

FRESHWATER USE IN HYDRAULIC FRACTURING OPERATIONS

—Blindman River and tributaries—

Location: Liberty Hall, Hwy 611, Ponoka County

Date: Thursday August 8, 2024

Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Agenda

6:30-6:40 p.m. Introduction – Chair

Freshwater is a vital resource for drinking, healthy ecosystems, recreation, agriculture, and industry. Water shortages can happen, and there is concern that industry has been allowed to continue using freshwater for hydraulic fracturing at the expense of the Blindman River and its tributaries.

6:40-6:55 p.m. Hydraulic Fracturing Operations – TBD, Baytex

An overview of freshwater use in hydraulic fracturing operations; an industry perspective.

6:55-7:10 p.m. Current State of Water Use/Regulations – TBD, AER, Water Licensing (if available)

1. A report on current water licences and trends in Blindman River sub-basin
2. A summary of water licensing regulations, monitoring, and enforcement with a focus on the Blindman River and surrounding surface waters.

7:10-7:25 p.m. Current State of Water Policy in Alberta – TBD, AEPA, Water Policy Branch (if available)

A review of:

1. The current Water Management Plan that covers the Blindman sub-basin.
2. Current water policies, with particular focus on those governing Upstream Oil and Gas, specifically hydraulic fracturing operations in our area.
3. The process by which water policy is created and modified.

7:25-8:30 p.m. Moderated Q&A, Paul McLaughlin Moderator

1. A series of relevant, set questions will be asked of the speakers to provide more insight into the above topics.
2. An opportunity for public questions to be asked that have been submitted in writing at the start of the meeting.

Additional information

For specific questions you would like answered, please submit them to friendsoftheblindman@gmail.com by Wednesday, July 31, 2024.