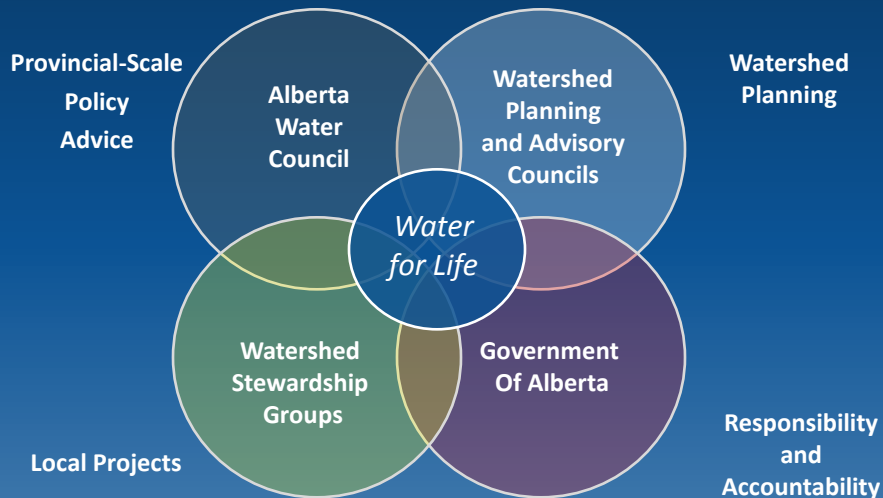


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The *Water for Life* partnerships:



The Shared Governance Model

Why share responsibilities?

- Albertans want more involvement.
- Governments traditionally regulate only a portion of human activities affecting our air, land and water.
- Environmental issues are complex and they cross multiple jurisdictions and sectors
- A collaborative governance model is better able to achieve environmental outcomes.



The Alberta Water Council

- Steward the Implementation of *Water for Life*
- Provide Valued Policy Advice
- Provide a Forum for Discussion and Resolution of Water Issues



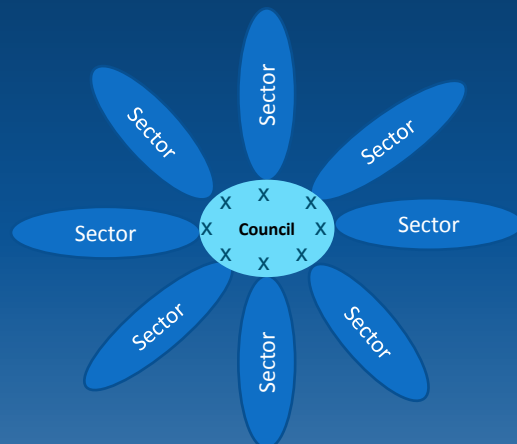
Who are we?

- A consensus-based, multi-stakeholder partnership with members from government, industry, and non-governmental organizations
- In 2007, the Council transitioned to become a not-for-profit society



The Council Decision-Making Model

- The AWC uses a consensus decision-making process whereby members work collaboratively to craft decisions that best satisfy their respective interests.



X = Directors Representing their Member

Benefits of Participating in a Multi-Stakeholder Consensus Process

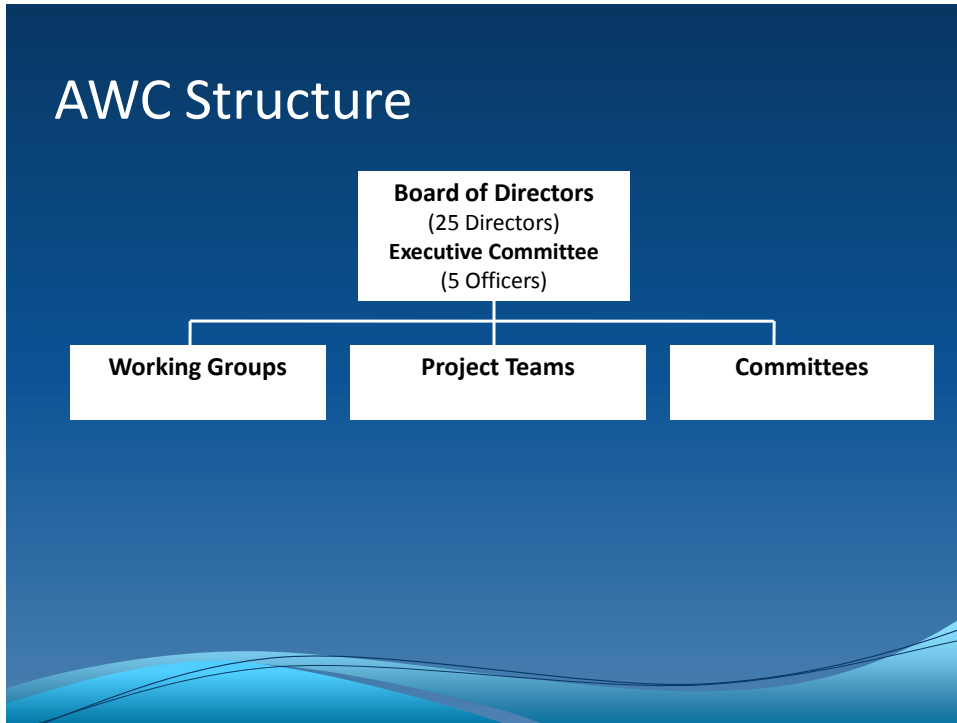
- Stakeholders can identify and support initiatives that are important to them
- Provides a mechanism for sectors to work together on issues in which they have a common interest
- Develop advice to the GoA and the wider audience
- The Council's model has the potential to find innovative, creative and cost-effective long-term solutions



Why this Governance Model?

- Build on the CASA success in dealing with complex environmental issues in a collaborative, consensus based process; which
 - Encourages greater responsibility of those who have an impact on the environment and empowers them to take action.
 - Helps public and private efforts come together for better results.
 - Helps to integrate competing interests while reducing friction, overlap and redundancy.
 - Better decisions overall.





The Sectors/Members

Industry	NGO	Provincial Government	Other Government
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemical and Petrochemical • Cropping • Forestry • Irrigation • Livestock • Mining • Oil & Gas • Power Generation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental (3 seats) • Fishery Habitat Conservation • Lake Environment Conservation • Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils • Wetland Conservation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture & Rural • Development • Energy • Environment • Sustainable Resource • Development • Health & Wellness • Alberta Water • Research Institute 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural • Small Urban • Large Urban • Métis Settlements • Treaty 6, 7, & 8 • Federal Government

Member Responsibility

- Each Member must have a mechanism for appointing a Director and an alternate
- Each Member should develop an effective engagement protocol to ensure support for outcomes developed by the Council



Current AWC Projects

AWC Projects	Start	Finish
Sector Planning for Water Conservation, Efficiency and Productivity	March 2009	October 2011
Non-Point Source Pollution	June 2010	March 2012
Riparian Land Conservation and Management	March 2011	June 2012
<i>Water for Life</i> Implementation Review	April 2011	June 2012

Non-Point Source Pollution

- Provide recommendations on how to better manage the total non-point source contaminant loading in our watersheds to achieve *Water for Life* goals.



Non-Point Source Pollution

Key Tasks of the Project Team:

- Provide an understanding of the current “state of” knowledge on non-point source pollution data, science, and its management in general and in Alberta
- Examine the tools that characterize and aid in the management of non-point source pollution
- Make recommendations that will allow better management of non-point source contaminant loadings in our watersheds

Riparian Lands Conservation and Management

- project aims to enhance knowledge and provide recommendations for effective conservation and management of riparian lands.



Riparian Lands Conservation and Management

Key Tasks of the Project Team:

- Develop a definition for riparian lands.
- Document the current state of riparian lands, management, and stewardship in Alberta and the riparian management and stewardship “best practices” (policy, practices and procedures) of other jurisdictions.
- Evaluate the current state of riparian lands, management, and stewardship against the needs of all relevant sectors and propose recommendations for improving riparian land conservation and management in Alberta.

How Council Projects Add Value to Water Management in Alberta

Projects develop recommendations that support GoA policy development and water management mandate.

Product Outcomes:

1. Getting sector commitment to improve management practices without the regulation of the GoA (CEP, NPS Pollution)
2. Continuous improvement of W4L partnership process (MWA)
3. Ensuring a consistent approach to water management in the province (Riparian)
4. Continuous improvement of the implementation of WFL (WFL Implementation Review)

Thank you!

Questions?

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