



February 22, 2011

Environmental Appeals Board hearing schedule

The Environmental Appeals Board will conduct a hearing on April 12, 2011, commencing at 8:15 a.m. at the Delta Calgary South. The Board will hear submissions with respect to an appeal filed by the Town of Okotoks in relation to Alberta Environment's decision to issue Preliminary Certificate No. 00250484-00-00 under the *Water Act* to Sandstone Springs Development Corporation. The Preliminary Certificate states that upon compliance with certain conditions, Alberta Environment will authorize 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. 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 11, 2011. 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 11, 2011 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 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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