

## **PLANNING**

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**TO:** Public Presentation Committee  
**DATE:** June 29, 2022 **DIVISION:** 1 & 2  
**TIME:** Morning Appointment  
**FILE:** N/A **APPLICATION:** N/A  
**SUBJECT:** Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Land Use Plan – Alberta Environment and Parks

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### **POLICY DIRECTION:**

The purpose of the Public Presentation Committee (PPC) is to ensure that Rocky View County provides a forum for members of the public and stakeholder groups to present information and updates to the County to ensure the County understands the needs and concerns of its communities. One of the Committee's functions is to hear presentations from organizations such as Alberta Environment and Parks.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Ms. Linda Cerney from Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) will present to the Public Presentation Committee regarding development of the Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir (SR1) Land Use Plan and associated public engagement. Ms. Cerney will be available for questions and discussion on the Land Use Plan following the presentation. Yvonne Carignan from Alberta Transportation may also be in attendance to provide a short update on the SR1 construction project.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) is leading the creation of a land use plan for secondary land uses to be located within the SR1 project boundary. A Joint Land Use Advisory Committee is providing input and recommendations into the development of this plan, which involves Indigenous groups, local landowners, community associations, and other stakeholders, including the County. This presentation will provide an overview and update on the land use planning process for general awareness and to help facilitate further discussion.

The County's Planning department has participated in the two Advisory Committee meetings held so far, but following AEP's presentation to PPC, Council may wish to direct Administration to coordinate a County response to the draft Land Use Plan when available, and to base this response on the County's own engagement with the Springbank community. Alternatively, Council may wish to direct that Administration simply promotes Alberta Environment and Park's public engagement process in the fall and that it undertakes a cross department review of the draft Plan. If PPC is minded to provide direction to Administration through Council on forming a position on the Land Use Plan, Motion #2 of Option #1 provides this opportunity.

Administration has included a copy of the request form as Attachment 'A' and the presentation as Attachment 'B'.

### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no budget implications at this time.

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#### **Administration Resources**

Dominic Kazmierczak, Planning



**OPTIONS:**

- Option #1:     Motion #1     THAT the Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Land Use Plan presentation by Alberta Environment and Parks be received as information.
- Motion #2     THAT the Public Presentation Committee recommends to Council that Administration be directed to prepare a report for presentation to Council on or before July 26 outlining how the County can best establish a position on the SR1 Land Use Plan through Administration review and/or community consultation.
- Option #2:     THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

“Brock Beach”

“Dorian Wandzura”

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Acting Executive Director  
Community Development Services

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Chief Administrative Officer

DK/rp

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- ATTACHMENT ‘A’ – Request to Present Form  
ATTACHMENT ‘B’ – Presentation from Alberta Environment and Parks

**ROCKY VIEW COUNTY PUBLIC PRESENTATION COMMITTEE (PPC)  
REQUEST TO PRESENT FORM**

Name of the group/individual:	Chad Willms
Representative(s) for the group:	Yvonne Carignan (potential)
Contact telephone/cell number:	780-499-9220
E-mail:	chad.willms@gov.ab.ca
Presentation Topic:	Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir (SR1) Land Use Planning

Do you have an active planning application on this matter?

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Yes

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No

Are you planning on submitting a planning application on this in the next six (6) months?

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Yes

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No

Please check off the appropriate information about the presentation:

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Information - Public Interest

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Community Group Update

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Development Proposal

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Other, please explain

Provincial land use planning initiative that involves RVC and local community

Overview of the topic and purpose of your presentation:

AB Environment and Parks is leading a land use plan for the Springbank SR1 Project. A Joint Land Use Advisory Committee is providing input and recommendations into the development of this plan, which involves Indigenous groups, local landowners, community associations, and other stakeholders including the County. This presentation will provide an overview and update on the land use planning process for general awareness and to help facilitate discussions/direction to County staff directly involved in the work.

If a group, tell us about your group (mandate/membership, including a statement on why this matter should go before PPC)

The members of the Public Presentation Committee are County Councillors, but the meetings are not Council meetings, and Council decisions are not made.

Meetings are held to receive information and share your vision with the Committee and not to ask for advice on what should be done on a specific property.

If you would like to bring a matter to the Committee's attention, that does not require a decision of Council, you can apply to make a presentation to the Committee.

Examples of presentations that the Public can present to the Committee include:

- Developers and/or landowners can submit their vision for a future project that will not require a Council decision;
- not-for-profit organizations about their work in the community, or about recognition for special volunteers;
- post-secondary institutions or research groups about studies or surveys that might interest the County;
- resident or community groups about future plans or current activities that the groups are involved in; or
- businesses or organizations that wish to apprise Committee members of projects or initiatives that will not require a Council decision.

Examples of presentations that Public cannot be accepted by the Committee include:

- the subject matter of the presentation is related to an active application from the presenter or the presenter intends to submit an application within six months of the presentation date;
- the subject matter of the presentation is outside of the authority or jurisdiction of Rocky View County;
- the subject matter of the presentation is more appropriate for a different committee, board, commission, or other body; or
- individuals or groups wishing to provide technical, legal, or similar information when they possess no relevant qualifications or expertise.

Presentations are strictly limited to 20 minutes, but Committee members may ask questions afterwards.

#### **How to Submit a Presentation Request**

Forms can be submitted via email to [legislativeservices@rockyview.ca](mailto:legislativeservices@rockyview.ca), or print it and send or drop off a paper copy to:

Rocky View County  
Attention: Legislative and Intergovernmental Services  
262075 Rocky View Point  
Rocky View County, AB  
T4A 0X2

Please make your requests as early as possible. Requests are to be submitted to four weeks prior to the scheduled PPC meeting order for the presentation to be included on the agenda.

Once you have submitted your request, a member from the Legislative & Intergovernmental Services department will be in contact with you to discuss next steps.

If you are placed on the meeting agenda, you must provide Legislative and Intergovernmental Services with a final copy of any print or visual materials (including PowerPoint or similar slides at least 15 days before the presentation. Once submitted, changes to this material are not permitted. If changes are needed, your presentation will be rescheduled.

#### **Questions**

If you have questions about presenting to the Public Presentation Committee, contact Rocky View County Legislative and Intergovernmental Services at 403.230.1401 or [legislativeservices@rockyview.ca](mailto:legislativeservices@rockyview.ca).

# Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir (SR1) Land Use Planning

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## Rocky View County

June 29, 2022

Linda Cerney

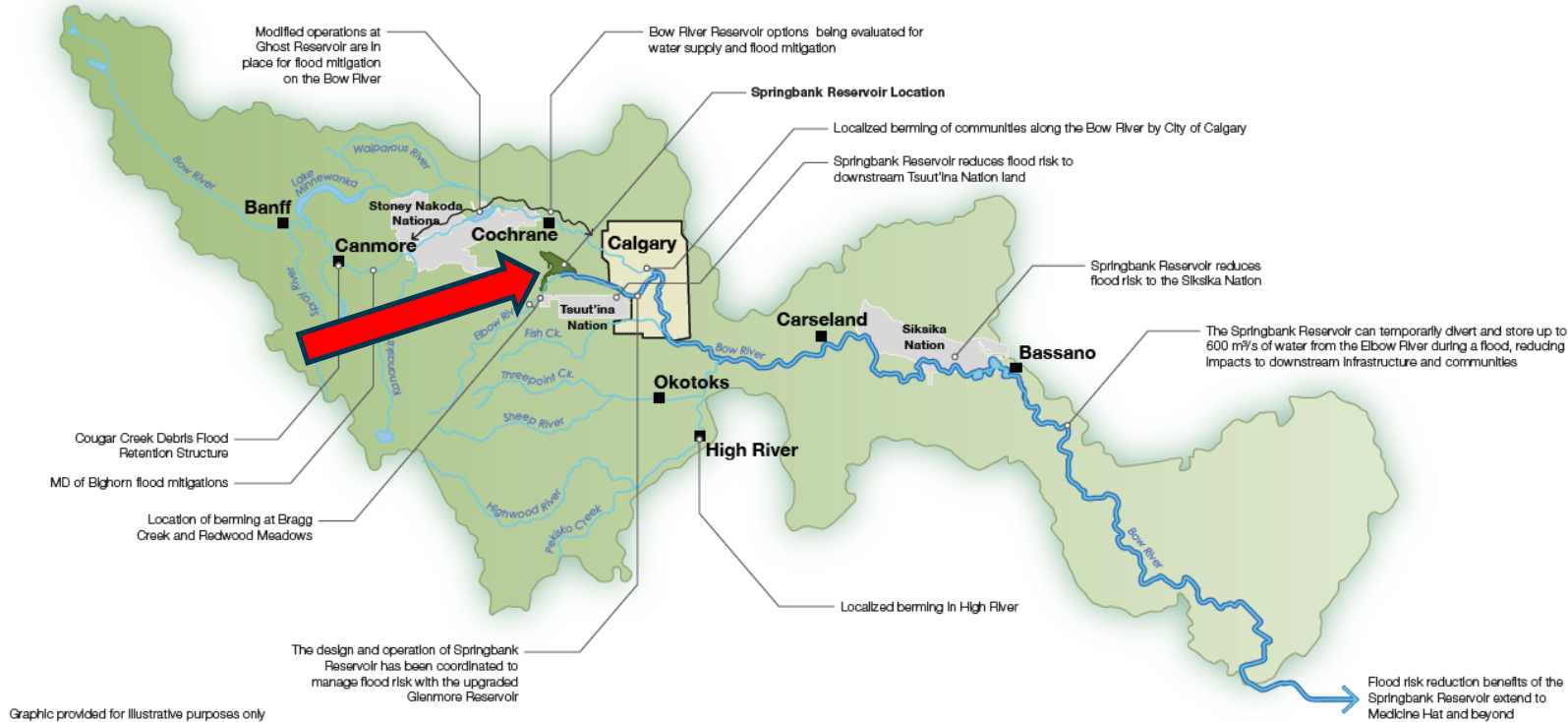
Lands Planning Branch,

Alberta Environment and Parks

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# Background- Purpose and Function



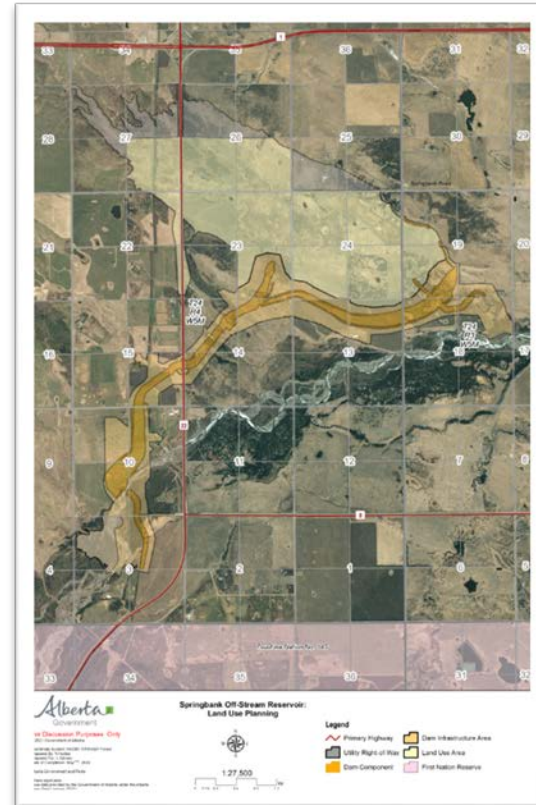
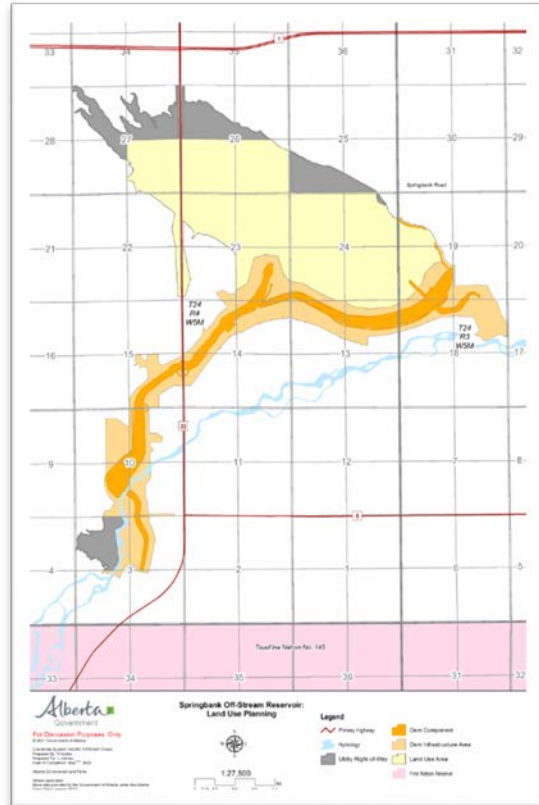
# Background- Key Components

Footprint consists of:

- Floodplain Berm
- Diversion Structure
- Diversion Channel
- Earthen Dam Structure
- Storage- Dry Reservoir
- Low Level Outlet works



# Location and Context



# Provincial Government Department Roles

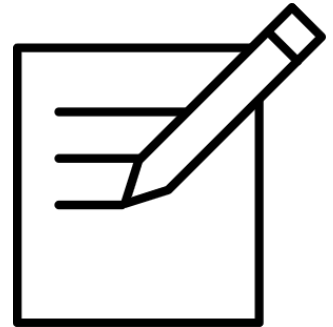


Alberta Transportation (AT)	Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP)
Project proponent	Regulator ( <i>Water Act, Public Lands Act</i> )
Regulatory applicant	Future infrastructure owner/operator
Private land acquisition	Future land manager
Infrastructure development	<b>Land use planning</b>

# Land Use Approval Process

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- Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB)  
June 22, 2021
- Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC)  
July 8, 2021
- Order in Council (NRCB conditions)  
October 5, 2021



# Additional Regulatory Process

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**Water Act-** (infrastructure- dam design and reservoir operations)  
Application- Dam Safety

**Public Lands Act-** (project lands) Application- Dept. License of  
Occupation and Temporary Field Authorization

**Federal Regulation Approvals-** e.g. Dept. of Fisheries and Ocean

# NRCB Conditions- AEP

Condition Number	Condition Details
Condition # 4	<p>The Operator, in consultation with the Stoney Nakoda Nation (SNN), shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Implement cultural awareness training for employees and contractors that are likely to be in contact with SNN.</li><li>b) Retain an independent Indigenous monitor to monitor field work as part of the SNN traditional land use assessment. Shall be retained throughout construction to ensure requirements of SNN are met.</li></ul> <p>all to the satisfaction of Alberta Indigenous Relations.</p>
Condition # 5	<p><b>The Operator shall:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) <b>Establish a Joint Land Use Advisory Committee consisting of Indigenous and local community members to provide recommendations for potential land uses. Committee will dissolve when the LUP is finalized.</b></li><li>b) <b>Consult on the use of firearms with both the First Nations and Joint Land Use Advisory Committees.</b></li></ul>

# IAAC Conditions- AEP Condition 8- Land Use

Condition Number	Condition Details
Condition 8	<b>Current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes- vegetation/weed management, maintenance, land use plan</b>
8.8	Completion of a Land Use Plan- inc. priority to First Nations safe access
8.9 & 8.10	First Nations staging area- location; unimpeded access
8.11	Establishment of a First Nations Land Use Advisory Committee and completion of a Terms of Reference
8.12	Inclusion of Indigenous groups inclusion on the First Nations Land Use Advisory Committee
8.14	Follow-up program on the effectiveness of the Land Use Plan and First Nations Land Use Advisory Committee

# Guiding Principles for Land Use Document

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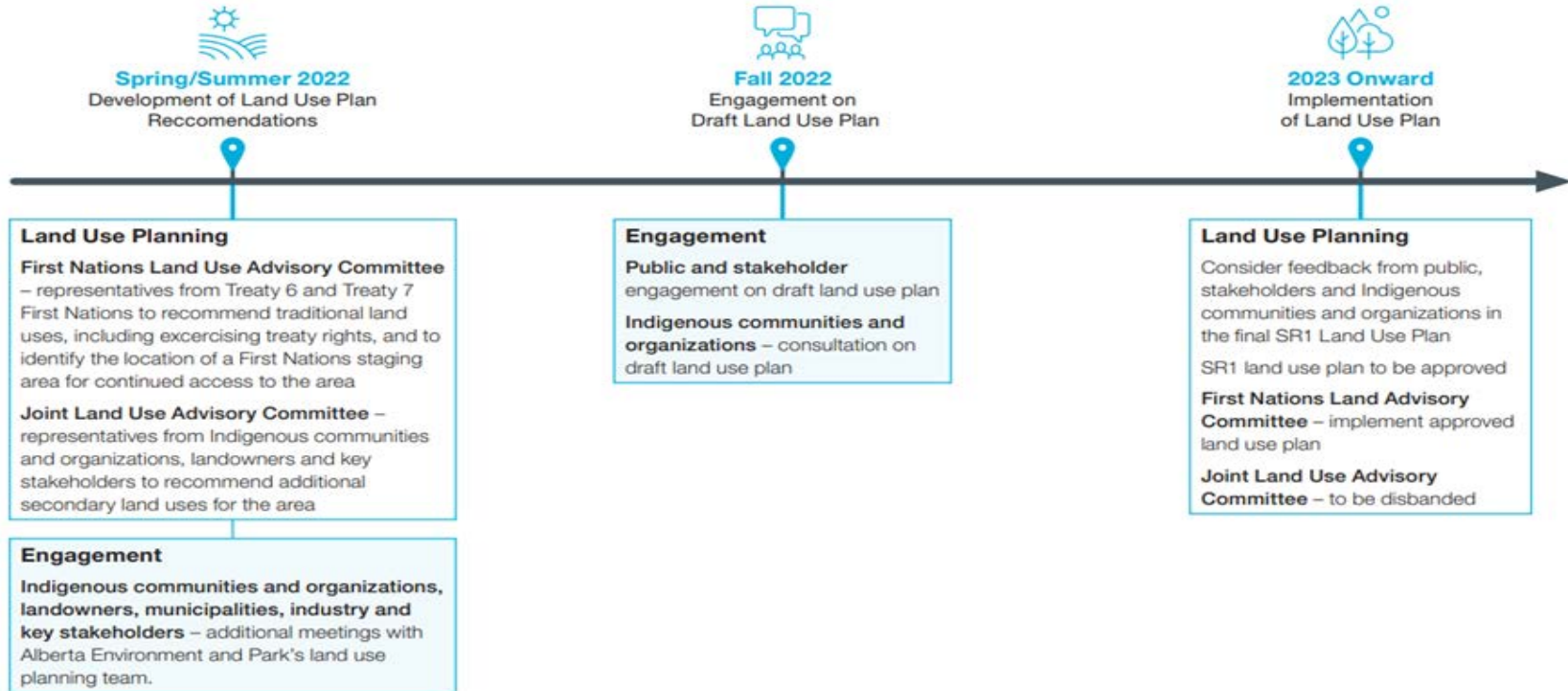
- Drafted during the application process and presented during the hearing review
- Indigenous groups reviewed this draft document as part of the application process
- Conversion from private lands to Crown Lands, will allow for more First Nation and secondary use opportunities
- Provides direction for land use in this project area

# Guiding Principles for Land Use Document

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- **Primary Use**
  - **Flood Mitigation and Safety**
- **Secondary Use**
  - **First Nation Use**
    - Exercise Treaty Rights (hunting, traditional activities)
    - Staging area (parking, temporary campsites), ceremonies
  - **Other Uses (management alignment and compatibility)**
    - Vegetation and habitat management
    - Minimal impact (limited surface dispositions)
    - Grazing permits (as required basis)
    - Non-motorized recreational access (hiking, biking, cross-country skiing)

# Land Use Planning Process



# First Nation Land Use Advisory Committee

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- Treaty 6 and Treaty 7 First Nations
- To provide recommendations on:
  - Exercise of Treaty Rights and traditional uses
  - A staging area to be used by First Nations
  - Environmental management
  - Opportunities for historical and cultural education and interpretation

# Joint Land Use Advisory Committee

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- Indigenous groups, local municipalities and the local community
- To provide recommendations, examples include:
  - Provision for recreational use and associated access
  - Accommodations for grazing
  - Hunting / Fire Arms use
  - Other compatible land uses

# Committee: Terms of Reference

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- Terms of Reference

- Provides guidance for the advisory committee
- Defines the purpose and structure of a committee
- Goals, objectives, roles and deliverables
- Timelines (Land Use Plan due Spring 2023)



- Document

- Communicating with each other (Engagement Head Quarters-EHQ)
- Meetings (~ 5)
- Expectations- Respectful dialogue and collaboration
- Dissolved when the land use plan is completed or at the discretion of the Operator

# Committees: Timeline

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## Committee meetings *(March 2022- Winter 2022\*)*

- Two Committees:
  - Joint Land Use Advisory
  - First Nations Land Use Advisory
- Meetings: Virtual; in-person; consideration for hybrid
- Collaborative Workshop *(Completed May 25, 2022)*
  - Both Committees
- Draft plan *(Autumn 2022\*)*
  - Feedback: contribution from both Committees
- Committee information portal (Ongoing)
  - Engagement-HQ



# Committees- Role and Function

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- Awareness and congruency with regulatory conditions and guiding principles
- Comprised of numerous members representing multiple interests and perspectives
- Committee representatives provide:
  - Local, first-hand knowledge
  - Local planning authority- regulation and initiatives
  - Perspective- considering group interests/advocacy
  - Communication- consistent point of contact

# Committees- Role and Function

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- Joint Land Use Advisory Committee Representation
- Supporting AEP land use process
  - Continue to participate on the Advisory Committee
  - Directing questions to AEP
    - [SR1landuse@gov.ab.ca](mailto:SR1landuse@gov.ab.ca)
  - Communications
    - Rocky View County: Safe & Sound- Notification service
  - Providing notification to the public about engagement on the draft land use plan (Fall 2022)

# Importance of Representation

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- Enables structured dialogue
  - Two-way interaction is supported
- Avenue of contact for communication
  - Centralized contact for efficient dissemination of information
- Facilitates future interaction- operation
  - Fire and Emergency Services
  - Agricultural Services
  - Road Operations
  - Bylaw and Enforcement Services

# Next Steps

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- Continue with Advisory Committee meetings
  - Input from both committees
  - Facilitation of the development of recommendations
- Review proposed content / land use recommendations
  - Content considered for inclusion in the draft Land Use Plan
  - Land Use Plan (draft) completed by AEP (Summer/Fall 2022)
- Draft Land Use Plan Engagement
  - Provided for public review (Fall 2022)

# Thank you.

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