
ALBERTA WATER COUNCIL

MEETING #12

September 14, 2006
High Prairie, Alberta

Summary Report

Key Points:

- The Council visited the Sucker Creek and the Driftpile First Nations and the East Prairie Métis Settlement, hearing Aboriginal water-related concerns and touring drinking water treatment facilities at each location.
- The Conservation, Efficiency and Productivity Definition Project Team presented its interim report, and will take the Council's input into account when preparing the final report.
- Council heard a presentation from Alberta Sustainable Resource Development on the Land Use Framework now being prepared.
- The Wetland Policy Project Team updated Council on its work, including key directions for the draft wetland policy and implementation plan. Council provided feedback and, at the November AWC meeting, the team will present for Council approval the materials intended for use in consultations in early 2007.
- The Council agreed to proceed to incorporate as a not-for-profit society.
- The Water Management Knowledge Broker Function Project Team will develop a proposal for a prototype knowledge broker for consideration by Council at its next meeting.
- The Council agreed to steward development of the Watershed Management Framework through the Shared Governance working group/Project Team.

Attachments to the Meeting Summary:

1. Attendees
2. Action Item Log
3. Decision Log
4. Meeting Agenda

Summary of Discussion

Lisa King convened the business meeting at 8:30 am. She welcomed everyone, and those present introduced themselves.

1 Administration

1.1 Review of Agenda

An item was added under new business regarding preparation of the Framework for Watershed Management. The revised agenda was approved by consensus.

1.2 Approval of Summary Report from May 18, 2006 Meeting

Lisa King requested three changes to her report on the Chiefs' Assembly under item 1.4. The affected bullets were amended to read:

- Consultation by the province and by industry with First Nations continues to be very lacking.
- First Nations are considering forming separate Aboriginal organizations (a water council, board, etc.).
- Education needs to go two ways; it's important to educate First Nations about water management and to educate non-Aboriginals about the water spirit.

With these changes, the summary report for the May 18, 2006 meeting was approved by consensus and will be posted on the Council's website.

1.3 Action Items from May 18, 2006 Meeting

Terry Sly reviewed the action items from the last meeting. All have been completed or are in progress, with the exception of item 11.6. A presentation on the three CCME reports was deferred to November due to the lengthy agenda for this meeting.

1.4 Media, Communications and Outreach Activities

Terry Sly directed members to the handout distributed at the meeting, which listed the dozen or so communication and outreach activities of members since the May meeting. In addition, Lisa King advised that she had attended a northern gathering of those working to protect the Mackenzie River basin.

1.5 Executive Committee Report

Minutes from the August 17 executive committee meeting were included in the briefing package. At each executive committee meeting, the executive considers and responds to the comments made on meeting evaluation forms, and this is summarized in the minutes. Due to some noise difficulties with commercial venues, the Council hopes to begin using Government House in Edmonton and McDougall Centre in Calgary for its meetings.

The executive asked members to approve its proposal for updating the business and operational plans.

Decision 12.1: The Alberta Water Council agreed:

1. *To reactivate the Business Planning Subcommittee to lead the updating of the operational plan on an annual basis, starting work late this fall and reporting back to Council in March 2007.*
2. *To revisit the business plan during the last six months of the plan's third year.*
3. *To request the Business Planning Subcommittee to undertake work on draft performance measures and report back to the Council as part of the operational plan update, with performance measures to measure the Council's progress against the goals described in the business plan.*

The chair then referred members to the attachments pertaining to a) presentations and b) identifying members for project teams and working groups, and briefly reviewed these items. It was noted that the incorrect attachment was provided for item b) and that discussion of this item would be deferred until members see the correct document.

Action 12.1: The Secretariat will distribute the correct file on identifying members for project teams and working groups to members for discussion at the next meeting.

2 Recap of Tour to Aboriginal Communities

Lisa King recapped the tour to the Sucker Creek First Nation and the Driftpile First Nation. Tim LeClair briefly reviewed the tour to the East Prairie Métis Settlement. Drinking water treatment facilities were part of the tour to each community. A number of issues were identified in all three communities, particularly with respect to watershed protection. Chief Rose Laboucan was unable to attend and Lisa requested that she and the Chief have the opportunity to make a presentation to the Council at a future meeting to provide more information on First Nations in Alberta and on specific issues for the Driftpile community.

Decision 12.2: The Alberta Water Council will invite Chief Rose Laboucan and Lisa King to make a joint presentation to a future Council meeting on water issues faced by the Driftpile First Nation and on First Nations in Alberta.

Water Council members recognized that Aboriginal communities face a variety of issues at the local level, and Council discussed opportunities and approaches for building on existing AWC initiatives. The following points were noted:

- Capacity of Aboriginal groups to engage in AWC and other processes is sometimes a challenge. Many are involved with industry in their area, but better efforts may be needed to coordinate their involvement. Clear commitment to engaging Aboriginal communities is needed to begin the outreach and keep them at the table.
- The North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance has developed a framework for First Nations engagement, which has been approved by the chiefs; the NSWA is now seeking funding to implement its framework.
- Aboriginal communities have had historical frustrations in trying to get their concerns addressed. The Council cannot undo the past, but can possibly help from this point forward.
- A number of land management issues were brought forward that are beyond the AWC mandate, and Council should consider how these could be addressed.
- Some specific issues, such as potential groundwater contamination by landfills identified by the East Prairie Métis Settlement, are clearly within the purview of

Alberta Environment. This item could be directed to the appropriate person for a response and a report back to Council and to the Settlement.

- Broader concerns that relate to the role of the Council in things like facilitating the formation of WPACs and wider engagement of Aboriginal communities need further consideration.

Action 12.2: The AWC Executive will review the list of concerns identified in meetings with the Sucker Creek and Driftpile First Nations and the East Prairie Métis Settlement, determine the best way to respond and report back to the Council.

Action 12.3: The Executive will review the issues raised on the tour of Aboriginal communities, and send a letter to each community thanking them for hosting the Council visit and sharing their concerns.

3 Around the Water Cooler

Each Council member provided a brief update on work underway in their sector.

4 Water Conservation, Efficiency and Productivity Definition Project Team

George Murphy and David Hill presented the interim report from their team. They noted that the team still has a little more work to do on performance measures, but they are aiming to complete their terms of reference and present a final report to the Council in November. The interim report is an opportunity for Council to provide feedback and ensure that the team's work is aligned with Council's expectations.

The team recognized that the new framework for watershed management planning would be a crucial piece in integrating activities, processes and responsibilities, and identified several issues and components in the statement of need that should be addressed. The Council commended the team for its good work and the progress made. The following general comments emerged in discussion of the interim report:

- Language around "respecting existing water rights" should always be clear, as "respect" and "entrench" are different.
 - Alberta Environment noted that the South Saskatchewan River Basin report looks at a new system for how water is used. The Government wants to encourage licensees to improve their water use efficiency, and believes that the approach in the SSRB report is consistent with the statement that existing allocations will be respected.
- Municipalities need to be actively engaged in developing watershed management plans, especially as regional systems and challenges emerge.

Members also had some specific comments and questions for the team to consider; these comments were noted separately and will be provided to the team.

The team co-chairs thanked Council members for their input and asked that any minor editorial comments be sent to Terry Sly by September 25 for forwarding to the team prior to its meeting in early October.

Action 12.4: The Secretariat will forward comments provided by Council to the Water Conservation, Efficiency and Productivity Definition team for use in preparing their final report.

Other recommendations and directions pertaining to water are being developed and announced by the Government that are related to Council work; e.g., use of economic instruments, wetland compensation. It was suggested that the Council's relationship with the Government on these items should be discussed and clarified at a future meeting, and that at a minimum, Council should have an opportunity to provide comment on these materials.

5 Presentation: Land Use Framework

Morris Seiferling with the Sustainable Resource and Environmental Management provided an overview of the Land Use Framework now being developed. Seven provincial government departments are leading this initiative, with other ministries linked to it. Consultation with an Ideas Group occurred earlier this year to develop the scope, vision, principles and objectives for the framework. Consultations are now underway with general stakeholders, elected municipal officials and Aboriginal groups. The results of these sessions will be basis for a cross sector forum to be held in early December 2006. A draft document will be ready in the spring of 2007. The framework will apply to the entire province, including both public and private lands, and efforts are underway to ensure that federal lands are included. There is not yet a mechanism for integrating all of the processes that are presently underway.

Key high level messages that have also emerged so far in the process include:

1. We must have better integration in how we manage air, water, land and natural resources.
2. Alberta is in a good position to develop and implement this framework, given the province's current economic health.
3. There must be a provincial context provided for local decision makers.
4. We need a mechanism for resolving conflict if consensus can't be reached.
5. We need a context for determining cumulative effects.
6. We need some kind of governance structure to make this work
7. We must further a stewardship ethic from both an industry perspective and the public.

Council members discussed the land use framework initiative, noting the following comments (open bullets indicate a response from Mr. Seiferling).

- Will the framework consider the use of mechanisms such as development credits so that municipalities that choose to protect their watershed by prohibiting development are not economically penalized?
 - Other mechanisms are being considered in an effort to build on successes from other places.
- Cumulative effects assessment is a serious challenge in some areas, given the hot economic climate in Alberta presently.
- In the absence of right to farm legislation in Alberta, the agriculture sector is concerned about land use management and potential conflicts, particularly in the highway 2 corridor.
- Traditional land use and impacts to the health of the people who live off these lands need to be addressed in the framework.

- The Alberta Water Council should be a key collaborator in developing this integrated system for managing land, water and air. Some of the AWC's current work (e.g., wetland policy) overlaps with the land use framework and integration is essential.
- Many plans already exist, particularly in the Green Area, but there is no hierarchy. This is a complex initiative, and all the answers may not be available by spring 2007.

6 Wetland Policy

Jonathan Thompson and Ian Rudland, co-chairs of the Wetland Policy Project Team (WPPT), presented their work to date and the process they propose for completing their work. They reviewed the components of the draft policy and the draft implementation plan, noting that the provincial government's cross ministry group is now reviewing the implementation plan. The implementation plan will be part of the discussion at the November AWC meeting. The six key directions to be reflected in the policy and implementation plan were presented:

1. Wetlands are protected and conserved.
2. Albertans are knowledgeable about the values and functions of wetlands and wetland margins.
3. Albertans have the tools and information to effectively protect and conserve wetlands.
4. The mitigation process will be followed to achieve wetland conservation where development is proposed.
5. Implementation of the Wetland Policy is enhanced through creation of wetland protection and conservation objectives for watersheds across Alberta.
6. Provincial ministries, agencies and municipalities will implement the Wetland Policy by integrating it into their policies, planning, regulations, reporting, and environmental assessments, including practices and approvals.

Council members discussed the key directions and other components, and provided the following comments; open bullets indicate a response from the presenters.

- If Cabinet approves the policy, it is expected that provincial ministries would align their policies and programs. But alignment with others must also occur (e.g., municipalities and industry), and the team needs to ensure that it has all the key players engaged and onside. The team should also be very clear about who will implement its recommendations, and if commitments are made, sectors have to hold themselves accountable.
- Private decision makers will affect the success of the policy. The team may want to consider adding a key direction that highlights the proactive approach of incentives to spark innovation and reward people for "very good behaviour."
- Implementation needs to be a shared responsibility and not rest entirely on the provincial government.
- All affected sectors, including forestry and rural municipalities, need to be part of the team's work to ensure that the Council can support what comes forward in November for consultations.
 - Forestry provided initial input and indicated that their best management practices were already addressing wetland issues. Rural municipalities also attended early meetings, and a meeting is planned with the AAMD&C in November.
- Most of the effort seems to have focused on mitigating not protecting.
 - Mapping is critical to identify the key wetlands that should have no development.

- The key directions provide much more clarity to the team's work. The team may want to consider developing science-based performance measures to tell us if policy has been effective.

The team asked for specific guidance regarding the implementation document; Council noted:

- It doesn't really matter whether the document is called an Implementation Plan or Framework as long as there is agreement on the content.
- The policy and the implementation document should go together as one package for consultation. The Government may then decide whether they should be separated.

Consultation on the Wetland Policy

The team's original plan was to consult in November, but this has been adjusted in response to stakeholder input; consultations are now targeted for January-February 2007. Other elements of the consultation plan provided to Council members in July are unchanged. The team wants to ensure that all Council members are comfortable with the content of the documents before broader public consultation occurs. Members generally agreed that they need to see the full package and that they need time to check in with their sectors so they can be ready at the November meeting to sign off on a draft for consultation. Council members should ensure that the draft documents are not circulated beyond their organizations. If members need assistance in organizing meetings with their sectors, they should advise the Secretariat.

Action 12.5: The WPPT will forward a full package with the draft wetland policy and implementation plan to Council no later than mid-October so members can review the documents and discuss with their sectors prior to the November AWC meeting.

7 Transition to Arm's Length Organization

Kim Sturgess and Tim LeClair presented the proposal from the Transition Subcommittee. They reminded the Council of its decision to move to an independent organization, based generally on the CASA model. The application for incorporation under the Societies Act was reviewed and several changes were made to the objects. These were recorded on the screen for review and approval by all members.

a) Governance Structure and Membership

The bylaws and membership structure are linked, so these were discussed together. The Subcommittee proposed that the new Council be established with a total of 28 seats, which would achieve a better balance among the four broad categories. Two new seats were proposed for environmental non-government organizations, with members to be chosen by the Alberta Environmental Network (AEN) as is presently done for CASA, and one seat would remain vacant. The AEN is an umbrella organization with over 70 member groups from across Alberta. The following comments were made regarding membership:

- The current First Nations representative is only able to represent Treaty 8, which leaves Treaties 6 and 7 without representation. It was proposed that two more seats be added so that all three treaties are represented.
- The Métis Settlements General Council and the Métis Association will likely share one seat as the director and alternate respectively.
- Agriculture faces a similar challenge in that it is a very diverse sector with a wide range of interests.

- Some members hesitated to agree to allocate three seats to one organization in the absence of more information about the AEN. It was noted that the AEN has a well-organized structure with caucuses that relate to the Council's work (water, agriculture, forestry/wilderness, toxics/waste avoidance, clean air/energy), and has a wide range of member groups to draw from.
- With consensus, perhaps a balance between categories is less important. However, the new Council needs enough flexibility to do its work, so the number should be increased to 32.
- A larger board could make it more difficult to function effectively, and will also have implications for logistics and costs.

Decision 12.3: The Alberta Water Council agreed to apply for incorporation as a not-for-profit society under the Alberta Societies Act, as described in the amended application and bylaws.

The document "Alberta Water Council Membership Structure and Process for Selection of Representatives" was revised to reflect Council agreement on:

- A maximum board size of 32 directors, and

The distribution of membership among the four broad categories will be further discussed at the November meeting, with Council making a decision at that time on the make-up of membership.

Action 12.6: The Secretariat will discuss with the Alberta Environmental Network the possibility of selecting new AWC representatives from different caucuses.

b) Memorandum of Understanding

The key elements of the MOU pertain to core funding being provided by the provincial government, and a commitment for Ministers to advocate consensus advice from the Council to Cabinet. The MOU still needs to be reviewed by government lawyers. Given the leadership review now underway and the expected Cabinet shuffle, it was suggested that the MOU be signed when new ministers are in place. Several small wording changes were made by consensus to the draft MOU.

Decision 12.4: The Alberta Water Council approved the revised draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Alberta and the Alberta Water Council.

c) Procedural Guidelines

The Subcommittee will complete work on procedural guidelines and present a draft to the November Council meeting.

Decision 12.5: The Alberta Water Council agreed to develop and adopt Procedural Guidelines that emphasize the importance of collaborative procedural processes in helping the Council carry out its mandate.

d) Independent Secretariat

Decision 12.6: The Alberta Water Council agreed to establish an independent Secretariat based in Edmonton.

e) Executive Director

The executive director is the key person to be hired for the secretariat. The job description is quite detailed and the objects will be revised to reflect the changes made in the earlier discussion. The executive agreed to act as the hiring committee

Decision 12.7: The Alberta Water Council approved the job description for the Council's executive director.

Decision 12.8: The Alberta Water Council agreed that the executive committee would serve as a hiring committee to a) work with the current secretariat to advertise for the executive director's position by the end of September 2006, and b) review applications, conduct interviews if appropriate, and decide if a suitable candidate is among the applicants. If a suitable candidate has not been identified and approached by the end of 2006, the hiring committee will propose other recruitment options.

Action 12.7: The executive committee will develop a package with a recommended salary range and other aspects for a contract with a suitable candidate for executive director, and distribute to the Council for information.

8 Water Management Knowledge Broker Function

Kim Sturgess vacated her seat as a Council member for the discussion of the knowledge broker function. John Donner reviewed the team's work to date, the expected core roles and responsibilities for the knowledge broker, the overall process, and the value and benefits of a knowledge broker.

Decision 12.9: The Alberta Water Council:

- 1. Endorsed the maps of the knowledge system and its relationship to the Water Management System as recommended by the Project Team in the draft report;*
- 2. Endorsed the vision of the general roles and responsibilities of the knowledge broker as recommended by the Project Team in the draft report; and*
- 3. Endorsed a change to the Terms of Reference of the Project team and directed development of an 18 month prototype knowledge broker to test the business model and develop detailed recommendations for scope, service, resourcing and governance, with an initial focus on the information needs of the WPACs, and further directed the Project Team to develop a proposal for a prototype for decision at the next AWC meeting.*

9 Other Business

Kim Sturgess rejoined the meeting.

a) Framework for Watershed Management Planning

Margaret Reine tabled an item from three ENGO individuals involved with Council and its teams. They recommended that the new Watershed Management Planning Framework be developed under the auspices of the Council, specifically through stewardship of the Shared Governance Project Team yet to be formed.

Alberta Environment advised that this framework would replace the existing framework for water management planning. The intent is to consult broadly in preparing the document and there was no reason not to add it as a Council project, even though it was not identified for the operational plan. Alberta Environment is of the view that the new framework needs to be done in a timely manner and work is already underway. The department would continue to provide the staff and project management, and the Shared Governance Project Team would steward the work and bring recommendations back to the Council.

Decision 12.10: The Alberta Water Council directed the Shared Governance Working Group to add the task of stewarding the development of the Framework for Watershed Management Planning to the terms of reference for the Shared Governance Project Team.

b) Use of the Alberta Water Council Name

As the Council's profile is increased, it may be prudent to consider whether a policy is needed about how the Council's name is used (e.g., as a partner with other organizations). If members come across situations in which they feel the name is being used inappropriate, they should bring this forward.

Action 12.8: The Executive will discuss how to address use of the Council's name.

10 Key Messages and Preparation for the Next Meeting

The following key points were proposed and accepted:

- The Council visited the Sucker Creek and the Driftpile First Nations and the East Prairie Métis Settlement, hearing Aboriginal water-related concerns and touring drinking water treatment facilities at each location.
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The next meeting will be held at Government House in Edmonton on November 16, with a social event planned for the night of November 15.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Attachment 1: Meeting #12 Attendees

Council Members and Alternates:

John Donner, GOA and Provincial Authorities (AAFRD)
David Hill, Industry (Irrigation)
Joyce Ingram, GOA and Provincial Authorities (Alberta Sustainable Resource Development)
Al Kennedy, Industry (Chemical and Petrochemical)
Lisa King, Government (First Nations)
Joe Miller, GOA and Provincial Authorities (Alberta Energy)
Keith Murray, Industry (Forestry)
Larry Nolan, Industry (Livestock)
Ron Pearson, Non-government Organization (Fishery Habitat Conservation)
Brad Pickering, GOA and Provincial Authorities (Alberta Sustainable Resource Development)
Richard Quail, Government (Small Urban)
Sharla Rauschnig, GOA and Provincial Authorities (Alberta Energy)
Margaret Reine, Non-government Organization (Environmental)
Kevin Stashin, Industry (Oil and Gas)
Kim Sturges, GOA and Provincial Authorities (Alberta Economic Development Authority)
Jonathan Thompson, Non-government Organization (Wetland Habitat Conservation)
Frank Vagi, Non-government Organization (Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils)
Linda Van Gastel, GOA and Provincial Authorities (Alberta Science and Research Authority)
Peter Watson, GOA and Provincial Authorities (Alberta Environment)
Les Wetter, Non-government Organization (Wetland Habitat Conservation)
Jay White, Non-government Organization (Lake Environment Conservation)

Non-Member Presenters:

George Murphy, Alberta Environment, Item 4
Morris Seiferling, Alberta Sustainable Resource Development, Item 5
Ian Rudland, Alberta Environment, Item 6
Tim LeClair, Métis Settlements General Council, Item 7

Observers:

Bob Cameron, South Peace Environmental Association
Cam Lane, Alberta Sustainable Resource Development
Kate Rich, Alberta Environment
Stacey Smythe, Environment Canada

Secretariat:

Terry Sly, Alberta Environment
Kim Sanderson

Absent with Regrets:

Bob Barss, Government (Rural)
Nick Bayliss, GOA and Provincial Authorities (Alberta Health and Wellness)
Bill Berzins, Non-government Organization (Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils)
Gerald Cunningham, Government (Métis Settlements General Council)
Mike Kelly, Industry (Power Generation)
Al Maurer, Government (Large Urban)
Judy Smith, Industry (Mining)
Jim Vollmershausen, Government (Environment Canada)

Attachment 2: Meeting #12 Action Item Log

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12.6: Discuss with the Alberta Environmental Network the possibility of selecting new AWC representatives from different caucuses.	Secretariat	September 29
12.7: Develop a package with a recommended salary range and other aspects for a contract with a suitable candidate for executive director, and distribute to the Council for information.	AWC Executive	October 15
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Attachment 4: Meeting #12 Agenda

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Pomeroy Inn & Suites, High Prairie, Alberta
3905 – 51st Avenue

- 8:30 1.0 Administration – Chair 30 min**
1.1 Welcome and approve agenda
1.2 Approve Summary Report (May 18, 2006 meeting)
1.3 Review of actions from last meeting
1.4 Media, Communication and Outreach Activities
1.5 Executive Committee Report
- 9:00 2.0 Tour of Aboriginal Communities 15 min**
Lisa King and Gerald Cunningham will provide a brief recap of the tour of Aboriginal Communities and answer questions.
- 9:15 3.0 Around the Water Cooler 30 min**
A roundtable discussion on something interesting going on in each members sector related to water.
- 9:45 4.0 Water Conservation, Efficiency and Productivity Definition Project Team 1 hr**
David Hill and George Murphy will report on the details contained within the interim report on a water conservation, efficiency and productivity definitions.
- 10:45 Coffee Break 15 min**
- 11:00 5.0 Presentation: Land-use Framework 1 hr**
Morris Seiferling will provide an update on the development of a provincial land-use framework.
- 12:00 Lunch (to be provided in the room) 30 mins**
- 12:30 6.0 Wetland Policy Project Team 1.5 hr**
Jonathan Thompson and Ian Rudland will present the draft wetland policy; implementation plan and consultation plan for Council's advice and approval to undertake public consultation.
- 2:00 7.0 Transition to Arm's Length Organization 1.5 hrs**
Kim Sturgess and Tim Leclair will present a proposal for the Council to consider for moving forward on transitioning the Council to an arm's length organization.
- 3:30 8.0 Water Management Knowledge Broker Function Project Team 1 hr**
John Donner will report on the team's work around the function of knowledge system and a detailed vision of roles and responsibilities for knowledge broker function.
- 4:30 9.0 Other Business 5 min**
New items of business or other items of information for Council
- 4:35 10.0 Key Messages and Preparation for Next Meeting (Chair) 10 min**
Confirmation of the key messages from this meeting will be requested.
- 4:45 Adjournment**