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## **History of consultations on Land-use Framework**

*Edmonton...* The *Alberta Land Stewardship Act* follows consultations on the Land-use Framework that occurred from May of 2006 until the final framework was released December 2008. Public engagement with Aboriginal communities and groups started in the fall of 2006 and are ongoing.

- May 2006: A 15-member advisory group provided ideas on the process for developing a Land-use Framework, suggested a potential vision and principles and identified key challenges.
- August to October 2006: Small focus group sessions were held with representatives of municipalities, Aboriginal communities and agricultural, recreation, industry and environmental sectors and groups. The groups provided input on key issues and principles.
- December 2006: 152 Albertans participated in a cross-sector forum, reviewing challenges and providing input on what should be included in a Land-use Framework.
- May and June, 2007: Public information and input sessions were held in 15 communities across Alberta. In addition, more than 3,000 Albertans completed and submitted Land-use Framework workbooks. Albertans provided their input on proposed vision, outcomes and principles as well as priorities and key elements that should be addressed and called for provincial leadership, a cumulative effects management approach and regional planning.
- June to October 2007: Multi-stakeholder working groups developed reports and proposals on four aspects of land-use planning and management—planning and decision making, growth and resource management, conservation and stewardship, and monitoring and reporting.
- May to June 2008: Following the release of the draft Land-use Framework, Albertans had the opportunity to provide feedback through an on-line survey. More than 700 Albertans completed the survey or provided written responses to the draft framework. This feedback led to the creation of a seventh land-use planning region and inclusion of the development of legislation as a priority.
- June 2008: The original stakeholder working groups were reconvened to provide further feedback and input relating to the draft framework.

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