

Rimbey Regional Synergy Group Meeting
January 17/2019 1 p.m.
Location: Bonavista Office, Rimbey

ATTENDANCE:

James Lutes, Bonavista	Jody Schafer, Gain
Ray Dube, Landowner	Tyler Farmer, Safety Boss
Grant Burchnall, Landowner	Joe Green, Safety Boss
Nancy Hartford, Ponoka County	Leon Heck, Cenovus
Adam Payzant, Bellatrix	Teri Ormberg, Landowner
Murray Ormberg, Landowner	Behn Morris, AER
Stefen Olsen, Landowner	Ben Mahe Tamarack Valley
Dan Boutin, Bonavista	Rick Anderson, Facilitator

Guests: Linda Campbell, Rural Crime Watch
Sergeant Kurtis Pillipow, RCMP
Chantal Cadzow, RCMP Intel Coordinator

Meeting chaired by Rick Anderson and called to order at 1:10 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Teri Ormberg.

MEMBER AND GUEST INTRODUCTIONS – Welcome. Introductions were done. Attendance list circulated. What is your favorite season?

REVIEW OF AGENDA – Agenda approved by consensus with addition of “Lease rental issues” under discussion items.

PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES – Nov/18. Minutes presented at the meeting. Approved by consensus.

FOLLOW UP – Invoicing – being done this week. Bank balance Dec. 31/2018 at \$10,864.09.

PRESENTATION – Linda Campbell from Rural Crime Watch has approx.. 125 members. They have joined up with other organizations to get information out via their email-out for surrounding areas like Clearwater and Lacombe Counties. Rural Crime Watch are the eyes and ears of the community and now includes looking up for drones. Annual meeting for the Crime Watch is Feb. 19/2019 at Last West Hall. Tickets are \$20 each and available at Stationery, Stories and Sounds or board members.

Sergeant Kurtis Pillipow reported on calls for service. 2017 was the worst year with 2018 being down. Vehicle thefts are down and felt to be due to more diligence by the public in removing keys from vehicles, less idling with keys in vehicles and locking vehicles up. Top reason for calls are: theft under \$5000, impaired drivers, mental health

issues, collisions (average 20/day) and false alarms mostly due to more individuals having security systems and not being familiar with them.

On the energy sector there has been a slight rise each year. There were 30 calls in the province the first week of Jan. and included 16 thefts and transportation. Copper is still in big demand as well as batteries with most thefts occurring at night. Scrap metal legislation is being looked at and has been successful in the City of Calgary. Good lighting and cameras are considered deterrents.

Rimbey is 4th in the top 10 along with Sylvan Lake and Rocky. Opioid does not seem to be a big problem in Rimbey.

Chantal Cadzow reported on her job and she is one of 4 intel coordinators in the province. Their main mission is crime reduction. They are in contact with Provincial and Federal colleagues. Yellow vest convoy in Nisku extending to Edmonton was larger than expected and caused some traffic delays. There have been no issues with the Yellow Vest movement except in larger cities with counter protests.

Lacombe County – has crime mapping.

Citizens on patrol – The Rimbey group should be ready to go in March. Interest seemed to have waned as shown by the last public meeting. They are planning on expanding to outside of Rimbey. Memberships are needed. Al Lewis is the Chairperson.

Synergy for RCMP and Industry – Consideration for a focused conversation to reduce crime and share information to be proactive. Rocky is also looking at. Sergeant Kurtis Pillipow and Nancy Hartford, Ponoka councilor are interested and industry reps are required. Rick Anderson to coordinate.

Meeting presently being held in the Best Western from 1-4 p.m. today with Constable Carman Dutz discussing crime.

Ponoka County and Town of Rimbey are paying for ½ time administration assistant to help with paper work and hopefully help the RCMP members.

MEMBER UPDATES & ROUNDTABLE – written updates attached to minutes.

Next meeting of Lacombe County Area Synergy Group is Monday Feb. 11/2019 starting at 9:30 a.m. in the old Bentley Community Hall.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Potential events/outreach – Discussion regarding regular BBQ and open house. Because of the Keyera shutdown, implications for local companies and lack of guests last year it was decided to put on hold. It was discussed working together with another group. Need expressed for the group to use more social media like Facebook page. This will be taken to the Bentley meeting in Feb. 2019.
- Lease rental issues – Issues regarding liability management and payment of rentals happens when a company has suspended wells but are not in bankruptcy and will not pay unless Surface Rights Board writes a letter. This is adding to an overload on the Surface Rights Board and thus a delay in sending the letters. If this a problem for you, let the Farmer's Advocate Office know to help through the process.

NEXT MEETING – Mar. 21/2019 at 1 p.m. Bonavista office, Rimbey. Michele Del Colle from Farmer’s Advocate Office to be invited.

THANK YOU TO BONAVIDA FOR USE OF THEIR BUILDING FOR OUR MEETINGS.

ADJOURNMENT – 3:30 p.m. by Rick Anderson.

RRSG Written Member Updates for January 2019

Additional member updates were provided verbally at the meeting.

Cenovus

Cenovus has no drilling or construction activities planned in the area. We will be doing some turnaround work at our Homeglen Rimbey and Westrose batteries when Keyera has a partial shutdown of their plant towards the end of March first week of April. Otherwise it will be normal operations in the area

Bonavista

Currently drilling a well at surface location 14-26-043-28W4. Over the last year on all new wells Bonavista has installed green separator packages for the separation of liquids and gas. All controllers that normally would be venting methane gas are now controlled by electric devices eliminating methane emissions.

AER

In follow-up to our meeting yesterday, there was some interest in learning more about our interim CEO. Please feel free to forward this to RRSg members.

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