



Tuesday, September 14th, 2010
Balzac Community Hall 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Agenda

1. Welcome, Introductions, Opening Comments, Review Meeting Objectives & Agenda Jamie McIlvenna
(10 minutes)

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Notes All (5 minutes)

3. Updates (15 minutes)
 - TransCanada
 - City of Calgary
 - ERCB
 - County of Rocky View
 - EnCana
 - Nexen Inc.
 - Other

4. Presentation(s)
 - A) Airdrie Growth & Planning – Presentation Kent Rupert
(60 minutes)
 - Questions

5. Community Issues, Updates & Announcements All
(10 minutes)

6. Closing Comments Jamie McIlvenna
(5 minutes)
 - Next Meeting – October 19th
 - Future Meetings – Nov 9th & Dec 14th

Please sign the meeting register before you leave. Thank you.
Balzac Community Advisory Panel (BalCAP) Meeting

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Attendees:

Bob Simpson - Nexen Inc.
Mike Dingle – Nexen Inc.
Kim Currie – Encana
Ian Jerrard – TransCanada
Dorothy McCreary – Community
Linda Murphy – Community
Greg Steiner – Saddleridge Community
Roger McIntosh – Community
Paul Lavoie - Community
Susan MacDonald – ERCB
Tom Nelson - Encana
Nicole Huhn – Community
Woody Ouderkirk – Community

Lynn McQueen - Nexen Inc.
Bill Gourley – Nexen Inc.
Roy Hanson – Calgary Energy Centre
Gary Clark – Community
Weldon Stacey – Community
Ed Plumecke - Community
John Church – Community
Ken Young – Community
Kitch Milford – Enersul
Wayne Shuttleworth – Community
Kit Rowley – Wagon Wheel
Karen Huhn – Community

New Faces and Guests:

Kent Rupert – City of Airdrie

Facilitator:

Jamie McIlveena – ACSA

Scribe:

Jaymie Richardson

1. Welcome, Introductions & Opening Comments

Jamie McIlveena

- Jamie welcomed everyone to the meeting.
 - Brief introductions were made for the new faces in the crowd.
- Jamie reviewed the agenda for the evening.
 - The meeting objective is to receive an update from the City of Airdrie.
- The notes from the June 8th were reviewed.
 - Bob Simpson mentioned a spelling error, which was noted and will be corrected.
 - The notes were approved as distributed, with the one change.

2. Organization Updates

- Nexen

Bob Simpson

 - Still pending final decision on the plant shut down date. September 21 the recommendations from the Steering Committee will be presented to the Executive Committee and will then be reviewed by the partners. Shut down date still stands with August of 2011.
 - Still working on Shut down planning at the plant.
 - The Balzac Plant and Field weed spraying program was completed last week.

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- Currently, the plant is reviewing the Emergency Response planning capabilities, to ensure that adequate levels of ERP coverage are met due to a slight decrease in staff numbers.
- The Gas Plant just completed a successful Stack Top Temperature Test. An application for reduction has been issued to Alberta Environment. The temperature will be reduced pending approval of the application.
- Over the summer our Site A compressor site was shut down and removed from location.

- EnCana **Kim Currie/Tom Nelson**
 - Still waiting on dryer conditions continue with the completions activities that are planned. Providing the weather cooperates we will drill 90 news wells this year.
 - 50 – 70 recompletions that would like to be completed.
 - Installing an average-sized compressor station NE of Airdrie.

- TransCanada **Ian Jerrard**
 - Investigative digs ongoing in southern Alberta

- Rocky View County **Steve Bagley**
 - The temporary site for the Balzac fire station has now moved over to the Asco building located on the west side of QE2 by Bucars RV. The move went well and there were no disruptions in service while they made the move.
 - Ground breaking ceremony for the new location is likely to occur in the next few weeks.
 - Wayne Brown has left the Rocky View fire department to join the City of Calgary as a Building/Fire Inspection Coordinator and a new chief will be appointed by the end of the year. Until that time, Steve Bagley will be the acting Chief.

- City of Calgary
 - No report.

- CrossIron Mills
 - No report.

- ERCB **Susan MacDonald**
 - Head office is currently relocating to Centennial Place at 250-5 Street S.W.
 - Directive 71 – new version was to be released this summer, however ERCB received a tremendous amount of feedback on the draft version of this directive. Due to this, the release of Directive 71 will now occur in December of 2010.
 - Field Surveillance and Operations Branch report was released this summer. It is located on the ERCB's website at www.ercb.ca. Some statistics contained in this report are number of complaints received, inspections conducted, etc.
 - Directive 19 – a new version has been released which can also be located on the ERCB website
 - Municipal Affairs Information Bulletin – Advisory Land Use Planning Notes on Abandoned Well Sites was released. The information has been revised and a new directive will be issued either late this year or early next year.

- Q) With regards to the delay in the release of Directive 71, was there one general theme of the feedback received?
 A) There was plenty of feedback received covering various topics. All of the feedback received can be viewed on the ERCB website.

IDENTIFIED ACTION ITEMS	ASSIGNED TO	DUE BY

3. Presentations

A) Airdrie Update - 2010

Kent Rupert

- Currently the population is 39,822, which is a growth rate of 4.54%. This is the lowest growth rate Airdrie has experienced in the past 5 years.
- Based on the 2008 growth projection, Airdrie is expected to reach 63,000+ people in 2023 and 86,000+ in 2038.
- There has been a 47% increase in the total Business License growth since 2005.
- Some of the major projects completed in 2008 – 2009 were, Vanfax Distribution, ATCO Geothermal Operations, the redevelopment of Towerlane Centre, Creekside development, 2 new Shoppers Drug Marts, McArthur Fine Furniture, Honda Dealership and Dickson trail Strip Mall.
- 2010 major projects are, TransCanada Turbine, a new Firehall, a downtown branch of the CIBC, Swiss Chalet, Original Joes, a new Police station that will house the RCMP, Municipal Enforcement and Hiway office and another strip mall in the Sierra Springs area.
- City of Airdrie is currently looking at the next possible annexation. In March of 2010, it was approved that Airdrie and Rocky View will work together on the annexation.
- Airdrie receives their water from the City of Calgary and currently have a water capacity license of up to 150,000 residents.
- 2010 Citizen Satisfaction Survey showed that 98% of Airdrie residents said they had a good Quality of Life in Airdrie and that 93% felt they were Safe in Airdrie.
- Airdrie plans to implement a Inter Community Transportation service in September 2010 which will take residents of Airdrie into Calgary.
- Some of the areas of infrastructure investment are:
 - Completion of the Yankee Valley Interchange
 - ICE Transportation Service (Sept. 2010)
 - Genesis Place Recreation Centre, completion of Phase 2, Phase 3 has been approved for 2013.
 - Upgrading the Plainsman Arena (2010)
 - New Regional park skate and splash park
- Airdrie has created an interactive map on their website which allows users to view where some of the ongoing development within the city is.
- Currently there are 3 individuals running for mayor as well as 8 Aldermanic candidates in the upcoming election.

- Paul Shulz is now the new City Manager.
- The division that Kent works in is the Economic Development Core Services. This department provides marketing, business development, investment attraction and research and information services.
- Airdrie Now! is a 3 year marketing campaign, which is composed of 4 target sectors, which includes Advanced Manufacturing, Transportation and Logistics, Professional Services and Environmental Industries. More information can be found at www.airdrienow.ca
- Further info can be obtained by Kent Rupert @ 403-948-8844 or by email @ economic.development@airdrie.ca

Q) Can you confirm if there will be an increase in property taxes in the upcoming tax year?

A) Currently, there is no idea and this number will not be determined until budget time.

Q) With the growth that you have seen, what has happened with the healthcare, doctors, dentists, etc.

A) Healthcare is good with the Urgent Care however they are looking to get 24 hour health care services. Schools have suffered as there is a shortage of room and a good portion of the students are attending school in portables.

Q) Since Airdrie is a city why do they not have their own hospital?

A) Specialists are located 20 minutes away in Calgary, however there are currently no firm plans of when or where a new hospital would be housed. There are plenty of doctors, dentists, etc.

Q) Is a city based on population? What determines if a place is a city or a town?

A) It depends on where you come from, for example Okotoks is nearly 20,000 people and are still considered a town. Some places prefer to stay as a town.

Q) You say 40+ % people commute everyday. What is the rider ship of the commuter buses that go to Calgary on a daily basis?

A) I do not have the information, however there are 6 buses in the morning and in the evening that transport the residents into Calgary. Airdrie conducted a traffic count and in that they determined that 3700 vehicles leave Airdrie and head into Calgary work however there are 3200 vehicles that come into Airdrie on a daily basis.

- Q) Have we looked at extending the C-train to Airdrie?
- A) Yes however there is nothing planned yet, similar to that of the high speed train between Calgary and Edmonton will take many years .
- Q) An unbelievable amount of growth, obviously there is something special that attracts all the people, how do you maintain that something special to keep Airdrie the way it is today.
- A) That is hard to say, however they feel that they still have that special something about Airdrie which attracts people. Many people like the small town feel and feel that the services are in the area, which allows for them to come to or stay in Airdrie. The vision of the city is changing a bit, in the past, the focus of the city was the downtown area, however now they are beginning to look at the other areas and developing community associations. As far as the growth, the biggest thing is to keep up with it and manage it as best as possible.
- Q) Is there a license coming out that will allow Airdrie business license holders to legally work in outlying areas?
- A) Regional business licenses are being looked at, however it is a slow process. Through the Calgary Regional Development Economic form will begin to look at this.
- Q) Will there be any bus terminals set up in outlying areas, for example CrossIron Mills Mall?
- A) It wouldn't be something that Calgary would look at however Airdrie is currently trying to get the municipalities on board for something like this.
- Q) Can you run through some of the calculations that would justify annexing another 11,000 acres?
- A) According to the Municipal Government act, Airdrie is required to have a specific amount of undeveloped land on hand. This annexation is a 75 year development plan.
- Q) What is happening to the areas on main street?
- A) The old hotel area owner also owns the Luxstone area and is looking at completing that first. There are new owners for the land beside Paros on main street and they are currently in the process of coming up with a new plan.

Q) Will there be a road coming from Walmart straight south to Balzac?

A) Will be working with the County of Rocky View on future road development.

Q) You mentioned you have a fairly young population. What is there in Airdrie for nightlife?

A) There are a number of restaurants and bars in the city that are currently operating as well as a few new developments.

4. Community Issues, Updates and Announcements

- Synergy Alberta Conference will be held at the end of October in Red Deer. There will be additional information sent out in an email shortly. Encana and Nexen will once again be sponsoring individuals to attend if they wish.

- **Next Meeting**

- October 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Balzac Hall.
- Future meeting dates: November 9th and December 14th.