Ministry Overview

- Alberta Environment and Parks is a ministry of the Government of Alberta and consists of:
  - Alberta Recycling Management Authority
  - Alberta Used Oil Management Association
  - Beverage Container Management Board
  - Climate Change and Emissions Management Fund
  - Environmental Appeals Board
  - Environmental Protection and Enhancement Fund
  - Land Compensation Board
  - Land Stewardship Fund
  - Land Use Secretariat
  - Natural Resources Conservation Board
  - Surface Rights Board
Ministry Overview

• Five delegated administrative organizations accountable to the Minister
  – Alberta Conservation Association
  – Alberta Professional Outfitters Society
  – Alberta Recycling Management Authority
  – Alberta Used Oil Management Association
  – Beverage Container Management Board
• Alberta Energy Regulator
  – Ensures the safe, efficient, orderly, and environmentally responsible development of hydrocarbon resources over their entire life cycle
• Alberta Environmental Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Agency (AEMERA)
  – responsible for monitoring, evaluating and reporting on key air, water, land and biodiversity indicators
Social Responsibility Paradigm

Figure 4.3
Paul Pross’s diagram of the policy community

The attentive public

Foreign governments

Other federal agencies

Parliament

Cabinet and central policy structures

Major pressure groups

Key provincial governments

Other provincial governments

Individuals

Other pressure groups

Alberta’s policy development process
Integrated Resource Management

• The means by which Alberta will achieve responsible resource stewardship.
• Broadly defined, incorporating the management, conservation and wise use of all resources.
• It is founded upon principles of cumulative effects management:
  o Knowledge based
  o Outcomes driven
  o Future focused
  o Comprehensive implementation
  o Place based flexibility
  o Collaboration
  o Adaptation and Continuous Improvement
Strategic Context

• Leadership on climate change

• Finding balance in the competing demands on Alberta’s landscape

• Effective policy development and implementation across all levels of government

• Working effectively with Indigenous Peoples
Business Plan Outcome One:  
*Environment and Ecosystem Health and Integrity*

- Ensure environmental protection, conservation and ecosystem integrity
  - Continued development of *regional plans*
  - Developing and implementing *air quality management* action plans
  - Improved approach to eliminating *tailings* ponds
  - Developing and initiating implementation of a *land reclamation* framework
Business Plan Outcome One *con’t*:

*Environment and Ecosystem Health and Integrity*

- Lead the implementation of Alberta’s **Climate** Leadership Plan
- Enhance provincial **parks**
- Protect the **Castle** Special Management Area
- Implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples objectives and principles (**UNDRIP**)
Business Plan Outcome Two:  
*Sustainable Economic Diversification*

- Develop and implement energy efficiency initiatives that support Alberta’s Climate Leadership Plan and drive economic diversification and job growth

- Support Alberta’s progress towards a green economy through advancing wider deployment of alternative and renewable energy systems and small scale renewables
Business Plan Outcome Three:  
*Social Well-Being*

- Enhance Alberta’s provincial parks
  - Modern facilities
  - High quality recreation experiences and conservation

- Develop and implement a recreation management strategy for Crown Lands
Business Plan Outcome Four: 
Protected Public Health and Safety from Environmental Conditions and Events

• Develop implementation plans and programs to anticipate and minimize impacts of major catastrophic events and to protect communities
  – Invasive species framework
  – Comprehensive flood mitigation plan
• Continue ministry recover work from 2013 southern Alberta floods
• Improve provincial park infrastructure to ensure safe and quality drinking water
Emerging Areas of Focus

- Regulatory and governance approaches to ensure safe and quality drinking water for all Albertans
- Range plans for species at risk
- Integrated management pilots
- Fish and Wildlife policies to address increased and changing pressures
- Economic diversification related activities through enhanced management of contaminated sites and brownfield redevelopment
- Liability management
- ABC Review
Closing Thoughts on the “How”

• Growing expectations of citizen engagement
• Emphasis on external validation
• Increasing involvement of independent facilitators
• Exploration of cooperative management
• Larger lens of focus for
  – First Nations and Metis
  – Economy
  – Scientific basis / evidence