



## Connecting Corridors Workshop

October 29, 2019 – 9:30 am – 4:30 pm  
97 East Lake Ramp Northeast, Airdrie, AB  
Theatre Room, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Building

### Workshop Objectives:

- Identify specific locations that need to stay connected or be better connected (considering both structural and functional connectivity) to maximize benefits for multiple native species, multiple species types (groups) and multiple habitat types.

### Workshop Outputs:

- **Focused recommendations:**
  - On the location and significance of major corridors in prairie and parkland Alberta at both regional and operational scales;
  - Criteria to help determine priorities ; and,
  - On potential projects, input to inform policies and plans; tools; and, information and extension services.

### Workshop Outcomes:

- **Short term (Participant experience)**
  - Participants feel their time was well spent and they had opportunity to contribute their expertise to inform recommendations.
  - Participants can begin to visualise what the application of structural and functional connectivity looks like on Alberta's prairie and parkland landscapes.
- **Medium (Organizational Impacts)**
  - PCF is equipped with expert advice, gained through multi-stakeholder input, to guide future activities and advance organizational mission and goals.
  - Member organizations are equipped with the latest theory on structural and functional connectivity to support them in their work.
  - Projects on landscape are well coordinated and achieve greater conservation impacts from stakeholders working together.
- **Long Term Impacts (Landscape Impacts)**
  - Increase in structural and functional connectivity leads to enhanced conservation outcomes on prairie and parkland landscapes.



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## AGENDA

<b>9:15 am</b> (15 min)	<b>ARRIVAL &amp; COFFEE</b>
<b>9:30</b> (10 min)	<b>WELCOME &amp; WORKSHOP OVERVIEW</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening Remarks &amp; Workshop Objectives and Outcomes – Nolan Ball, PCF Chair</li> <li>Workshop Design and Objectives (Facilitator - Lisa)</li> </ul>
<b>9:40</b> (50 min)	<b>CONTEXT SETTING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>O2 Report: Structural &amp; Functional Connectivity Theory (Presentation integrates and linking ideas from the others key individuals discussed) – Ian Dyson and Others</li> </ul>
<b>10:30</b> (15 min)	<b>REFLECTION &amp; INTEGRATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What did you learn, what stands out for you, what insights gleaned (from presentation, theory)</li> <li>Blending the theory and your experience, in broad terms what is the information telling us about WHAT is needed to benefit <u>multiple</u> species, species groups and the <u>types</u> of native habitats?</li> </ul> <p><i>Product: General statements describing broad attributes</i></p>
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>11:00</b> (60 min)	<b>LOCATION &amp; SIGNIFICANCE – SENSE MAKING ON A LANDSCAPE SCALE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on previous discussion, WHERE are the KEY PLACES we should focus corridor conservation and restoration efforts?</li> </ul> <p><i>Products:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of conservation and restoration areas where most benefit could result (WHERE)</li> <li>Rationale for WHY these areas are significant for conservation efforts (How did you select these areas? Criteria used?)</li> </ul>
<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>12:45</b> (45 min)	<b>LOCATION &amp; SIGNIFICANCE – SENSE MAKING ON A LANDSCAPE SCALE (cont.)</b> Gallery Walk <p><i>Purpose: Everyone has the opportunity to learn about ideas generated in other groups and contribute their own ideas.</i></p> <p><i>Product(s):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of recommended places and rationale (significance of location)</li> </ul>



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<p><b>1:30</b> (45 min)</p>	<p><b>DEVELOPING CRITERIA TO DETERMINE PRIORITIES</b> Based the results from the presentation, the small group work and gallery walk discuss the criteria you feel PCF should consider when determining priorities for action. What criteria would you suggest and in what order would you rank multiple criteria? <i>Product(s):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ranked list of criteria to use to determine help PCF determine priorities</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>2:15</b></p>	<p><b>BREAK</b></p>
<p><b>2:30</b> (45 min)</p>	<p><b>CRAFTING RECOMMENDATIONS – By Priority Area</b> Craft focused recommendations for priority locations (at regional and operational scales)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects to undertake and project outcomes (impacts)</li> <li>• Policy advice (build on rationale as to why to focus here)</li> <li>• Information and educational resources critical to communicate to Albertans</li> </ul> <p><i>Products:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>List recommendations – Projects to undertake in area, partners to include</i></li> <li>• <i>Information (advice, key messages) describing rationale to inform policy and planning activities</i></li> <li>• <i>Topics for public education and extension services</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>3:15</b> (35 min)</p>	<p><b>REPORT FROM BREAK-OUT GROUPS BY AREA</b> <i>Purpose: Everyone has the opportunity to hear a few ideas created in each group.</i> <i>Product(s):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mini action plan for each priority area.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>3:50</b> (20 min)</p>	<p><b>FORMULATING RECOMMENDATIONS – Full Group Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Recommendations (Where &amp; Project Ideas) – Info Out</li> <li>• Complementary Activities to Support our Work – Full Group Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Are there specific tools (i.e. data needs) we need to help us accomplish this work?</li> <li>○ Based on the areas and projects we identified, what information and extension services (for Albertans) do you feel we need?</li> <li>○ Final thoughts, questions for PCF to consider?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>4:10</b> (20 min)</p>	<p><b>NEXT STEPS &amp; CLOSING DEBRIEF</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review key decisions and next steps – Summary Overview – Ian Dyson</li> <li>• Workshop evaluation and thank you</li> </ul>
<p><b>4:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>END</b></p>



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