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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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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
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

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


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:
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

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

NEWS

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.

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