

BATTLE LAKE WATERSHED SYNERGY GROUP

<http://synergyalberta.ca/group/battle-lake-watershed-synergy-group>

A meeting of the Battle Lake Watershed Synergy Group was held on Thursday Sept. 10, 2015 at the Lakedell Ag. Centre with Paul McLauchlin acting as Facilitator.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Agenda

- Introductions
- Review of Minutes (June 25, 2015)
- AER Update
- Industry Updates
- Community Updates
- Governance Review
- Next Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

In attendance were {7} residents, {9} industry representatives and government officials. (See the attached list.)

Review of Minutes:

June 25, 2015 meeting notes had been distributed and now accepted.

AER Update: Darcy Allan (emailed his update as he was unable to attend)

Latest News Releases:

- AER allows resumption of utility pipelines at Nexen Long Lake; 55 lines remain shut in
- AER issues Suspension Order to Nexen
- The updated Alberta Table of Formations is now available as a reference for resource industries to identify and name geological formations encountered in Alberta.
- AER issues Environmental Protection Order to Syncrude

- AER responding to waterfowl deaths at a Syncrude site in the Fort McMurray area
- AER issues Environmental Protection Order to Nexen
- AER responding to a pipeline failure near Fort McMurray
- Apache Canada Ltd subject to AER enforcement action
- Alberta Energy Regulator shuts in wells following compliance sweeps in the Peace River area

<http://www.aer.ca/about-aer/media-centre/news-releases>

Decisions:

Consideration of Grand Rapids' Compliance with Conditions 12 and 13 of Decision 2014-012

<http://www.aer.ca/documents/decisions/2015-ABAER-004.pdf>

Compliance Dashboard:

Incidents / Investigations / Enforcement Compliance

<http://www1.aer.ca/ComplianceDashboard/index.html>

AER – Penn State: Best In Class Progress

Penn Program on Regulation releases research on what makes a regulator excellent

<https://www.law.upenn.edu/live/news/5705-penn-program-on-regulation-releases-research-on#.VfHGcDbnblW>

Member questions:

- A resident has asked if an alternative representative can attend the meeting if Darcy cannot.
- Why when the Nexus spill happened, why didn't safe guards kick in? Why was it considered a minor spill? How can these things be so under reported?

County of Wetaskiwin: Kathy Rooyackers

- The County of Wetaskiwin Public Works Department has been meeting with Oil Company's regarding Road Use Agreements. They are looking for a solution to keep the roads safe and to maintain them.

Industry Updates:

Baytex Energy: Terry Kreese

- Business as usual.

Questfire Energy Corp: Ted Thompson

- Regular operations will be maintained in the next two months. No new activities are planned in the in the Westeros/Battle Lake Area.

BonaVista Energy: Eleanor Vokes

- Business as usual in the Battle Lake area at this time.
- Other information that may be of interest to the group.
 - Have your say or find out more information on Royalties, 2015 Royalty Review and Framework have your say at 2015 ALBERTA ROYALTY REVIEW FRAMEWORK DISCUSSION
What: Over the next two months, Alberta's royalty review panel, along with consulting experts and public sessions, will begin an open discussion with every Albertan through an interactive online opportunity. Give your input and join the discussion on the 2015 Royalty Review with the Department of Energy. Where: <http://www.letstalkroyalties.ca/>
When: Now! Visit the site to be a part of the conversation at every stage; currently in Phase One: First Thoughts. What would you like the review to do? Learn about the panel members, tell them what you think or want to understand about the Alberta Royalty Framework.
 - Alberta's Climate Change Advisory Panel is gathering input from Albertans on reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Input gathered will be used to help form the foundation of Alberta's new proposal to address climate change, which will be in place in time for the COP 21 world summit in Paris in December. alberta.ca/climate-leadership
 - The Battle Lake Walk will be held September 26. We will meet at the Battle Lake campground at 10 a.m. everyone is invited to share this walk up Mt. Butte which offers a view of this beautiful spring-fed lake, the source of the Battle River watershed. For further information contact the Battle River Watershed Alliance at 780 672 0276.

ConocoPhillips: Jill Salus,

- Shared a follow up to the June 25, 2015 meeting. Gave a brief update on the upgrades made to the ConocoPhillips' 4-3 facility.
- Residents asking for more follow up on:
 - An analysis and incident report
 - Why an operator does not need to live in a closer proximity to the plant?
 - Any changes to ConocoPhillips Emergency response plan since the incident at the 4-3 facility?

Community Updates:

Dave Doze:

Reminder to Industry-to pay attention to closing gates especially as hunting season and snowmobiling season is upon us. Noted the importance of industry and voiced his concern for industry regarding the low oil prices.

Wayne Gist:

Questioned the County why they do not have anyone to respond to Industry incidents?
County to take question back to Council.

Bob Whiteside:

Concerned that because of the low oil prices, industry maintenance programs will be cut.

Joanne Brodersen:

No concerns.

Michael Black:

Thank you to Baytex for looking after noisy battery in a timely manner.

Clive Buckley:

No concerns.

Ken Jenny:

Concerned with Scollard not covering costs of dust control this year. Still concerned with fresh water being used for hydraulic fracturing. Questions why industry does not inform the public on their cost to produce a L of gasoline.

Graham Gilchrist: Consultant

Re: Battle Lake Governance Review (attached to these minutes). Putting idea forward.
Give it a thought as a group.

Projected Meeting Dates:

November 5, 2015

January 7, 2016

March 3, 2016

**ACTION ITEMS
2015**

#	Action	Request Date	Person Responsible	Status
177	Cumulative effects of Industry (land value)	Sept. 11, 2014	Deneen	In progress
178	Bring in speaker for more information of the logistics of Seismic	Nov. 6, 2014	Rhonda-AER Industry Side	Complete Jan. 8, 2015
179	Pilot Project-Update BMP's	Nov. 6, 2014	Paul	In Progress
180	Follow up Re: Consultation	Jan. 8, 2015	AER	
181	Hydraulic Fracing-More Information-add to BMP's	June 25, 2015	Members	

ATTENDANCE LIST

INDIVIDUAL	REPRESENTING
Paul McLauchlin	Facilitator
Dave Doze	Resident
Michael Black	Resident
Clive Buckley	Resident
Ken Jenny	Resident
Wayne Gist	Resident
Eleanor Vokes	Bonavista Energy
Deneen Evans	Minute recorder
Ted Thompson	Questfire
Graham Gilchrist	Consultant
Kathy Rooyakkers	County of Wetaskiwin
Jill Salus	ConocoPhillips
Joanne Brodersen	Resident
Bob Whiteside	Resident
Terry Kreese	Baytex Energy
Phyllis Stuckey	Cornerstone Energy Group

Battle Lake Synergy Governance

Background

The AER's D56 requires an applicant to provide evidence in their application Battle Lake Synergy has provided comment to the project.

The AER encourages applicants to

- participate in the Battle Lake Watershed Synergy Group,
- review their plans and explain their rationale for their proposed development in Tier 1 areas at a regular meeting of the synergy group, and
- consult with the Battle Lake Preservation Society and seek its advice on locations and mitigative measures for new development in Tier 1 areas.

4) In addition to the required nonroutine documentation, all Directive 056 applications for development in the Tier 1 area must be accompanied with justification that includes the following information:

- a) a cover letter that identifies that the proposed development is within the Battle Lake Tier 1 area;
- b) an explanation of the alternatives involving development outside Tier 1 areas that have been investigated and an explanation of why these are not technically feasible; the alternatives are to be compared with the application case in terms of potential land disturbance and other watershed effects, impacts on the public, resource recovery, and feasibility;
- c) a description of the proposed site that describes existing cover, habitat features, and presence of surface water features (springs, streams, and wetlands);
- d) an explanation of how existing facilities and disturbances have been

incorporated into the project;

e) an explanation of mitigation measures the proponent will undertake to prevent contamination of surface water bodies from leaks and spills; and

f) a description of any feedback on the proposed development as a result of discussions with the Battle Lake Watershed Synergy Group and/or the Battle Lake Preservation Society.

Provision of Feedback by the Group

Battle Lake Synergy members will all provide critical critique on the project. "No Comment" is not an acceptable response from any member. There is an expectation each industry member will critique the application in the spirit of continuous improvement.

In order for this to be accomplished the company will make a formal presentation to the group and within the presentation cover all items within paragraph 4 above.

The applicant will record all comments and shall publish back to the Group, within 15 calendar days, all comments.

The applicant will also provide the Group a response to the comments; whether the applicant accepts, or rejects (with reasons) the feedback. This will be done within 20 working days.

Failure to meet deadlines will be assumed to by the Group to be non-compliant.