

## **Water Collaborative Meeting Minutes**

McDougall Center - November 5, 2015

### **Resilience and Mitigation Branch Update**

- Resilience and Mitigation Branch has moved from the Operations division of Environment and Parks to Strategy Division led by Assistant Deputy Minister Rick Blackwood. This move aligns the branch with relevant areas of focus, such as the Land Use Secretariat. The River Forecasting Section is now part of Resilience and Mitigation Branch.
- Rick Blackwood is now Chair of the Water Collaborative.

### **Recent Flood Mitigation Announcements**

- The Government of Alberta made flood mitigation announcements on October 26, 2015 (<http://alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=3873971607DE6-AA9E-CE00-9521CF82FC5D4567>) and November 2015 ( <http://alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=38781DE416AEF-B753-BE66-9B0CE9BF7E633F0E>).
- The lead of the Springbank off-stream reservoir project will transition from Alberta Environment and Parks to Alberta Transportation.
- The important work of the Bow River Working Group announced on October 26 is expected to commence shortly. The group will include a steering committee and a technical working group.

### **Flood Hazard Identification Program – Presentation by Peter Onyshko**

- Presentation attached
- For more information, please visit <http://esrd.alberta.ca/water/programs-and-services/flood-hazard-identification-program/default.aspx>.

### **Water Collaborative Review**

- Resilience and Mitigation will be sending out a survey to gather your feedback regarding the Water Collaborative shortly. We will also be updating our email distribution list. We look forward to hearing from you.

### **Round Table Comments and Questions**

- There was some concern regarding who would have a seat at the table for the Bow River Working Group and how the information this group is working on will be shared with the public. This is something that is currently being worked out.
- A suggestion that we need to work together as a group to ensure that we start talking about flows rather than return frequencies.
- Concerns regarding the scope of the current flood hazard mapping studies were shared. Some would like to know that these will occur throughout the province eventually, but there is currently no specific timeline regarding future studies.