



February 15, 2012

Environmental Appeals Board hearing schedule

The Environmental Appeals Board will conduct a hearing on April 24, 2012, commencing at 8:30 a.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion in Medicine Hat. The hearing may commence on April 23, 2012, please contact the Board for confirmation closer to the date.

The Board will hear submissions with respect to an appeal filed by Mr. Walter Hohloch in relation to Alberta Environment and Water's decision to issue Licence Amendment No. 00071066-00-01 under the *Water Act* to the Eastern Irrigation District. The Licence Amendment expands the purpose to include delivery of water for municipal, agricultural, commercial, industrial, habitat enhancement, and recreational uses. The only issues the Board will hear at the hearing are:

1. Did Alberta Environment and Water, in their consideration of the application and in issuing the Licence Amendment, act in accordance with the *Water Act* and the applicable Alberta Environment and Water policies, including the South Saskatchewan River Basin Water Management Plan and the Water Licence Change of Purpose: Administrative Licencing Criteria?
2. What effect will the Licence Amendment have on Mr. Hohloch's water supply for his cattle?

The Environmental Appeals Board is a separate and independent body that reviews certain decisions made by Alberta Environment and Water. 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 by fax or e-mail to the Board. The request must be received by the Board on or before March 5, 2012. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure their request has been received. The request shall contain the name, address, e-mail, and 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 March 5, 2012 the Board will, in its discretion, determine if other persons may make representations and the manner in which they can be made. 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 Brooks Public 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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