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Dear Ms. Kitz,

As a follow up to our letter from August 26, 2010, the Beaver River Watershed Alliance (BRWA) has made some changes to its policy on how rural and municipal governments operating within the Beaver River Basin have representation on the BRWA Steering Committee.

As you may recall from the letter, since the inception of the BRWA as a Watershed Planning and Advisory Council in 2007, both the Rural and Urban Government seats have been elected positions. It also stated we were transitioning those seats from elected to appointed positions over the next eighteen months. We were originally seeking to have only the Alternate Urban Municipal Government filled by appointment. However, now the Steering Committee, with the agreement of those holding those seats, have decided we would like to have both Urban and Rural Government Designate and Alternate seats filled by appointment by our next Annual Meeting to be held sometime in mid April 2011.

We would like to ask all municipal governments* operating in the Beaver River Basin to get together and decide amongst themselves the representatives they would like to appoint to the following seats:

- Designate Rural Municipal Government
- Alternate Rural Municipal Government
- Designate Urban Municipal Government
- Alternate Urban Municipal Government

Input from your sector would be valuable to our group as we move forward with the development of a Watershed Management Plan.

*based on municipalities with readily accessible contact information (Municipal Affairs website). If we have inadvertently left any municipality out, we sincerely apologize.

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The Beaver River Watershed Alliance (BRWA) is one of ten not-for-profit Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPACs) in Alberta. We are currently working within the mandate of the Government of Alberta's Water for Life Strategy (2003) to help plan the future use of our water resources within the Beaver River Watershed. The mission of the BRWA is to maintain or improve the ecology of the Beaver River Watershed while respecting the diverse values of the watershed community. This can be achieved through broad community engagement, partnerships, sound scientific study, education, and the support and encouragement of implementing sustainable water management and land use practices.

The BRWA steering committee meets approximately 10 times per year, usually every first Tuesday of the month. The meetings are held mainly in Bonnyville at the Lakeland Industry and Community Association office.

Please refer to the enclosed brochure for information about the BRWA and the map of the Beaver River Watershed. Also, feel free to have a look at our website for additional information www.beaverriverwatershed.ca.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Steering Committee Co-Chairs or the Program Manager.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,



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Information Sheet

The Beaver River Watershed Alliance (BRWA) is a designated Watershed Planning and Advisory Council (WPAC) by the Government of Alberta, through Alberta Environment, under the provincial water strategy *Water for Life; Alberta's Strategy for Sustainability* (2003).

The Vision of the BRWA is:

"The Beaver River Watershed is ecologically healthy and environmentally sustainable."

This will be achieved through the Mission of the BRWA:

"The Beaver River Watershed Alliance will maintain or improve the ecology of the Beaver River Watershed while respecting the diverse values of the watershed community. This will be achieved through broad community engagement, partnerships, sound scientific study, education, and the implementation of sustainable water management and land use practices."

The BRWA was designated as a Watershed Planning and Advisory Council in March 2007. It currently operates as an independent standing committee of the Lakeland Industry & Community Association (LICA). It was preceded by the Basin Advisory Committee co-chaired by LICA and Alberta Environment as part of the Cold Lake/Beaver River water management planning process, which recommended the formation of a WPAC for the entire Beaver River Basin. The work of the BRWA is also encompasses some previous projects of LICA's former Regional Environmental Water Monitoring Committee (REWMC, 2000-2007).

The Steering Committee consists of 16 members from a diverse range of interests in the watershed including municipal, provincial and federal governments, industry, agriculture, First Nations, Métis, local watershed stewardship groups, non-governmental organizations, and interested community members. We work together using a consensus-based approach to decision-making.

Consensus Decision Making

a decision-making process that not only seeks the agreement of most participants, but also to resolve or mitigate the objections of the minority to achieve the most agreeable decision.

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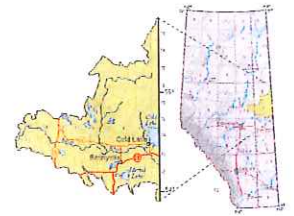
The following are examples of programs and programs the BRWA is involved with:

- ◆ Aquatic Health Ecosystem Monitoring Program (AHM)
- ◆ Groundwater Database Inventory
- ◆ Community Groundwater Monitoring Program
- ◆ Wetland Restoration
- ◆ Lakeland Uranium Study
- ◆ State of the Watershed Reporting

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**Beaver River Watershed Alliance (BRWA)
Watershed Planning and Advisory Council (WPAC)**



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- 💧 **Integrated Watershed Management Plan**
- 💧 **Lake Sampling with the Alberta Lake Management Society's (ALMS) LakeWatch Program**
- 💧 **EcoDay events with Water Stewardship Groups in the Beaver River basin**
- 💧 **Public education and information workshops and presentations**

We are also constantly updating our website and working on the development educational materials, newsletter and a membership, donor and volunteer database.

The mandate of the BRWA is to advance and update knowledge of the Beaver River watershed in order to evaluate and implement existing management guidelines and beneficial management practices, The BRWA works towards continuous improvement of watershed health. The BRWA also participates, when appropriate, in the activities of other watershed organizations and province-wide initiatives to provide a deeper understanding of the Beaver River watershed and its place in relation to other provincial watersheds.

We invite you to support the Vision and Mission of the BRWA by participating at a level that best suits you or your organizational needs – attending an EcoDays event, providing input at open houses or workshops or just dropping us a line, becoming a member of the BRWA, volunteering, sponsoring a project or event, or giving a donation. Membership is FREE and we encourage you to get involved in your Watershed Planning and Advisory Council – the Beaver River Watershed Alliance.

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