



## Public Participation in “*the management of*” Alberta’s Energy and Natural Environment

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# Public Participation

## Water & Land Management In Alberta

- Who develops the plans?
- Who builds the policy?
- Who manages the resource?
- Who watches/monitors the outcomes?
- Who reports on the trends?
- Who polices the activities?
- What are the outcomes of our current approach?



Spring Newbies



# When is it done right?

## Integrated Management Planning

- Identify Stakeholders – the public, the knowledgeable, the vested.
- Education & Awareness – of all?
- Involvement of the Stakeholder in Planning – Who? When? How?
- Commitment from “Implementers” – How?
- Always Planning – value of the plan vs process



Cottonwoods on the South Sask





## Establishing Shared Objectives = License

**Does the *Government* need license to operate?**

- From the public?
- From Land Owners?
- From ENGO's?
- From "Employers"

**How do we balance these interests in our resources?**

- *The Alberta Water for Life Strategy*
- *The Land Use Framework*
- *The Energy Strategy*
- *The Parks Plan*

**Who owns the plans – enforces them?**



Horse Creek at the Headwaters



# Transparency and Good Governance

## Servant Leadership

- Democracy in decision making
- Serving the interests of the people on the land
- Creating a landscape of good governance (at all levels)
- Encouraging innovation, conservation, and responsibility of the citizenry
- Enabling the development of capacity to co-create, evolve, and share in the outcomes.



Morley Flats – Near Exshaw



*... building capacity for sustainable resource management...*

Questions?

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