

**October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**3:30 p.m.**  
**Leslieville Hall**



**Attendance:**

Alice Murray, Shell  
Ashley Sands, Community  
Barry Shellian, AB AG & Forest  
Chelsea Kehler, Clear Water Landcare  
Chuck Faulkner, Paramount  
Eleanor Vokes, Community  
Eric Peats, County  
Gary Meyer, NewAlta  
Gerald Knopp, Community  
Gerry Laslo, Community  
James Lutes, Bonavista

Jen Lough, AER  
John Reid, Community  
John Vandermeer, County  
Judy Winter, Community  
Julia Fulford, AER  
Kirby Bigchild, Community/RNFC  
Kevin Koe, Repsol  
Liam Bolton, Youth/Student  
Lindsay Smith-Munoz, AB Health  
Michael Brown, AER  
Michele DeColle, FAO

Michelle Swanson, Community  
Mike Henderson, TransCanada  
Mike Vanberg, CNRL  
Murray Welch, Community  
Ryan Sands, Youth/Student  
Sarah Johnson, Repsol  
Scott Hetherington, Rocky Chamber  
Travis Stuber, Rocky Gas Co-op  
Vanessa Cartwright, Keyera  
Rick Anderson, facilitator

**Introductions:**

**Review Agenda:**

- Approved

**Review September 2016 meeting notes:**

- Approved

**Facilitator Update / Review Action Items:**

- Synergy Conference
  - Early bird deadline approaching, Oct.14 for reduced registration rates. Registration rates, deadlines, and draft schedule can be found at [www.synergialberta.ca](http://www.synergialberta.ca)
  - Companies able to sponsor community member attendance, and community members interested in being sponsored to attend conference can contact Rick to link up
  - Nomination forms are available for Pioneer Spirit Award, Award of Excellence, and also an opportunity to bring forward one of the group's achievements as part of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at the conference.
  - Clearwater Trails Initiative will be presenting at the conference and Farmer's Advocate Office will be part of a 'cradle to grave' panel presentation/workshop.

**Committee Reports:**

- Youth Bursary Committee
  - Liam Bolton, West Central High School and Ryan Sands, David Thompson High School are the Youth Bursary Student members for this year.

- Judy, Vanessa, and Marcie will act as leads in mentoring, with the understanding that all WCS members are willing to mentor as circumstances dictate.
  - Info Night Agenda Committee
    - Committee outlined a 'Pipeline 101' approach to the evening. Feedback from the group suggested including a strong focus on pipeline integrity as well.
    - Committee will meet and adjust the panel and content where needed to ensure a strong pipeline integrity component is part of the session.
    - Committee also suggested saving costs by bringing in pizza and snacks rather than a catered supper for the event. The group concurred.
    - Basic outline for the evening is:
      - i. Set-up at 4:00
      - ii. Eat / briefing at 5:00
      - iii. Doors open at 6:00
      - iv. Presentations start at 7:00
      - v. Wrap-up Q&A at 8:30
      - vi. Booth time until 9:00/9:30
- Door prizes from industry / agency participants and members welcome

#### Discussion Items:

- Conference award and achievement recognition ideas
  - Suggestions for achievement projects were: Info night regarding the Unconventional Regulatory Framework feedback/input for the regulator; Info night regarding the West Country Use; Youth Bursary program; Tay River Advisory Group committee.
  - The 'Clubroot Connection' seminar was suggested for an Excellence Award.
  - Rick will follow up on these with Synergy Alberta

#### Presentations:

- Farmer's Advocate Office (FAO), Michele DelColle
  - Michele updated members on some of the advisories that her office has issued recently, as well as some new programs they are working on, i.e. concerns around unilateral lease rental reductions to landowners, offers by third parties to purchase lease agreements, utility liabilities and municipal tax liabilities to landowners with oil & gas facilities on their land.
  - Lease rental increases or decreases have negotiation processes and guidelines that must be adhered to and that they cannot be unilaterally decided by one party;
  - There are risks to selling your lease agreement to a third party;
  - There are processes in place to protect the landowner from being faced with costs incurred on their land by financially stressed or defunct companies.
  - If a landowner has experienced any of these situations, they are encouraged to contact the FAO for assistance and guidance to avoid unnecessary costs.
- Flowback Emissions Study – Michael Brown, AER
  - AER and Alberta Health are conducting a sampling and study of the flowback fluids just before they enter the flare stack, as first step in determining what emissions might be resulting from flaring flowback materials. Due to lack of current activity in the Lochend / Cochrane area where concerns were raised on the issue, the study is being conducted in the Rocky / Drayton area as there are wells being completed in the same type of formations with similar methods.
  - Area stakeholders will be informed through the synergy groups in the area. Rick Anderson has been asked to be the area representative on the study's Technical Steering Committee as he is linked into all three synergy groups, as well as being a local resident/landowner.
  - AER will update the groups as well at the regular meetings.

- The study kicks off in September and will run into the new year.

**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**

**Alberta Ag & Forestry**

There were 102 wildfires in the Rocky Forest area this season of which 70 of these were human caused, 25 were lightning caused and 7 are currently under investigation. Last season there were 236 wildfires of which 160 were human caused, 67 were lightning caused and 9 were undetermined. This season there were 1329 wildfires that burned 611,816.75ha. Last season there were 1732 wildfires that burned 471,622.99 ha. Prescribed operations continued in the Wapiabi and Meadows area as well as assisting Parks Canada at the National Historic site.

Call Report A Poacher 1.800.642.3800 to report the following:

driving a vehicle in the bed or shore of a natural water body

- driving up and down a stream
- crossing a stream perpendicular to the flow – with excessive speed or wheel spinning
- not using a nearby established crossing, bridge or ford to cross a natural water body
- creating tire ruts
- creating new vehicle trails in an area that already has existing trails
- taking their vehicle off trail in sensitive high alpine areas
- blocking existing trails
- clearing a new trail to access another area
- clearing trees and other plants to create a camping spot
- building or inhabiting an unauthorized structure on public lands
- leaving large amounts of litter

**Bonavista**

Wells that we have brought on line since August

102/02-28-041-05W5	01-33-041-05W5	28-Aug-16
102/02-13-043-28W4	15-13-043-28W4	11-Aug-16
100/03-29-040-05W5	03-05-040-05W5	28-Aug-16
100/01-32-040-06W5	16-05-040-06W5	31-Aug-16
100/04-29-040-04W5	01-31-040-04W5	26-Aug-16
100/04-30-040-06W5	03-31-040-06W5	22-Sep-16
102/02-25-041-05	01-36-041-05W5	29-Sep-16
100-13-05-042-05W5	13-04-042-05W5	26-Sep-16

**AER**

**OneStop system for Reclamation Certificates**

The AER issues Reclamation Certificates when the project is complete and [reclaimed](#), which means the land has been returned to a state equal to what it was before development. Though the requirements for reclamation are set by Alberta Environment and Parks, the AER took over responsibility for issuing reclamation certificates from Alberta Environment and Parks in 2014. The review of applications for reclamation certificates is complex and involves a lot of analysis, and the AER had a large backlog of applications.

In June the AER launched OneStop, which is our new online system for receiving, processing, and tracking industry applications for Reclamation Certificates. This system will improve the quality of applications as well as reduce backlog, processing time, and costs to industry.

The new system allows the reclamation criteria to be thoroughly assessed without unreasonable delays. For example, the system checks for administrative completeness that was done manually in the previous system. Now AER staff can dedicate more resources to ensuring that higher risk areas and higher risk applications receive stronger oversight, which includes inspections and compliance audits. The new integrated system better equips the AER to process high volumes of applications going forward.

**What does this mean for the public?**

This update gives Albertans unprecedented access to energy-related information. This tool brings a publically available [Application Summary](#) webpage, where you can find information like volumes of applications, and can also view details about specific Reclamation Certificate applications.

There is also a [Public Map Viewer](#) where you can toggle layers, zoom into specific locations, search for applications, or identify features. You can zoom into an area and see what wells, pipelines, and facilities exist there, as well as information about Reclamation Certificate applications. The map shows sites that have been applied for and the application status, as well as those that have received a reclamation certificate, been flagged for audit, or been refused.

The AER is currently collecting feedback about the Public Map Viewer. We would appreciate you taking the time to [provide your feedback](#).

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3:30pm at Leslieville Hall, supper at 6:00pm.