



Member Terms of Reference

1. Introduction

The Athabasca Watershed Council is a registered Society comprised of members and governed by a Board of Directors. These Terms of Reference outline information and processes to be used in addition to those contained in the Athabasca Watershed Council Bylaws.

2. Vision, Mission and Values of the Athabasca Watershed Council

2.1 Vision: The Athabasca watershed is ecologically healthy, diverse and dynamic.

2.2 Mission: The Athabasca Watershed Council promotes, fosters respect, and plans for an ecologically healthy watershed by demonstrating leadership and facilitating informed decision-making to ensure environmental, economic and social sustainability.

2.3 Values:

- We value integrity, trust, and transparency.
- We respect all points of view.
- Water is a blessing and gift and is essential for the environment, society, the economy and the spirit.
- Respect the environment and people.
- We believe in consensus decision making.
- We respect economic necessities.
- We value a high standard of achievement and conduct in the Athabasca Watershed Council.
- We value ecological health as foundational to all life.
- We value timely responses to issues.
- We value and respect the aboriginal communities, culture, and knowledge in the Athabasca watershed.

- We value inclusivity.
- We value creativity, innovation, and risk taking.
- We are responsible and accountable to all members.
- We are purpose driven.

3. Member's Purpose

3.1 A Member commits to pursue the Vision and Mission and embrace the Values of the Athabasca Watershed Council. Members must clearly recognize and understand that they will take an active role in Athabasca Watershed Council initiatives. A member can:

- Stand for election to the Board of Directors (Alberta residents only);
- Put forth information and knowledge for consideration by the members, Board of Directors and Administrator;
- Express concerns in writing to the Board of Directors.

4. Becoming a Member

4.1 Individuals interested in becoming a member must complete a membership application.

4.2 Organizations interested in becoming a member must complete a membership application. Organizations must provide a letter to the Athabasca Watershed Council designating their official representative and may designate an alternate representative.

With the exception of the first Annual General Meeting (AGM), all new memberships will be ratified by the Board or designate. Individuals can only maintain one active membership and have one vote.

5. Membership Term

5.1 Initial membership will be valid until March 31, 2011. Subsequent membership terms and renewals will be determined at the first Annual General Meeting.

6. Membership Fees

6.1 There are no membership fees for the first year term; however, voluntary contributions to the Athabasca Watershed Council would be appreciated. The first AGM will determine a fee schedule for the subsequent term.