

## Crown Lands Technical Submission

### 1. Are there any Crown land management plans in place in the Carrot-Saskatchewan River watershed?

- Tolko-Forest Management Plan
- Ducks Unlimited: Saskram Wildlife Area Agreement / Reader Root complex Management Plan
- OCN –Resource Management Board- intent is to develop land use plan in the future
- “ Practical & Sustainable Watershed Management” (5 year management plan and 10 year vision of Kelsey Conservation District) -2006

### 2. What are the major uses of Crown lands in the Carrot-Saskatchewan River watershed?

- Agriculture: Leased, and Private land (within polders 1, 2, part 3 is main use)
- Residential-Town of The Pas, R.M. of Kelsey
- Recreational Use: Hunting, recreational fishing, canoeing, cottage, and boating
- Commercial Use: Commercial net fishing, trapping, outfitting
- Water control structures
- Wild rice
- Mineral exploration
- Industrial
- Domestic/Traditional land uses
- Timber Harvesting and Forest renewal: Tolko Industries Limited has a pulp mill and a shuttered sawmill near the Town of The Pas. A small portion of the wood used to supply these mills is located in the Saskatchewan - Carrot River watershed. There has been substantial investment in the reforestation of old timber harvest blocks within the watershed. Due to the proximity to the mills the wood in the watershed is very high value.

### 3. How is watershed health impacts considered in making changes to land use coding for Crown lands leases or sales?

**In addition to the answers to these questions, the project team would gratefully receive any other relevant information you may have about this watershed.**

- All land use coding is reviewed by BPC #1, has member ship from MAFRI, CWS-Forestry, Lands and Wildlife, Water Control Officer, Manitoba Local Government and ANA.

In terms of watershed health, we consider the necessity for water flow as drains were designed (quantity)

We have considered land being reserved for areas where drains were proposed but not completed (flooding)

Lands that regularly flood, especially outside the protected area are not usually cropped to avoid chemicals and fertilizers from infiltrating the water system (quality)

- BPC #1 codes crown land based on the Operational Crown Land Plans, and considers the following:
  - Agricultural potential
  - Crown lands requiring protection due to instability, erosion, fragility, hazard etc.
  - Lands required for public purposes
  - Lands required for Resource Management Purposes: Fisheries, Forestry and Mines
  - Parks and Natural Areas: recreational development, cottage development, expansion of recreational park or archaeological significance.
  - Lands required for drainage according to Polder Drainage System
  - Lands required for water management purposes
  - Lands subject to flooding

The sale of crown land is governed by the “reasons for rejecting sales” in the Crown Lands Policy and Procedure Manual.

More information on watershed in Kelsey CD’s management plan (history, planning, management, future considerations)

Comments:

Committee should consider including:

- (CWS)- Water Resource Officer
- (MIT)- Engineering Area Superintendent