

Local Government Technical Submission

1. What is the status of development plans in the Carrot-SK River watershed?

The RM of Kelsey is currently engaged in the initial process of creating a new Development Plan and Zoning By-Law, with the potential of both the L.U.D's of Wanless and Cranberry Portage being included within the document as well. All other centres are operating on Development Plans and Zoning By-Laws that are anywhere between 5-20 years old.

2. As the IWMP for the Carrot-Saskatchewan River watershed is developed, what information and mapping would you find most useful for future development planning?

Information/mapping regarding flood levels, water courses (both temporary and permanent) and existing land use practices would be beneficial to future development planning.

3. What is the projected population growth in the watershed for the next ten years?

The projected population growth in the next ten years is indeterminate due to the majority of the northern economy being dependent upon resource development. At best it will remain constant with a tendency towards a slight increase as people leave urban centres in the area for rural life.

4. What considerations are given to water management, drinking source water protection, and aquatic ecosystem protection during development planning processes and land use change reviews?

All of these factors are considered and policy written for their protection in most, if not all, Development Plans and land use change reviews that are undertaken by RM's. If they've not been addressed in the Development Plan they will be factored in and heavily considered in any planning or development proposal received by Local Government.

5. When the municipality or town is creating or renewing a development plan in this watershed, what consideration is given to the potential for future needs for public drinking water and waste water systems?

Every consideration is given to these issues when creating/reviewing/renewing development plans as you cannot plan and promote development if the systems in place(both natural and man-made) are not able to handle what is being proposed.

6. Have any development plans included policies to restrict future development within communities that have public drinking water and waste water systems that are operating at or near capacity?

No this does not take place due to the fact that these systems capacities will generally be upgraded as population dictates

7. Have any development plans included policies to restrict new cottage development or land

No as the majority (if not all) cottage development takes place in areas outside of RM control. This can at times be an issue of contention due to the effect that new cottage developments have on urban populations in the north.