



*"Building Relationships – Fostering Understanding"*

*Providing an opportunity for the public and petroleum industry in the Pembina area to engage in meaningful discussion in an open and honest environment.*

### **Meeting Notes – September 26, 2019**

#### **Attendance:**

Adam Jensen, AHS	Jenna Adams, Obsidian	Teifion Evans, Obsidian
Charlie Martin, Landowner	Matt Friend, Sinopec	Tim Gazankas, Community
Gerry Laslo, Keyera	Mike Karach, Pembina Pipeline	Trevor Roberts, Cenovus
Heidi Mettler, Secure Energy	Mike Mueller, Landowner	Dawn Thomas, Note Taker
Hugh Cherwonka, Bellatrix	Robyn Fong, Barmac Contracting	Rick Anderson, Facilitator
John Townsend, Bellatrix	Shane Koss, Baytex	

#### **Approve Agenda**

Approved

#### **Previous meeting notes (May 2019)**

Approved

#### **Follow-up**

- Re: Letter previously received from Suzanne Bennett regarding the Alberta Development Officers Association (ADOA) conference being held in Drayton Valley September 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. There was a request for potential panel participation in the conference. Rick had left a message with Suzanne's office asking for more information and was to try again. No follow up occurred by Rick – no further response was received from ADOA.
- Update on Flow Back Emissions Study – Rick followed up with AER rep on committee. It is currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, led by Alberta Health. Will bring more follow up information once it becomes available. No report scheduled to be released until Alberta Health has completed their part.

#### **Industry Updates/Roundtable**

*Written submissions are listed, additional verbal updates were provided.*

- Awareness of economic affect and link to social issues in the community was discussed.
- AER Update with embedded links will be circulated to the group.

#### **AER**

- **Announcements:**

[Training Sessions: New Well Applications Moving into OneStop – September 20, 2019](#)

Starting on October 17, 2019, all applications for a new well licence must be submitted through OneStop. We will be hosting hands-on training sessions in Calgary to explain how to submit an application for a new well licence.

[Training Sessions for OneStop Public Lands Act Applications – August 6, 2019](#)

Register here on our [Events](#) page.

- **Bulletins:**

[AER Approval Still Required for Disposal Schemes with a Crown Mineral Activity Authorization – August 8, 2019](#)

Crown Mineral Activity (CMA) holders are still required to obtain approval from the AER for a disposal scheme under section 39 of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Act*.

[Public Land Disposition Applications Moving to OneStop – August 6, 2019](#)

The change is accompanied by a new manual, [Manual 018: OneStop PreApplication Manual](#). This change only applies to dispositions issued by the AER under the *Public Lands Act*, the *Public Lands Administration Regulation*, and the *Mines and Minerals Act*.

[Directive 050 Updated with New Soil Endpoint and Post-Disposal Sampling Values for Zinc – August 1, 2019](#)

In the new edition, the zinc endpoint in table 3.4 and the threshold zinc concentrations in table 3.5a were updated to align with the latest edition of the GoA's *Alberta Tier 1 Soil and Groundwater Remediation Guidelines*.

- **Social Media:**

*YouTube:*

[What's new in the 2018 Water Use Report? \(6:50\)](#)

The Water Use Report looks at water availability across the province and how that water is used in oil and gas development.

[2018 Pipeline Performance Report Highlights](#)

In 2018, over two-thirds of pipeline incidents released on cubic metre or less of fluid.

([Pipeline Performance Report](#))

[OneStop Training – PLA](#)

Training resources available.

*Resource:*

[Finding Room to Give – September 24, 2019](#)

## **WCAS**

- The **Drayton Valley Air Monitoring Station** - has been upgraded to be able to report on the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI). The AQHI is a simplified scale between 1 and 10 to help determine air quality impacts on human health. The higher the number, the greater the health risk associated with air quality. Health messages are customized to each category for both the general population and 'at risk' populations. AQHI can be accessed through free phone apps from Health Canada and our website [wcas.ca](http://wcas.ca).

Attached is a News Release and a Photo from the Re-Opening on July 12, which includes MLA Mark Smith, Michael Doerksen (Mayor of Drayton Valley) and Bart Guyon (Reeve of Brazeau County).

## For Immediate Release

### **Air Monitoring Station Brings Health Index to Drayton Valley**

**July 8, 2019** – West Central Airshed Society (WCAS) will be celebrating the launch of the new Drayton Valley Air Monitoring Station on Friday, July 12 at 9:00 am. Joining WCAS representatives will be Michael Doerksen, Mayor of Drayton Valley and Bart Guyon, Reeve of Brazeau County. The station is located on the field on the east side of 54 Street, at approximately 49 Avenue in Drayton Valley, AB.

The Drayton Valley station provides air quality data to inform the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI). The AQHI is a simplified scale between 1 and 10 to help determine air quality impacts on human health. The higher the number, the greater the health risk associated with air quality. Health messages are customized to each category for both the general population and 'at risk' populations.

"Drayton Valley is an important centre within our Airshed and WCAS wanted the surrounding community to benefit from the AQHI system, which is particularly important in times of poor air quality, such as recent smoky days from wildfires," says Gary Redmond, WCAS Executive Director. "By adding additional monitoring technology, the Drayton Valley station is now able to provide an accurate and current AQHI number for the area."

The AQHI can be found by downloading the AQHI Canada app or on a number of websites including WCAS and Alberta Environment and Parks.

The primary mandate of WCAS is to monitor the ambient, outdoor air quality and ensure the data is available to all stakeholders, including the public. WCAS was formed in the Drayton Valley area in the early 1990s as an innovative, collaborative approach between industry, community and government. The WCAS region has expanded over the years and now stretches from the Wabamun Lake area west to the B.C. Border, and includes the centres of Drayton Valley, Edson, Hinton, Jasper and Whitecourt. WCAS also does educational outreach thanks in large part to support from Alberta Environment and Parks.

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- **Monitoring Network Assessment** – we are nearing the end of a major assessment project that will determine the future of air monitoring in our region (Wabamun Lake to BC Border), based on industry activity and populations. Preliminary results from the external consultants suggest a need for additional monitoring in centres such as Hinton and Whitecourt, while we may see a slight reduction in the number of monitoring stations in the greater Drayton Valley area (currently there are 4).

## Presentation

- Rural / Industry Crime – Jenna Adams, Obsidian Energy
  - Jenna provided an overview of their experience with rural/industry crime.
  - Included reference to need to report to RCMP. Current stats indicate locally that Obsidian has majority of industry crime incidents, but this is seen as due to limited reporting by some other companies. Conversations indicate that other companies are experiencing similar levels.
  - Huge public safety risk and risk to industry staff and personnel and well as environmental risks.
  - Crimes are happening at all times during the day. Not just night hours.
  - Discussion that the value of the stolen property is often minimal in comparison to the resulting costs in repairs, down-time / start-up, loss of production, regulatory implications, reporting / documentation, etc.
  - Discussion around the point that rural crime is affecting all stakeholders. This includes industry and landowners.
  - Discussion around potential options, i.e. make company vehicles clearly identifiable - helpful for landowners, public, etc. so that people know who is working in the area.
  - Rural crime initiative by provincial government is a positive step.
  - Actively report and actively communicate between companies, stakeholders, landowners, etc.
  - Is there a role for Synergy groups here? What can we do from here?

## Discussion Items

- **Activity (Gerry)**

- Equipment in area showed up, surveyors, etc. set up access mats for trucks to turn around.
- Hoping for explanation; not aware of any notification given to residents in the immediate area.
- Suggestion given that it is Atco's pipeline. (Atco not present at meeting)
- Appears to be a holding place for testing fluid etc. / temporary storage.
- Rick will follow up with Mike Karach for a contact from ATCO to invite them to come to meeting and provide information / presentation.

- **Synergy Conference**

- Conference is scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> at the Pomeroy Inn, Olds
- Agenda is in draft form on website; handouts available; overview of some of the confirmed speakers was provided.
- Day 1 will focus on organizations and the environment we are currently working in
- Day 2 will focus more on initiatives and programs and opportunities, including a session planned on rural / industry crime
- AGM Monday afternoon – each Synergy group has one vote at the meeting. AGM info will be circulated.
- If there is a company able to sponsor a landowner's cost to attend, or a landowner looking to be sponsored, let Rick know and he will coordinate connecting folks on this.
- One free delegate registration is available for each Synergy group. Rick will coordinate this as well.

### **Next Meeting dates/adjourn**

- The next PAS meeting will be November 28, 2019, 1:00 pm at the Pembina Pipeline office in Drayton Valley