



Perspectives of Watershed Management and Land Use Planning

ABORIGINAL PEOPLES AND THE FUTURE OF WATER MANAGEMENT IN ALBERTA



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Presentation Outline

- *Alberta's Land Use Framework and the Alberta Land Stewardship Act*
- *Water for Life – Water and Watershed Management Planning*
- *Integrating Watershed Management Planning into Regional Planning*



Land Use Framework 2005-2010

*Provincial recognition of conflicts
between activities on and quality
of landscapes*

*Land Use Planning as a response to
cumulative impacts*

*Land Use Framework- after 2 years
of broad provincial engagement
the Framework divided the
province into major watershed
basins.*

*“We Can’t do it all, everywhere, all
the time, anymore”*





Regional Plans – Under ALSA

The Alberta Land Stewardship & Regional Plans:

- *Appointment of a Regional Advisory Council (RACs)*
- *Provincial strategies defined for water and energy*
- *RAC's to develop advise on “vision, objectives, and regional strategies”*
- *GOA develops actions and approaches & a monitoring and reporting plan to support the vision, objectives and strategies*
- *GOA leads public, stakeholder and Aboriginal consultations on the draft plan*
- *GOA develops final plan – approval by Cabinet*



Land Use Planning Objectives

Regional Advisory Council: Identifying the Interests at play on the landscape and the people who can inform the process

Establishing Desired Outcomes:

- *healthy economy supported by our land and natural resources;*
- *healthy ecosystems and environment; and*
- *People-friendly communities with ample recreational and cultural opportunities*

Conversations between competing land-use values informs policy





Watershed Planning in Alberta

Alberta's Water for Life Strategy

- *Safe Secure Drinking Water*
- *Healthy Aquatic Ecosystems*
- *Reliable Quality Water Supplies for a Sustainable Economy*

Governance Model

- *Alberta Water Council*
- *Watershed Planning Advisory Council*
- *Watershed Stewardship Groups*

SSRB – Water Act

- *Water Management Plans*



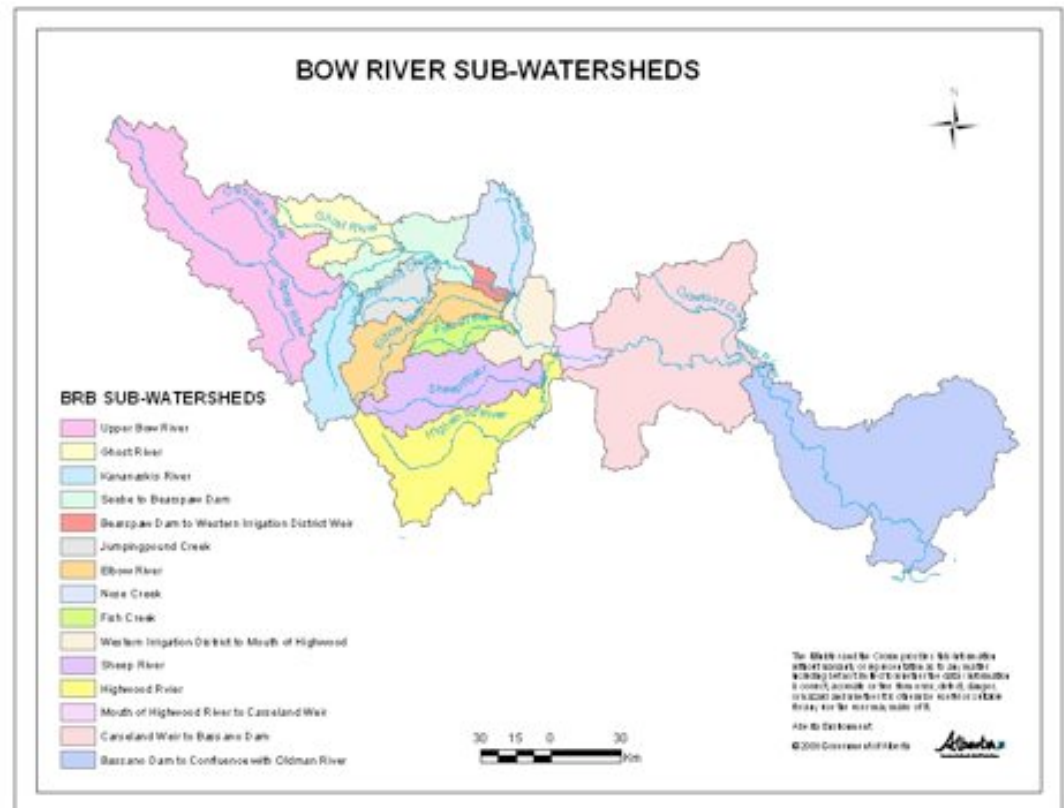


BRBC Watershed Management

Water Quality Objectives by Reach (BRBC Watershed Management Plan)

Voluntary Adoption & Implementation

Water vs. Watershed Management Plan?





Eastern Slopes Policy

Good Policy?

- Process for the policy development was place based
- Integrated approach to management
- Lack of political and legal support



Prickles the Porcupine



Integration Points...

Finding the path...

- *Between regional and watershed objectives*
- *Integrated resource management*
- *Legislative backstop*



Elbow River Watershed Partnership



Reconciling Values and Planning Objectives



Top of Grand Valley – West of Cochrane



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

Questions?

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