



Special Areas Board

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SUBJECT: Authorization for access and development in areas of significant Historical or Cultural sites within the Special Areas.

ISSUE: The need to protect significant Historical or Cultural sites from damage due to industrial, commercial, residential, or farmland activities.

RATIONALE: Due to an increasing level of field activity, the Department of Community Development, the agency responsible for protecting Historical and Cultural Resources in Alberta, has asked the Special Areas Board to enter into a partnership agreement that would enable a first line of protection against disturbance of significant sites.

The SAB has agreed to require potential developers, or others who may cause physical disturbance to the land, produce a letter of clearance from Historical and Cultural Services (HCS) that either:

- The development will not impact any Historical Resource, or
- That the proponent has made adequate arrangements with Historical and Cultural Services to undertake a Historical Resources Impact Assessment, if so required, prior to any field disturbance.

PROCESS: Any application for a change in land use status will be evaluated against the listing of significant Historical Sites and Areas as provided from time to time by Historical and Cultural Services Division of the Department of Community Development. This will include, but not be limited to PNG applications, Seismic applications, Sand or Gravel exploration or pit development, Exchange of lands, Sale of lands, Increasing the cultivated area of any disposition.

The proponent will be required to produce written confirmation that Historical and Cultural Services has no objection to the development or that an Historical Resources Impact Assessment has been undertaken the satisfaction of HCS and that any conditions imposed by HCS have been or will be fulfilled.

No authorization for entry will be given to the proponent until clearance for Historical and Cultural Services has been received.

Jay J. Slemp, Chairman
Special Areas Board