

Government of Alberta ■
Comprehensive Regional Infrastructure Sustainability Plan (CRISP)

INFORMATION SHEET:

Purpose, Objectives and Scope

- Alberta's Oil Sands Sustainable Development Secretariat is leading the development of the CRISP, which will establish a long-term blueprint for future infrastructure development in the Athabasca Oil Sands Area based on anticipated production rates and associated population growth.
- The creation of such a plan will assist in achieving the province's new vision for oil sands outlined in *Responsible Actions: A Plan for Alberta's Oil Sands* and is a key implementation step of Strategy 2 in particular (Promote healthy communities and a quality of life that attracts and retains individuals, families, and businesses).
- The CRISP will be a vital tool to:
 - Help guide future land release for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and other communities surrounded by Crown land;
 - Establish a basis for adequate and timely capital funding;
 - Support communities in planning for future growth by providing information that can be used in the creation of their Municipal Development Plans or other similar documents;
 - Foster the development of relationships and collaborative planning between communities;
 - Support the implementation of the *Land-use Framework* and the development of the *Lower Athabasca Regional Plan*;
 - Validate where urban expansion may or may not make sense to accommodate community growth within the Athabasca Oil Sands Area;
 - Provide a long-term infrastructure framework to assist industry in planning future development; and
 - Provide a tool that could assist future regulatory review of oil sands projects and their socio-economic impacts.
- This plan will be forward looking and scenario-based and will have the flexibility to be implemented at a pace that will match economic development.
- The geographic scope of the plan is the Athabasca Oil Sands Area (see attached map) and the content scope of the plan focuses on identifying areas for potential urban expansion as well as infrastructure requirements related to the:
 - Movement of goods and people (highways, rail, air, public transit)
 - Transmission and distribution through utilities and pipelines (multi-use corridors)
 - Provision of provincial services (schools, hospitals, correctional facilities)
 - Provision of municipal water and wastewater services

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- In addition to identifying incremental infrastructure requirements the CRISP will outline a framework for monitoring indicators so that the province is able to respond in a timely way when additional infrastructure is anticipated.
- The CRISP will be implemented through the province's capital planning process, which also considers overall provincial priorities in addition to regional needs.

Project Approach and Timelines

- The CRISP project involves three stages:
 - Project Initiation (July 2009 to September 2009)
 - Establishing parameters of the project and project governance
 - Securing of resources
 - Coordination with other initiatives
 - CRISP Development (October 2009 to March 2010)
 - Development of Vision and Principles
 - Creation of preferred Growth and Infrastructure Scenarios
 - Drafting of CRISP document
 - Plan Approval and Implementation (April 2010 and ongoing)
 - Approval by Cabinet
 - Development of appropriate monitoring framework and implementation plan
 - Integration into existing provincial initiatives
- A Core Planning Team, consisting of key Government of Alberta departments and five of the most impacted municipalities, are working with a diverse team of consultants to develop the CRISP.
- A wide range of stakeholders such as oil sands companies, the forestry, transportation and utility industries, municipalities, community organizations, school boards, regulators and the federal government as well as First Nations and Métis will be engaged in the development of the plan through a series of interactive workshops.

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