



Peace Region Idea Group (PRIG) “Information & Training Session” Summary  
Alberta Public Works Association (APWA) and  
Alberta Municipal Supervisors Association (AMSA), Zone 4

Date: Friday, June 2, 2023

**Host Community: Municipal District of Greenview, 4860-36 Avenue Valleyview, Alberta**

**Attendance:** Twelve members representing six different Municipal Governments participated

**Greetings & Call to Order** Peace Region Idea Group, Assistant Chairperson, Kevin Cymbaluk, called the meeting to order and thanked attendees for coming. An overview of the day’s presentations and meeting agenda was provided. Agenda packages were distributed and included items from the May APWA conference.

**Housekeeping** Host Josh Friesen reviewed relevant Safety and Housekeeping items. The facility is a large industrial shop renovated by Greenview. The meeting room was recently set up as their Emergency Command Center (ECC). This was vital during the May fires.

**Introductions,** Introductions took place, including both sponsors/presenters.

**All Present:** A sign-in sheet was provided as a record of attendance.

**News from AMSA:** Leonard Van Oort of the County of Northern Lights discussed recent AMSA activities. There was nothing to report other than that the fall conference is scheduled for November 6-9, 2023.

**News from APWA:** Kevin Cymbaluk of Big Lakes County discussed a number of APWA topics including:

- the recent APWA annual conference held at Enoch, May 28-June 1
- Michelle Cederberg was the keynote speaker.
- the conference was successful and included the “Rodeo” on day four.
- a new logo for the association has been prepared, as shown above now that the name has formally been changed to the “Alberta Public Works Association.”
- a number of excellent speakers covered topics including right-of-way concerns, Utility Safety Partners presentations, weather stations for road maintenance, City of Edmonton snow maintenance program, liquid dust control products.
- the trade show was the largest in recent memory with many participants.
- the Annual General Meeting where outgoing President Mike Hannan introduced the new President Joe Guido.
- AMSHA discussed new OH&S legislation changes and training opportunities including flag person, TAS, IVES, Trenching, Confined Spaces, and Lawn Maintenance
- STARS provided an information presentation on their emergency service. They recently purchased 10 new H145 Airbus helicopters at a price of \$150 million. They are one of the top rate rescue agencies in the world
- The theme for Public Works Week between May 21-27 was connecting the World. Many municipalities had dedicated events.
- APWA will be rolling out a new web page in the next while.

**Presentation #1:** Ryan Yavis of RMA Canoe provided valuable information on current procurement opportunities and challenges. There are still a number of supply chain delays, high prices and limited supplies for some items. RMA is now operating in every province except Quebec and plans to work towards that market in the future. Many questions were raised regarding municipal purchasing.

**Presentation #2** Dave Thiessen of Utility Safety Partners provided a comprehensive presentation on the current merger of Alberta One Call, Alberta Common Ground Alliance, and Where's the Line into USP. This single point of contact is still going to be reached through "Click Before You Dig" and currently manages half a million locate requests per year.

**Networking Lunch:** The sponsors, RMA Canoe, Gov Deals and Utility Safety Partners generously provided lunch.

**Presentation #3** Frank Wilson of Gov Deals provided information remotely to the group on their service to assist municipalities achieve optimum returns for their used equipment and supplies.

**Round Table:** The interactive round table discussion topics included:

- Beaver programs
- Public Works Supervisor certification
- Grader replacements
- Fire response
- Gravel sources

**DOOR PRIZES:** As generously donated, and brought in by Municipalities and Sponsors

**Adjournment Approximately 2:45pm**

**FACILITY TOUR:** A very enjoyable and informative tour of Greenview's Multiplex was provided. The facility is 82,000 square feet and features state of the art training equipment, pool, sauna, track, courts, and meeting rooms.