

FOR RELEASE: Wednesday, May 2, 2007

Environmental Appeals Board Hearing Schedule

The Environmental Appeals Board will conduct a Hearing on June 20, 2007 commencing at 8:30 a.m. at the Carriage House Inn in Calgary. The Hearing is in relation to Alberta Environment's decision of January 24, 2006 to issue an Enforcement Order under the *Water Act* to Wayne Sommerstad. The Enforcement Order alleges that Mr. Sommerstad contravened the *Water Act* by constructing a dam and a culvert, and diverting water on his land located at NW 1-20-2-W5M near Okotoks, in the Municipal District of Foothills.

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.

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 May 18, 2007. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure their request has been received by the Board. 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 May 18, 2007, the Board will, in its discretion, determine if other persons may make representations and the manner in which they can be made.

As of May 7, 2007, copies of materials filed with the Board respecting this appeal will be available for viewing at the Okotoks Public Library during its normal operating hours, or by appointment at the Office of the Environmental Appeals Board in Edmonton.

Once all parties have been determined, the Hearing will be open to the public for viewing only.

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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