

February 7th, 2019
3:30 p.m.
Leslieville Hall



Attendance:

Adam Payzant, Bellatrix

Ashley Sands, Community

Cal Rakach, Clearwater Trails

Cole Thomson, TransCanada

Connie Sands, Community

Craig Acott, Community

Darren Foster, Taqa

Dennis Grandy, Keyera

Eleanor Vokes, Community

Eric Peats, County

Frank Gazdag, Community

Gerald Knopp, Community

James Lutes, Bonavista

Jeff Hartling, Town of Rocky

Jennifer Lough, AER

Judy Winter, Community

Laurie Bowers, Community

Linda Proudlove, Community

Lisa Deck, TransCanada

Marcie Nieman, Shell

Marvin Hubl, Community

Michelle Meatheringham, Chamber

Michelle Swanson, County

Murray Welch, Community

Myron Bjorge, Community

Paul Murray, Youth/Student

Ryan Sands, Youth/Student

Sarah Barcelo, Repsol

Shelley Sommervill, Community

Tim Hoven, County

Tim Link, Tervita

Tom Daniels, West Fraser

Vanessa Cartwright, Keyera

Zach Hubl, Community

Rick Anderson, facilitator

Introductions:

Review Agenda:

- Approved

Review January 2019 meeting notes:

- Approved

Updates / Action Items:

- WCS had a booth at the Chamber's Natural Resources & Business Expo. Murray, Eleanor and Ryan helped with attending the booth. There was very limited attendance with only half the Centre being used. The booths and presentations were very informative.
- The previously circulated proposed Bighorn Country Proposal feedback letter was discussed. After much discussion the group decided to send in a version that clearly stated the letter was neither for nor against but explains our group and the value of our processes, expresses appreciation for receiving the stakeholder session invitation we had requested, and offers an invitation to Alberta Environment and Parks to connect with us in future consultations. Given the short timeline remaining for feedback submissions, Rick will draft the letter and send it in ASAP.
- Rick presented the 2019 proposed budget.
 - Motion to accept the budget as presented.
Moved: Cole Thomson, Seconded: Adam Payzant. Carried
 - Motion to have the membership fees for 2019 remain at \$3250 per member company.
Moved: Lisa Deck, Seconded: Cal Rakach. Carried

Member Updates / In the Neighborhood:

Members present gave verbal updates. Only written updates submitted are included in the meeting notes. Attendees shared activity updates, and information about local events.

Written updates

Bonavista

- Bonavista will be drilling 3 wells in the area by the end of the first quarter. 2 wells in the Gilby area surface location 02-05-041-04W5. 1 well at surface location 03-36-040-05W5.
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

- The Supreme Court of Canada has issued its ruling for the AER's appeal of the Redwater decision. After going bankrupt, an oil and gas company has to fulfill provincial environmental obligations before paying anyone it owes money to.
- The AER has updated its [*Alberta Water Use Report*](#) with company-specific information on the amount of water used in 2017 for in situ, mining, hydraulic fracturing, and enhanced oil recovery operations. The report includes a breakdown of non-saline (i.e., fresh), saline (i.e., salt water, produced), and alternative (i.e., recycled and make up water) water used, as well the amount of water available and allocated to the energy sector. Please see the AER's Water Use Performance page.
<https://www.aer.ca/protecting-what-matters/holding-industry-accountable/industry-performance/water-use-performance>

Presentation:

- Tom Daniels from West Fraser gave a presentation on managing disturbance as it relates to forest management; the history, perceptions and misperceptions. The impacts of pests like the mountain pine beetle were discussed. Also discussed were the needs for incorporating and appropriately balancing social, environmental, and economic factors in management planning.
- It was noted that there are several parallels between the forestry industry and the oil & gas industry around levels of background work involved in managing their footprint, the misperceptions faced in the public arena, and the value in proactively providing accurate information to the public relating to industry practices, impacts and values.

Discussion Items:

- **Spring Information Session**
 - Rick proposed that a committee form to build from the previous discussions and bring back a recommendation for a potential April public information session. Vanessa, Judy and Eleanor offered to be on the committee. Any others interested in being on the committee will let Rick know and he can loop them in.

Next Meeting: Next regular WCS meeting will be March 7th, 3:30pm, supper at 6:00pm at Leslieville Hall