

Step Reference	Process Used for 2000-2002 Previous Provincial Recreation Area Plan (Province Initiated, stakeholders consulted)	One Suggested Process Wapiti River Corridor Plan (County initiated, stakeholder driven)
1	Recognition of need to preserve area and increasing enforcement problems in Dunes area (garbage, OHVs, etc.)	Same, also increasing population growth and environmental degradation.
2	May, 1999 – Recommendation by Northwest Boreal Environmental Resources Committee (E.R.C. – a Provincial Government Agency of Regional Directors) to proceed with a plan for the area	Previous plan not approved by Minister of Alberta Community Development in 2002. County of Grande Prairie wishes to restart process to conserve area in 2008 and advised by Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation to follow process used by Drayton Valley.
3	Co-chairs from Alberta Environment, Public Lands and Parks initiate planning process . Fall of 2000 – Minister of Environment advises County of Grande Prairie that ERC will develop options for management strategies for the area.	County Council of Grande Prairie examines previous planning process used for Drayton Valley area. Councillors chosen to lead process.
4	Rough boundary developed for area to be considered under plan. Disposition and land interests obtained for crown lands from LSAS (Land Surface Automated System) First Nations and Stakeholder list developed. Horse Lake First Nation advised of plan and asked to participate.	Initial meeting held with stakeholders from last planning process. Co-chairs chosen. Core planning team membership developed (remains fluid as required by process). Two meetings of core planning team held to date. Rough boundaries of areas of interest developed. Name of plan suggested. LSAS disposition update initiated. Horse Lake First Nation to be advised of plan by Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation.
5	Ron Davis (Alberta Environment) leads the process (does the writing) to ensure consistency. Planning budgets to come from each respective Provincial agency.	Request to be made to County Council for funding the preparation of the plan. County Council to request funding from other Municipalities (M.D. of Greenview and City of Grande Prairie). Suggested that a consultant be hired to research and write the plan. County to hire consultant, if budget approved.

6	<p>Previous (1998) Wapiti Sand Dunes Land Use Zoning Plan used to determine best land uses of crown land. Draft plan written based on current available data. Two stakeholder meetings held (June 18, 2001 and July 16, 2001) to update and clarify data. Parks staff presented classification system for Parks and Protected Areas with accompanying list of compatible recreational and non-recreational uses.</p>	<p>Hold stakeholder meeting to review and reaffirm 1998 land use plan with stakeholders and First Nations. Review and reaffirm 2002 plan which recommended a Provincial Recreation Area for a portion of Wapiti Corridor. Parks to present current classification system of Parks and Protected Areas and acceptable recreational and non-recreational activities in each type. All other options to also be examined (status quo with more enforcement, Forest Land Use Zone, lease to Municipalities, etc.). Consultant to review data and determine if any significant data gaps exist.</p>
7	<p>Stakeholders recommended a Provincial Recreation Area designation to best preserve the area while accommodating most existing uses - especially by Off Highway Vehicles (OHVs). Recommended that a designated trail system be developed for hiking, equestrian and OHV users. Hiking trails to tie into Muskoseepi Park trail system. Co-chairs meet with separate organizations as requested to discuss plan.</p>	<p>Any data gaps (that have major ramifications to proposed recommendations) to be rectified through additional consultation or research. Co-chairs to meet with separate organizations to discuss plan if requested.</p>
8	<p>Non compatible non-recreational activities (i.e. mineral surface leases) to be added into the P.R.A. when the leases expire and they are reclaimed. All other existing dispositions to be honoured. Wapiti Nordic Ski Center and some other major lessees agree to have their leased lands added to the PRA for enforcement purposes.</p>	<p>All lessees to be contacted to see if they wish their leased lands to be included in the final recommendations. Stakeholder Committee to review final recommendations.</p>
9	<p>July 16, 2001 - Final 'stakeholder approved' draft plan presented to County and City Councils. Draft Questions and Answers Fact Sheet document also reviewed by stakeholders. September 6, 2001 - Public open house held in Grande Prairie at Clarkson Hall. Media covers proposal.</p>	<p>Final 'stakeholder approved' draft plan to be presented to all three Municipal Councils. If approved, public open houses to be held.</p>
10	<p>Plan revised slightly based on public comment. Draft plan reviewed and approved by Northwest Boreal Environmental Resources Committee. Plan discussed with both M.L.A.s. Plan submitted to respective Ministers by Public Lands and Parks.</p>	<p>Plan revised based on comments, if necessary. Plan to be discussed with both MLAs and submitted to Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation with copies to other Ministers and local MLAs.</p>

11	January 17, 2002 Recommendation rejected by Province (Minister of Community Development) as the Dunes area had been recently considered for additional protection and already rejected by the Special Places Coordinating and Advisory Committees due to the amount of OHV use/damage.	If approved in principle, Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation will consult further with First Nations.
12	Former Reeve Borstad and former Mayor Graydon meet with Minister of Community Development to press case, but to no avail. Minister responds back that the area will remain under the jurisdiction of Public Lands. All stakeholders advised of Minister's response.	