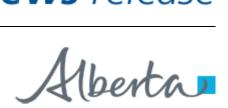


News release



February 14, 2011

Environmental Appeals Board hearing schedule

The Environmental Appeals Board will conduct a hearing on May 4, 2011, commencing at 8:30 a.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion in Ponoka, Alberta. The Board will hear submissions with respect to an appeal filed in relation to the September 26, 2009 decision of Alberta Environment to issue Approval No. 00250071-00-00 under the *Water Act* to the Town of Ponoka authorizing the construction, operation and maintenance of a storm water management system.

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. The request must be received by the Board on or before February 22, 2011. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure their request has been received. The request shall contain the name, address, e-mail, 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 February 22, 2011 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 Ponoka Jubilee Library during their 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 provided will be considered a public record.

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