

November 8, 2012

Environmental Appeals Board hearing schedule

The Environmental Appeals Board will conduct a hearing on February 6, 2013, commencing at 8:30 a.m. in Calgary. Please contact the Board office at 780-427-6207 for information on the location of the hearing.

The Board will hear submissions with respect to an appeal filed by the Water Conservation Trust of Canada in relation to the decision of Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (AESRD) to refuse a Water Act application for a licence transfer from the Medicine River to the Red Deer River (same river basin) for the purpose of habitat enhancement, management of fish, wildlife, recreation, and water management. AESRD rejected the application stating that only the government can hold a water allocation in support of water conservation objectives.

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 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 November 23, 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 November 23, 2012 the Board will, in its discretion, determine if other persons may make representations and the manner in which they can be made. Once the Board makes a decision on any intervenor applications, 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 Calgary Public Library, W.R. Oastell Central 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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