

SDW BOARD MEETS

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The board of directors of Spatial Data Warehouse (SDW) has met to consider the recommendations of the roundtable discussions of October 19th in Red Deer, and to set its strategic priorities for the future.

The board established the creation of titles mapping as its major priority. Titles mapping is required to preserve the value of the existing cadastral data and to meet the needs of customers. The existence of a standard titles mapping database will benefit municipalities by eliminating much of the duplicate updating that currently takes place.

In order to make titles mapping a viable business option, funding is required to capture historical titles information. SDW will work closely with Alberta Municipal Affairs to help secure this funding.

Since the biggest users of titles mapping will be municipalities, SDW is committed to extensive municipal involvement throughout the creation of this data set. A municipal advisory committee consisting of representation from both rural and urban communities will be established. Two municipal representatives (one rural and one urban) will also be selected to join the board of directors of SDW.

SDW supports the completion of the provincial digital land fabric through the incorporation of Crown land dispositions into the mapping data sets. The board recognizes that some major changes to existing processes would be required to make this happen. The SDW/AltaLIS joint venture will continue to work with the provincial government and other stakeholders to see if a practical and cost effective solution can be developed.

A great deal of research has gone into finding cost effective ways to update topographical data, but so far no attractive business case has emerged. The SDW/AltaLIS joint venture will continue to explore for viable ways of updating topographical data. The SDW/AltaLIS joint venture will also negotiate with the provincial government to transfer the GIS ready base features topo data, including the newly created access layer. This data should be completed and available to customers next year.

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