



Fast Facts

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- The following fact sheet will help you answer questions you may receive from visitors to Prince Albert National Park.

PANP Management Planning – May 2006

- 1. Management planning is underway in Prince Albert National Park in 2006.**
- 2. A management plan is** a strategic guide for future management of a national park. It establishes a vision looking 15 or more years into the future.
- 3. A management planning advisory group**, composed of park employees and representatives from many diverse stakeholder groups who have in-depth knowledge in a variety of areas, was established. This group is intended to provide insight and advice to the core park management planning team through the development of a draft management plan. This draft management plan will then be taken to the public for review and input during the summer and early fall.
- 4. The management advisory group met on May 4, 2006.** At this meeting, the advisory group finalized a terms of reference for the group and a timeline for developing the draft management plan during the spring/early summer of 2006.
- 5. The advisory group and core planning team intends to complete the draft management plan for public review by the summer of 2006.**
- 6. The goal is to finalize the management plan by the spring of 2007.**
- 7. To ensure that any Canadian with an interest in the future of Prince Albert National Park:**
 - The public, visitors, residents and staff will have a chance to comment and provide input into the draft management plan throughout the summer/early fall of 2006
 - The Aboriginal community will have an opportunity to provide input into the management planning process during the spring and summer/early fall of 2006.
- 8. Parks Canada Agency, stakeholders, visitors, staff and the public are working together to complete the management plan that will guide the future of Prince Albert National Park.**
- 9. To learn more about the management planning process in 2006 and ways you can participate:**
 - Email: PANP.Plan@pc.gc.ca
 - Phone: 1-306-663-4500 – Option #7
 - Planning website. <http://www.geocities.com/wlhttp/panp-page1-e.html>
 - Drop by the Information Centre



The Management Planning Advisory Group discusses the planning process in Saskatoon in May 2006.



Background

10. Prince Albert National Park's last management plan was approved in 1995.
11. The primary goal of a management plan is to ensure there is a clearly defined direction for the maintenance or restoration of ecological integrity and, in the light of this primary goal, for guiding appropriate use. Direction is also described for the heritage presentation programs, which are recognized as a fundamental means for achieving both protection and use objectives.
12. A management plan is the primary public accountability document for each national park.
13. A Parks Canada Agency management plan should be renewed every five years.
14. The last round of management planning began in 2000. This process was halted in 2003 because it was determined the process was at an impasse.
15. The process was initiated again in 2004 with the initiation of a scoping document.
16. During the summer and fall of 2004, PANP invited staff and public input in identifying issues to be included in the scoping document.
17. The scoping document identifies the main issues to be addressed and the proposed time frame needed to complete the management plan. It identifies what the vision or role of PANP should be and what should be achieved by the end of the time period. It deals only with the identification of issues.
18. For the first time in Parks Canada's history, the scoping document was produced in consultation with the public. The scoping document was approved by Parks Canada Agency's CEO in April 2006.
19. Once the management plan is developed by the public, core management planning team and management planning advisory group, the Field Unit Superintendent will submit it to Parks Canada Agency's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for approval.
20. Once the park management plan is approved by the CEO, it will guide the park into the future.
21. Each year, park management will report to the public on the progress made in achieving the vision identified in the park management plan.