

MD OF ACADIA & SPECIAL AREAS JOINT IRRIGATION STUDY

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A MESSAGE TO OUR READERS

This document is the sixth in a series of status updates for the current phase of the MD of Acadia & Special Areas Joint Irrigation Study. Refer to the “Project Updates” section of the Special Areas website, Regional Irrigation tab (<https://specialareas.ab.ca/regionalirrigation/>) for earlier updates.

RECENT PROJECT HAPPENINGS

The Proposed Terms of Reference for the Project’s Environmental Impact Assessment were posted on the Project Website (<https://specialareas.ab.ca/regionalirrigation/>) as well as the Government of Alberta’s website (<http://www.alberta.ca/environmental-impact-assessments-current-projects.aspx>) on March 5, 2025. The Public Review comment period is open until April 22, 2025.



An invitational information session was held on March 3, 2025 in Acadia Valley. This information session featured presentations by the Project team on key updates since the Open Houses in May 2024. Topics covered included background and project objectives, the refined project layout, Indigenous engagement, water availability, regulatory progress, and energy supply among others.

What Was Discussed at the Event?

A total of 85 attendees were present at the event. Attendees took advantage of the opportunity to discuss the project and asked questions on topics including the Indigenous consultation process, the impacts of the work on plants and animals in the region, the potential for new crops to be grown in the region, water availability, renewable energy sources, project cost, potential benefits, and next steps for the Project.

The results of a survey following the presentation showed an overall positive reception to the project.

What Comes Next?

Following completion of the Phase 2 study in Spring 2025, the Project Partners will decide on the next steps for project continuation. Please continue to check our website for updates and send questions or comments to public.input@specialareas.ab.ca.

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