

RDRMUG DISASTER & HAZARD REVIEW COMMITTEE

December 6, 2012 Meeting Summary

Committee Members in Attendance: Mayor Terry Yemen – Drumheller, Councillor John Kaster – Hanna, Mayor Annette Clews – Sundre, Councillor Derek Baird – Innisfail, Dep. Reeve Earl Graham – Clearwater County, Councillor George Gehrke - Red Deer County, Dug Major – Special Areas, Keith Ryder – RDRMUG.

Agenda: Approved as presented.

Appointment of Committee Chair: Mayor Annette Clews was appointed to, and accepted the Chair of the Committee.

Mandate of Committee: After general discussion focusing on the mandate of the Committee, specific issues that the Committee should focus on, how these issues should be prioritized and what partnerships should be identified to provide information, assistance and support to Committee. (This would include identifying informational reports and documents that are available).

Items and issues that were identified to be included in the Committee Mandate are as follows. (This list is not complete and would change and be added to as new issues arise).

- Identify action items that can be initiated at a local government level. Be prepared as a Committee to present “solid” recommendations.
- Motivate the GOA and Federal Government to take action where appropriate on issues that are important to all users.
- Identify and review current studies relating to disaster mitigation, risk management and the value of these documents to the Committee. These include:
 - Provincial Flood Mitigation Report: Consultation and Recommendations (November 2006) Request update on recommendations and what is being monitored.
 - GOA Pharmaceutical Report
 - Facts About Water in Alberta: GOA Water for Life
 - Groundwater Study: GOA
 - South Saskatchewan Water Management Plan and other South Saskatchewan documents
 - RDRMUG Water Assurance Study
- Partners identified: RDRMUG Membership, RDRWA, AESRD - GOA, Government of Canada, Alberta Water Council, Industry Stakeholders and others as required. Also to review what funding may be available from partners.

PRIORITIES:

- **Flood and Drought Mitigation**
 - Future Storage Recommendations (MPE Potential Site Study – 2005)
- **Industrial Impacts**
 - Energy Sector - (including pipeline and other spills and contamination, hydraulic fracturing and dangerous goods transportation with river basin)
 - Potential pollution from all sources including pharmaceuticals.
 - Gravel extraction/mining
 - Agricultural Sector – run-off and livestock contamination
 - Municipal Sector – Waste water discharge
- **Riparian Health**
 - Review GOA Riparian Policy(s)
 - Livestock
 - Beavers destroying large numbers of trees and causing damage to municipal water supply systems

Action Items:

- Dug Major will contact Mr. Gord Edward, Executive Director, Alberta Water Council for updates and current information.
- Mayor Terry Yemen will contact the Trappers Association and Alberta Fish & Wildlife Re.: Beaver Issue.
See response from the Trappers Association received by Mayor Yemen – Attached.
- Bill Shaw - City of Red Deer advised that Paul Goranson, Director of Development Services for the City of Red Deer, has indicated that the City has a strong interest in the potential work of the River Disaster Committee. He has expressed his willingness to be the City representative on the Committee. The Committee readily agreed to accept Mr Goranson's offer and the Exec Director will contact him and provide him with the appropriate information.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2013 (9:30am Prior to Regular RDRMUG meeting in Drumheller)
Focus to be on Flood Mitigation – Exec Director will send information prior