of Indigenous Relations**, has published policy, guidelines, and assistance for **effective consultations with Indigenous and Metis communities**.

Check out these Consultation Invitations

The Government of Alberta maintains a **page with links to all their open consultations**. At this time Albertans are invited to provide feedback and ideas on the **draft caribou range plan**. This page also includes links to consultations that are closed and the government is reviewing the feedback collected. This includes a review of the feedback on the Growth Management Boards in Edmonton and Calgary as part of the Municipal Government's Act review.

For information on completed consultations conducted in the last seven years, check out the **completed consultations page**.

The Canadian Council of Forest Ministers (CCFM) is championing the creation of *A Vision for Canada's Forests: 2018 and Beyond* and welcoming input from Canadians.

Canadian forests need a refreshed vision for the next decade and beyond. Because you live, work, play, and reflect in these forest ecosystems, the CCFM needs your help. They want to know how you see the evolution of Canadian forests and forest use over the next 10 years. Check out the presentation entitled *A Vision for Canada's Forests: 2018 and Beyond*, then **share your thoughts** to help shape the future of forests in Canada!

Take the **Alberta Water Council** survey by September 14; results from this survey would inform developing a guidance document on protecting drinking water sources.

Meet LuKN's Spotlighted Organization



Land Use Secretariat

The Land Use Secretariat (LUS) was established by the **Alberta Land Stewardship Act** as part of the public service of Alberta but not as part of a government department. The LUS reports to a Stewardship Commissioner and works independently of a department. It is subject only to directives issued by the Stewardship Minister.

The Secretariat:

- Supports development of the terms of reference for regional plans;
- Leads development of regional plans in conjunction with departments with an interest in land-use (regional planning teams) and in consultation with the Regional Advisory Councils;
- Communicates with local planning bodies to clarify and interpret plans;
- Supports policy reconciliation;
- Provides advice to regional bodies on provincial policy;
- Ensures effective management of cross-regional infrastructure and policy matters;
- Assists provincial departments, municipalities and other local authorities in reconciling their respective roles to the Land-use Framework;
- Provides administration infrastructure and support to Regional Advisory Councils; and
- Ensures application of cumulative effects assessments.

For information or assistance, contact Alberta's Land Use Secretariat at:

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Resources on LuKN



Land Stewardship Centre: Stewardship Planning Framework

Endorsed by the **AAMDC**, the **AUMA** and the **ASVA** as an effective tool that can be used to guide municipalities to the types and sources of important and relevant environmental and ecological information they can use to support informed land-use and planning decisions in their communities.

Consultation Guides and Resources Find a list of guides and scholarly items relating to conducting consultations

EVENTS

NEWS

If you have an event or announcement that you would like to see included in our monthly newsletter, please email **Linda** with the details.

September

ULI Alberta: Community Wellbeing- A Framework for Design

September 14 Edmonton

Municipal Innovators Community (MIC) 2018 Conference- Re:Designing Government

September 19-21 Calgary

Save the Date

Okotoks Bioretention Research Facility Site Tour

September 21 Okotoks

AUMA 2018 Convention and AMSC Trade Show

September 26-28 Red Deer

APPI: Fall Conference: Revitalize

September 30- October 2 Kananaskis

Evergreen Canada Mid-Sized Cities Research Series

1. If you are a researcher or practitioner engaged in urban planning of mid-sized cities in Canada, Evergreen would like to hear from you. They are looking for submissions, for their Research Series 2019, from Researchers focused on mid-sized cities;
2. Organizations, community groups, committees, non-profits, private sector, or individuals who have led/are leading notable examples of urban innovation in a mid-sized city and want to share the story; and
3. People leading initiatives that should be documented and shared, but do not have the capacity to do it themselves. You can nominate your own initiative or an initiative you greatly admire. Evergreen will work with chosen initiatives to profile their work.

Check out **Research Series 2018** and **Research Series 2017**.

Events continued...

October

Early bird registration extended to August 31

Canada Green Building Council: Alberta Sustainable Building Symposium

October 11-12 Calgary

Save the Date

Remote Sensing Workshop

Oct 24-25 Edmonton

Early bird registration ends August 31!

Canadian Rural and Remote Housing and Homelessness Symposium 2018

October 24-26 Canmore

November

Save the date

RMA Fall 2018 Convention

November 20-22 Edmonton

RMA Water and Agriculture Conference

November 22 Crossfield

Canadian Storm Water Institute Conference

November 26-27 Calgary

ALIDP Ready, Aim, Fire: Strategies to Target and Achieve Resilience (half day workshop)

Part of the Canadian Storm Water Institute Conference

November 27 Calgary

News continued...

RMA Government of Alberta ICF and IDP Workshop

Check out this information from the RMA for clarity on Inter-municipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICF) and Inter-municipal Development Plans (IDP)

Municipal Management of Industrial Development

A new report developed through the Community Conserve project focuses on how municipalities can manage industrial development within their municipal boundaries.

Government Funding for the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre

In order to expand on the programs, that fund solar panel installations, energy-efficiency audits and retrofits, and climate change resilience workshops, Alberta Environment and Parks has pledged \$54 million to enable the addition of multi-year programs for small-scale community generation, energy-efficiency upgrades for buildings, solar energy for schools and more

Bill 10: Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) legislation

Bill 10: *An Act to Enable Clean Energy Improvements* was introduced on April 12, 2018, to let municipalities establish a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program that would make it more affordable for Albertans to upgrade their properties without having to put money down. Under PACE, municipalities would install and pay for upgrades on private property and recover costs through the owners' property taxes.

Province unveils rural bus routes for 4 southern Alberta communities as Greyhound service ends

More buses, better service for rural Albertans



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