

August 28, 2007

## **ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD HEARING SCHEDULE**

The Environmental Appeals Board will conduct a Hearing on October 18, 2007 commencing at 8:30 a.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion (702-2 Street SE) in Medicine Hat, Alberta. The Hearing is in relation to Alberta Environment's February 28, 2007 decision to issue *Water Act* Licence Amendment No. 00153082-00-01 to the Elkwater Water Co-operative Ltd. The Licence Amendment is in relation to the diversion of water from Elkwater Lake. Specifically, the withdrawal allowances relating to the lake elevation were amended.

The Environmental Appeals Board is a separate and independent body that reviews certain decisions made by Alberta Environment. The Board is composed of environmental experts from a variety of disciplines.

The Board determined that the only issues to be heard at the Hearing will be:

1. What is an appropriate cut off level to allow for the diversion of water from Elkwater Lake?
2. Is additional clarification regarding the term "water conservation measures" required, and if so, how should it be defined?

Any person, other than the parties, who wishes to make a representation before the Board on this appeal must submit a request in writing by fax or by e-mail to the Board at the address, fax number or e-mail address set out below on or before September 6, 2007. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure their request has been received. The request shall contain the name, address, telephone and fax numbers of the person submitting the request, indicate whether the person will be represented by a lawyer or agent, and if so, their name, contain a summary of the nature of the person's interest in this appeal, and be signed by the person submitting the request. After September 6, 2007, the Board will, in its discretion, determine if other persons may make representations and the manner in which they can be made. Once all parties have been determined, the Hearing will be open to the public for viewing only.

Copies of materials filed with the Board respecting this appeal are available for viewing at the Medicine Hat Public Library during its normal operating hours, or by appointment at the Office of the Environmental Appeals Board in Edmonton.

The information requested is necessary to allow the Environmental Appeals Board to perform its function. The information is collected under the authority of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, section 33 (c). Section 33(c) provides that personal information may only be collected if that information relates directly to and is necessary for the processing of this appeal. The information you provide will be considered a public record. If you have any questions, please contact the Board.

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