

**November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**3:30 p.m.**  
**Leslieville Hall**



**Attendance:**

Alister Wilson, CNRL

Barbara Lee, Community

Cammie Laird, County

Cole Thomson, TC Energy

Dave Baker, CNRL

Don Riddle, Keyera

Eric Peats, County

Gerald Knopp, Community

Grace Thompson, Youth/Student

Helge Nome, Community

James Lutes, Bonavista

Jerry Pratt, County

Jim Andrishak, Paramount

John Reid, Community

Judy Winter, Community

Linda Shippelt-Hubl, Community

Marvin Hubl, Community

Michelle Meatheringham, Chamber

Murray Welch, Community

Paul Murray, Community

Ron Hallahan, Community

Sarah Barcelo, Repsol

Spencer Sinclair, Paramount

Vanessa Cartwright, Keyera

Rick Anderson, facilitator

**Introductions:**

**Review Agenda:**

- Given the decision to shorten the meeting to allow members to attend the Justice Minister's Rural Crime Tour in Rocky, the budget discussion and the public outreach discussion were tabled until the next meeting.

**Review October 2019 meeting notes:**

- Approved with spelling correction in attendance list – Ongegre is actually Ingegerd. Rick will adjust the meeting notes accordingly.

**Updates / Action Items:**

- Attendees of the Synergy Conference shared comments on the conference.
  - 102 registered. Approximately 12 WCS members attended the conference. Thank you to the companies that were able to sponsor community member attendance.
  - Conference had 24 speakers on a variety of topics. Murray Welch was one of the panel members for the Rural / Industry Crime Conversation. All speakers made it to the conference in spite of the extremely poor weather conditions.
  - Two new Directors were voted/acclaimed onto the Synergy Alberta Board at the AGM – Gerry Laslo as a Community Director and Leanne Chartrand as an Industry Director. Vanessa Cartwright and Brenda Knight are the Co-Chairs for the Synergy Alberta Board of Directors.
  - The Fox Creek Synergy Partnership won an Award of Excellence for their "Day of Caring" project.

**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.*

- During the updates, Paul Murray showed the group the Lord Strathcona award and medal that he was awarded.
- During the updates, questions were asked about the Government announcement regarding changes to the Greenhouse gas calculations. Don Riddle agreed to provide information at the next meeting.

## **Written updates**

### **Keyera**

- Business as usual.

### **AER**

- The Government of Alberta is fulfilling its election promise to review the AER. The Departments of Energy and Environment and Parks are reviewing the AER and will identify if changes are required to its mandate, operations or governance. The review will focus on increasing investor confidence and improving application timelines while preserving Alberta's reputation as an environmentally responsible resource producer.

<https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-energy-regulator-review.aspx>

<https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=644204AFFDD87-B96A-D0CF-F64984DCC01E91AD>

- The Government of Alberta has also appointed an interim AER board for a period of nine months. The interim board will continue to oversee the AER's work, approving regulatory changes and setting performance expectations.
- Three of the AER's Executive Vice Presidents are no longer with the AER, and the AER has made two interim appointments to its executive leadership team. The interim board is working to find a permanent CEO and to ensure that any new organizational structure will uphold our mandate. The AER's interim CEO is working closely with the new interim board to ensure the regulator continues to uphold its mandate to protect public safety and the environment during this time of transition.
- Also, the Public Interest Commissioner, Ethics Commissioner, and the Auditor General completed investigations into the AER's involvement with the International Centre of Regulatory Excellence (ICORE). The reports make clear that a small group of senior leaders used AER resources to advance ICORE for personal gain. These people are no longer employed at the AER. The AER is reviewing the reports and their recommendations. There has been progress already to improve governance, policies, controls, and culture, and we will advance this work further. Please see the Public Statement from our board of directors for further information.

<https://www.aer.ca/providing-information/news-and-resources/news-and-announcements/news-releases/public-statement-2019-10-04>

### **Discussion Items:**

- 2020 budget – tabled until December meeting
- Public Outreach discussion – tabled until December meeting

**Next Meeting:** Next regular WCS meeting will be December 5<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm, supper to follow, at Leslieville Hall.