

Elbow River Watershed Partnership (ERWP) Meeting
 12:00 – 4:30 PM
 Tuesday, May 14, 2002
 Weaselhead Park and Glenmore Water Treatment Plant, Calgary

Summary of Follow-up Action	Person
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite Morrison Hershfield to next meeting for a report on Springbank Drainage Plan • Tour Website at http://www.cadvision.com/erwp and provide feedback • Provide name of representative, mission statement and website url (if applicable) to include in an executive summary of Partners • Provide feedback on the Stakeholder Agreement a.s.a.p. • Provide background on the water quality technical committee • Develop a list of bylaws for Society status registration • Provide questions for GIS interpretations • Provide information on water quality indexing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monique • Everyone • All Partners • Everyone • Eric • All Stakeholders • All Stakeholders • Mark

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AGENDA

1. WEASELHEAD WETLAND TOUR
2. Review minutes and action items from April 15th meeting
3. Website online tour
4. Consensus definition
5. Strategic Plan discussion with mention of Water Quality Technical Committee
6. Stakeholder Agreement
7. ERWP coverage in Waterworks bulletin
8. Non-profit society registration
9. GIS update
10. Stakeholder updates

WEASELHEAD WETLAND TOUR

Gus Yaki (gyaki@calcna.ab.ca), a naturalist with the Weaselhead Preservation Society, led us through the Weaselhead Park highlighting some of the wildlife, vegetation, and disturbances to the area.

Randy Sweeny (Randy.Sweeney@gov.ab.ca) of Alberta Environment described the sampling methods for this year's monitoring program. He pointed out one of the automated samplers located near the Weaselhead Bridge, which collects samples for measurement of Total Phosphorous and Total Suspended Solids. Other sites are at Bragg Creek, Highway 22, Twin Bridges and Glencoe Golf & Country Club. The sampler is located so that it draws water from mid-stream at high flows periods. The automated samplers were installed May 1st while grab samples were initiated mid-April.

STAKEHOLDER MEETING

Minutes and Related Business

The summary provided by Frank Misura at the April 15th meeting about the Water and Waste Water Plan for the Central Springbank Area Structure Plan may not be entirely accurate and the minutes should encourage readers to review the complete report prepared by Morrison Hershfield for complete accuracy. Gloria is willing to make her copy of the report available for those who would like to review it. It is also suggested that the Partnership invite Morrison Hershfield to our next meeting to present the report and address our questions.

MOTION: Gloria moved that the minutes be approved with the said amendments. Mark seconded the motion. Approved by all. The draft minutes will be circulated for review to the entire group within one week after each meeting. Final approval will be at the following meeting. Once approved, the minutes will be posted on the website as amended.

Website

Members are asked to review the website and send comments to Monique. In particular, each stakeholder should approve of having its name and representative listed in the "Membership" before the website becomes public information. In the Operational Plan, reference to "Who" will be by title rather than by name. Under "Other Watershed Groups" it is suggested that Millard/Piercy may eventually be dropped from the list once we establish an abundance of Alberta watershed groups.

Consensus

In *Robert's Rules of Order* a consensus is 100%. Mark clarified his comments from last meeting as being 70% agreement and 100% commitment. Mitch stressed that separate opinions are important in the decision making process for the group. It is inherent with the many agencies and jurisdictions involved, each having their own mandate. The Partnership should begin with issues that we can all agree on and build upon this trust and success then expand into more contentious issues. If the point of a decision is reached, those opposed can state their case. A Stakeholder in single opposition may see this as an opportunity to gather more information, which could lead to an appropriate change in their policy. It is suggested that we vote on each decision so that we know a decision has been made. Alternatively, the Chair should ask if we have reached a consensus. Concerns will be recorded and we will move on. This format of reaching a group consensus is agreed upon.

Strategic Plan

Background - provides the context for the concerns of the Partnership. Each year will bring on a different focus of these concerns. In the effort of managing and protecting water quantity, the intended meaning is toward conservation, metering, river bank preservation, and maintaining flow measures, etc.

MOTION: Kit moved that the Strategic Plan be adopted with annual review. Gloria seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Operational Plan

Approved changes to the Operational Plan are posted on the website at (<http://www.cadvision.com/erwp/operationalplan2002.html>)

Strategies are renamed to "Action Items". Names of individuals are replaced with titles.

It is asked that each Stakeholder group provide their name of representative, mission statement and website url (if applicable) to include in an executive summary of each organization in the Partnership.

For public presentations, the main presenter should be supported by a delegation of Stakeholders to show a broad base of support. Eric would like to discuss a presentation to the MD in the near future. Gloria can help with scheduling of this presentation. Mark recommended that we have background information available to supply to the media and eventually, work on a display for conferences.

Information gathering and data acquisition through the U of C will begin this month by Jerry. He will be seeking out everything that has been collected on the Elbow River in the past and hopes to be done by the end of the summer. Jerry agreed to try to provide a list of the studies as they become available.

A questionnaire should be sent out for GIS information gathering. Some questions have been provided through Al Sosiak's work (Alberta Environment). The list should also be provided to U of C students before September. Joe asked about a water quality index and if we could make use of this through the GIS initiative. Mark will provide more information on water quality indexing methods.

Water Quality Technical Committee

It is intended that Stakeholders will provide objectives to a water quality technical committee who shall be, once established, charged with determining a coordinated water quality monitoring program. The team should be in place soon and the program developed through the year in time for the 2003 sampling season. Discussion is tabled for next meeting. Eric will provide background before then by email.

Stakeholder Agreement

Partners are asked to review the draft Stakeholder Agreement that is intended to be completed by all stakeholder groups in the Partnership. It will be placed on the website as a form to be completed online. Please provide feedback within the next week before it goes on the website.

Waterworks Bulletin

Ken informed the group of the possibility of having an article in the Waterworks customer newsletter. This would be an informative article written by the City communications staff and could have our website for more information. We could look into coverage in other newsletters such as *Up the Creek With a Paddle* (Red-Bow Alliance) and *Preserving our Lifeline* (Bow River Basin Council).

Society Registration

It is agreed that we apply to become a Registered Society under the Alberta Societies Act. To begin this process Eric asked that Stakeholders develop a list of bylaws.

GIS

The Regional Watershed Initiative (which is tied in to the Calgary Regional Partnership through funding) is developing an analytical model for watershed assessment to be used first on the Elbow watershed. Allen asked for support from the ERWP in providing the questions for watershed interpretation during the data acquisition stage, which is currently going on.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be Monday, June 17th, 1:00 PM at the Glenmore Water Treatment Plant. The agenda for all subsequent meetings will begin with Stakeholder updates. Adjournment 4:30 PM.

Action item requests and all comments can be directed to Monique Dietrich.

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