

March 27, 2013

Environmental Appeals Board hearing schedule

The Environmental Appeals Board hearing scheduled for April 10, 2013, will now commence on April 9, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. and continue on April 10, 2013. The hearing is being held at the Best Western Village Park Inn in Calgary. The Board will hear submissions with respect to an appeal filed by Sandstone Springs Development in relation to Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development's decision to cancel Preliminary Certificate No. 00250484-00-00 which was issued under the Water Act to Sandstone Springs Development Corporation. The Preliminary Certificate authorized a licence to divert 98,550.0 cubic metres of groundwater annually from production wells located in E ½ 24-20-1-W5M near Okotoks for municipal purposes (230 lot country residential subdivision and 70 patio homes).

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

Any person, other than the parties, who wished to make a representation before the Board on this appeal was to submit a request to the Board by March 14, 2013. The Board received an application to intervene from the Town of Okotoks and granted them full intervenor standing. The hearing is open to the public for viewing only.

Copies of materials filed with the Board respecting this appeal are available for viewing at the Okotoks 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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