

Balzac Community Advisory Panel (BalCAP) Meeting
Balzac Community Hall
Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Meeting Notes

(Approved April 14, 2009)

Attendees:

Fiona Buchanan – Nexen Inc.	Gary Clark – Community
Kim Currie – EnCana	Janet Davy – Community
Allan Fraser – Community	Keith Graham - Community
Roy Hanson – Enmax Calgary Energy Centre	Ian Jerrard – TransCanada
Kelly Jones – Martindale CA	Eve Lantz – Community
Susan MacDonald – ERCB	Kitch Milford – Enersul
Darrell Miller – Community	Ed Pluemecke - Community
Patricia Poulton – TransCanada	Rod Ross – MD of Rocky View
Wayne Shuttleworth – Community	Bob Simpson – Nexen Inc.
Jim Shaw – Nexen Inc.	Weldon Stacey – Community
Wilf Stark – Community	Greg Steiner – Saddleridge CA
Jim Stevenson – Ward 3	Barry Whillans – Nexen Inc.
Ken Young – Community	

Regrets:

Lynn Banning – Ward 3	Mike Dingle – City of Airdrie
Rick Jones – Enersul	Dave Lantz – Community
Glen Leddy – ACSA	

New Faces and Guests:

Darcy Allen – EnCana	Gary Brown – 4 Seasons
Twilla Chocholik – ERCB	Nancy Holland – Community
Stacy Knull – EnCana	Grant McLennan – EnCana
Lynn McQueen – Nexen Inc.	Doug Reid – Calgary Airport Authority
Patsy Vik – EnCana	

Facilitator:

Gay Robinson

Scribe:

Jaymie Marshall

1. Welcome, Introductions & Opening Comments

Gay Robinson

- Gay welcomed everyone to the meeting.
 - Brief introductions were made for the new faces in the crowd.
- Gay reviewed the agenda for the evening.
 - The meeting objective is to receive organizational updates, learn about the Calgary Airport Authority and some of their future plans and receive information on EnCana's proposed drilling project.
- The notes from the February 10th meeting were reviewed.
 - No errors or omissions were noted.
 - The notes were approved as distributed and Gay will mark the meeting notes as approved.
 - Copies of all approved notes will be kept on file and made available upon request.

2. Organization Updates

- Nexen:
 - Bob Simpson gave an update of activities at the Balzac Gas Plant.
 - South sulphur plant is still shut down for repair.
 - An emergency response drill was held in preparation for the March 30th exercise.
 - Nexen is looking for volunteers from the community to take part in the March 30th exercise. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Mike Rydl at the Nexen Balzac Gas Plant (403) 226-3130.
- EnCana:
 - Kim Currie reported that Encana is working on a couple of recompletions and plans call for them to be finished by Spring. EnCana is also completing a few miles of pipeline over the next few months.
 - Information on EnCana's proposed City of Calgary drilling program will be presented in a separate agenda item.
- TransCanada:
 - Ian Jerrard informed the group that the MD of Rocky View has proposed a road which will cross one of TransCanada's pipelines.
 - Cement slabs will be installed over the pipeline starting March 25th.
 - Work is being done on S1/2 3-26-29-W4.
- MD of Rocky View:
 - Rod Ross updated the group on some planning matters that have been before Council.
 - Council has adopted the Master Site Development Plan for the area north of CrossIron Mills.
 - This includes detailed architecture and site development restrictions. There is an emphasis on water conservation. The design intent is to use xeriscaping, which involves the use of plants that are drought tolerant.
 - The Hamm East conceptual scheme was also adopted. This area is designated for general commercial and industrial land uses.
- City of Calgary:
 - Alderman Stevenson addressed some issues related to the ring road development.
 - Plans call for a portion of the road to open at the Centre Street connection in June 2009. The remainder of the ring road will not open until the beginning of November 2009. This is an item which will be discussed at future council meetings.
 - The Ward 3 office passed on some information about the Plan It Calgary Open Houses being held this month.
 - These events are open to the general public. The NE session is at Coast Plaza on March 12, 4 – 8 pm. The inner city Open House will be held at the Telus Convention centre on March 14, 11 am – 3 pm.
- ERCB:
 - Susan MacDonald provided information on two items recently in the media.
 - Petro-Canada Eastern Slopes application hearing has been put on hold until a third-party investigation into a possible conflict of interest has been completed. The investigation was initiated by the ERCB and the employee involved has been put on administrative leave.
 - On February 7th, 2009, W5 aired a story entitled "Fueling Fears". The ERCB feels that this segment was incomplete and misleading and inaccurately portrayed the ERCB and the way it regulates oil and gas development. The ERCB has responded with a letter to W5, which can be viewed on the ERCB website – www.ercb.ca.

3. Presentations

A) Calgary Airport Authority

Doug Reid

- Doug Reid, Director of Planning for the Calgary Airport Authority, provided an update on planning activities at the Calgary Airport (YYC).
 - The Calgary Airport Authority is the not-for-profit company that operates the Calgary and Springbank airports.
 - Currently YYC is the third busiest airport in Canada, handling approximately 250,000 aircraft movements and 134,000 tonnes of cargo.
 - Doug outlined the Master Plan, land use plan and some of the recent changes.
 - Some of the recent changes at the YYC are the completion of concourse D, the taxiway Hotel, a cell phone lot, a discount parking lot and the parkade expansion, which is expected to open by Christmas of 2009.
 - Plans call for a fourth runway 16L – 34R – .
 - It will parallel the current north-south runway and offload some of the air traffic from this runway.
 - It is being designed to accommodate code F aircraft.
 - This project is expected to be completed in 2014 for a total cost of \$500 million.
 - A golf course is open in the southeast corner of the airport land.
 - The land use plan includes seven different trade parks: Deerfoot North, Deerfoot South (1 & 2), McKnight, McCall South, Central and North as well as the Barlow North Aviation Park.
 - The terminal area plan includes more parkade expansion, an international facilities terminal, expanded taxiway and apron as well as centralized deicing.
 - The international facility project includes a dedicated international/transborder concourse with 20 new aircraft gates.
 - The new facility should be in service in 2015 at a cost of approximately \$1.3 billion.
 - All planning information can also be found on the website - www.yyc.com .

B) EnCana – Proposed City of Calgary Drilling Program Overview

Stacy Knull

- Stacy Knull, Vice President of EnCana’s Clearwater Business Unit, provided an overview of their proposed coalbed methane (CBM) drilling program within the City of Calgary limits.
 - CBM is a low pressure (gas lines going into homes are much higher pressure), sweet gas (no H₂S); considered the cleanest burning fossil fuel. It is made up of methane, carbon dioxide and other components derived from coal.
 - It takes approximately 140 mcf of natural gas each year to heat the average house in Calgary. Production from one CBM well could be used to heat approximately 200 homes.
 - Alberta currently has over 10,000 producing CBM wells.
 - EnCana has the mineral rights for 80 sections within the City of Calgary; 30 of those sections have very little to no residential or commercial development.
 - EnCana is proposing to drill four to eight test wells around the northeast and eastern boundaries of the City of Calgary.
 - One of the proposed locations is near an existing Nexen lease site.
 - EnCana is working with Nexen to use the existing lease and facilities.
 - The well could be tested by tying into Nexen’s existing pipeline.
 - Another proposed location is at the City of Calgary Shepard Landfill site.
 - The well would be drilled in a reclaimed area of the landfill.

B) EnCana – Proposed City of Calgary Drilling Program Overview cont.

- EnCana’s plans call for minimum surface disturbance, through the use of existing facilities and multi-well pad drilling technology.
- EnCana is in the early stages of consultation. A comprehensive consultation and stakeholder engagement process is being carried out to address questions and concerns regarding the first four to eight test wells. Should EnCana have successful results that prove to be viable for further development, additional stakeholder consultation will be conducted.

4. Proposed Workshop

Jim Shaw

- Last meeting there was discussion regarding replacing the community event with some other activity.
 - Nexen is suggested holding some type of workshop for BalCAP members.
 - This type of training or skills development would be of direct value for the committee members themselves and build capacity for BalCAP and the community.
 - Long term, Nexen would like to see the BalCAP organization become self-sustainable and not reliant on one organization.
 - Workshop topics could be selected to build the skill set for this.
 - Long-term sustainability will be discussed at future meetings.

5. Community Issues, Updates and Announcements

- Nexen is providing an opportunity to learn more about wind power. They will be holding an Open House on March 25th, 2009 in Delia. The Open House will run late afternoon to early evening. Dinner will be provided.
- Wetaskiwin Synergy Initiative held an Information Night on February 26, 2009 – Understanding Landowner Rights: When Oil and Gas Comes to Your Door. This presentation will also be offered March 18th (7:00 – 9:00 pm) at Bashaw Agricultural Centre and March 26th (6:45 – 8:45 pm) at Rocky Mountain House Community Centre.
- Energy Partners - Resource sheet is available at the sign-in table.
- Alderman Stevenson will be holding a fundraiser “Giddy Up, Calgary” on April 15th, 2009. Handouts are available at the sign-in area.

6. Next Meeting

- April 14, 2009, Balzac Community Hall at 7:00 pm.
 - Topic will be Alberta’s Electric System.
- Future meeting dates –May 12 and June 9 (tentative).