

AACIP BRIEFING
ALBERTA LAND-USE FRAMEWORK

1. In May of 2008, the Alberta Government released the Draft Land-use Framework, “charting a new direction in how land-use decisions are made in Alberta”. Organizations were invited to provide feedback via an online survey.
2. On June 2, 2008, the framework was emailed to all AACIP members and members were encouraged to provide feedback as individuals directly to the Government of Alberta and also provide feedback and input to AACIP. An official response from AACIP was to be prepared from the consolidated response received from the membership.
3. On July 5, 2008, AACIP President Brian Kropf issued a letter to the Honourable Ted Morton, identifying useful and practical elements of the Land-use Framework and identifying areas to strengthen the draft Land-use Framework to meet the desired outcomes established in the Framework.
4. On August 26, 2008, the Honourable Ted Morton wrote to AACIP President, Mr. Kropf thanking AACIP for their comments positive feedback and constructive suggestions on the framework.
5. At the AACIP Conference in October of 2008, 45 people attended a session to provide their input on what AACIP’s next steps should be in relation to the Government of Alberta’s Draft Land-use Framework. Those who attended the session communicated that there was a need for AACIP to provide guidance on this issue and to clearly engage in ongoing formal communication with Alberta Sustainable Resources:
 - To seek clarity and get information to the membership
 - To provide professional advice collectively
 - To ensure that AACIP had a role in the Land-use Secretariats and the Regional Advisory Committees being created

The Province is moving ahead with very significant changes to regulation and policy that greatly impact the business of planners and AACIP MUST collectively be more involved. The actual framework is fairly general, so AACIP needs to focus on the next implementation stage.

6. At the November 2008 AACIP Council meeting, AACIP Council endorsed six recommendations but forward by Beth Sanders with respect to the Alberta Land-use Framework as stated below:
 - a. That AACIP be a guide and way finder for planning in Alberta
 - i. AACIP provides a voice for its membership, as well as for the well-being of planning for Albertans
 - b. That AACIP communicate with the Government of Alberta (GOA) to:
 - i. seek clarity from GOA on behalf of membership.
 - ii. provide professional advice, as a professional body

- c. That AACIP establish a professional and political relationship with GOA to:
 - i. provide professional advice to the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development and Cabinet
 - ii. play an ongoing professional advisory role to the Land Use Secretariat
 - iii. seek representation of planners on the Regional Advisory Committees
 - d. That AACIP create opportunities for its membership to learn about the LUF – its implications and its implementation
 - e. That AACIP establish relationships with the regions established in the LUF (professional and political)
 - f. That AACIP communicate regularly with its membership to:
 - i. inform its members of its actions in relation to the LUF
 - ii. formulate a comprehensive stance that enables members to understand the LUF and respond professionally
7. On December 1, 2008, AACIP President Brian Kropf issued a letter to the Honourable Ted Morton, providing clarification on AACIP's ongoing role with respect to the Land-use Framework and specifically requesting that AACIP be represented on the Land-use Secretariat established to support the Cabinet Committee.
8. AACIP Council endorsed the establishment of a Committee chaired by Beth Sanders with Gary Buchanan as AACIP Council Representative, to meet with the Alberta Government and ensure AACIP member participation and that information is dispersed.
9. On January 12, 2009, Glen Tjostheim, Senior Planner with Alberta Sustainable Resource Development contacted AACIP to arrange a meeting for AACIP to be briefed on the latest developments with respect to the Land-use Framework and to advise the department what AACIP can offer in this process.