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"The Ripple" River Valleys Committee

**Video Clip of the Week:** The folly of building too close to water's edge. You may have to copy the URL into your browser to bring up the video. The power of water can not be underestimated!

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/Page/document/video/vs?id=RTGAM.20080610.wwwisflood0610&hub=VideoLineup&section=News&pos=1>

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**June 17, 2008: Special RVC Meeting re: Sanctuary on the Bow, Developer in attendance, 12:00 to 1:30 pm**

The project is located in the Bow River flood plain, directly across from Calgary's southern tip in the MD of Foothills. The land use been approved by MD Foothills Council and Provincial approvals are currently being sought, to (a) transfer a water license from the Elbow River (for proposed recreational and residential purposes), and (b) construct a large lake and several "pods. RVC has filed 2 statements of concern with Alberta Environment. Please RSVP as space is going fast! Location: Parks Foundation at 225 12 Ave SW

**25th Ave SS building project in Mission: Flood Update for June 12, 2008**

The Elbow River below the Glenmore Dam has been flowing at 120m<sup>3</sup>/sec for most of the day (June 12). Once again the excavated area at 25th Ave SW (Mission) is filling with water. The Lower Elbow, flowing at 120m<sup>3</sup>/s lies somewhere between a 2 and 5 year flood event.



For comparison the Bow River through Calgary is flowing between 314 m<sup>3</sup>/s and 272 m<sup>3</sup>/s (June12).

If you would like to follow real time flow rates of Alberta's Rivers go to:  
<http://environment.alberta.ca/apps/basins/Default.aspx>

**June 25, 2008 Elbow Groundwater Workshop, 9:00 - 17:00 Snowbirds Seniors Centre, 19 Balsam Road, Bragg Creek.**

Would you like to have a better understanding of groundwater in the Elbow watershed? An introduction on groundwater will be provided in the morning - i.e. the interaction between groundwater and surface water. Weather and river conditions permitting, a field session showing how groundwater is monitored will be conducted in the afternoon. Be prepared for walking on muddy paths in the afternoon. Bus transportation and lunch will be provided. The workshop is being organized by the Alberta Research Council in conjunction with the Elbow River Watershed Partnership. There is no registration fee.

Cheers

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