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Conservation Board

**NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT APPLICATION
IN RELATION TO NRCB APPLICATION NO. 1701
ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION
SPRINGBANK OFF-STREAM RESERVOIR PROJECT**

On January 20, 2021, the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) received correspondence on behalf of Bearspaw First Nation, Chiniki First Nation and Wesley First Nation (“Stoney Nakoda Nations”). In that correspondence, the Stoney Nakoda Nations sought standing as directly affected parties, advanced intervener funding and an adjournment of the public interest hearing into the Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project (Application No. 1701). In its pre-hearing conference report issued December 10, 2020 the Board set the public interest hearing to begin on March 22, 2021.

The Board has determined that Bearspaw First Nation, Chiniki First Nation and Wesley First Nation are directly affected parties, and are eligible for advance intervener funding. Reasons for this determination will follow at a later date.

In the interest of prompt resolution, the NRCB will hold a brief oral hearing of Stoney Nakoda Nations’ application for an adjournment of the public interest hearing at **1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2021** (“Adjournment Application”).

Please note: the Adjournment Application hearing will be limited to the issue of whether the public interest hearing should be adjourned from the currently set date of March 22, 2021.

Who may participate: Stoney Nakoda Nations and parties who have been determined by the panel to be directly affected (see the Pre-Hearing Conference Report dated December 10, 2020), or their representatives.

Format of hearing: The panel will hear the Adjournment Application virtually, via the Zoom platform. On February 3, 2021, the NRCB will send a Zoom invitation to participants. Participants must sign into the Zoom session no later than 1:15 p.m. on February 4, 2021.

Exhibits: On February 3, 2021, the NRCB will distribute an exhibit list for the Adjournment Application. Some parties have already made submissions on the Adjournment Application. Directly affected parties may file additional submissions in advance. All documents must be filed electronically in PDF format (PDF, OCR searchable, and bookmarked), and provided to Laura Friend, Manager, Board Reviews (laura.friend@nrcb.ca). All documents filed will be available for public viewing on the NRCB website.

Procedure:

In recognition of the tight timelines, the NRCB expects the Adjournment Application will be a relatively brief and informal process. In general terms, Stoney Nakoda Nations will present its application first. Other directly affected parties will be able to respond to the Adjournment Application. Alberta Transportation will be the first respondent.

The January 20, 2021 correspondence on behalf of Stoney Nakoda Nations, as well as other related correspondence, is available on the NRCB website (<https://www.nrcb.ca/natural-resource-projects/natural-resource-projects-listing/83/springbank-off-stream-reservoir-project>).

For additional information regarding the review procedures, contact Laura Friend (403) 297-8269, Fiona Vance (780) 422-1952, or Bill Kennedy (403) 297-4304.

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta on January 28, 2021.

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