Environmental Appeals Board hearing schedule

Sep 20, 2013

The Environmental Appeals Board will conduct a hearing on November 19 and 20, 2013, commencing at 8:30 a.m. at the Best Western Village Park Inn in Calgary.

The Board will hear submissions with respect to an appeal filed by Alberta Foothills Properties Ltd. regarding Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development’s decision to refuse to issue a licence or preliminary certificate under the Water Act to Alberta Foothills Properties Ltd. for the diversion of groundwater at NW 16-20-29-W4M for municipal purposes (residential and commercial purposes for the Wind Walk development), located in the Municipal District of Foothills, adjacent to the Town of Okotoks. Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development refused to issue a licence or preliminary certificate because water naturally flowing to or from the Sheep River, a tributary to the Bow River, is reserved water.

The Environmental Appeals Board is a separate and independent body that reviews certain decisions made by Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development. The Board is composed of environmental experts from a variety of disciplines.

Any person, other than the parties, who wishes to make a representation before the Board on this appeal must submit a request by fax or e-mail to the Board. The request must be received by the Board on or before September 30, 2013. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure their request has been received. The request shall contain the name, address, e-mail, and telephone and fax numbers of the person submitting the request, indicate whether the person will be represented by a lawyer or agent, and if so, their name, contain a summary of the nature of the person’s interest in this appeal, and be signed by the person submitting the request. Applications will only be considered if the information will assist the Board in making its decision, and will not duplicate the information provided by the parties. After September 30, 2013 the Board will, in its discretion, determine if other persons may make representations and the manner in which they can be made. Once the Board makes a decision on any intervener applications, the hearing will be open to the public for viewing only.

Copies of material filed with the Board respecting this appeal are available for viewing at the Okotoks Public Library during their normal operating hours, or by appointment at the Office of the Environmental Appeals Board in Edmonton.

The information requested is necessary to allow the Environmental Appeals Board to perform its function. The information is collected under the authority of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, section 33(c). Section 33(c) provides that personal information may only be collected if that information relates directly to and is necessary for the processing of this appeal. The information provided will be considered a public record.

Related information

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