

Government of Alberta Releases New Directive to Guide Aggregate Allocation for Commercial Use on Public Lands

The Government of Alberta recently announced the [Alberta Aggregate \(Sand and Gravel\) Allocation Directive for Commercial Use on Public Land](#), and a new [Aggregate Land Request Process](#), which are effective as of September 1, 2017. The updated Directive aligns with the intent of the original Policy, adding clarification in areas that previously were not consistently understood and/or applied.

The Directive outlines how aggregate resources will be allocated on public land and notes that the highest priority for allocation includes aggregate needed for public works such as public roads and projects constructed and maintained by or on behalf of the province or municipality. Provincial ministries and municipalities can submit aggregate requests, supported by aggregate requirements for the next ten years, which will be reviewed by Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP).

Provincial agencies and municipalities will be expected to share their aggregate requirements with AEP, other municipalities and provincial agencies who are working in a specific area. This information will be used to develop a strategy to address the immediate and medium term needs for the broader aggregate public works in the specific area.

The Government of Alberta has developed a [FAQ](#) to guide understanding of the Directive. Additional questions can be directed to Joanne Sweeney or any staff member in the Aggregate and Quarries Unit of the Alberta Environment and Parks Provincial Approvals Section, at 780.427.3570.

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