

Springbank Off-stream Reservoir Newsletter

The Springbank Off-stream Reservoir (the Springbank Reservoir or SR1) is a flood mitigation project that would mitigate future floods like the one that devastated Calgary and southern Alberta in 2013. SR1 is a key component of Alberta's flood mitigation strategy for southern Alberta and Calgary and is planned to be located adjacent to the Elbow River, west of Calgary, Alberta. SR1 requires approval from the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC), Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP), and the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB).

As the project continues through the regulatory process the Government of Alberta will be issuing regular newsletters on the current status of SR1. The purpose of the regular newsletter is to share recent project updates and important milestones with interested members of the public. You are receiving this newsletter because you are on the Alberta Transportation SR1 subscribers list.

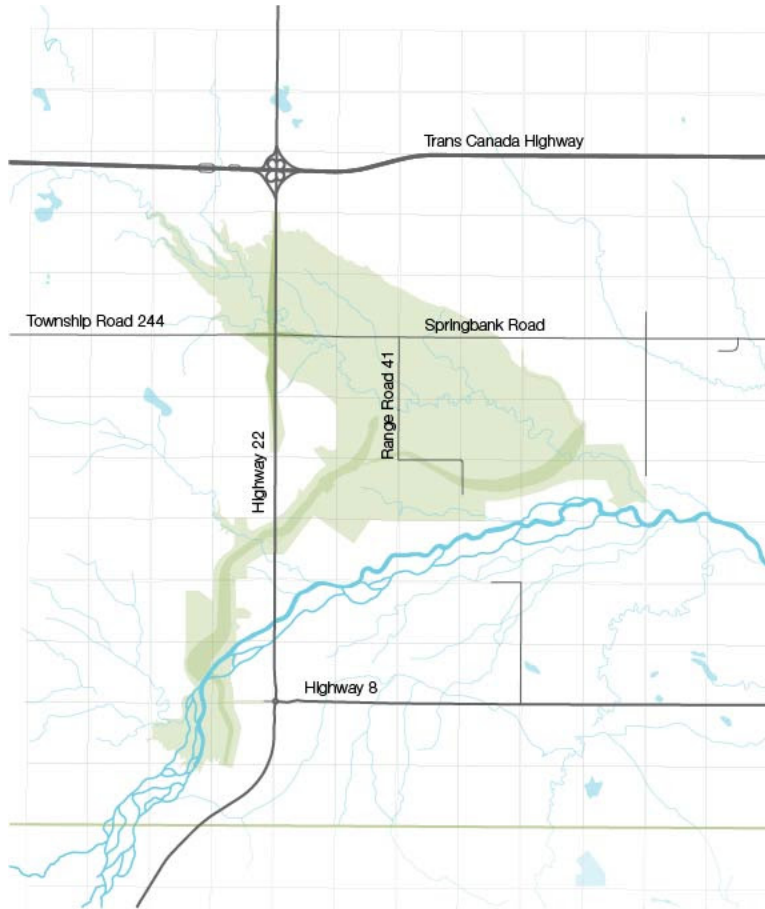
What's new?

- Alberta Transportation received a second round of information requests from the NRCB and AEP in November 2019 and from IAAC in March 2020.
 - Alberta Transportation submitted responses to the provincial information requests on June 23, 2020. These responses have been posted [here](#).
 - Alberta Transportation is in the process of developing responses to the federal information requests, some responses have been submitted and are posted [here](#).
- We have updated our project phone number. For any questions, please contact 780-644-8354.

Assuming the project is approved and once a construction contractor is selected, a traffic accommodation strategy will be developed in accordance with the standard practices for all transportation construction projects in Alberta. The traffic accommodation strategy will outline how traffic will be accommodated during construction to ensure that all commuters in the Project area remain safe and to minimize their inconvenience to the greatest degree practical. For reference, the Alberta Transportation Standard Specification for Highway Construction can be downloaded from the web [here](#).

During construction, adaptive management techniques (e.g. ambient air monitoring, review of weather data) will be used to help control the generation of airborne dust. To help reduce dust, Alberta Transportation will, for example apply water to haul roads and disturbed areas. Alberta Transportation, as part of the Round 2 IAAC Information Request 4-04, has developed a draft Air Quality Management Plan. The draft Plan is available [here](#) (see Appendix 4-1). If the monitoring program reveals air quality issues, additional mitigation to reduce dust emissions will be implemented. This mitigation could include increased watering of access roads, the spraying of dust abatement solutions, or the suspension of construction activity at the site.

Noise will be monitored during construction. A complaint response procedure will be implemented to address noise complaints should they arise and the noise guidelines are exceeded (established by Health Canada and the World Health Organization). Residents near the construction noise-generating activities will be notified of that process once it is established. During construction, a community liaison will provide updates and be a point of contact for stakeholders and Indigenous groups to ask questions or share concerns. Concerns raised will be shared with the construction contractor for investigation and appropriate steps taken.



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