

Joint Use Agreement Review Communiqué #9 September 8, 2005

The Joint Use Agreement (JUA) partners (City of Edmonton, Edmonton Catholic School Board and Edmonton Public School Board) JUA Review Team held its ninth meeting on September 8, 2005 to continue discussions and designing of the new JUA agreement.

As planned, The City of Edmonton prepared a draft of the areas for focus within public consultation (PC) and received feedback from all Partnering Organizations. Carol Watson presented an overview of a draft public consultation (PC) process that she and some Review Team members developed over the summer month for discussion with the JUA partners. Partners discussed the tool and provided their feedback on focus for the PC, the timelines, the organizations to be included, and determined what group(s) to start the PC process with. Carol Watson confirmed she would make suggested changes and present the more complete process and a corresponding PC discussion guide tool for the JUA Partners to finalize at the September 22, 2005 meeting. Partners plan to start PC in early October with the sub committees and they will seek consultation on both relevant content to JUA and feedback on the guide for its overall effectiveness to make any final changes before consulting with the other relevant organizations.

At the May 19, 2005 and June 16, 2005 meetings the Partners developed a Model that encompasses the principles and ideas put forward by the Partnering Organizations Review Team to date. Over the summer the Consultants and the Coordinator began the process of assimilating, synthesizing and compartmentalizing information from the meeting notes. A document relevant to considerations from discussions of issues and proposed ideas for a Model to date has been drafted from the meeting notes for the Review Teams' consideration in the new JUA. This document of compiled information will be updated as meetings and PC progresses and the Review Team continues to work on clarifying details for a potential draft model for the shared use. Once the Public Consultation process is complete (projected for Spring 2006) the model will be appropriately adapted to include PC findings.

Collectively the Review Team will provide regular updates on progress as the Partnering Organizations work through the review process to create a new JUA that is reflective of current needs for all partnering organizations.

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at this meeting: one presentation was from a sub committee working on describing the Model A principles/ideas and the second presented on the public consultative process.

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At the previous meeting in

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May 2005, the JUA Review Team

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identified a Model to begin exploring as a potential Joint Use model. At the June 16, 2005 meeting, the JUA Review Team partners continued their discussions on this model arriving at a shared understanding that this model was representative of the discussions the partners have had to date (through the review process) and that the ideas presented with the model will continue to be explored. The partners worked through some of the questions and definitions in this meeting and identified areas for further exploration at September's meeting. Further to this, the JUA Review Team also identified the key goals and objectives of the JUA.

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reviewed the Joint Use Agreement Document clause by clause to identify areas of the JUA that needed clarification, revision to address current demands, understanding, rewording, or discussed to create something new; this information will be utilized in the future meetings as the various areas of the JUA are reviewed in detail, and as the JUA

Review Team moves forward on any amendments or enhancements to the current agreement.

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The JUA partners completed informal "presentations" of their respective organization's focussing on their

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values, strategic directions, business plans and information that will be helpful for their

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to know as it relates to the JUA. The JUA Review Team also explored some fundamental aspects of the JUA, the definitions and meanings on a broad level, with a focus on the issues and elements related to Reciprocal Use

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The JUA Review Team also continued discussions on the public consultative process. The Partners agree that the consultations will occur in the October-November 2005 time frame and that the City of Edmonton will take the lead in this aspect of the JUA Review. A plan is being drafted for the consultation process and the seven key questions for considering consultation

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were briefly explored by the Review Team and before the September 8/05 meeting the partners will further consider the 7 questions/responses to make decisions at the September 8/05 meeting about the consultation process.

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The JUA partners established some criteria

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identified issues to be discussed

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possible starting points for the review. In addition, the JUA partners have also identified areas for discussion around enhancements to the current agreement a framework for the review, utilizing the issues, needs and considerations generated by the partners thus far.

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next meeting will be . The), the JUA partners will ing's and continue to identify issues as they relate to the JUA.

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The JUA Review Team continues to identify issues and opportunities as they relate to the JUA, and these shall continued to be explored in greater detail through the upcoming regular JUA Review Team meetings.

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The Review Team has compartmentalized the issues into the themes of: Lands, Reciprocal Use, and the Broad Strategic Direction, which will include the process, governance and Role of Stakeholders.

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revisit the existing JUA document to ensure everyone shares a common understanding of the current agreement. Each partner will also provide information about their respective organization as it relates to the JUA.

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