

## Public Consultation Meeting Summary

<b>Meeting Location:</b> Taber	
<b>Date:</b> May 1, 2007	
<b>Start and end time:</b> 6:00 – 8:00pm	
<b>Number of Attendees from the Public:</b> 6	
<b>Community Features Identified</b>	<b>Recommendations from Community</b>
<b>Social and Cultural</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Progressive Forward Thinking</b> – community open to new ideas</li> <li>• <b>Great community spirit</b> – Apex awards recognize youth achievement; community has a social conscience and supports people; long history of service clubs</li> <li>• <b>Family businesses and family values</b> – strong traditional of family operators</li> <li>• <b>Young community</b> – oil and gas opportunities attract young people</li> <li>• <b>Independent</b> – not a bedroom community; e.g. Taber police force, choice of schools, churches of every faith, college branch</li> <li>• <b>Supports large businesses</b> – has supported large processing facilities and commercial endeavours</li> <li>• <b>Multicultural</b> – former migrant workers from Mexico now reside in the area</li> <li>• <b>Strong civic leadership</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The community would welcome new development as a way to continue to attract people to the area and to keep young people; however, the development would have to be done in a way that respects the features that make Taber such a great place to live.</li> </ul>
<b>Economic</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Agriculture</b> – very diverse in region</li> <li>• <b>Irrigation</b> – key to success of agriculture</li> <li>• <b>Energy</b> – large oil field service sector</li> <li>• <b>Stable, growing</b> – due to business mix</li> <li>• <b>Rail and road access</b> – rail access is key for many local businesses</li> <li>• <b>Progressive business attitudes</b> – innovative, open to new ideas, willing to take risks, experienced with large scale projects, e.g. Taber corn has become well-known across Alberta</li> <li>• <b>Thriving downtown</b></li> <li>• <b>Affordable housing</b></li> <li>• <b>Local amenities</b> – able to attract and host large events such as soccer tournaments</li> <li>• <b>Labour force</b> – potential for large pool of workers to be available from outside Canada</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community is business minded and has a social conscience; open to development, but not at all costs</li> <li>• Local government is open for business ideas; with a project on the table, will be willing to look at by-laws to ensure there are no unnecessary barriers</li> </ul>
<b>Environment and Land Use</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Green spaces/parks</b> – well used by people and wildlife</li> <li>• <b>Air Quality</b> – no burning by-law; community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be aware that transmissions lines, crop spraying from airplanes, and windmills don't mix well</li> <li>• For future development, keep productive</li> </ul>

<p>opposition to tire burning facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Water</b> - water supply is key to economic base; drainage is a challenge in the region</li> <li>• <b>Future growth</b> – on-going challenge to balance population growth and economic development</li> </ul>	<p>land in agriculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many parcels of land are available that are not productive for agriculture and could have alternative uses</li> <li>• Future development should not adversely affect water supply or air quality</li> <li>• Balance development with recreation interests</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other Issues Raised</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No additional requests for information at this time</li> <li>• Good initiative to talk to communities at this stage of development</li> <li>• Looking forward to seeing the results from the meetings across southern Alberta</li> </ul>	<p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>