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# Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Public Hearing

## NRCB hearing begins March 22, 2021

The Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) panel designated to conduct the public interest review of the Springbank Off-stream Reservoir Project (SR1) will hold a public hearing beginning Monday, March 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. According to the project proponent, Alberta Transportation, SR1 will provide flood protection along the Elbow River and will work in tandem with the Glenmore Reservoir in Calgary to accommodate water volumes equal to the 2013 flood.

Following the conclusion of the hearing, the NRCB will issue a decision report either approving or denying the application within 80 working days. The Board's mandate is to determine whether the proposed project is in the public interest, taking into account the project's social, economic, and environmental effects. The hearing is projected to last between 10 and 14 days, with six parties, plus Alberta Transportation, expected to participate. Several of the parties registered are coalitions of people with common interests. A schedule of the topics to be addressed during the hearing can be found [here](#).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the hearing will be held in a virtual format and livestreamed on YouTube for public viewing. The YouTube link will be posted on the NRCB website at [www.nrcb.ca](http://www.nrcb.ca) on March 19, 2021.

All documents related to this project, including hearing exhibits, can be found on the [SR1 project page](#) on the NRCB website.

The commencement date for the public hearing was set in the panel's December 10, 2020 [pre-hearing conference decision report](#), along with the major issues to be considered at the hearing, and designation of advance funding for parties to participate in the process. A formal [notice of hearing](#) was issued on December 21, 2020.

The Natural Resources Conservation Board is an independent, quasi-judicial board of the Government of Alberta, established by the *Natural Resources Conservation Board Act*. It is responsible for determining whether natural resource projects are in the public interest by considering the social, economic, and environmental effects of proposed projects.

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