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Bow Basin Watershed Management Plan (BBWMP) **Technical Committee Minutes**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, June 9, 2006

Third Floor Large Boardroom, Alberta Environment Office, 303-2938 11 Street NE, Calgary

Attending: Al Sosiak(Chair), Sheena Majewski (vice-chair), Fay Westcott, Gerald Ontkian, John Jagorinec, Matthew Coombs, Patsy Cross, Joanne Little (via phone), Richard Barss, Shelly Humphries, Rob Wolfe (Coordinator), Mike Murray (Administrator)
Regrets: Earls Wilson, Rick Blackwood, Travis Ripley, J.P. Bechtold, Willis Fox

ACTIONS ITEMS	TIME	RESPONSIBILITY
Incorporate comments/changes from the meeting discussion into the ToR	July 10 th	Rob Wolfe
Circulate details concerning the June 22 nd ERWP AGM	ASAP	Rob Wolfe
Forward to committee information regarding Didymo	July 10 th	Al Sosiak

□ Call Meeting to Order 9:00 – 9:15

- Welcome and Introductions
- Signature Form to Post Minutes – Mike
 - Form was signed by all attending the meeting.
- Review Action Items - Rob
- Review Minutes – Rob
 - Minutes approved with amendments
- Review Agenda – Rob
- Must Have Decisions
 - Agreement on Revised Terms of Reference
 - Agreement on Revised BBWMP TC Roles and Responsibilities
- Resources Page
- Update on BBWMP TC Chair – Rob
 - Al Sosiak has agreed to chair the committee.
 - Al will attempt to keep the process highly focused.
- John Jagorinec outlined the issue of a nuisance algae/diatom (Didymo) to the committee that has occurred in the province in the past. This diatom may be a new strain and is more noticeable in periods of drought conditions. It appears to like cool nutrient poor water and has been recorded by Parks for at least 10 years.
- The ERWP is applying for a grant (Moose Mountain Project) to study the issue. Would there be any benefit to trying to expand the area criteria to look at some portions of the Bow?
 - There is some work already being done in the Bow. There probably would be little to gain for expanding the ERWP current plans.
 - The committee decided that the ERWP should go ahead with the original proposal without expanding the scope.

Action Item: Al Sosiak to forward information on Didymo to committee members

□ BBWMP & ERWMP Technical Committee Sharing Proposal 9:15 – 9:35



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- The proposal to have the committee work with both the BBWMP and ERWMP initiatives was read by the committee and deemed appropriate.

❑ **Review Revised BBWMP Terms of Reference – 9:35 – 10:45**

Action Item: Rob Wolfe to incorporate the committee's comments into the ToR and send out to the committee for review.

- The committee would like to know more about what is the interaction of Federal and Provincial Legislation.
- A legislative approach would not be the favored approach for Parks and would not encourage participation from this group.

❑ **Break 10:45 – 11:00**

❑ **Technical Committee Draft Roles and Responsibilities - 11:00 – 11:15**

- Joint meetings with SC can be arranged

❑ **Impacts on Water Quality on the Upper Elbow River – AI 11:15 – 11:45**

- Al Sosiak presented some information concerning the Elbow River Water Quality Report.
- Al will provide a copy of the presentation to anyone who wishes to review it.

❑ **Elbow Watershed Tour 11:45 – 11:50**

- The ERWP AGM will be held on June 22nd. The AGM consists of a bus ride to the Elbow Lake area followed by a short hike to Elbow Lake. The AGM will be held on the bus on the way to Elbow Lake.

Action Item: Rob Wolfe to circulate the details to the committee.

❑ **Next Meeting Agenda 11:50 – 11:55**

- Next Meeting July 14th (second Friday of every month)

Review of the ToR

❑ **Informal Meeting Evaluation 11:55– 12:00**

- The committee would like to participate in Tours.
- Meetings were felt to be well run.

Next Meeting Potential Topics – Friday July 14, 2006 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, AENV Deerfoot Office

- ❑ Determine Process for Moving Forward and Getting Results
- ❑ Information Sharing (e.g., Calgary Total Loading Limits, Nose Creek Watershed Management Plan, Other Relevant Studies, etc.)

Future Meeting Potential Topics – Friday Aug. 11, 2006 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, AENV Deerfoot Office

- ❑ August Meeting may have a parks presentation – update on WWTP in Parks