

**Bragg Creek ASP
Visioning Committee**

Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2024

Bragg Creek Community Centre

Members

B. Laskin (present)
C. Docken (online)
I. Greenhalgh (present)
L. Kindrat (absent)
R. Delorme (present)
S. Bailey (present)
T. Overmars (absent)
T-L. Duque (present)

Also in attendance

N. LaMontagne (chair)

A. Call to Order and Related Business

- a. **Call to Order:** N. LaMontagne called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm
- b. **Video:** R. Delorme shared a video from a Brad Stelfox presentation to everyone (<https://youtu.be/PD9sx0Ce30I>)

B. Discussion of Ecology

A roundtable discussion of plan issues related to ecology and the natural environment was held. The following is a summary:

- 1. Vision
 - a. care for place (community as caretakers of place)
 - b. work within the carrying capacity of the land (the land will guide us)
 - c. value ecological services: natural assets provide services (not just human centric services) and we must protect and enhance. Environmental care makes economic sense, saves money and reduces risk and liability
 - d. natural assets have a high value (the reason to be in this place)
 - e. sense of collective ownership (both locals and visitors)
 - f. we are all one (learn from our Tsuu T'ina neighbours)
 - g. move beyond sustainable to regenerative
 - i. not just environment, but social (regenerative living)
 - ii. social, economic, and environmental healthy and well being
 - h. seek a holistic approach (environmental, economic. social, artistic, etc)
 - i. needs to be adaptive: not static but evolutionary

2. Issues

- a. carrying capacity hasn't done well in ASP
- b. there are governance challenges (re: adminstation)
- c. tension with housing challenges (development can be in tension with environment)
- d. need more 'shall's in ASP
- e. ASP needs to understand the landscape
- f. ASP need to be tool for the community, not just Rocky View County
 - i. need to work with other jurisdictions
 - ii. there are connections that need to be made and a vision that needs to be shared
- g. concern that studies will be insufficient to meet terms of reference
- h. ignore the environment at our peril

3. Observations

- a. We (community and County) have ability to act on this
- b. Current Rocky View County Municipal Development Plan recognizes that each area is different: what Bragg Creek does will be different
- c. Past ASP vision on environment still resonates

C. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm. Next meeting Sept 12, 2024.