

MD OF ACADIA AND SPECIAL AREAS JOINT IRRIGATION STUDY

Improving Economic and Social Stability in East-Central Alberta



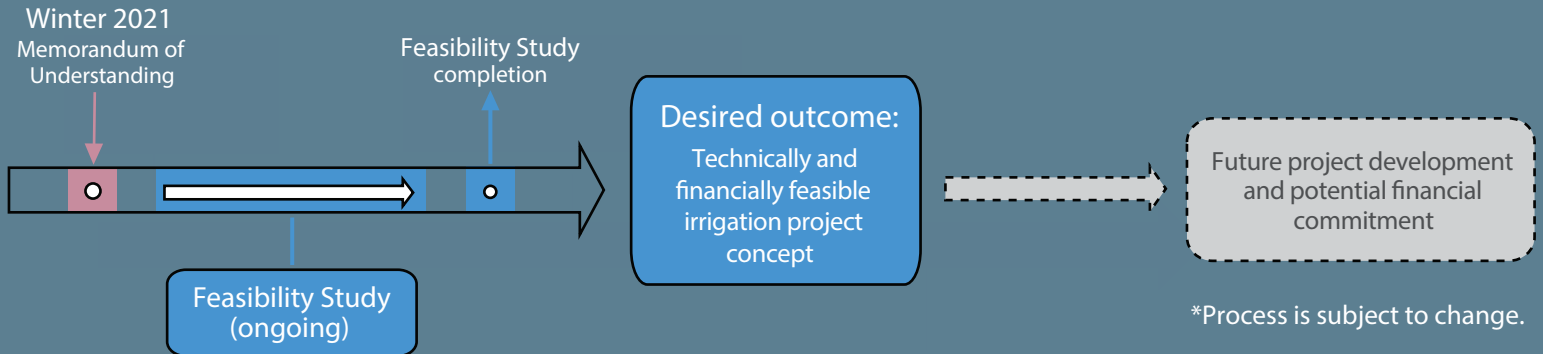
WHAT IS THE JOINT IRRIGATION STUDY?

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AAF), the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB), the MD of Acadia and the Special Areas Board (SAB) have reached a memorandum of understanding to assess the technical and financial feasibility of developing irrigation in east-central Alberta. Together, the Special Areas and the MD of Acadia cover over 5 million acres of land between Red Deer and the Saskatchewan border.

WHY ARE WE EXPLORING IRRIGATION AS AN OPTION?

Irrigation has the potential to improve entire landscapes, communities and agricultural operations, bringing much-needed water to areas that need it. On top of providing crop, livestock and food processing operations with water, it also supplies municipalities, recreational areas, wetlands and wildlife habitats. The irrigation industry creates thousands of jobs and contributes billions every year to Alberta's agri-food gross domestic product.

STUDY PROCESS



STUDY SCOPE

The Feasibility Phase will include an assessment of:

- Community acceptance
- Potential environmental, social and economic impacts
- Potential investors to participate in the study
- Potential operating and administrative model
- Potential study delivery model
- Potential revenues, capital and operating costs
- Regulatory considerations
- Study business case
- Technical feasibility, including conceptual design
- Water availability

Indigenous and Stakeholder engagement will be completed throughout the feasibility study.

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