

# Elbow Partnership News

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## Watershed Planning Elbow River Water Management Plan

A ERWMP Steering Committee is assembled and meeting monthly to develop a Terms of Reference (TOR) that will focus on objectives for Phase/Chapter 1: Water Quantity. This TOR document will describe the environmental outcomes of Phase 1 and lay out future phases and suggested inclusions.

The Steering Committee agreed that the overall vision of the Water Management Plan is "Ample clean water for the benefit of all". The Plan will make recommendations to achieve:

1. Ample, clean, secure water supply (Safe water and Safe communities)
2. Inclusion, acknowledging all interests
3. Balanced, sustainable ecosystems and stewardship
4. Integration with other programs/plans

Facilitator Doug Balsden of Alberta Community Development and Gloria Wilkinson Chair, Elbow River Watershed Partnership lead the Steering Committee members who come from the following organizations: Elbow River Watershed Partnership, Bow River Basin Council, Alberta Sustainable Resource Development, Calgary Health Region, River Valleys Committee, Alberta Environment, The City of Calgary, Tsuu T'ina Nation, Alberta Community Development Parks and Protected Areas Kananaskis Country, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and, Municipal District of Rocky View.

The ERWMP Steering Committee is working very hard to create a TOR document to be presented soon to ERWP Stakeholders for approval before going to governments and Alberta Environment Director for approval.

If you have any comments or questions about the Elbow River Water Management Plan, please contact Gloria Wilkinson at 246-3916 or email [gmwilky@shaw.ca](mailto:gmwilky@shaw.ca).

### *Enabling Partnerships – A Framework in Support of Water for Life: Alberta's Strategy for Sustainability*

See the latest publication describing how landowners, communities, organizations, industry and governments can work together toward managing our watersheds.

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ERWP Presents its Next Stakeholder  
Committee Information Evening:

## **Elbow River in Flood**

Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005

7 – 9 pm

Glencoe Golf and Country Club

Presentations:

- **The Elbow River and the Floods of June 2005: A Watershed Perspective**– Jamie Dixon, The City of Calgary
- **The Consequences of Inadequate Natural Riparian Vegetation** – Jim Stelfox, Alberta Fish & Wildlife
- **Flooding Impact on Domestic Wells in Calgary Health Region, 2005** – David Crowe, Calgary Health Region
- **The Elbow River Flood Event June 2005** – Alberta Environment

## The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleans Up Again!



Thanks to 20 eager trash pickers scouring the river banks in Bragg Creek on September 17<sup>th</sup>, the Elbow River is in finer shape and aquatic life will be safer. A truck load of trash was collected by 20 volunteers comprising of local Bragg Creek and Springbank residents, Friends of Kananaskis Country trail maintenance crew and one young child, and employees from Husky Energy. Thank you to Carol of Husky for hauling all the trash away to the dump! Thank you to all the volunteers for coming out on a beautiful Saturday morning to pick up trash. It is hard to believe that so much debris can accumulate over a year, but **The Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up** will be back to a neighbourhood near you next September! In the meantime, let's spread the word: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle – and let's try to put a stop to littering.