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Public Input Requested for Nose Creek Water Management Plan

A draft version of the Nose Creek Water Management Plan will be released for public review and comment Thursday November 17, 2005.

Once finalized and authorized by Alberta Environment, The Nose Creek Water Management Plan will help guide AENV's day-to-day decisions related to water use in the Nose Creek Watershed and link the issues of water quality, water quantity and riparian habitat with the Watershed's economic and social priorities.

Two years in the making, the Plan was researched and written by consultants under the direction of The Nose Creek Watershed Partnership. Founded in 1998, the Partnership included The City of Calgary, the City of Airdrie and the Municipal District of Rocky View and by 2001 it had broadened to include the Town of Crossfield, the Calgary Airport Authority and the Bow River Basin Council. Their goal is to protect the riparian areas and to help improve and restore water quality in Nose Creek.

The Nose Creek watershed, which encompasses the northern part of the city of Calgary, Airdrie, much of the M.D. of Rocky View and parts of Crossfield, has come under increasing pressure over the past few years as a result of a variety of activities. Taking responsible action today will help prevent serious problems in the future.

The draft Nose Creek Water Management Plan can be viewed and downloaded on the web at <http://www.airdrie.com/Content/environment/nosecreek> or the public can call The City of Calgary at 311 for more information. Written comments concerning the draft Plan are being accepted by Tim Dietzler of the M.D. of Rocky View at P.O. Box 3009, Station B, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4L6 or by email at TDietzler@gov.mdrockyview.ab.ca.

The web is one of several ways that the Partnership hopes to solicit input to the Plan. In addition, Open Houses will be held:

- Tuesday, November 22 at 6:30 pm, Goldenrod Hall (5 miles west of Airdrie at junction of Hwy 567 and Symons Valley Road) and;
- Thursday December 15 at 6:30 p.m., Crossroads Mayland Heights Community Association (1803-14 Avenue NE Calgary)

This is the first of three water management plans underway in the Calgary region (Plans are underway for the Elbow and Bow Rivers). Water management planning in Alberta is supported by the Alberta Water for Life Strategy.

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