

North Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council

The Government of Alberta has established a Regional Advisory Council (RAC) for the North Saskatchewan Region to provide strategic advice in the development of the [North Saskatchewan Regional Plan](#) (NSRP). Members of the RAC are appointed by Cabinet through a public and transparent nomination process, which included a public advertising campaign.

RAC is composed of a cross-section of individuals who live, work, recreate and/or have an interest in the region, and are able to strategically consider what is best for the entire region at a holistic level. Members are expected to provide their expertise and perspectives of the region and not represent their respective company or organization's position.

The members of the North Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council are:

Wendy Boje	Stephen Stanley
Doug King	Peter Vana
Patrick Alexander	Liv Vors
Thomas Burton	Robert Winship
Nicholas Gafuik	Allen Wright
Leslie Gammie	Marla Zapach
Robert Gibb	Stan Delorme
Edward Gibbons	Robert Phillips
Arnold Hanson	Leonard Wade
Lorne Hindbo	Cecil Janvier
Tim Hofstra	Cecil Andersen
Edward Parke	Charles Newell
Neal Sarnecki	David Taylor
Tracy Scott	

Responsibilities

RAC members are expected to prepare for and attend all council meetings. Alternates will not be allowed. RAC is scheduled to meet approximately seven to 10 times over the course of completing its work at varying locations within the North Saskatchewan region. Tentative schedules of dates for the RAC meetings are:

- July 29 – 31
- August 12 – 14
- August 26 – 28
- September 9 – 11
- September 23 – 25
- October 7 – 9
- October 21 – 23

Terms of Reference

The RAC provides advice to the Government of Alberta based on a terms of reference for each regional plan. The Terms of Reference for Developing the North Saskatchewan Regional Plan provides guidance on the scope of the regional plan and outlines key areas where the RAC's advice is sought. These areas include:

- The vision, outcomes and strategic directions proposed for the North Saskatchewan region;
- Continued growth of Alberta Industrial Heartland and Capital Region as a value-add energy sector and supporting growth of the Lower Athabasca region;
- Enhancing transportation, transmission, pipelines and access to markets;
- Maintaining agricultural lands and meeting demand for agriculture and agri-food products;
- Enhancing recreation opportunities to meet growing demands for off-highway vehicle use and random camping;
- Enhancing information sharing and building stronger relationships with Aboriginal peoples;
- Promoting inter-municipal planning;
- Increasing cumulative footprint of communities and the need to use land efficiently;
- Achieving an appropriate balance for lakes in the region between a healthy environment with the current and future pressures and uses, including recreation, municipal, industrial and agricultural activities;
- Identification of potential new conservation areas to support biodiversity, specifically the identification of new potential conservation areas that are managed to protect sensitive habitats and maintain ecological systems and processes;
- Improving the way working landscapes are managed to maintain ecosystem function and biodiversity; and
- Recognizing private landowners for their stewardship and conservation and opportunities to increase private landowner awareness and use of voluntary tools.

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