



NOTICE OF HEARING
NRCB APPLICATION NO. 1701
ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION
SPRINGBANK OFF-STREAM RESERVOIR PROJECT

The Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) will hold a public hearing of the application by Alberta Transportation to construct the Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project (the Project) on the Elbow River upstream of the City of Calgary. This notice sets out how to participate in the hearing that will commence at 9:00 a.m. on March 22, 2021.

The application by Alberta Transportation to construct the Project, and all documents filed with the NRCB are available on the NRCB website [link](#).

The NRCB held a virtual Pre-Hearing Conference on December 2, 2020. The [Pre-Hearing Conference Decision Report](#) was issued and posted online on December 10, 2020.

TO FILE A SUBMISSION: The NRCB Pre-Hearing Conference Decision Report sets out the specific issues identified for review at the hearing. Written submissions addressing these issues must be filed with the Board by 4:30 p.m., February 26, 2021. Alberta Transportation may file a response submission by 4:30 p.m., March 12, 2021.

Paper filings are not required. All documents must be filed electronically in PDF format (PDF, OCR searchable, and bookmarked). Submissions are to be provided to Laura Friend, Manager, Board Reviews (laura.friend@nrcb.ca) for public posting to the NRCB website to allow parties access to each other's written submissions.

In addition to the submission, an intervener must file a copy of all reports or other material (other than material that summarizes the submission) that the intervener intends to enter into evidence at the hearing. Material not filed by February 26, 2021 in accordance with this requirement may be excluded from the hearing record at the panel's discretion.

The panel is required to give standing to persons who may be directly affected by a reviewable project. Persons, Indigenous groups, and government authorities with standing have the right to review information relevant to any application, to furnish evidence relevant to an application, to cross-examine, and to provide argument during a hearing. Parties that the panel has determined not to be a directly affected party do not have standing to make representations or cross-examine other parties at the hearing. However, the panel has determined that parties that are not directly affected by the Project may file a written submission in advance of the hearing. All parties should review the information available in the NRCB Pre-Hearing Conference Decision Report and in the guides and fact sheets accessible on the NRCB website.

Individuals or groups of individuals who are or may be directly affected by the proposed project may apply to the NRCB for intervener funding to assist in the preparation and presentation of a submission.

In consideration of current and future COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the hearing will be conducted electronically using a virtual platform and live streamed on YouTube. The Board will finalize and distribute virtual hearing details well in advance of the hearing date.

The hearing will adopt a topic-based hearing format as described in the NRCB Pre-Hearing Conference Decision Report. The Board invites, but does not require, all directly affected parties to provide comment and suggestions on how to allocate topics in order to break the hearing into major topic areas, and provide time estimates for presentation of direct evidence and cross-examination. The Board invites Alberta Transportation to state its suggestions by an extended deadline of January 18, 2021 (as the party that is likely to have the most witnesses and be providing evidence under all topic areas); all identified directly affected parties will be invited to comment by January 25, 2021.

For additional information regarding the review procedures, contact Laura Friend (403) 297-8269 or Bill Kennedy (403) 297-4304.

Dated at Calgary, Alberta on December 21, 2020.

Bill Kennedy, General Counsel, NRCB